

FINDING AID FOR VERO MAN

Title	Vero Man		
Preferred Citation	Vero Man, Archive Center, Indian River County Main Library, Vero Beach, Florida.		
Date:	1996-1997	Accession No.	
Acquisition Information / Provenance			
In preparation for a month-long local history event called "Tacachale" (Lighting fires) at the Main Library from March 1, 1997 until April 5, 1997 and a grant received from the Florida Humanities Council, historical research was done mainly for locating Vero Man and creating exhibits to educate and inform the public.			
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Extent	Linear Foot - 1 ms. case 39 x 27 x 13 cm., with 11 manila file folders,		
Arrangement	1 ms box organized into eleven folders by name and subject content.		
Language	English		
Dates	1913-2010		
Historical Note	Many of the records in this collection are a direct result of a research trip to the Smithsonian Institution (April 1996) in search of Vero Man remains and records.		
Scope and Content	Contains photocopies of original documents. There are no original documents.		
Index Terms	Vero Man		

Van Valkenburg Canal
 Tarzan Park
 Florida Geological Survey. Collection
 Excavations (Archaeology) -- Florida -- Vero Beach
 Indians of North America -- Florida -- Vero Beach -- Antiquities
 Vero man
 Vero Beach (Fla.) -- Antiquities
 Indian River County (Fla.) -- Antiquities
 Indian River County (Fla.) – History
 Vero Beach, Indian River County, (Fla.) – History
 Sellards, Elias Howard – Florida State Geologist
 Hrdlicka, Ales – 1869-1943 (Head of the Smithsonian)

Access Unrestricted. The entire collection is open for research. Gloves and clean hands are required.

Folder #1 – Newspaper Articles

DATE	NEWSPAPER TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE
1913 Feb 21	Fort Pierce Tribune	Fossil Remain in Florida
1914 Nov 5	Indian River Farmer	What They are doing at Vero---the shell mounds opposite Vero
1914 Apr 24	Fort Pierce News	An Interesting Find
1915 Feb 19	The Fort Pierce News	State Geologist Studies Fossils Found Here
1916 Feb 18	Fort Pierce News	State Geologist Finds First Fossilized Human Bone at Vero
1916 Apr 28	St Lucie Co Tribune	E. H. Sellards, State Geologist is visiting in Vero, the guest of I.M. Wiells...
1916 Jul 21	St Lucie County Tribune	Many Prehistoric Relics Been Unearthed at Vero
1916 Jul 29	The Fellsmere Tribune	Many Prehistoric relics been unearthed at Vero
1916 Nov 3	St. Lucie Co Tribune	Vero is Mecca of Scientists
1916 Dec 24	The Atlanta Constitution	Men were Living in North America 125,000 Years Ago
1916 Dec 24	The Miami Herald	VERO IS AN OLD, OLD TOWN
1916 Dec 26	The Washington Post	Fossil Man
1916 Dec 29	The Fort Pierce News	Scientists are Agog Over Discovery Recently at Vero.
1916 Dec 29	The Atlanta Constitution	Scientists Shown How Sound Looks And “Missing Link”
1916 Dec 29	Los Angeles Times	Is this beast “Missing Link?”
1917 Jan 12	St. Lucie Tribune	People Lived Here 125,000 Years Ago
1917 Jan 26	The Fort Pierce News	Tooth of MASTODON is Discovered near Vero
1917 Jan 29	The Miami Herald	MORE Vero Mastodons
1917 May 16	The Hartford Courant	SCIENTISTS MAKE MANY DISCOVERS
1917 Jun 24	Boston Daily Globe	NOT PRIMITIVE MAN
1917 Aug 10	Fort Pierce News	Sellards Still Gives Vero National Honors
1917 Dec 15	The Miami Herald	VERO’S LATEST SKELETON
1922 Mar 16	The Vero Press	Tabloid Florida History
1922 Nov 9	The Vero Press	The Vero Man
1924 Apr 3	The Vero Press	Present Florida Peninsula Ocean Bed 50,000 Years Ago

1925 Jan 8	The Vero Press	Scientific Bodies Plan to Join in Hunt Here for Further Fossil Proof that Man Existed with Mastodon
1925 Apr 30	The Vero Press	Noted Scientist Here from Vienna to Study Fossils
1925 May 14	The Vero Press	Mastodon Bones in Sewer Trench
1926 Mar 14	Vero Beach Journal	Geologist Makes Find in Main Drainage Canal
1926 June 29	Vero Beach Journal	Local Collector Has Valuable Fossil Display
1926 Sep 15	Vero Beach Press	An Ancient American Adventure
1926 Dec	Vero Beach Press	Fossil Man in Florida
1926 Dec	Vero Beach Press	Fossil Man in Florida 2 nd Installment
1928 Jul 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Shell Mounds Give Up Interesting Data
1930 Jan 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Ancient Race of Humans Lived Here Centuries Ago
1930 Apr 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Fossils of Now Extinct Beasts Unearthed Here
1930 Jul 18	Vero Beach Press Journal	Fossils Found in North Relief Drainage Canal
1932 Jan 29	Vero Beach Press Journal	Did Humans Beings Live Here Over 20,000 Years Ago
1932 Feb 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientist Finds Extinct Fossils
1932 Feb 19	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientist Speak at Rotary Meeting: Vero Beach May Have Been the Site of the Garden of Eden
1933 Jan 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Prehistoric Site gains Publicity
1933 Mar 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Carnegie Director Visits Tarzan Park
1936 Apr 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Fossils of Now Extinct Beasts Unearth Here
1936Apr 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	McKellar Speaks at Kiwanis Meet
1950 Jun 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	Local Man's Find Shakes Entire Geological World: Ayers Finding of Early Man Brings Attention to Vero
1974 Apr 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Vero Man...True, False
1987Apr 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Vero, St. Augustine had war of words after discovery of human remains
1996 May 6	Vero Beach Press Journal	Digging Up Links to Past
1996 Oct 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	Ancient Vero Man to Return
1999 Jan 18	Vero Beach Press Journal	Natives had their own treasured coast
2008 Jul 10	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientists Revisiting Mystery of Vero Man
2008 Jul 11	Vero Beach Press Journal	Search for ancient bones in Vero seeks to answer century-old question
2008 Jul 18	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientists Seek Answers at 1915 Vero Man Site.
2009 Jun 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	Grains of sand could reveal life of Indians
2009 Jun 6	Indian River Press Journal	Digging for the Truth: "There is Nothing Else Like It" But is 13,000-year-old, carved bone fragment found in Vero for real?
2009 Sept 18	Indian River Press Journal	Vero Beach Collector pins hope on bone
2009 Dec 3	Vero Beach 32963	Vero Beach residents get first peek at Vero Man fossil.
2010 Jan 23	Indian River Press Journal	Funding sought for ancient dig site
2010 Jan 28	Indian River Press Journal	Veroman site excavation this spring?
2010 Feb 12	Hometown News	Historical society looking to fund professional dig

Folder #2 – Photographs

Many of the photos are from the Florida Memory Project found online at:

<http://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/>

Some are photos from the trip made by Vera Zimmerman, anthropologist and Pam Cooper of the Indian River County Main Library, April 1996.

Folder #3 – Florida Geological Survey (UF/FGS) Collection – Florida Museum of Natural History

Vertebrate Paleontology Databases 1996
Complete list of all animal bones found at the site.

Folder #4 – Ales Hrdlicka “Red Notebook” 1918-1919

Original book found in the archives of Smithsonian Institution. Copies were made by Vera Zimmerman, anthropologist and Pam Cooper, April 1996.

1. Consists of the notes by the head of Smithsonian, Alex Hrdlicka about the size and shape of the Vero Man skull.
2. Hrdlicka, Ales. [FL. 1918, Red Notebook]. Unpublished raw data. Smithsonian Institution, United States National Museum, [1918] (Available from Natural Anthropological Archives, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560) *Manuscript area*.
3. Hrdlicka, Ales. [FL.Crania males]. Unpublished raw data. (Available from National Anthropological Archives, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560)
4. 16 March 1922, Tabloid Florida History, *Vero Press*; Biography of Ales Hrdlicka originally published in *American Anthropologist*, 46:113-117, 1944; List of citations about Ales Hrdlicka from the *Biography and Genealogy Master Index*

Folder #5 – Elias Howard Sellards 1875-1961 Florida State Geologist

1. Notes from E. H. Sellard’s Field books, archived at the Florida Geological Survey, Tallahassee. Sent to Pam Cooper on January 23, 2006 from Dr. Jeff Mitchem.
2. Sellard biographical and miscellaneous information.

Folder #6 – Isaac M. Weills (1846?-1927)

1. Newspaper articles (1908-1940)
2. Federal census copies 1860-1930
3. Family history
4. United States Patent Office – Device for Cleaning Tubular Articles (1898)

Folder #7-8 – Photocopies of periodical and book articles on Vero Man:

1. Briesen, Hans V. *Why Not Know Florida: An Informal Guide for the Motorist*. Jacksonville, FL, 1936. P. 75-76, 187.
2. Chamberlin, Rollin T. Further Studies at Vero, Florida. *Journal of Geology*. 25 (1917): 667-683
3. Cockrell, W.A. and Larry Murphy. Pleistocene Man in Florida. *Archaeology of Eastern North America*. 6 (1978): 1-13
4. Di Salvo, Anthony. Ancient Bones, Fossils Found at Vero. *Miley’s Memos*, Fort Pierce, FL, 200?, pp.84.
5. Doran, Glen H., David N. Dickel, William E. Ballinger Jr, O. Frank Agee, Philip J. Laipis and William W. Hauswirth. Anatomical, Cellular and Molecular Analysis of 8,000-yr-old Human Brain Tissue from the Windover Archaeological Site. *Nature*, Vol. 323, No. 6091, pp. 803-806, 30 October 1986.

6. Federal Writer's Project. *Florida: a Guide to the Southernmost State*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1939. (Vero Man mentioned on p. 309) R-FH 975.9 FED
7. Hanson, Bill. The 12,000 Year Old "Vero Man." *Mysterious Florida*. Xlibris Corporation, 2003. pp.91-92.
8. Hay, Oliver P. Doctor Aleš Hrdlička and the Vero Man. *Science*, New Series, Vol. 48, No. 1245 (Nov. 8, 1918), pp. 459-462 Published by: American Association for the Advancement of Science Stable URL: <http://www.istor.org/stable/1641516>
9. Henry, Thomas R. Ice Age Man, The First American. *National Geographic Magazine*. V 108 N6 (1955): 781-806. (Vero Man is mentioned on p. 805)
10. Hibben, Frank C. *Digging Up America*. Pp. 74-76
11. Holmes. W. H. The Antiquity Phantom in American Archeology. *Science*, Vol. 62, No. 1603, pages 256-258.
12. Hrdlicka, Ales. The Fossil Man of Vero, Florida. *Bureau of American Ethnology, Bulletin*. 66 (1918): 23-60.
13. *Kim's Guide to Florida: Indispensable to Visitors and Residents*. 1935. Saint Augustine, FL. Vero Beach, pp.61-63.
14. MacCurdy, George Grant. Archaeological Evidences of Man's Antiquity at Vero, Florida. *Journal of Geology*. 25 (1917): 56-62.
15. MacCurdy, George Grant. The Problem of Man's Antiquity at Vero, Florida. *American Anthropologist* 19 (1917): 252-268.
16. Parkyn, John. The New Life of Vero Man. *Vero Beach Magazine*, January 2009, p.178-185.
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19. Rushworth, Teresa Lee. In the Footsteps of Vero Man. *Vero Beach Magazine*, March 2007, p. 282-291.
20. Sellards, Elias Howard. Human Remains and Associated Fossils From the Pleistocene of Florida. *Florida State Geological Survey. Eighth Annual Report*. Tallahassee, FL.: published for the State Geological Survey, 1916. (pp. 121-160, plates 15-31, figures 1-15) R-FH 551.792 FLO
21. Sellards, Elias Howard. Discovery of Fossil Human Remains in Florida in Association with Extinct Vertebrates. *The American Journal of Science*. Vol. 42, 1916. New Haven, CT.
22. Sellards, Elias Howard. Further Notes on Human Remains from Vero, Florida. *American Anthropologist*. Vol. 19, 1917. Lancaster, PA.
23. Sellards, E. H. The Vero Finds in the Light of Present Knowledge. *Early Man as Depicted by leading Authorities at the International Symposium the Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia, March 1937*. London, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1937. Pp.193-211.
24. Solomon, Irvin D. Deep Dive Into the Past: Warm Mineral Springs Yields Hot Archaeological Controversy. *South Florida History Magazine*. Spring 1996: 18-22. (Vero Man mentioned on p. 19) R-FH 975.9 SOU)

25. Stewart, T.D. A Reexamination of the Fossil Human Skeletal Remains from Melbourne, Florida with Further Data on the Vero Skull. *Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections*, V 106 N10 (1946): 1-28. [2 Copies]
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Folder #9– Smithsonian Institution Visit in April 1996

1. Correspondence
2. Diary of visit by Vera Zimmerman, Anthropologist and Pam Cooper, Supervisor of Archive Center and Genealogy Department, Indian River County Main Library in April of 1996.
3. National Anthropological Archives flyers and information leaflets.
4. Request and orders from the archives of Smithsonian Institution
5. 1945 photocopy of catalog card about the history of the original skull. The card was found in the Anthropological Lab of the Physical Anthropology Department. The card describes the condition of the original skull and requests to make casts. The skull was acquired from the Florida Geological Survey in 1945. A reexamination of the skull was done in 1946 by T. D. Stewart.

Folder #10 – Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL 1996-1997

1. Correspondence
2. Items borrowed for the Tacachale even of April 1997 at the Main Library
3. Photographs of Vero Zimmerman and Mark Frank, Collection Manager of Vertebrate Paleontology
4. Photographs of Pam Cooper at the Museum of Natural History

Folder #11 – Tacachale Event March 1-April 5, 1997

1. Exhibit plan and information
2. *Who Was Vero Man?* By Vera Zimmerman, April 1996

Folder #12 – Miscellaneous Items

1. Ebay – Jul-Aug, 1999, Selling of fossil shoulder blade and Tapir Tooth Molar.
2. November 2009 - Mammoth Image as found by James Kennedy. Suspected to be 13-14,000 years old. To be auctioned by Rennick Realtors. Printouts from the web site and duplicate copies of newspaper articles as listed from above.

Folder #13 – Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee (Formed Jan-Mar 2010)

Folder # 14 – Letter to Dugald R. Campbell, grandson to John H. Chase, founder and owner of Tarzan Park (Nov 2009)

See Also:

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