

visitors and transient labor forces. (Also interesting to note that all of this was during the National Financial Panic of 1837 and Florida's Second Seminole War. Most delegates traveled to St. Joseph by boat.)

Politics were, of course, an integral part of what happened here and in February 1838, the Legislative Council called for a Constitution Convention to be held in St. Joseph for the following December. The town fathers had a Convention Hall erected for the purpose of this meeting in which the first Constitution of Florida was created by a highly qualified and respected delegation and remained the foundation for state government until secession in 1860. It was a model for the second Constitution drafted in 1865 and for each one since.

The Division of Recreation and Parks, under the Department of Natural Resources, is recreating the Convention setting in a life size exhibit complete with delegates. These delegates will actually be audio-animated mannequins portraying the characters of Governor Robert Reid, Governor William P. DuVal, Senator David Y. Levy and attorney Thomas L. Baltzell. Period furnishings and accessories are included in the reenactment as well as street scenes from "old" St. Joseph through the windows. Exhibit panels with biographies of all 56 delegates and a map of the period showing the counties and communities these men represented are included. Elizabeth K. Ehrbar, supervisor of Interpretive Exhibits says the completion date is scheduled for June 11, 1982. A dedication date will be announced.

Constitution Convention Museum is located just east of Port St. Joe off Highway 98 on Allen Memorial Way and is open to the public 9-5 daily.

A complete list of the 56 delegates is printed here. It is hoped that some relatives of these delegates will be located. If you know of any please have them call Elizabeth Ehrbar, 904-488-5090, Tallahassee or write to her at 413 E. Bloxham St., Tallahassee, Fl. 32301.

I. WESTERN FLORIDA DELEGATES

Escambia Co.: Walker ANDERSON, Jackson MORTON, Thomas M. BLOUNT,
Benjamin WRIGHT
Calhoun Co.: William Pope DuVAL, Richard ALLEN
Franklin Co.: Cosam Emir BARTLETT, Albert Gallatin SEMMES
Jackson Co.: Richard H. LONG, Thomas BALTZELL, Alfred L. WOODWARD,
Samuel C. BELLAMY
Walton Co.: John L. McKINNON, Daniel G. McLEAN
Washington Co.: Stephen J. ROCHE, Elijah ROBBIN

II. MIDDLE FLORIDA DELEGATES

Gadsden Co.: Bank MEACHAM, John Wood MALONE, Samuel Barron STEPENS,
John Mercer Garnett HUNTER
Leon Co.: George T. WARD, Samuel PARKHILL, James D. WESTCOTT, Jr.,
William WYATT, Leslie A. THOMPSON, John TAYLOR, Leigh READ,
Thomas BROWN
Jefferson Co.: Abram BELLAMY, Edward C. CABELL, Joseph McCANTS,
John N. PARTRIDGE
Hamilton Co.: William Brinton HOOKER, Joseph B. WATTS
Madison Co.: Richard J. MAYS, John C. McGEHEE

III. EAST FLORIDA DELEGATES

Alachua Co.: Isaac GARRASON, Edmund BIRD, E. K. WHITE