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**E Mail from David Sloan (Keys Weekly) to Nance Frank
Regarding articles related to Francis Watlington Portrait**

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd: F. Watlington Portrait Articles

Attached are 5 files pertaining to the Francis Watlington portrait.

1. A January 24, 1940 Key West Citizen article (*Key West Women, Their Homes and Gardens.*) This article describes the Oldest House architecture and contents, including his portrait enclosed in a "massive mahogany frame" and dressed in "full regalia of a Knight Templar."
2. A January 7, 1950 article from The Capital Times in Madison, Wisconsin (*Baas Finds Oldest House in Key West*) This article talks about original construction, ownership, contents of the home and more. It says the portrait of Watlington was "painted by the great Audubon himself." The article also gives an explanation for the raised pillar foundation and the different sized gable-dormers. It tells a tale of pirate treasure buried by an old well on the property too.
3. A December 1, 1976 Miami Herald article (*Family Rich in Tradition, Maybe More*) that details great, great, great, grandson, Robert Belgau, coming to Key West and taking the Watlington portrait to 7134 Carlyle Avenue (in Miami, I think)
4. I made the Watlington portrait black and white to compare it to the only Audubon portrait I could find. Joanne Martin at Audubon House directed me to this YouTube video that discussed Audubon's portraits. Cue to 31.20. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m052VV18wiM>
5. Watlington portrait from Oldest House event page.

Please keep me posted on anything you find out. If there is anything I can do to help, just say the word.

David