

# Miami Pioneers / Natives of Dade

celebrating and preserving the local history of Miami-Dade County, Florida

monthly meetings with historical programs • [www.MPNOD.org](http://www.MPNOD.org) • January, 2020

## Next Meeting Sunday, January 5 at 2pm

Coral Gables Museum  
285 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables 33134

Street Parking is available, as well as parking in the city garage at 250 Aragon, across from Books & Books. Garage parking is \$1.50 per hour.

## Correspondence

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## Dues

Please pay your \$20 dues in September at the meeting, or mail your check made to MP/NOD to our Treasurer: Marlene B. Carlin, 14900 SW 71 Ave, Miami, FL 33158.

**The is no charge for the email newsletter.**  
**The printed version is \$10 a year.**

## Donations

Our club appreciates donations to help pay for our expenses. We ask members to donate one dollar when attending the meetings to cover the cost of expenses.

## Volunteer

Every member is encouraged to contribute to the historical society by serving on the board of directors, helping with refreshments, programs and more. Let us know how you can help.

## 2018-20 Officers

president, Robert A. Burr  
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## Sunday, 5th of January

The next meeting of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade will take place at the Coral Gables Museum at 2pm.

## William and Mary Brickell — the Australian Connection

Historian Cesar Becerra offers a glimpse of the early days of William and Mary Brickell. Before the trading post. Before the Avenue. Before the Banks. William had to meet Mary and Mary had to meet William. They did so in a far off continent that had just sounded the alarm that gold had been found.

His month long journey took him to Mary Brickell's childhood home of Goulburn and later Albury where she met William, where along with his business partner Adam Casner Kidd, they opened a general store, a hotel and a stage coach company to shuttle miners to and from Melbourne and to the gold fields. Becerra also located the site of where they were married and a rare photograph of the actual building the ceremony took place in.

In all Becerra collected approximately 200 documents, most never seen and over 1000 photographs of places and buildings and objects that Mary and William Brickell inhabited during their years in Australia. He also met personally with a descendant of Mary in Sydney.



Cesar Alejandro Becerra

## Bring a Friend

As always, you're encouraged to bring a friend as your guest to share the delightful programs, the camaraderie and the social time with refreshments.

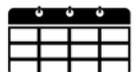


After our meetings, our group traditionally enjoys refreshments and social time. If you're able to contribute to this effort, please bring some small snacks, fresh fruit, cookies, brownies, chips and dip, or a similar item that you'd like to share with your friends.

## January Birthdays

- 2 Betty Huntsman
- 5 Rose Morris
- 6 Mary Pyle
- 10 Ellen Burger
- 11 Barbara Koesy
- 11 Joan Madden
- 12 John McMath
- 17 Joan Clancey
- 19 Arva Parks McCabe
- 20 Alice Marie Noble
- 31 Alfred Underwood Jr

## Save The Date



Our February meeting will be held at the Coral Gables Museum on Sunday, February 2nd at 2pm.