

Historical Library and Documents Repository Fort King National Historic Landmark

In late 2024 the Seminole Wars Foundation donated 1200 historical books of various topics to the Fort King National Historic Landmark along with a significant number of documents related to the history of the Second Seminole War which took place between 1835 and 1842.

In early 2025 several Fort King volunteers began to organize and categorize the books and document files received from the Seminole Wars Foundation. In the process of designing the library the number of books ultimately reaching the shelves in the Fort King Archeology Center was 900. These books are arranged under various themes such as the Second Seminole War, Seminole Culture, Florida History, and Seminole War era historical individuals.

In the process of designing the library several first edition, rare, and historical volumes were discovered. For instance, the library contains an original version of General Alexander Macombs': *A Treatise on Martial Law and Courts Martial*. The book is the original 1809 version written when Macomb was a Major in the Corps of Engineers. Another important work entitled: *Abstract of Infantry Tactics* in its original 1830 version discusses the formations, drills, and tactics to be used by the infantry soldier of the period. The library also contains an original 1848 copy of Captain John T. Sprague's account of his service in Florida before and during the Second Seminole War.

The library also contains a significant number of documents related to historical individuals having an impact during the Second Seminole War. The historical documents also include details about various Florida forts, copies of original handwritten correspondence including letters and other official documents written by individuals stationed at Fort King. This includes copies of the 19 letters written by Dr. George Rogers Clarke and Assistant Surgeon stationed at Fort King during 1835 and 1836.

The ultimate goal is for the library and its associated document to be made available to the general public, historians, and researchers,