



# The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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### A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:

Welcome back to Manatee Village, everyone!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me. You can contact me directly at **[allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com](mailto:allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com)**.

Best wishes,

*Allyson O'Leary*

Education & Volunteer Coordinator

# Important Updates



Image Courtesy of Manatee Village  
Historical Park Collection

Image: Wiggins Store

## **COVID Update & Volunteer Return**

Starting in July, Manatee Village Historical Park returns to its pre-COVID operating hours!

**Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm**

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**2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9am to 4pm**

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**Wiggins Store Greeters and Village Monitors can return to regular weekly duties beginning the week of July 12th.** Wiggins Store Greeters and Village Monitors were all contacted via email in June. The email contained individual return dates and other important return information.

**If you are a Wiggins Store Greeter and/or a Village Monitor and you have not received your return date information please call the Education & Volunteer Coordinator at 941-749-7165.**

We still have other volunteer opportunities available. Be sure to check them out on page 3!

*Staff is excited to have everyone back at Manatee Village!*

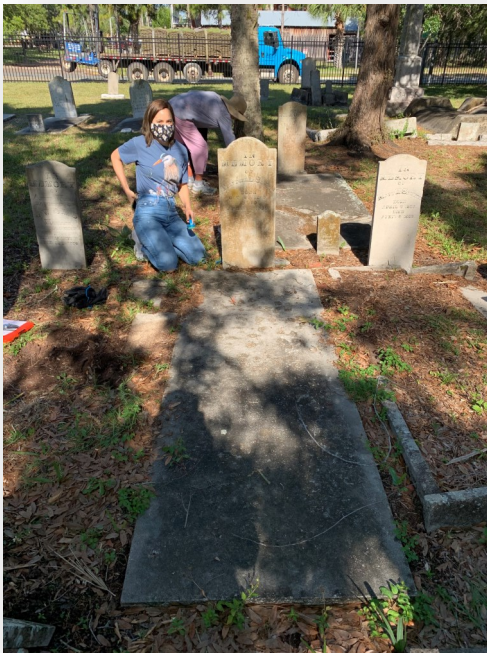
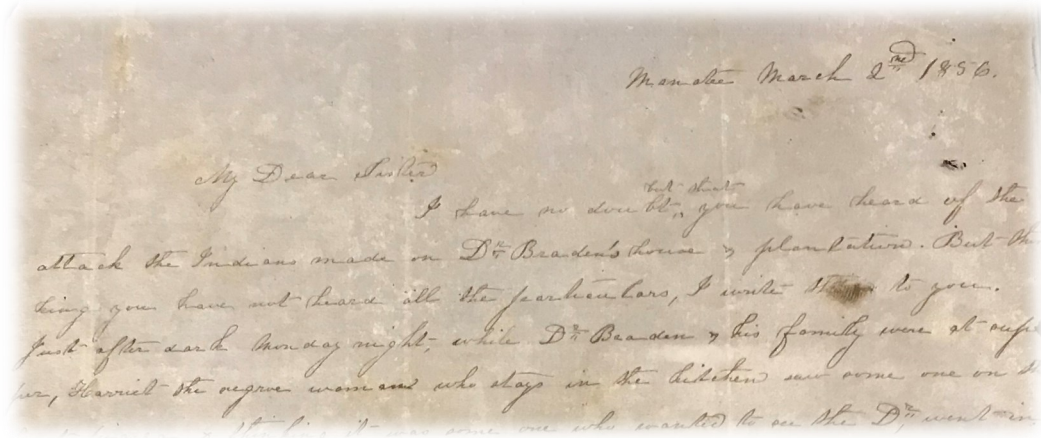
# Volunteer Spotlight

## THANK YOU to Volunteer Brenna!

Brenna recently donated four hours of her time to transcribe a letter written by Sarah Gates to her sister in March of 1856. She has also helped clean headstones in the Manatee Burying Ground.

Thank you, Brenna! Your hard work and dedication to these projects has helped preserve a piece of Manatee history for others to enjoy and learn from!

Image: A letter written by Sarah Gates in 1856 and transcribed by Brenna in 2021



Images: Brenna volunteering at the Manatee Burying Ground cleanup, May 2021

# Some Fun Stuff

If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out Manatee Village's new video, *Early Settlers of Manatee County*. Watch historic photographs come to life!

Click on the image below or click [here](#) to watch!



Early Settlers of Manatee County

If you'd like to try animating your own family's photographs, check out the MyHeritage website by clicking [here](#).

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Were you watching those animations closely? Then try your hand at the trivia questions below! All answers can be found by watching the [Early Settlers of Manatee County](#).

1. Who was the first woman in Manatee County to register to Vote?
  - A. Mary A.J. Pelot
  - B. Bertha Curry
  - C. "Madam Joe" Atzeroth
  - D. Daisy E.B. Gullett
2. Name an early settler of Terra Ceia...
  - A. Daisy E.B. Gullett
  - B. John Brooks Leffingwell
  - C. Julia "Madam Joe" Atzeroth
  - D. Walter Hebbie
3. Name an early settler of Palma Sola...
  - A. John Brooks Leffingwell
  - B. "Tole" Fogarty
  - C. Walter Hebbie
  - D. Daisy E.B. Gullett

Answers:

1.) B

2.) C

3.) D





# Call For Volunteer News

Have you recently learned a fun history fact? Have you started a new hobby? Got a recipe you'd like to share? A new addition to your family? Have you celebrated a milestone?

We'd love to feature your news in the newsletter!

Send in any fun facts, hobbies, recipes, pictures, and any other information you'd like to share with your fellow volunteers and staff.

**You can email your news to [allyson.oleary@manateclerk.com](mailto:allyson.oleary@manateclerk.com) or call 941-749-7165.**

