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FINS AND TAPES

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ADDS TO ITS COLLECTIONS

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The Wilton Manors Police Department has given the Historical Society their archive of "crash scene" photos. These are important for what they show in the background. For the nostalgic, however, they are a monument to the American Car Industry, and the magnificence of Fins. It may be that the 1960 Chrysler New Yorker represented the pinnacle of this art. We published the picture of a white New Yorker, planted in the window of the Little German Bakery at 2287 Wilton Drive. It was three days before Christmas, 1959, so it was brand new. In the words of the MasterCard advertisement – "Priceless." No word on whether or not he got a ticket for exceeding the two hour parking limit or whether ringing the little bells hanging in the window was useful in announcing its arrival. Happily, the fins appear to be undamaged.

Twenty-one oral history cassette tapes, about 30 hours, were uncovered by Society President Diane Cline in the wake of the cleanup from Hurricane Wilma. Audio Duplicating Services (ADS) has completed transferring these tapes, recorded in the mid 1970's, to CD ROM. Too fragile to be played, Joe Beard, owner of Audio Duplicating Services offered to help us out. A number of the tapes had to be removed from their housings and mounted in new ones. The first tape transferred captured Mr. Beard. A life long resident of Wilton Manors, he knew most of the people being talked about from his childhood.



The Historical Society is weighing a number of options on what to do with these recordings, beyond making them available to scholars. With the help of ADS, we are looking at putting together a one or two CD "reminiscence," to include music and public events in the context

of Wilton Manors history. Audio Duplicating Service does both audio and video duplication, including transferring from one medium to another, and value added sound recording in their sound studio, artwork and package design. Their business is national and international, but they cheerfully help folks with their one or two Super-8 home movies that really need to be on DVD.

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