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Ever wonder about the “Snell” of Snell Isle, the “Gandy” of Gandy Bridge, or the “Al Lang” of Al Lang Field? Local historian Scott Taylor Hartzell will answer these questions and more Saturday, Oct. 12, from 2-4 p.m. in the Special Collections Reading Room of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Hartzell, a columnist for the St. Petersburg Times and an alumnus of USF St. Petersburg, will speak on his explorations in local history and the people who made it. He also will sign copies of his new book, “St. Petersburg: An Oral History.”

Copies of his book will be for sale.

For information, contact Kathy Arsenault, Dean of the Nelson Poynter Library, at (727) 553-3400.