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CORAL GABLES MUSEUM RECEIVES FLORIDA HUMANITES COUNCIL GRANT FOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Coral Gables Museum was recently awarded a grant by the Florida Humanities Council to continue the Oral History Project. The Museum project, which features video-taped interviews of long-time Gables' residents is spear-headed by Museum Board members Arva Moore Parks and Susan Wills Amat.

The next Oral History Project interviews will be held on Saturday, August 9 and on Saturday, September 13 from 10:00am until 4:00pm at the Coral Gables Merrick House at 907 Coral Way. Students from the University of Miami's School of Communications are providing production services. The interviews will be integrated into the Museum's Coral Gables History exhibit and stored in the Museum's archival library for research purposes.

The Florida Humanities Council is an independent, non-profit organization and is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each year, FHC funds hundreds of public programs throughout the state that explore Florida's history, folklore, environment, literature, music, and art. The Coral Gables Museum was among numerous community organizations throughout the state to receive a grant that funds humanities programs.

If you have a Coral Gables story, memories or memorabilia to share, or can refer someone to be interviewed, please contact Christine Rupp, Director of Operations, Coral Gables Museum. She may be reached at 305-910-3996 or chris@coralgablesmuseum.org. For more information about FHC grants, contact Susan Lockwood, Grants Director at (727) 873-2011 or email slockwood@flahum.org.

Attached is a photo provided by Coral Gables resident Irene Pawley Baldwin during her interview. Taken in 1930, it is a picture of her husband, Charles Jackson Baldwin when he served as the team mascot for the University of Miami.