

Trip Diary – Jaffrey to Florida to Jaffrey. March & April 2018

Monday 19 March 2018. Left Jaffrey about 9:30am taking Route 202 most of the way. Had a tuna grinder in Simsbury, CT, for lunch. Through Litchfield, Torrington, New Milford, I284 to Saw Mill Parkway to H Hudson Parkway to Washington Heights. Parked in front of the Rumelys and rang John. We drove up to a parking garage on Broadway and left my car.

Tuesday 20 March 2018. Nice day but cold and windy. Took subway with John to the near the start of the HiLine, the length of which I walked. Close to an hour. Quite interesting and well done. Ended up at the new Whitney which unfortunately wasn't open that day. Ducked into Hector's diner for a coffee and English muffin and to warm up. Walked north a few blocks to the Chelsea Markets which was not that interesting although some of the food places looked good. Taxi up to the NYPL where I looked at the map exhibit then sat in the reading room for awhile. Walked to Grand Central and took some photos of the ceiling. Then the M1 bus to 79th street where I visited the NY Society Library to see the Willa Cather exhibit. Then to The Met where I hooked up with Christine and got in free. Had a \$25 sandwich and beer and rested a bit. Saw some of the American period rooms. Went up to Christine's work area and then connected with John and we drove to Costco where we shopped. Back to the apartment. John cooked up some Chinese food.

Wednesday 21 March 2018. The snow has begun. Up to 18 inches are due. But it's mostly wet and messy. John and I hung around the apartment until afternoon; Christine went off to the Met. John and I took the subway to 72nd Street and walked to the Café Luxembourg where we met up with Steve Zimmerman, also a HGSD grad who once worked for Jack Telfer at Columbia. We had a nice lunch, then walked to The Lincoln Center movies and saw the Stalin Movie. Dark comedy. Not bad. Subway back to John and Christine's. Had a drink then later brought in Thai food.

Thursday 22 March 2018. Left with Christine after breakfast. Walked up Broadway to garage and picked up car }(\$81). Drove back to the apartment and picked up stuff, then north to the George Washington Bridge and across to New Jersey. Eventually found myself in Princeton. Then on to Hopewell, New Hope, Lahaska and eventually to Kendal. Found Conrad Paulus's cottage and sat in her sunroom and had a drink and caught up. All the places at Kendal are cottages. Had dinner in the dining room—nothing special. Back to her place then I went to the Farmhouse where I'm staying, an old farmhouse done up as a guesthouse. \$55 a night.

Friday 23 March 2018. Nice day. Conrad called and I met her in the main building at Kendal. Had breakfast at about 9am. Dining room pretty deserted. So-so breakfast. Walked around seeing the various workshops, library, etc.

Drove into central Philadelphia. Followed the GPS and had some problems near the end. Eventually found the Athenaeum and parked in a garage nearby \$36. The Athenaeum is a lovely building, much smaller than the BA. Walked all through it and

took some photos. Walked up to Chestnut Street and had lunch at Jones. Then drove to the Rosenbach Museum on Delancey Place, a short street with some lovely old houses. The museum is where the Rosenbach brothers lived. Quite high style house and furnishings. Took the tour. Drove back to Kendal with no difficulty.

Had a drink at Conrad's then went to eat just before 8pm. Big traffic jam outside Kendal so drove the other direction but could find no decent place to eat so turned around and went the other way. Traffic had gone away and we got to the Good Hearth in a shopping center. Not a bad place. Italian. Had a bean soup, then pizza.

Am staying in The Farmhouse, an old house done up as a guest house.

Saturday 24 March 2018. Another nice day. Up around 7:30 and shower and type up these notes. Met up with Conrad for breakfast and settled up with Kendal for my room. We drove in convoy to the Hagley Museum in Delaware, about 10 miles away. Very interesting. The original site of the Dupont gunpowder mills and original family home. Did it partially by minibus. Spent probably 2 or so hours there, then off again. Stopped for gas. We then parted ways and an hour or two I was at David Fogle's in Rehoboth Beach. He and others were off to lunch so I had the house to myself and relaxed for a time. David returned and then Conrad. Also Myrna Fawcett and her friend David? We eventually had drinks and some others (Carol and Nancy and then another David and his wife). Roast chicken for dinner. Mileage when arriving at Dave's: 512.1

Sunday 25 March 2018. Another nice day though chilly with a wind. David and Myrna left early. David Fogle, Conrad and I pretty much hung out all day. Went to the bakery early with David. Had lunch at a seafood place on Rt 1 then a driving tour of Lewes. Some shopping then back to the house. Drinks and leftover chicken. Watched 60 Minutes for the Stormy Daniels interview.

Monday 26 March 2018. Up around 7:30. Took a shower, now typing up these notes. Had breakfast with David and Conrad then took off about 10am. Still chilly and a little overcast. Drove south eventually crossing the Delaware Bridge & Tunnel. Went to Nick's for a crab sandwich on the recommendation of Conrad. Nothing special. Drove around Norfolk and south into North Carolina. Ended up in Edenton where I'm typing these notes at the Captain's ??, Bed & Breakfast.

Ending mileage: 795

Tuesday 27 March 2018. Again a nice day. After breakfast I packed up and checked out and drove downtown to the Barker House which turned out not to be open until 10. Did a walking tour around town. Some very nice architecture and history here. Visited the Barker House which is the welcome center for the town. Quite a nice facility. Bought some local peanuts. Headed out about 10:30, across the Albermarle Sound, east, almost to the Outer Banks. Pretty deserted. Lots of pine forestry, pulpwood. Very flat. Turned south and more of the same. Stopped in Engelhard for lunch. Turned west. Lots of flat fields: some wheat, some turf farms, some corn perhaps. Not much growing at the moment. Eventually arrived in Oriental about 5:30, at Betsy and Steve's. Nice apartment overlooking the water. Had a drink and later a nice steak and salad dinner.

What I noticed in southern VA and in NC are: 1) Lots and lots of churches, mostly small and undistinguished, sometimes 2 or more in sight of each other. 2) Lots of deserted and dilapidated houses and commercial buildings. Back home these would have been torn down by now. 3) Lots of trailers and mobile homes, scattered about not in parks.

Ending mileage: 1046

Wednesday 28 March 2018. Up about 7. Not long after breakfast I drove into New Bern with Betsy who was going for a doctor's appointment. The center of the city is very nice with many historic buildings and a very good and prosperous retail area. Several churches of architectural note and many houses. Drove back to Oriental and had lunch at M&Ms—crab & corn soup and a tuna melt. Back to Betsy's and we all had a little lie down. Early evening Betsy and I went to the renovated movie theatre in Oriental for the non-profit's annual meeting, preceded by a potluck dinner, then the film: Back to the condo and to bed.

Thursday 29 March 2018. After breakfast set off to take the ferry from ?? to ?. then on to Beaufort. Had a look around the town. Most activity is along the waterfront. Then on my way via Morehead City, Jacksonville, Wilmington eventually to Charleston around 7pm or so. Had an excellent crab soup at ??, one of the few non-chains along the way. Stayed at a Sleep Inn at \$79, a pretty good deal. In Mt. Pleasant.
Ending mileage: 1378

Friday 30 March 2018. Had breakfast and now typing up these notes. Set off into Charleston without much trouble and parked at the Visitors Center, quite a nicely designed building. Went on a combination tour through Grayline: Minibus tour of Charleston during which it began to rain a bit. Well done tour. Then dropped off for a harbor cruise which was good but rainy: only myself and another 2 on a boat that could hold 100 or more.

Headed back to the Sleep Inn around 3 or so via Sticky Fingers, a ribs joint not far from the hotel.

Booked a Savannah hotel and now watching the news.

Saturday 31 March 2018. Overcast. Breakfast. Drayton Hall. Dinner at ?? restaurant.

Sunday 1 April 2018. A sunny morning. Breakfast and checked out. Drove into Charleston and drove up and down and around mostly without traffic. Took some photos. Then headed south, eventually to Beaufort, arriving just before noon. Parked and walked around. One main street, a couple of blocks. Attractive. Gridiron. Some grand houses. No side galleries as in Charleston. Stopped at Wayback burgers on the way out for a good burger and shake. On to Savannah. Arrived at Quality Inn which I booked in Charleston. About 5 miles south of the Historic District. Good price, around \$56. But had to drive in to town, which I did after getting settled. Got the lay of the land. Went to the Visitor Center and asked about parking and the bus tours. Went to the English pub that Ken suggested but it was closed. Back to the motel and dealt with paperwork and typing up these notes.

Monday 2 April 2018. Drove to the Trolley Tour welcome center, left car and bought a ticket. Did the entire tour then started again and got off at the south end of Forsythe Park and had lunch at Betty Bombers. Good burger. Back on the Trolley and got off at Messie Heritage Center which focuses on Savannah history. Back on the Trolley again to the riverfront where I had a beer at the Boar's Head. Got on the 3:30 rivercruise on a large paddle-wheeler reproduction—up the river then down the river and back. Drove back to the motel around 6pm or so. Worked on this and that.

Tuesday 3 April 2018. After breakfast drove into Savannah and parked at the Visitors Center and walked to the Jepson Center, an art museum designed by Moshe Safdie. Then walked to the Owens-Thomas House, also a Telfair Museum. Excellent English guide. Then walked towards the river and stopped at Moon River Restaurant for a beer and a crab melt. From there I went to the final Telfair Museum, the Telfair Academy. An impressive building. Then back to the Visitors Center to pick up my car. Drive to Bonaventure Cemetery few miles outside of Savannah, a large and historic cemetery, heavily landscaped though a little rough. Back to the hotel.

Wednesday 4 April 2018. Set off early from Savannah to St Augustine. One detour out to Sea Island. Couldn't go into where I stayed with Mark Schunke back in the 1960s. Tried to drive around St Augustine upon arrival; terrible traffic. Eventually out to my motel at St Augustine Beach. Then out a bit further to Scott & Sue's house but no sign of life. Had a catfish sandwich at a small place nearby filled with NJ shore memorabilia. Back to the motel. Got a phone call from Sue Batten and we agreed to meet for dinner at Salt-Water Cowboys, an interesting sea food restaurant suggested by Whit Waterbury. Luci Edwards and Sue and myself, Sue and I had alligator tail. Excellent.

Thursday 5 April 2018. Up early and after breakfast drove into St Augustine thinking I would avoid traffic. I did. It was clear sailing. Parked at a meter and put in a fortune in quarters. Signed up and went on the Flagler College tour of the old Ponce de Leon Hotel, now Flagler College. Beautiful building built in 18 months! Went to the research library of the St Augustine Historical Society research library to see what it had on Jean Waterbury. Had some copies made. Back to the car and across the way to the Mugo?? Barbecue. Had a big lunch. Back to the motel and took a nap. Now typing up these notes.

Friday 6 April 2018. Up early and on my way just after 7am. Headed south on Rt A1A along the coast, then a right on Rt 40 to I95 and all the way to the Kennedy Space Center, just over 2 hours south. Along the beach it's nearly all development, sometimes small houses, bigger houses and occasionally hi-rise blocks. Kennedy Space Center was worth the \$50 admission plus \$10 parking. The bus ride to the assembly building and the two launch pads were the best features. Lots of people and lots of kids. I was on my way by 2 or so. Headed south 15 miles to my Econo-Lodge Hotel stopping for a beer and French Onion Soup at the Corner Bistro. Now typing up these notes.

I walked across the street for a dinner at a Red Lobster. It was surprisingly good and a pleasant experience. Back to the hotel and read some and watched TV/

Saturday 7 April 2018. Up fairly early and after a so-so breakfast headed east to see Port Canaveral which is a big cruise ship location; then west to I95 and north to Rt 50 then west a long way to Orlando and through Orlando, south, eventually to Celebration.

Nothing about Orlando is appealing. Scrubby but with some high-rises. Lots of roadway construction. Celebration, on the other hand, is charming. A planned community. Curvilinear streets in a grid pattern, quite good repro architecture: colonial, greek revival, Spanish, single family, townhouses, 3, perhaps 4 story apartments, schools, churches, other public buildings, a vibrant town center, extensive landscaping, many trees that must pre-date the place, no visible utilities, nice signage, no parking meters, quiet and no congestion.

From Celebration I drove to the airport to pick up Mary Cavanagh. Several tolls along the way. Big airport. Parked at the Terminal for \$11. Waited about 2 hours for Mary. She was in a wheelchair and somehow got past me. Finally found her at the Enterprise counter. Drove to the Villages; yet more tolls. Arrived around 7pm at Doug and Sharon Fitzsimmons. All were there. Had a drink and soon after had a nice buffet dinner and then talked about our trip and what we were going to do in the next few days. Lucy, Sue, Mary and I are sharing a nearby house.

Sunday 8 April 2018. Up around 7. After breakfast we went by golf cart over the Doug and Sharon's. Only a few blocks away. Around noon headed by cart to the Polo field and watch polo with a tailgate picnic. Well attended and interesting. Back to the house where I am now typing up these noted.

Monday 9 April 2018. After breakfast, went over to Doug & Sharon's the on our way to Mount Doro about an hour or so away to the south. After a coffee and some soup we got onto a boat for a tour of the lake and the canal which was through a cypress forest with lots of wildlife. Walked around the village a bit afterwards and had an ice cream. Back to The Villages and shopped at Winn/Dixie then to Doug & Sharon's for a cookout: burgers, sausage, etc. And then went through various SIAFU slideshows.

Thunder and rain later that night.

Tuesday 10 April 2018. Some rain and lots of clouds all day. Went to the shooting range but was closed because of the rain. Went to the sales office and signed up and took a 2 hour plus bus tour of the northern portion of the Villages concentrating on the history of the development from a trailer park in the 1960s to today. Quite good. By cart to the Orange Blossom Country Club for lunch. Back to the house and while others went out again with Doug in carts, Mary and I stayed behind and I had a nap. Later went to a Thai Restaurant by cart. Home, read and to bed.

Wednesday 11 April 2018. Sunny. Breakfast and now typing up these notes. Can't remember what I did much of the day. Perhaps read. Dinner at a lakeside restaurant in Sumter. I had a seafood roll.

Thursday 12 April 2018. The others went off to see Manatees and such and I headed off to Tampa and St Pete. Went to Ybor City and found the Columbia Restaurant, the first and largest Spanish restaurant in the US. I at there back in the late 1960s when in the

PHS. Carried on to St Pete where I went to the Dali Museum which is an interesting building architecturally. The collection is 100% Dali, quite extensive, but the admission was \$22 for seniors and the parking was \$10, too expensive. I parked around the corner at a meter? Back to The Villages. We all went out to dinner at Oak Wood, a ribs place outside The Villages.

Friday 13 April 2018. I did some work in the house while others were off. Then met up with Luci and Sue and went off by car and met up with Bruce and Pam Hill and Rick Stein at ?? Country Club for lunch then went back to the Hills to see their unit and have dessert. Then to the Fitzsimmons where we re-organized. Down to Fenney after lunch. They all spent time in the pool. I looked around the sales office. This is the newest part of The Villages, a good 7-10 miles south of where we're staying. Will eventually all be connected up. On the way back went to a supermarket and got various things for dinner at the Fitzsimmons. I got a mini pizza. Had our dinner then played another game, this one called Left, Right and Center. Easier to understand than the Pass the Pigs. To bed, learning at 9pm that we're just sent missiles to Syria!

Saturday 14 April 2018. Up early, packed up and was gone by about 8am leaving Luci and Sue in the house (also my USB plug). Drove up near Ocala and past many quite grand horse farms, and then on Rt 27 through Chiefland to Perry then St Marks then Port St Joe then Panama City, arriving about 3pm. Time change: back one hour. Most interesting place was Apalachicola—developed in the early 1800s. Nice Episcopal church, prefabricated in New York and erected in 1838. Got settled in Motel and re-organized.

Over the past day or so: Lawyers ads and billboards all over the place for injury and accidents. Churches everywhere too, some new and big but most tiny, the size of a house, some within sight of each other. Most evangelical. Chain restaurants everywhere. Lots of 'Dollar General' stores. Many billboards.

Went to St Andrews, about a mile away, for dinner at The Captains Table, a local seafood place. Had a tuna dip and Oysters Rockefeller.

Sunday 15 April 2018. Thunder and rain and tornado warning early in the morning. A bit of rain as I headed off but cleared steadily during the day. Drove along the coast to Seaside where I parked and walked around. Still cloudy but what a place. Very impressive. Drove through the residential areas and took photos. On then to Pensacola. Had a hard time finding the Navy Aviation Museum but finally did and spent little time there other than photographing the Que Sera Sera, the first plane to land at the South Pole.

On my way again and headed north. Stopped for lunch in Wayne's, a new diner, where I had a shake and a burger.

Drove along Rt 29 which is a nice road once you get going. Some lovely fields and rolling countryside. More deciduous trees; no palm trees now.

Arrived in Andalusia around 4pm and checked into the Econolodge there where I am now typing up these notes.

Made a booking for 2 nights in Atlanta.

Monday 16 April 2018. Nice morning. Continued north on Rt 29. Rolling countryside, lots of green, some nice small towns, very little traffic. On to the Interstate, into Georgia and soon in Atlanta. Comfort Inn better than most of the others. Walked up to road to a barbecue place across from the Ted Turner Stadium. Not very good.

Tuesday 17 April 2018. Another nice day. Drove over to Oakland Cemetery and drove around. A lovely Victorian cemetery; lots of landscape. From there to the city tour place to see where it was located and nearby parking. Drive north for some miles just to see the area. Ended up in Buckland; quite tony. Back into the city and parked and went on city tour in an electric vehicle: three of us plus the driver. Pretty good. Lots of murals on buildings. A rail-to-trail path, eventually 22 miles. Inman neighborhood impressive gentrification. An Olmsted park. Went for a late lunch at Ted's (Turner) Montana Grille. Very nice décor. Good pot roast. Back to the hotel and typing up these notes.

Wednesday 18 April 2018. Up early and nice day. Traffic leaving Atlanta was terribly all the way to Gainesville where the Interstate ended and Route 23 picked up which I stayed on all the way to Asheville. Nice countryside. Increasingly hilly and then mountainous. Into Asheville. Found the Grove Park Inn and checked in. Quite nice, lots of history. Two tremendous stone fireplaces. Elevators built into the fireplaces. Still have people operating them. Nice room. Whole place is filled with Stickleby and Roycrofters, some original. Had an expensive dinner in the Terrace restaurant. Nothing to write home about.

Thursday 19 April 2018. Another nice day though cool and windy. Had the breakfast buffet; not bad despite the \$26+ cost. Took the historical walking tour through the hotel at 9am. Then drove to Biltmore and walked from the parking lot to the house. Lots of people. Not set up very well. Almost no printed explanation in the various rooms: need to have a audio recorder. Unclear about circulation. Lots of dead ends. Took the 12:30 rooftop tour, an extra, but pretty good. Called Toyota when I noticed an amber icon on the dashboard. Drove there after I left Biltmore and learned that the icon indicated a tire pressure problem/ Front left very low. They found a nail and patched it right away for \$20+. Excellent service. Headed east for 18 miles to Black Mountain which is said to be interesting. Not particularly. Parked and had a meal at a German restaurant: Wienerschnitzel, potato salad, red cabbage plus a stein of beer. Drove back to Asheville and retired for the duration.

Friday 20 April 2018. Up early. Checked out. Bright crisp day. Drove around downtown Asheville a bit, then to McDonalds in Biltmore Village for breakfast. From there to the Blue Ridge Parkway visitors center to check out information. Then headed north, driving well into the afternoon. Lovely views. Very little traffic. Leaves not out yet. Ice on the stone surfaces highest up. Left the parkway just over the NC-VA line and to my hotel in Hillsville. Near an Interstate interchange therefore no decent restaurant. Although did go to a Mexican restaurant up the road. Back to the hotel and typing up these notes.

Saturday 21 April 2018. On my way after breakfast and gas. Over to and on to the Parkway at Fancy Gap. Continued on for a few hours then got off at Roanoke but as there was a roadrace much of the town was closed down so I headed back to the Parkway. Had

soup and salad at a place on the Parkway. Arrived at Mark and Amanda's at around 6pm. Charlie has been sick with a strep throat. Had some drinks and then steaks and then a lot of conversation catching up.

Sunday 22 April 2018. Yet another nice morning. After breakfast Amanda, Charlie and I headed to nearby Montpelier, Madison's house. Quite extensive grounds including a race course. The house is mostly a work of reproduction inside but nonetheless interesting and well-done. Now owned by the National Trust. Afterwards we did a little car tour of Orange, the county seat. Nice little town with a nice main street.

Back to Amanda's and a party for Mark's sister. About 15 or so family members I attendance. Interesting group. Went to bed early after lots of conversation.

Monday 23 April 2018. Took a shower and then drove into Charlottesville and to Charlie's school where I did a little presentation on the Antarctic and then to nearby Monticello which I toured. Had lunch at the visitors center—grilled cheese sandwich. Drove into Charlottesville and around the town. Found the Rotunda and took a photo. Back to Charlie's school where I met up with Amanda, Charlie and Mark. We all drove together out to a brew pub—Blue Mountain Brewery—for a beer and a burger. Back to their house, conversation and to bed.

Tuesday 24 April 2018. The Brookmans went off early and I followed shortly after. Headed to the Skyline Drive via Route 33 and got on it for a few miles but decided to head back because of very heavy fog. Rain, too, but the fog was the deciding factor. Backtracked and headed north through Madison and Sperryville. Stopped in Winchester to take some photos of Byrd sites and have a bite at McDonalds. Headed off again, eventually into West Virginia, a bit of Maryland and then across the border into New York. I stopped for the night just before getting to Corning. I think this was my longest day.

Wednesday 25 April 2018. After breakfast I drove into Corning, perhaps 5-8 miles away. Terrific Main Street with lots of regular shops. Very attractive. Went to the Rockwell Museum, very well laid out and of high quality. Lots of Indian stuff and western landscapes, Bierstadt, etc. In the old City Hall. Headed north along Lake ?? to the Penguin Bay winery and bought a case of wine. Continued to the top of the lake and then headed west through Canandaigua, etc., eventually to East Aurora. Stopped in Warsaw, an interesting town, and had an ice cream at ??, drive thru ice cream stand. First I've ever seen.

Ended up in East Aurora, home of the Roycrofters and the Roycroft Inn where I checked in. Lovely place. Am in the Emerson Room (Thoreau on the other side of the door). An actual suite. No card locks; an actual key! Went through the various Roycroft facilities and the museum and learned a lot. Had a nice ravioli dinner in the inn and typed up these notes.

Thursday 26 April 2018. Had an excellent breakfast at the Inn and soon after was on my way to Rochester. First stop was the Good Hope Cemetery, a large Victorian cemetery. Learned some things at the office and told them about the Dean murder. Found the Dean

family plot and photographed all the stones. Next stop was the Rochester General Hospital which may have been the hospital that Dean was director of. Very large. Found books on the history of the Hospital in the Library. The first physician was a Dean, presumably Dr Dean's father. No mention of William Dean.

I then headed for Syracuse where I arrived shortly after 3 at the Econo Lodge downtown. Checked in and then headed for the Stams, arriving just before 4pm. David in pretty good shape. We visited for an hour or so then went in David's van to the nearby restaurant where we met up with Margo, Betty and Ed for a pleasant dinner. I had lobster mac n cheese which was delicious.

Once back at the Stams, we said goodnight and headed to the hotel.

Friday 27 April 2018. Up early and off by around 7:30 and drove straight through to Jaffrey, arriving in Keene at 12:15pm, 241 miles.

Final Mileage: Jaffrey-Florida-Jaffrey = 5230