What’s Going On In This Picture?: Processing Slides at Governor’s House Library

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### Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board

- X Created in 1959 as a state commission
- X Acquire, restore, and reconstruct built environment of St. Augustine
- X Completed over 30 projects
- X Managed interpretive museum village
- X Abolished in 1997 by the Sundown Act
- X City of St. Augustine took over properties and library in 1997
- X George A. Smathers Libraries became steward of library in 2010
- X UFHSA became steward of properties in 2010
Opening St. Augustine

✗ National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHRPC) Access to Historical Records grant
✗ Two year period, May 2017 - June 2019
✗ Processing maps, design records, and photograph collection
✗ Approximately 7,000 print photographs, 5,000 negatives, and 16,000 slides
Governor’s House Slides

✗ Popular photo format, all 35mm
✗ Documents entire building projects from start to finish
✗ But also includes:
  ✓ Official board trips and board members’ leisure travels
  ✓ Purchased slideshows
  ✓ Artifacts and land surveys
  ✓ St. Augustine landmarks
  ✓ Special events and celebrations
Challenges

**Discovery**
We found slides in several places: interfiled with other formats, still in slide carousels, and some in mislabeled sleeves.

**Identification**
Many of the slides were not labeled, described, or dated other than with the manufacturer’s processing stamp.

**Original Order?**
May have been an original order present at one time, but it was long since disturbed and indeterminable.
“Back Yards, 1982”
Arrangement Strategies
- Used other library resources for context to help make decisions
- Arrangement: People, Places, Things
  - Broken down into further subseries

Preservation Solutions
- Rehousing material
  - Carousel -> sleeves
  - old sleeves -> new sleeves
  - Acid free folders and boxes
Photo credits

✗ HSAPB Logo : Laura Marion’s own photo. 2018.
✗ Blacksmith : Governor’s House Library Photograph Collection, Box 4, Folder 1. Undated.
✗ Back Yard : Governor’s House Library Photograph Collection, Box 2, Folder 5. 1982.
✗ Photo of Slides : Instagram. 2018.
✗ St. George Street : UF Digital Collections. Undated.
✗ NHPRC Logo : Facebook. 2018.
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