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Mrs. Jacqueline Fretwell and
Mr. Page Edwards
St. Augustine Historical Society
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Dear Jackie and Page:

I have just received the news from Spain that I have been named recipient of the prestigious "Crítica Serra d'Or Award for Research, 1988" for my book Els Menorquins de la Florida: Història, Llengua i Cultura (1987). This award is sponsored by the Catalan monthly periodical Serra d'Or which is published in Barcelona. Books considered for it are selected and judged by leading scholars in the areas of language, literature, the social sciences, etc., and the competition is usually very fierce. While I do not believe that the award carries any monetary benefit (would that it did, to help me with a research project in Barcelona!), but it is a great honor to have received it. The official announcement will appear in the April or May issue of Serra d'Or. Since I will not be able to attend the awards ceremony in Barcelona in April, my good friend and mentor, Professor Josep Roca-Pons, and his wife will accept the award in my name.

This past week Dr. Fernando Rubió and his wife came to Nashville to visit me and to see Vanderbilt University on their way back to Spain from a trip around the world. It was very good to see them again and I think that they had an enjoyable stay. From here they planned to spend several days in Florida, in St. Petersburg and St. Augustine, before heading home to Europe.

The translation of my book on the Minorcans of Florida is now completed, and I have just begun to put it on my computer. I would like to have it ready to send to you by early summer, since I have a number of other projects that I must get to at that time (several articles promised for publication in Barcelona).

Today I received the announcement of the symposium, Clash between Cultures: Spanish East Florida, 1784-1821, which will take place in St. Augustine on April 7-9. I wish very much that I could attend this event, since the period considered is of great interest to me, especially after having done a good deal of work on it in connection with my Florida-Minorcan research. However, at that same time we are hosting at Vanderbilt the 1988 Conference of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, of which I am a member of the Organization Committee. The Spanish Ambassador will be here for it, in addition to numerous scholars (several coming from Spain) who will present papers on all aspects of Spanish and Portuguese history.

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I hope that all is well with you. I will keep you informed about the progress of the book manuscript.

Greetings to all of my friends at the Historical Society.

Best wishes,

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cc: Mr. X.L Pellicer
Dr. Fernando Rubió

Forta Abrasada!



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