



HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

March 6, 2025

5:30 PM

Administration Building,
4th Floor, BCC Meeting Room, 477 Houston Street,
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Historic Preservation Board Meeting February 6, 2025

Public Comment

Old Business

1. Update on Historic Marker Progress

Historic Preservation Board Members will provide progress updates on the historic marker projects.

- A. Middleburg Colored School - Dr. Maureen Jung / Beth Carson
- B. Fort 11 - Gerard Casale
- C. Keystone Heights - Deirdre Murphy
- D. Middleburg Museum/Civic Center - Gerard Casale

New Business

1. State Historic Marker For Consideration - Pleasant Point Cemetery

Mr. Steven Griffith submitted an application for the Historic Preservation Board's consideration for a marker to commemorate the Pleasant Point Cemetery.

Certificates of Approval

Public Comment

Staff Comments

Board Member's Comments

Adjournment

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Agenda Item
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Clay County Administration Building
Thursday, March 6 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation Board

DATE: 2/27/2025

FROM: Beth Carson,
Director of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT:

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2025, 5:30 PM
Administration Building,
4th Floor, BCC Meeting Room,
477 Houston Street,
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Call to Order

Present: Billy Gould, Chairman
Deirdre Murphy, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Maureen Jung
Melissa Clearman
Gerard Casale
Shawn Atwell
Terry Knight @ 5:42 pm
Randy Harris @ 5:50 pm

Absent: Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning

Staff Present: Dodie Selig, Chief Planner

Chairman Billy Gould called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Historic Preservation Board Meeting January 9, 2025

Dr. Maureen Jung made a motion for approval of the January 9, 2025, Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Deidre Murphy, which carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Public Comment can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic_Preservation_Board/February_6,_2025,_beginning_at_1:04_and_ending_at_15:03. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for public comment at 5:34 pm.

Kathy Kass, 3004 Oak Road, Orange Park, Florida, addressed the Board to express concerns regarding cemeteries restoration and any responsibility by the Board for such.

There were comments and discussions regarding funding, forming a sub-committee, participation from the Board, volunteers, training/workshops, inventory of cemeteries - Florida Historic Cemetery Inventory - Florida Public Archeology Network (FPAN), preserving cemeteries, starting point, staff research and establishing jurisdiction, and ownership of cemeteries.

Steven Griffith, 479 Jeri Drive, Green Cove Springs, Florida - President of the Clay County Historic Society addressed the Board to express his concerns regarding cemetery restoration and his work to restore Pleasant Point and requested to submit the application for a state historical

marker at that location. Mr. Griffith mentioned the display for Pleasant Point that will be at the courthouse during February for Black History Month.

The Board accepted the application for review.

David Ham Jr., 1298 Wetland Ridge Court, Middleburg, Florida, son of Maude Burroughs Jackson, addressed the Board to mention that Ms. Jackson was in attendance and the importance of the Middleburg Colored School and having a historical marker.

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Billy Gould closed public comment at 5:46 pm.

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Middleburg Colored School Update:

Ms. Maude Burroughs Jackson addressed the Board to provide details and information regarding the history of the Middleburg Colored School and how she and her family were involved with the School.

Pamela Monk, Ms. Jackson's Goddaughter and Sorority Sister addressed the Board to express her gratitude for the work done by the Board and Dr. Jung regarding the Middleburg Colored School Marker.

There were other comments to express support of the marker for the Middleburg Colored School.

Dr. Maureen Jung addressed the Board to provide more details and information regarding the Middleburg Colored School update. Dr. Jung expressed her gratitude for Ms. Jackson's attendance and that of others who supported the marker and spoke about the importance of the school. The text/language was provided for review by the Board for consideration. See Attachment A.

There were questions and discussions regarding the language/text, ownership of the School, and the event honoring Black History Month on February 8, 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Hunter Douglas Park. See Attachment B.

Dr. Maureen Jung made a motion for approval of the text/language and to move the marker to the next step, seconded by Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy, which carried 8-0.

There was a brief follow-up discussion regarding the condition of the school, the need for any repairs, and the creation of a preservation plan.

Fort 11 - Gerard Casale:

Gerard Casale addressed the Board to provide information regarding the Fort 11 update and requested more time to continue the research.

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding additional time to continue research, deadline, approval from the state on hold due to lack of members, contemporary map, survey, and finding the exact location of Fort 11.

Keystone Heights Update:

Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy addressed the Board to provide details and information regarding the Keystone Heights marker update. The marker has been completed at all stages and awaits approval at the state level. Ms. Murphy noted that the funding is now coming from the Heritage Commission of Keystone Heights and not the Preservation Board.

Middleburg Museum/Civic Center:

Gerard Casale addressed the Board to provide information regarding the Middleburg Museum and Civic Center. Mr. Casale spoke about leaving the Masonic Lodge out because it is not of the historical vintage as the other structures. The information for the design of the marker and text/language has been submitted for review. Mr. Casale provided more details to request more time to review the text/language and do research.

The Board agreed to provide more time to continue research for the Middleburg Museum/Civic Center.

New Business

New Business can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic_Preservation_Board/February_6,_2025, beginning at 37:19 and ending at 39:36. Below is a summary of the discussion

Gerard Casale requested an update on the St. Mary's Episcopal marker.

The information has been turned over to Ms. Carson and the state for final submissions, and the location for the marker has been established.

Shawn Atwell mentioned reading information for the charter and asked about the duty to annually update the existing survey and inventory of Historical buildings, areas, and archeological sites compatible with the Florida Master Site File.

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding access to the file, providing information, maintaining the list, and updating the information.

Public Comment

Public Comment can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic_Preservation_Board/February_6,_2025, beginning at 39:37 and ending at 45:53. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for public comment at 6:11 pm.

Kathy Kass, 3004 Oak Road, Orange Park, Florida, addressed the Board to provide more information regarding the master site file and FPAN site.

There were questions and discussions regarding the designation of cemeteries/projects that are not on the file, updating the file, and protection of such projects.

Steve Griffith, 479 Jeri Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, addressed the Board to provide clarification that Pleasant Point Cemetery is on the master file.

Mr. Harris expressed his gratitude to Mr. Griffith for his work on Pleasant Point and provided more details about the cemetery.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Billy Gould closed public comment at 6:19 pm.

Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

Board Member's Comments

Board Comments can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic_Preservation_Board/February_6,_2025, beginning at 46:06 and ending at 1:01:43. Below is a summary of the discussion.

- Shawn Atwell spoke about the desire to learn the jurisdiction and latitude of the Board as he was a new member.
 - There were comments and discussions regarding FPAN and clarification of FPAN - Florida Public Archeology Network.
- Dr. Maureen Jung requested clarification on submitting the text/language regarding the Middleburg Colored School.
 - There were comments to clarify that the information could be emailed to Ms. Carson.
- Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy clarified that the Keystone Heights Marker is for the entire city and is no longer under the HPB's preview. She will provide all the information to keep the Board up to date on the marker process. Vice-Chairman Murphy also provided details and information on the tour of Historic Homes that took place and the upcoming event on Saturday, March 8-9, 2025, at the Keystone Heights Beach Pavilion for the Chautauqua "pop-up" Museum.
- Randy Harris mentioned the Facebook page for the Clay County Florida History Group and noted it is a good place to promote events.
 - Vice-Chairman Murphy said there would be a flyer for the event posted soon.
- Gerard Casale asked for clarification on the other "option" for signs created by the county.
 - Chairman Billy Gould provided details and information regarding the signs that the county could create for projects. There were also comments and discussions regarding placement, text/language, and costs of the signs and type of material.
- Terry Knight requested clarification regarding the Indian burial mounds/grounds.
 - There were comments and discussions to clarify the purpose of the Indian mounds and the determining the exact site of Fort 11.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chairman Billy Gould adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm

Attest:

Committee Chairman

Recording Deputy Clerk

Attachment

“A”

**Text/Language for Marker:
Middleburg Colored School**

Middleburg Colored School

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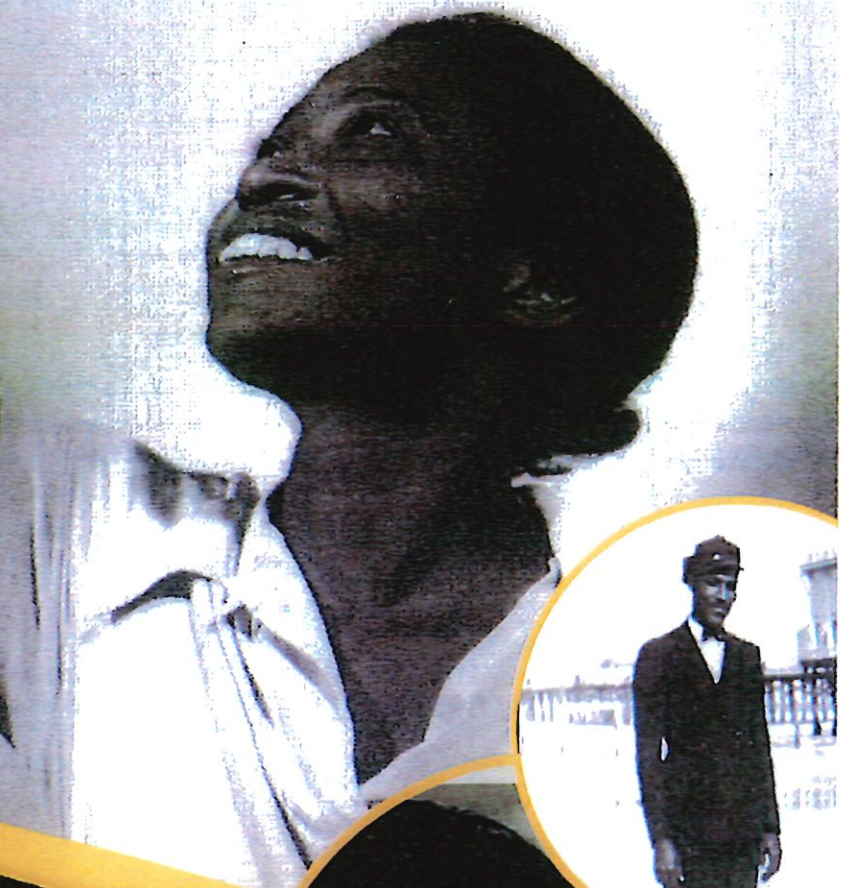
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Submitted by Maureen Jung, Ph.D., Clay County Historic Preservation Board on behalf of Maude Burroughs Jackson and the historic Hill Top community.

Attachment
“B”
Black History Month
Flyer

Honoring
**BLACK
HISTORY**
IN CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA



EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES

HUNTER DOUGLAS PARK

4227 Longmire Road, Middleburg

FEBRUARY 8 | 11 AM-2 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME





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FROM: Beth Carson, Director of
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Marker text is based on two primary records sources: Clay County Board of Public Instruction Meeting Minutes, 1877-1969 (broken series) and Clay County School District Warrant Records, 1890-1940 (broken series), referred to as CCBPIM and CCSDW, respectively. Portions of text are included to specify references. Copies are included in Appendix 1.

1. Founded Middleburg Colored School (MCS) in 1897; 10th Black public school: CCSDW 1897, p. 226, pay record for first teacher M.W. Ross.
2. One of about thirty Jim Crow era Black public schools. See Appendix.
 - 2.1 Complete list of Black public schools identified through this research, in alphabetical order.
 - 2.2 Colored schools: Aberline, Dunbar, Middleburg, Orange Park, West Tocol, CCBPIM, p. 9, 1931.
 - 2.3 Colored schools: Brinson, Penney Farms, Russell, CCBPIM, p. 353, 1938.
 - 2.4 Colored school: Honey Hill, CCBPIM, p. 13, 1877.
 - 2.5 Colored schools: Hibernia and Laurel Grove, p. 15, CCBPIM, 1877.
 - 2.6 Colored school: Magnolia, CCBPIM, p. 69, 1879.
 - 2.7 Colored school: New Hope, p. 25, CCBPIM, 1883.
 - 2.8 Colored schools: Peter's Creek, CCBPIM, p. 165, 1883; and Robinson's, p. 34, 1890.
 - 2.9 Colored schools: Black Creek and McRae, CCSDW, pp. 105 and 107, 1895/96.
 - 2.10 Colored schools: Virginia Farms, Bordenville, and Novilla, CCSDW, p. 203, 1902; p. 94, 1910/11; p. 208, 1913/14.
 - 2.11 Colored schools: Highland and Melrose, p. 300, CCBPIM, 1900.
 - 2.12 Colored school: Leno, p. 39, CCSDW, 1917.
 - 2.13 Colored schools: AE Hall and TC Miller, p. 309, CCBPIM, 1960/61.
 - 2.14 Colored schools: Green Cove Springs, Long Branch, and Waller, p. 73, CCBPIM, 1918.
 - 2.15 Colored school: Pine Grove, p. 28, CCSDW, 1910.
 - 2.16 Colored school: Swimming Pen, Table 1, Trends in Average Daily Membership by School, Clay County, Florida, 1919.
3. MCS new building at 4003 Everett Avenue. Hill Top Heritage Development, Inc., Keeping Our Heritage Alive, "History of the "Little Old School," 2010? p. 2.
4. "the quarters," turpentine and lumber operations, Hill Top Heritage Development, Inc., Keeping Our Heritage Alive, "Community History," 2010? p. 3.

5. New MCS building followed standards the school board set out in 1880. Historic Structure Report: Middleburg Colored School, Dasher Hurst Architects, 2024, pp. 6, 15.
6. Thirty or more students sat two at each desk. Pupil roster from MCS, early 1940s.
7. A single instructor taught first through ninth grades. See above, Note 3, p. 2.
8. Unequal funding, *working*.
9. Some Black families moved to Hill Top community. See above, Note 4, p. 3.
10. The children walked five miles to MCS and back. See above, Note 4, p. 3.
11. (MCS) neared its end of life as a schoolhouse by the early 1950s. See Annual School Budget, Middleburg, (N), still needs toilets, running water, and electricity.
12. In 1957, Clay's school board planned a new, schoolhouse on Longmire Road. Project Priority List, May 1, 1957, Middleburg Elementary (negro).
13. A.E. Hall Elementary named for teacher and principal Alice E. Hall. See above Note 2-13, p. 309, CCBPIM, 1960/61.
14. Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) bought the fMCS property in 1962. CCBPIM, Motion to deed the former MCS property to the Middleburg Civic Association.
15. 1994 MVFD decided to burn it in a firefighter training exercise. See above Note 3, p. 2.
16. Maude Burroughs Jackson mobilized the county and saved the school. See above Note 3, p. 2.
17. MVFD donated the building in 1994 to become a historic schoolhouse museum. See above Note 3, p. 2.
18. The Black Heritage Education Center opened in 1995.
19. "Florida's Historic Black Public Schools," National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Property Registration Form, approved in 2003, included MCS under the name "Black School House." That mistake has been corrected in the Florida Master Site File to show the school's correct name, Middleburg Colored School.

Appendix 1.

Copies of reference documents cited
in the proposed state historic marker text for
Middleburg Colored School
Clay County, Florida

Maureen A. Jung, Ph.D.
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Clay County Historic Preservation Board
January 24, 2025

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Middleburg

TEACHER, SALARY PER MONTH, \$ 25.00

J. L. Harrington

SUPERVISOR

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NO. OF REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	ENROLLMENT			DAILY ATTENDANCE			ORPHANAGE		TIME		VISITORS			REMARKS	
		No. of Males	No. of Females	Total	No. of Males	No. of Females	Average	No. Father	No. Mother	Without P. or M.	No. of D. during M. since T.	No. of V. Supt.	Visitors	Superintendent		
1	Dec 24 th 1897	13	9	22	12	6	18									
2	Jan 25 th 1898	13	9	22	12	6	18									
3	Mar 1 st 1898	14	7	21	12	5	17									
#	April 30 th 1898	16	11	27	11	6	17									
				27			18									
<i>J. Blake</i>																
1	Aug 26 th 1898	13	12	25	11	11	22									
2	Sept 15 th 1898	15	12	27	14	12	17									

M.	YEAR	SCHOOL NO.	Dr.	\$	Cts.	DATE OF WARRANT	SCHOOL NO.	CR.	NO. OF WARRANT
7	1899	10				Jan 4/98 W. for M. W. Ross	10		2921
						Feb 1/98 W. for M. W. Ross			2973
						Apr 1/98 W. for M. W. Ross			3038
						May 3/98 W. for M. W. Ross			3060

2.1

Clay County "Colored" Public Schools*

1. Aberline Colored School
2. A.E. Hall School
3. Black Creek Colored
4. Bordenville Colored
5. Brinson Colored
6. Clay Hill Colored 1937? sbm
7. Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
8. Green Cove Springs Colored School
9. Hibernia Colored School
10. Highland Colored
11. Honey Hill Colored School
12. Laurel Grove
13. Leno Colored
14. Long Branch Colored
15. Magnolia Colored
16. McRae Colored
17. Melrose Colored
18. Middleburg Colored School
19. (TC) Miller Elementary
20. New Hope Colored
21. Novilla Colored
22. Orange Park Negro Elementary
23. Penney Farms Colored School
24. Peter's Creek Colored School
25. Pier Station Colored
26. Pine Grove Colored
27. Robinson's School
28. Russell Colored School (c37/38)
29. Swimming Pen Colored School
30. Virginia Farm Colored
31. Waller Colored
32. West Tocol Colored

*School names retrieved from minutes of the Clay County, Florida (CC) school board 1877-1968, CC school district warrant registers, school maintenance reports, newspaper articles, and oral history sources.

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On motion of Mr. Beiger Miss Ruby Cain and Miss Clara Anderson were assigned to teach in the Doctors Inlet School for the next term succeeding Miss LaBorda and Mrs. Huntley. Salaries were fixed as follows; Miss Cain seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per month and Miss Anderson eighty dollars (\$80.00) per month.

On motion of Mr. Smith Miss Edna F. Byrons was assigned to teach in the primary grades of the Penny Farms School for the next term.

On motion of Mr. Geiger Mrs. H.H. Katochen was assigned to teach in the Clay High School for the term of 1931-32 at a salary of one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) per month.

On motion of Mr. Geiger the printing contract with the Clay County Crescent was renewed for another year.

On motion of Mr. Geiger the following colored teachers were assigned to the colored schools of Clay County;

- Dunbar #1
 - R.C. Bannerman
 - Ruth Lawrence
 - Rosa Aarons
 - Emma Bailey
 - Carry Hartwell

- Orange Park
 - A.T. Pittman
- ✓ Barberline
 - E.W. Aarons

- Hibernia
 - M.T. Taylor

- ✓ Middleburg
 - Angeline Foster
- West To Col
 - James Foster

On motion of Mr. Smith approved bills were ordered paid so far as funds were available.

On motion of Mr. Smith the Board adjourned to meet again on the First Monday in September unless sooner convened by the Superintendent.

Approved and adopted September 7th, 1931.

Attest: Thos. J. Knight
Sec'y and Co. Supt.

E. A. Kennedy
E.A. Kennedy, Chairman

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Green Cove Springs, Florida
June 29, 1938

The Board of Public Instruction met in special session on above date with all members present. Purpose of meetings To transact certain W. P. A. business; to receive the budget prepared by the Superintendent and to transact all business needing attention.

Mr. Shampins and Mr. Cannon appeared before the Board and discussed materials for the W. P. A. Auditorium of Green Cove Springs school.

The Board confirmed the order given June 6th to purchase two all-steel bus bodies, and two steel sections for busses now in operation. The Board confirmed the purchase of the Charlie Saunders bus as discussed on June 6th.

The Board ordered the Superintendent to hold examination for all bus drivers and candidates for bus driving.

The Board instructed Mr. Shampins to have Mr. Kenney stake out the site for the school auditorium (Green Cove Springs).

Motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Cherry that the Board employ an attendance supervisor under the supervision of the County Superintendent. (Unanimously voted, "yes.")

Motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Wagner that Mrs. Clara Chesser be employed as office secretary for the fiscal year 1938-39, and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller as substitute. (Unanimously voted, "yes").

The Board received the budget prepared by the Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Cherry that W. H. Hatcher be paid \$20.00 to take the Four-H Club girls to Camp McQuarrie.

Motion by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Reid that the following colored teachers be assigned to the following schools:

- Theresa Redmond.....Brinson
- Alfreda Miller.....West Tocol
- James Foster.....Aberline
- Chequita Rosa Furgerson.....Russell
- Carolyn Bailey.....Hibernia
- Martha Small.....Penney Farms

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Motion by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Wagner that all approved bills be paid.

On motion of Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Wagner the Board adjourned to meet in regular session the first Monday in July.

A. E. Maxwell
Superintendent

L. N. Wagner
Chairman

Approved by Board
July 4 - 1938

Attested Correct:
A. E. Maxwell
Supt. & Secy. to Board

L. N. Wagner
Chairman

2.4

On The 26th of June 1877, the Superintendent of Schools, proceeded to make timely inspection of the county, to ascertain the localities in which schools should be established, or discontinued, the number of youth who would attend each school, and who are, or who should be appointed to act as trustees, &c. &c.

The following is his report

School No. 1		School No. 3	
Situating at Whitesville		at Tiney Grove	
Trustees - M. A. Knight and E. Blitch		Trustees - Aaron Geiger and E. W. Geiger	
Patrons	Pupils	Names of Patrons	numbers of Pupils
O. Budington	2	Aaron Geiger	7
E. Blitch	1	E. W. Geiger	6
Mrs. Whitmore	1	William Minton	4
H. D. Wall	3	Louis Wilson	5
M. A. Knight	4	Jesse Wilson	2
G. W. Hedder	2	L. D. Wall	4
Mr. McCormick	3	Mrs. Green	3
Henry Ayres	3	Mrs. Johnson	4
John Killberry	3	Ashley Wynn	3
M. A. Taratus	1	Nancy Thomas	1
A. J. Chalkeo	3		
Rebecca Hoas	2		
B. Arisbee	2		
Levi Whitmore	1		
B. M. Merae	2		
Antonia Galana	1		
Aaron Register	4		
George Long	1		
	<u>Total 39</u>		<u>Total 39</u>

School No. 5
Honey Hill
This is a "colored" school
situated between Middleburg
and Hulls Mill.
Trustee Joseph Robinson

The regular School House should be used, instead of the old Court House, as it is situated nearer the center of the community, is a good house and be-

Patrons	Scholars
Joseph Robinson	4
Isaac Hogans	4
	<u>Total 8</u>

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School No. 7

Situated at
Hibernia

on Flannings Island
Trustees - Mr. Bowman
and Henry Thompson

Names of Patrons	Number of Pupils
Henry Thompson	3
Jacob Bryant	2
Eliza Russ	2
Blackwell McCoy	1
Travis Frasier	1
Owen Frasier	3
L. Phillips	1
Catherine Farent	2
Mr. Bowman	2
James Lussey	1
Philip Grey	2
Total	20

This a "Colored School"
Have no School House;
but speaks of building
one soon.

School No. 12
North Prong Black Creek

This school will not
be continued; as
there are but six
scholars on that
side of the creek,
and they prefer
uniting with the
Whitesville School.

School No. 21

at
Laurel Grove

Trustees - E. D. Souther
and James Keen

Patrons	Pupils
James Keen	4
Mr. Burgers	2
James West	3
Loyed Hall	4
Total	13

School No. 16
Green's Creek

Trustees - None

Names of Patrons	Number of Pupils
Benj. Mevdy	6
Robert Batton	3
John Batton	3
Robert Hogarth	2
James Manning	1
Louis Myers	1
Mrs. Riggs	2
John Manning	5
Mr. Gillis	4
Total	27

James Buzby has 4 children
that ought to attend
this school; but says he
will not send them; as
he prefers having them
taught at home.

1879 School No. 4,

Magnolia

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Trustees

Names of Patrons

Lewis Horrester
Robert Harris
Andrew Wiles Jr
Names of Children

Gale Waters
" "
Peter Walker
" "
" "
Lucinda Williams
" "
" "
L. Mitchell
Andrew Wiles
Robert Harris
John Barkas
" "
" "
" "
S. Clark
" "
" "
Lewis Horrester
" "
" "
" "
" "
Peter Goss
" "
Hannah Williams
" "
" "
Joseph Jenkins
" "
" "
Pavel Jenkins

Lewis 1
Wilson 2
Abraham 3
Charlie 4
Peter 5
Julia 6
Solomon 7
Virginia 8
Franklin 9
Julia 10
Martin 11
Willie 12
John 13
William 14
Henry 15
Banna 16
Eva 17
Henry 18
Martha 19
Anna 20
David 21
Susan 22
Anna 23
Sarah Elizabeth 24
Sophie Valentine 25
Andrew 26
Margaret 27
Charles 28
Harriet 29
Josephine 30
Mary Jane 31
Josephine 32
James 33
Frank 34
Alice 35

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Sal
Boy
Girl
Tot

✓ 33

Peters Creek \$120
Trustees Dennis Martin
Moses Jones

✓ 34

Wall Kill 150 27
Trustees, Ralph Canova

✓ 35

Rivers Mill 180 18 15 33
Trustees J. P. Rivers
B. F. Huslock
J. A. Brown

✓ 36

McRae 150 22
Trustees L. Hall
W. R. Glisson

✓ 37

Sharon 180 36
Trustees J. M. Tolar
Arthur Barney
~~W. H. Betts~~
J. Poser

✓ 38

New Hope 120 ~~5~~ * = ~~5~~
Trustees Isaac Johnson W. F. Wilson
~~Wm. Sapp~~ Sam Bore
~~Do. Johnson~~ Charles Smith

✓ 39

Hickory Grove 180 19-12=31
Trustees W. H. Brooke
P. G. Skinner
Brace

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2.8
1890.

Robinson's School No. 30. (Closed)

				\$	¢
Sept	14	To Warrant to Teacher for Dec for 1st month Evelina Williams	1	515	2000
Dec	1	To warrant to teacher Evelina Williams for services as teacher for 2nd month	1	9	2000
Dec	1	To warrant to teacher Evelina Williams for services as teacher for 3rd month	1	10	2000
1891.	Jan	To warrant to E Williams for services as teacher for 4th month	13	144	2000
May	4	To warrant to Evelina Williams for services as teacher for 5th month	22	236	2000
Total amt paid to the above for Dec					\$1.00

1893 School No. 33 - Peter's Creek (Closed)

165

Moses Jones -

No. scholars, 11.

#2 McRae Col

W. W. Smith

SUPERVISOR

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NO. OF REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	ENROLLMENT			DAILY ATTENDANCE			ORPHANAGE			TIME		VISITORS		REMARKS
		No. of Males	No. of Females	Total	No. of Males	No. of Females	Average	No. Father	No. Mother	Without F. or M.	No. of D. during M.	No. of Days since 1.	No. of V. Supl.	Visitors	
1	Feb 4 th 1896	13	7	20	8	6	14				2.0	2.0	4		
2	March 19 th 1896	18	7	25	7	5	13				2.0	4.0			

D.	M.	YEAR	SCHOOL NO.	DR.	\$	Cts.	DATE OF WARRANT	SCHOOL NO.	CR.	No. OF WARRANT	\$	Cts.
1	7	1895	To Appropriation		125	00	March 4/96	5 Col Cr		2048	25	00
							April 6/96			2068	5	00
					125	00	Balance				100	00
1	7	1896										

School No. 7, situated at Knock Wood, Term Commencing July 1st, 189... **107**

Augustus Dixon TEACHER, SALARY PER MONTH, \$20.00
Oliver Phillips SUPERVISOR

#7 Col

NO. OF REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	ENROLLMENT			DAILY ATTENDANCE			ORPHANAGE			TIME		VISITORS		REMARKS
		No. of Males	No. of Females	Total	No. of Males	No. of Females	Average	No. Father	No. Mother	Without F. or M.	No. of D. during M.	No. of Days since 1.	No. of V. Supl.	Visitors	
1	May 8 th 1896	6	5	11	5	5	10				2.0	2.0			
2	June 5 th 1896	6	5	11	5	6	10				2.0	4.0			

D.	M.	YEAR	SCHOOL NO.	DR.	\$	Cts.	DATE OF WARRANT	SCHOOL NO.	CR.	No. OF WARRANT	\$	Cts.
1	7	1895	To Appropriation		100	00	June 1/96	7 Col Cr		2118	25	00
							July 6/96			2148	15	00
					100	00	By Balance				500	00
											100	00
1	7	1896	To Balance		50	00						

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A. P. Wilson Teacher's Salary per month \$20.00

J. Blackett Supervisor

1902

NO. OF REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	ENROLLMENT			DAILY ATTENDANCE			ORPHANAGE			TIME		VISITORS			REMARKS
		No. of Males	No. of Females	TOTAL	No. of Males	No. of Females	AVERAGE	No. Father	No. Mother	Widows F. & M.	No. days absent from	No. days late from	No. visits by supervisor	Other Visitors	Super- Intendence	
1	Sept. 26, 1902	12	10	22	11	10	21				20	20	2	6		
2	Oct. 24 "	12	10	22	10	8	18				20	40	1			
3	Nov. 21 "	12	10	22	5	5	16				20	60	1	1		
4	Dec. 19 "	12	10	22	8	6	14				20	80				

DATE	SCHOOL No.	DR.	Dolls.	Cts.	Date Warrant			SCHOOL No.	CR.	No. Warrant	Dolls.	Cts.
					Day	Mo.	Year					
	700				6	10	1902	A. P. Wilson		4581	20	00
	To Appropriation		500	00	3	11	"	"		4633	20	00
					1	12	"	"		4681	20	00
					20	"	"	"		4708	20	00

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FINANCIAL

School No. 5 at Bordenville Principal *Annie Willie*

DATE	Warrant No.	NAME	ARTICLE	LOT	New Building	Repairs of Building	Furniture and Apparatus
1910-11							
Nov 9 1847		<i>Annie W. Willie</i>	teacher				
Dec 5 1870		<i>Annie Willie</i>	"				
Jan 2 1924		<i>Annie Willie</i>	"				

RECORD

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Salary \$ 20.00 Opened Oct. 3/00 Closed Dec 27/00

Janitor	Fuel	Transportation of Pupils	Free Books	Kindergarten	Other Incidentals	Teachers Salary	Aggregate Salary of Teachers	Total Cost of School	Remarks
						2500			
						2500			
						2500			
							7500		
							2500		

1913-14

4 *col* *Tronville*

N2 2707	<i>Ruby J. Logan</i>	Teacher
D7 2447	<i>Ruby J. Logan</i>	"
F1 2802	<i>Ruby J. Logan</i>	"
Mch 2857	<i>Ruby J. Logan</i>	"

3000
3000
3000
2000

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For school	2026	Rivers Mill	2700
	27	Douling bridge	2250
	28	Pine Lake	2250
	29	Hibernia	2250
	30	West Yaco	2250
	31	Beldene	2700
	32	Yellow Water	2250
	33	Lake Anna	2250
	34	Pine Grove	2250
	35	Black Porcupine	2700
	36	Green Creek	2250
	37	Hidderon	2700
	38	Brownsville	2700
	39	Rose Hill	2250
	40	Hickmanford	1500
	41	Bush Pond	2250
	42	Buck branch	2250
	43	East Sharon	2700
	44	Three Mile branch	2700
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	1	Green Cow Springs (Cal)	1250
	2	Hibernia	2700
	3	Orange Park	2250
	4	Peters Creek	2250
	5	Aberline	2700
	6	Highland (Cal)	2700
	7	Melrose	2500
	8	Midway	2250



Total for Month

A Levy of 5 Mills on the taxable property of the County will be necessary to give this amount imperatively needed, and we hereby request you to Levy the same

By order of the County Board of Public Instruction
 W. Hancock

Chairman of the County Board
 Board of Public Instruction
 W. W. Head
 Secy of Pub. Instr.

The Board then went into executive session and appointed the grading committee for the year examination 1900

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FINANCIAL

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(col)

School No. 12

at

Leno

Principal

Mrs. C. A. Hartwell

Oct
S
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar

DATE	Warrant No.	NAME	ARTICLE	LOT	New Building	Repairs of Building	Apparatus	Furniture
Oct 17	3506	One brown	457					
"	"	"	45					
Nov 5	3506	C. A. Hartwell	Teaching					
Dec 9	3555	"	"					
"	22	3584	"					
Feb 4	3612	"	"					
Mar 4	3649	"	"					

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RECORD

Teacher		Salary \$		Opened	Closed					
Cent	Janitor	Fuel	Transportation of Pupils	Free Books	Kindergarten	Incidentals	Teachers Salary	Aggregate Salary of Teachers	Total Cost of School	Remarks
						45				
						30				
							25.00			
							25.00			
							25.00			
							45.00			
							25.00			
							81.25			

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1969/6

Construction Co., Inc Jacksonville, Florida	112,112.00	1,000.00
Construction Co Green Heights, Fla	109,974.00	900.00
Wolfe, Jr., Inc Jacksonville, Fla	112,515.00	875.00
Woodcock Co., Inc Jacksonville, Fla	110,989.00	821.00
Enterprises, Inc Jacksonville, Fla	115,903.00	770.00
Wm E. Cellar Co Jacksonville, Fla	99,919.00	850.00

On by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mrs. Knowles, that the Board award contract to William E. Cellar Company, as bidder in the amount of \$99,919.00.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Materials were received, duly inspected and tabulated as follows for 78 M.B. No. 35 Modular Aluminum windows, glazed, complete with clear glass and hardware; 39 No. 35 Vertical mulls for above; 14 No. 24 commodity aluminum windows glazed, complete with clear glass and hardware; and seven No. 24, vertical mulls for above; must be Ware weight 093, Miami Awning weight 093, or Crosby weight 080 to 090, FOB Green Cove Springs, Fla; all for Dunbar High School, Project No. 15-60.

Bidder	Amount
Knowles, Inc Jacksonville, Fla	3,735.74
Eichel Steel & Supply Jacksonville, Fla	3,450.09
Materials Distributors Jacksonville, Fla	4,407.20

Action by Mr. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Cherry, that the board purchase the above materials from Eichel Steel and Supply Company, low bidder in the amount of \$3450.09.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Action by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mrs. Knowles, that the teachers and bus drivers who are paid for loss of time by Workmen's Compensation and are also paid by the Clay County Board of Public Instruction for authorized sick leave, report to the Board the amount of money received from Workmen's Compensation for such loss of time. If the teacher or driver has no sick leave accumulated, such person shall not pay to the Board money received from Workmen's Compensation.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Action by Mr. Burkhalter, seconded by Mrs. Knowles, that the board appoint the following principals for the 1961-62 school term as nominated by the school trustees and recommended by the school superintendent in accordance with Florida School Laws, Sec. 230.31 (7e):

Principal	School
James A. Parker	Clay County High
Louise Batten	Charles E. Bennett Elementary
Thomas E. Smith	Green Cove Springs Elementary
W. D. Duck	Paul E Reinhold Jr High
Albert H. Rumph	Orange Park High School
John H Boulware	Orange Park Elementary
Joseph P Martin	Doctors Inlet
Clasper Smith	Middleburg
Elmo T. Riggs	Penney Farms**
Ray Roddy	Clay Hill
Garlin H. Brown	Dunbar High
Eugenia Argrett	R. C. Bennerman Elementary
Theresa M. Caldwell	T. C. Miller Elementary (Orange Park)
Alice H. Hunter	A. E. Hall Elementary (Middleburg)

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Action by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mrs. Knowles that the board place \$21,138.00 from the Capital Outlay and Debt Service Fund on Time Deposit with the Keystone State Bank for 90 days at 2% interest when funds are available.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Action by Mr. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Cherry, that the Board pay Mr. A. E. Cellar, architect, \$4,796.11 for services rendered in drawing plans and specifications for the new Orange Park Elementary School, Project No. 2-60.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

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1918

- # 36 Pine Grove Bertie G Crosby.
- " 37. 'Crompton Farm' Lillian Watkins

Colored Schools

- # 1. ✓ Green Cove Springs ^{From B. J. Hartwell} ^{Mrs. M. J. Lewis} ^{Rosa B. Carson.}
" 2. ✓ Hibernia J. L. Frasier
- " 3. ✓ Jubeline Eliza Burke
- " 4. ✓ Long Branch
- " 5. ✓ Waller Addie Matthews
- " 6. ✓ Middleburg. O. G. Hartwell
- " 7. ✓ Orange Park. Dora Parco
- " 8. ✓ West Loco

Board took recess till Tuesday July 2, 1918.

July 2, 1918

Board was duly called to order at 9³⁰ A.M.

By motion Saunders carried, the following resolution was offered and adopted.

Whereas the Bank of Green Cove Springs, Clay County Depository January 1917, erroneously gave a Bond under Chapter 6967 Laws of Fla. for the use of Board of Public Instruction of Clay County Fla. and whereas the said Bank of Green Cove Springs was not at that time nor have had been a Depository under said chapter 6967 Laws of Florida

Therefore Be it resolved by the Board of Public Instruction of Clay County Fla. that said Bond be and the same is hereby cancelled.

By motion Harris carried, Board proceeded to revise annual Budget and to make desirable changes in the assignment of teachers and regulate salaries.

By motion Saunders carried, Bills were ordered read and all approved Bill were paid.

as follows:

Warrant No.	two days	
A 1. J. B. Rivers	service to Board.	8.00
A 2. M. Saunders	two days service to Board	12.80
A 3. L. C. Harris	two days service to Board	14.80

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1947-57

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TABLE I
TRENDS IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP BY SCHOOLS
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL CENTER	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Latest Month	Analysis for 1955					
	-48	-49	-50	-51	-52	-53	-54	-55	-56	-57	Month	First Month	High Month	Last Month			
WHITE SCHOOLS																	
<u>Grades 1-6</u>	Not in operation								365	474	741	476	487	458			
Bennett	66	71	67	62	61	59	52	52	45	49	44	47	44				
Clay Hill	82	83	86	82	94	87	95	109	116	125	111	122	114				
Drs Inlet	472	529	548	595	638	688	847	580	464	282	452	474	472				
G.C.Spgs	54	57	52	65	69	85	102	117	121	128	125	130	116				
K. Hghts	82	100	117	137	149	158	163	186	190	168	198	198	184				
Middleburg	75	94	105	113	138	157	188	194	210	256	209	214	208				
O. Park	74	54	51	57	56	48	53	42	46	41	52	52	42				
P. Farms	905	988	1026	1111	1205	1282	1500	1645	1666	1790	1667	1724	1638				
Total																	
<u>Grades 7-9</u>	155	180	193	200	206	210	258	334	350	405	353	355	339				
Clay High	6	7	9	12	8	7	12	14	10	11	11	11	10				
Clay Hill	14	19	27	33	28	33	22	Consolidated									
Drs Inlet	7	12	20	23	15	15	20	29	28	29	27	32	27				
K.Hghts	38	37	37	38	31	35	41	50	55	65	59	59	52				
Middleburg	25	22	27	20	23	23	18	16	35	47	33	37	36				
O. Park	11	12	15	14	8	11	9	Consolidated									
P. Farms	256	289	328	340	316	334	380	443	478	557	483	494	464				
Total																	
<u>Grades 10-12</u>	125	120	141	153	168	206	216	225	237	250	240	242	220				
Clay High																	
NEGRO SCHOOLS																	
<u>Grades 1-6</u>	8 Consolidated								237	238	247	263	285	294	292	292	281
Brinson	166	158	186	220	237	238	247	263	285	294	292	292	281				
Dunbar	28	31	33	33	40	37	63	63	53	58	51	56	55				
Middleburg	30	27	29	30	30	30	32	38	47	55	46	47	46				
O. Park	32	30	Consolidated														
* P. Farms	Consolidated																
Swimming Pen	264	248	278	283	307	305	342	364	385	407	389	395	382				
Total																	
<u>Grades 7-9</u>	3	Consolidated			73	93	106	121	115	123	118	119	114				
Brinson	59	58	51	64	73	93	106	121	115	123	118	119	114				
Dunbar	4	4	7	1	Consolidated						1	1	0				
Middleburg	7	8	7	1	Consolidated						0	0	0				
O. Park	Consolidated																
Swimming Pen	73	70	65	66	73	93	106	121	115	123	119	120	114				
Total																	
<u>Grades 10-12</u>	16	15	20	35	36	35	35	46	54	68	55	57	53				
Dunbar	1286	1397	1495	1604	1689	1822	2096	2313	2381	2597	2390	2460	2322				
TOTAL WHITE	353	333	363	384	416	433	483	531	554	598	563	572	549				
TOTAL NEGRO	1639	1730	1858	1988	2105	2255	2579	2844	2935	3195	2953	3032	2871				
GRAND TOTAL																	

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HISTORY OF THE "LITTLE OLD SCHOOL" -BLACK HERITAGE EDUCATION CENTER

THE BLACK HERITAGE EDUCATION CENTER HAS ITS ROOTS
IN A ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE KNOWN AS THE "COLORED
SCHOOL AND HISTORIC SCHOOL HOUSE."

Originally, this historic school house was located on the corner of 4003 Everett Avenue and County Road 220. However, to save it from demolition, the school house was moved in 1995 to Hunter Douglas Park on Longmire Avenue. The Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department donated this historic school to Clay County to be used, not only by the Hill Top Community Development Inc. as a Historic School House Museum, but also to be used in honor and in memory of one its members, Melvin Presha, a notable business owner in the 1950s.

This historic school house was built in 1903 and was the first place in the town of Middleburg where African Americans could receive a formal education. Many residents of the Hill Top Community and the Foreman Circle area began their schooling in this building. During the days of segregation, this building carried grades one through nine and was the only school for blacks in Middleburg. As a result of this initial education, some of Middleburg's residents continued this important quest for knowledge and became college graduates, nurses, teachers, ministers, professors, and great community leaders.

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The Foreman School was built for black students. When the Foreman School was built, the Foreman family and others had to flee for their lives. The Foreman family lost half of his land from not paying taxes. The Foreman family and the school were the center of the community.

1940s - Foreman returned to Clay County and sold land to other blacks in the community. The community began to develop with new families - Burroughs, K. Jackson and the Longmires - moving onto the Hill Top.

COMMUNITY HISTORY

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF MIDDLEBURG BLACKS IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES.

Many years ago, black families came to Middleburg and settled in a small community called **Across the Creek** or **Howard's Quarters** located to the right of Highway 21. These families came from parts of Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina during the 1890s and early 1900s. They came on boats and ferries through Green Cove Camps and **Black Creek**. They lived in small houses owned by the owners of the turpentine business. The houses were wooden framed, unpainted structures with wooden windows. Alongside the houses, there were small gardens with greens, okra, peas, corn, beans, tomatoes, and potatoes. Families kept hogs, chickens, ducks and turkeys in their backyards.

While most men worked in the woods chipping turpentine boxes, some men and women scored pine trees in a V-shape and hung tray-type containers under the scores to catch the sap. Later, they collected the containers, emptied them into a large barrel, and placed them on a wagon pulled by mules. Although this was very hard work with little pay, it was the best work that they could find in this area at that time.

Black workers were often taken advantage of. Even after a full week of work, camp owners and commissary keepers withheld the workers' pay claiming it was owed to the store for food and other goods. Goods sold in the stores were very expensive. Owners could charge whatever they wanted because there was no competition.

Workers often labored from sun up to sun down. Nevertheless, many of the men refused to work on Sunday and spent the day in church with their families, even when it was demanded by their employers. The average income for men working turpentine was about 85 cents a day. Rent in the quarters ranged from \$2.50 to \$5.00 a month.

Primary occupations in the black communities of Clay County were timbering, dipping gum, farming, planting and picking cotton. Until the late 1940s, many families also worked at Camp Blanding.

Families began to buy land and to build houses on the **Hill Top**. They moved from the turpentine quarters to the Hill where several men in the community worked in the pulp wood business. In the 1950s, pulpwood trucks were used to haul logs to the mill. Workers took the trees cut from Clay County forests to Jacksonville. Some of the men in the community developed their own businesses and employed other members of their community. Some of these owners included Eddie Burroughs, Melvin Presha, and General Forman, sons of the original families of Hill Top. With an increase in income, some families were able to build homes and to become property owners.

The women worked in the homes of white families, cleaning, cooking, washing, ironing clothes, and taking care of children. Many women toiled in the fields, especially at their own homes. In the 1940s many of the citizens went to work at Camp Blanding as cooks and cleaners in the laundry room. A few of the men worked on the "hog farm" where they raised hogs for the Army.

In the 1890s black and white children attended school separately. Blacks went to school for four months of the year; whites went to school for seven months. By the mid 20th century, the school calendar was extended to nine months for all children. Then, black children from all nine grades attended the little one room house with only one teacher. Children from the Hill walked five miles a day round trip to school. The school never had indoor plumbing or electric heat, and in the winter, a wood burning stove provided heat. Children brought their own lunches from home. This school house is now the Black Heritage Education Center.



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manage the construction of schools. School board records, including minutes of meetings, document the period from 1877 to 1967, when public schools were de-segregated. During the 1890s, Clay County schools improved with quality control of educational content, more tax revenue for teacher salary and school construction and mandatory attendance.³

Clay County Schools were racially segregated until 1967. In 1896 Clay County supported nine African American schools. In 1910, a report to the state described traditional school construction in Clay County for all races. A resolution of the Clay County School Board in 1880 budgeted \$100 for a standard schoolhouse 20 x 30 feet with eight windows. Heart pine lumber had been the standard building material. The report stated that the quality of lumber resulted in buildings that seldom rotted or burned. By 1910 only qualified carpenters were allowed as contractors. All schools were furnished with single desks⁴ These standard specifications closely match the design of the Middleburg Colored School, constructed in 1908. p. 6

In 1918 there was a white senior high school at Green Cove Springs.

last two years, spent \$3,000.00 exclusive of donations, for new buildings. The new building at Orange Park cost \$2,100.00; is furnished with patent single desks, and all the available space in the completed rooms is covered with Hyploplate blackboards. The lower floor only is complete, but the building is planned along symmetrical and sanitary lines and is an addition to the town. The Orange Park Special Tax District paid and assumed one fourth of the cost of the building. The other new buildings are: Pine Grove, Oypar, Lake Geneva and Highland. The last two, as all recent purchases, are furnished with single desks. The purchase of heart lumber for school house building in Clay County is a thing of the past. (We buy as best we can, and pay at once. We are now building at Belmore, Montezuma and Russell. The Board of Public Instruction spent \$750.00 repairing such buildings as were worth repairing. A resolution of a School Board thirty years ago to pay \$100.00 for any school house 20x30 feet, with eight windows, was responsible for a lot of shucks that seldom rot and never burn. As population shifts, these blots on the landscape are supplanted by well-lighted sanitary buildings. None but carpenters are now allowed to contract new work. A new High School building in Green Cove Springs is now the long-felt want. X

SOURCE: BI-ENNIAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1910. WM. M. HOLLOWAY, SUPERINTENDENT, SPECIFICATIONS FOR CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS, 1908-1910 p. 5

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DATA CONCERNING PUPILS

NAME	UNABLE TO ATTEND	AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			TRANSPORTATION AT PUBLIC EXPENSE		NO. OF YEARS PREVIOUS TO THIS YEAR	
				YEAR	MONTH	DAY	BETTER	WASHER	IN THIS GRADE	IN ANY GRADE
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Barron, Paul James	1	7	M	1927	Nov	21	September			
Lehman, Frank	1	6	M	1925	Jan	5				
Merrill, Eddie Lee	2	7	M	1927	Apr	8				
Waters, Gordon Jr	2	7	M	1927	Nov	6				
Black, Carl	1	6	M	1928	April	7				
Peterson, Dottie Mae	1	5	F	1931	Feb	2				
Wing, Alice Mae	1	6	F	1931						
William, Iris Elyse	1	6	F	1931	Aug	31				
Macl, Harold	2	8	M	1935	Feb	19	September			
Reel, Hosa Jr	2	7	M	1932	May	10				
Preslie, Leroy	2	7	M	1937	June	16				
Preslie, Roosevelt	2	9	M	1934	Dec	29				
Lewis, C.J.	2	7	M	1937						
Broughton, Lillian	2	8	F	1936	Aug	1				
Barron, Marie	2	9	F	1928	Nov	8				
Preslie, Frank	3	9	M	1935	Sept	30				
Rechia, Earlie	4	12	M	1932	Sept	30				
Richardson, Henry	4	10	M	1933	Oct	25				
Weeks, J.	4	14	M	1929	Feb	13				
McWhite, Raymond	4	12	M	1932	Nov	3				
Barron, Proxiam	4	9	F	1934	Jan	18				
Kabert, Marnie Del	4	10	F	1934	July	9				
Preslie, Lillie Mae	4	11	F	1932	Jan	23				
Broughton, Rose Bell	5	10	F	1934	Sept	29				
Richardson, Rebecca	5	12	F	1931	Nov	5				
Preslie, Clarence	6	12	M	1930	Mar	1				
Broughton, Irene	6	14	F	1930	Sept	1				
Barron, Dixie Lee	6	12	F	1933	June	9				
Farnoi, General G.	9	16	M	1927	Feb	7				
Barron, Mary L.	9	14	F	1930	Jan	6				
Farnoi, Marie H.	9	13	F	1932	May	11				

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ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

PART I, BUDGET FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS

Section 7. Analysis of Capital Outlay Projects:
 Include and list according to kind of project below, all capital outlay to be financed from Support and Maintenance Funds.

List projects in the following order: (1) Unfinished Foundation projects from prior years, (2) new foundation projects, and (3) other new projects.

SCHOOL CENTERS	RACE	C. O. CLASS	KIND OF PROJECT	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	CLASS ROOMS		ESTIMATED COST THIS YEAR IN DOLLARS
					ELEM.	HIGH	
Foundation Prog. New Orange Park	W	C-2	1 Classroom	Conc.	1		9,000.00
			1 Cafeteria	"		1	7,000.00
			Equipment for Class room & Caf.				2,000.00
Clay Hill	W	C-3	Toilets				
			Well & Water Pump	Conc.	1		3,500.00 1,500.00
Mystone Heights	W	C-3	Alteration of Lights	Elec.			500.00
			Toilets	Conc.			1,000.00
Middleburg	H	C-3	Running Water				600.00
			Alteration of Lights	Elec.			300.00
Fisher (G.C. Spgs)	H	C-1	Shower & Dressing Room, Shop & Gen. Purpose Rm. for Lunch & Assembly		1	1	
			Equipment	Conc.	1		63,800.00 608.00 69,808.00
MADE FROM OTHER SOURCES:							
Green Cove Springs	W	C-1	Site				10,000.00
Green Cove Springs	W		6 Temporary Classrooms	Wood	6		7,000.00
Green Cove Springs	W		Lights & Material for Athletic Field				1,000.00
Middleburg	W		1 Classroom	Conc.	1		9,000.00
			1 Cafeteria	Conc.	1		6,000.00
			Equipment fo Cl. Rm. & Caf.				2,000.00
Equipment for New Buildings							5,792.00
Equipment for Old Buildings							5,000.00
Library Books							2,000.00
New Buses							10,000.00
							57,792.00
							<u>147,600.00</u>

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PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Clay County
May 1, 1957

Signed HARRIS C. LONG
County Superintendent

(1) Order of Priority	(2) Priority Rating	(3) School Center, of Description of Location	(4) Race W or N	(5) C.O. Class	(6) Grades	(7) Description of Project	(8) Estimated Cost
1	A	Orange Park Elementary	W	C-1	1-6	Purchase Site Drill Well	\$ 7,800.00 C.O. & D.S. Funds
2	A	Middleburg Elem. (Negro)	N	C-2	1-6	Purchase new site and drill well	\$ 1,300.00 C.O. & D. S. Funds
3	A	Orange Park Elementary	W	C-1	1-6	6 add. classrooms toilets, lunchroom & central heat	\$ 85,000.00 From Federal Funds
4	A	Orange Park Elem. (negro)	N	C-2	1-6	3 classrooms, toilets office, storage, central heat	\$ 30,000.00 From Federal Funds
5	A	Middleburg Elem. (negro)	N	C-2	1-6	3 classrooms, toilets office, storage, central heat	\$ 30,000.00 From Federal Funds
6	A	Dunbar Green Cove Springs	N	C-1	1-6	Expand newer site to ten acres	\$ 10,000.00
7	A	Dunbar	N	C-1	1-6	9 add. classrooms offices, toilets central heat	\$100,000.00
8	A	Clay County High School Green Cove Springs	W	C-1	7-12	3 add. classrooms toilets	\$ 40,000.00
9	A	New Jr.-Sr. High School "B" Orange Park	W	C-1	7-12	Purchase Site	\$ 20,000.00
10	A	New Elem. School "A" Green Cove Springs	W	C-1	1-6	Purchase Site	\$ 20,000.00
11	A	New Jr.-Sr. High School "B" Orange Park	W	C-1	7-12	10 classrooms, 2 sci. labs, home making suite, Ind. Arts shop, Arts & Crafts room, Comm. room, choral room, Administrative suite, toilets & storage.	\$499,000.00
12	A	New Elem. School "A" Green Cove Springs	W	C-1	1-6	13 classrooms, cafetorium, library administrative suite, toilets & storage	\$275,000.00
13	B	Clay County High School Green Cove Springs	W	C-1	7-12	Homemaking suite, Vocal music room, arts & crafts room, audio-visual room.	\$ 60,000.00
14	C	Dunbar Green Cove Springs	N	C-1	7-12	Enlarge Adm. Suite classrooms, improve lighting, etc.	\$ 9,000.00
15	E	Dunbar Green Cove Springs	N	C-1	7-12	Band room, choral room & Gym	\$184,000.00
16	E	Clay County High School	W	C-1	7-12	Auditorium	\$106,000.00
17	E	New Jr.-Sr High School "B" Orange Park	W	C-1	7-12	Gymnasium	\$100,000.00

*new
add*

Voting Aye: Knowles, Burkhalter, Wilkinson
Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Burkhalter, that the Board pay \$7,600.00, draw deed, and furnish stamps for the following described property to be used as expanded site for the Orange Park White School:

A parcel of land situated in Lot 11, Block 7, Section 1, Town of Orange Park, County of Clay, State of Florida and being more particularly described as follows:
Begin at the southwest corner of said Lot 11 and run easterly along the north line of Stiles Avenue 289.42 ft., thence turn at right angles and run northerly 370 ft. to the north line of said Lot 11; thence westerly along the north line of said lot and parrallel to said Stiles Avenue 167.29 ft. to Plainfield Avenue, thence southwesterly 389.63 ft. along the easterly boundary of Plainfield Avenue to the point of beginning.

Voting Aye: Knowles, Burkhalter, Wilkinson.
Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Mr. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the Board pay into the Registry of Court \$12,124.00 for

REGULAR MEETING
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
February 12, 1962

The Clay County Board of Public Instruction met in regular session on the above date in the Board Meeting Room with the following members present, to-wit: C. M. Burkhalter, Sr., Dist No. 1; W. E. Cherry, Dist No. 2; A. E. Anthony, Dist No. 3; Jack Wilkinson, Dist No. 4; and Mrs. Louise Knowles, Dist No. 5.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Wilkinson, and the minutes of the last regular meeting held January 8th, 1962, were read.

Motion by Mr. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Cherry, that the minutes be adopted as read.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Chairman Wilkinson recognized Mr. Arthur Hatcher of the Middleburg Civic Association who presented the board with a letter requesting the board to deed the property of the old Middleburg Negro School, which is now under lease to the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, to the Middleburg Civic Association, the parent organization of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Floyd Gmann, President of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, stated that the Fire Department would like to make improvements on the property and construct an additional building for housing the fire equipment, but that he did not feel that the Civic Association or the Fire Department could go ahead with the project without title to the property.

Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Anthony both expressed their views to the effect that since this was the only fire department in that end of the county, and that in helping the organization to improve and expand, the board would stand to reap some benefits by having better fire protection for the schools in that area.

Motion by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Anthony, that the board deed to the Middleburg Civic Association the following described property:

Lots number one and two (1 & 2) Block G, in Houghton's division of the Town of Middleburg, being a part of (Lot number one (1) in Section Fourteen (14), Township five (5), South Range Twenty-Four (24) East, U.S. Surveys) The aforesaid lots one and two are bounded as follows on the north by lot three (3) one hundred and ten feet (110). On the West by lots six and seven (6 & 7) one hundred and seventy-five feet (175), on the South by High Street, one hundred and ten feet (110) and on the East by Everet Street, one hundred and Seventy-five feet (175). For the colored school.
As recorded at page 307 of Record Book 84, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

with the provision that the legality of the matter is cleared with the State Department of Education and that the deed contain a reverter clause wherein the property will revert to the Clay County Board of Public Instruction should the Middleburg Civic Association become inoperative and cease to exist as an organization.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Motion by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mrs. Knowles, that all bills be approved and ordered paid.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Superintendent Long pointed out that the county had received an approved project under NDEA Title III for the purchase of Science, Math, and Foreign Language equipment, that the county would be reimbursed by the State Department of Education for 50% of the amount spent and he recommended that the board adopt a budget in Resolution No. 5 to appropriate money for this purpose as well as an increase in the budgeted funds for teaching supplies and other equipment which is needed.

Motion by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Burkhalter, that the board adopt budget Resolution No. 5, for the year 1961-62 as follows:

		<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	
		1,733,241.00	0.00	1,733,241.00	
Acct No.	Item	Present Budget	Increase Requested	Decrease Requested	Revised Budget
2250	Teaching Supplies	10,000.00	1,000.00		11,000.00
2840	Original or Added Equip.	35,000.00	11,000.00		46,000.00
3240	Reserve for Conting.	47,064.00		12,000.00	35,064.00
		1,733,241.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,733,241.00

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Motion by Mr. Anthony, seconded by Mrs. Knowles, that the board receive the internal accounts audit reports for Dunbar High, Penney Farms Elementary, Green Cove Springs Elementary, Paul E. Reinhold Jr., High and Clay County High Schools, and Orange Park Elementary.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Anthony, requested information as to whether or not the Board of Public Instruction could be held responsible for any debts that a principal might incur in the name of the school. The responsibility of the Board of Public Instruction as set forth in Section 187, State Board Regulations, was read but did not clarify the point in question.

Motion by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Anthony, that the question be referred to the State Department of Education for an opinion on the matter.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

THE MISSION OF HILL TOP HERITAGE INC

As a small African American Community in Middleburg, Florida, we are a pioneering spirit, trying to achieve independence through education, economic and social development. This community hopes to provide a brighter future in establishing strong survival skills.

Through education and socioeconomic development, we provide year-round enrichment programs which focus on the whole person, the whole family, and the whole community at all stages of life.

In the near future, the Hilltop Heritage Development Inc. hopes to provide additional activities as part of its growth and development within the Middleburg area. Some of these activities will include After School Boys and Girls Club of Middleburg, Community Prevention Program, Heritage Foundation Academy, Work Source of Middleburg, Athletic Program, Literacy Foundation and Character Education Program, Vocational Training, and Adult Education Programs.

GOALS OF THE EDUCATIONAL CENTER

- Infant Daycare Spring 2011
- Establishing an academic environment emphasizing career & vocational training
- Before and After School Care
- After School Tutoring
- Pioneers Day
- Martin Luther King Luncheon
- Summer Camp
- Heritage Festival
- Concerts on the Hill
- Back to School Jam



*Black Heritage Education Center
1995 Hill Top Residents*

CARING AND SHARING ALL YEAR!

Hill Top Heritage Development Inc. engages in projects that restore hope, promote education, and foster self-reliance, self-respect and self-love while rebuilding and further developing the community.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section F **Page 15** **Florida's Historic Black Public Schools**

Association: Association is the direct link between an important historic event or person and a historic property. While many historic events associated with the development of a school may have occurred at a local residence, a school board building, or even a state government office building, the most tangible manifestations of these activities may be other properties, such as schools themselves. However, because many African American schools were converted for other uses during the Era of Integration and since that time, a continuing educational use is not necessary for a historic black school to be eligible under this cover.

Black public schools previously inventoried in the FMSF or listed in the NRHP

Alachua County
Institute of Black Culture

Broward County
Old Dillard School (NRHP, 1991)

Clay County
Black School House
Orange Park Negro Elementary/Teresa Miller School (NRHP, 1998)

Duval County
Old East Jacksonville School No. 3
Edwin M. Stanton School (NRHP, 1983)

Flagler County
Old Flagler County School

Hillsborough County
Citrus Park Colored School
Glover School (NRHP 2001)

Jackson County
Union Grove School House

Lee County
Paul Dunbar High School (NRHP, 1992))
Williams Academy

Leon County
E. B. Hall Jones School

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HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE Version 5.0 3/19

Site#8 CL00100
Field Date 2-13-2024
Form Date 4-10-2024
Recorder # _____

Shaded Fields represent the minimum acceptable level of documentation.
Consult the *Guide to Historical Structure Forms* for detailed instructions.

Site Name(s) (address if none) MIDDLEBURG COLORED SCHOOL : AKABLACKSCHOOL Multiple Listing (DHR only) _____
Survey Project Name MIDDLEBURG COLORED SCHOOL HISTORIC STRUCTURE REP Survey # (DHR only) _____
National Register Category (please check one) building structure district site object
Ownership: private-profit private-nonprofit private-individual private-nonspecific city county state federal Native American foreign unknown

LOCATION & MAPPING

Street Number 4393 Direction Street Name Longmire Street Type Road Suffix Direction _____
Address: _____
Cross Streets (nearest / between) _____
USGS 7.5 Map Name MIDDLEBURG USGS Date 1978 Plat or Other Map Property Appraiser map
City / Town (within 3 miles) Middleburg In City Limits? yes no unknown County Clay
Township 5S Range 24E Section 22 1/4 section: NW SW SE NE Irregular-name: PT N1/2 OF NW1/4
Tax Parcel # 22-05-24-006521-000-00 Landgrant N/A
Subdivision Name N/A Block 0 Lot 16
UTM Coordinates: Zone 16 17 Easting [] [] [] [] [] [] Northing [] [] [] [] [] []
Other Coordinates: X: _____ Y: _____ Coordinate System & Datum _____
Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) HUNTER-DOUGLAS PARK

HISTORY

Construction Year: 1908 approximately year listed or earlier year listed or later
Original Use Educational-related From (year): 1908 To (year): 1995
Current Use Museum/Gallery/Planetarium From (year): 1995 To (year): 2024
Other Use _____ From (year): _____ To (year): _____
Moves: yes no unknown Date: 1-1-1995 Original address 4003 Everett Avenue, Middleburg
Alterations: yes no unknown Date: 1-1-1950 Nature cement shingle siding; new roof 2017
Additions: yes no unknown Date: 1-1-1950 Nature rear addition
Architect (last name first): None Builder (last name first): Unknown
Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.)
Original owner was Clay County School Board; present owner is Clay County.

Is the Resource Affected by a Local Preservation Ordinance? yes no unknown Describe City of Stuart Pres. Ord.

DESCRIPTION

Style Frame Vernacular Exterior Plan Rectangular Number of Stories 1
Exterior Fabric(s) 1. Drop siding 2. _____ 3. _____
Roof Type(s) 1. Gable 2. Shed 3. _____
Roof Material(s) 1. Sheet metal:3V crimp 2. _____ 3. _____
Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.) 1. _____ 2. _____

Windows (types, materials, etc.)
DHS, wood, 4/4 (original); single hung aluminum (non-historic replacement)

Distinguishing Architectural Features (exterior or interior ornaments)
Grouped (5) windows typical of historic school design; one-room school plan

Ancillary Features / Outbuildings (record outbuildings, major landscape features; use continuation sheet if needed.)
N/A

DHR USE ONLY		OFFICIAL EVALUATION		DHR USE ONLY	
NR List Date	SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info	Date		Date	Init. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Objection	KEEPER - Determined eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Date		Date	
	NR Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (see <i>National Register Bulletin 15</i> , p. 2)				



Agenda Item
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Clay County Administration Building
Thursday, March 6 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation Board

DATE: 2/27/2025

FROM: Beth Carson, Director of
Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Mr. Steven Griffith submitted an application for the Historic Preservation Board's consideration for a marker to commemorate the Pleasant Point Cemetery.

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date	File Name
▢ Marker_Application	Backup Material	2/28/2025	Pleasant_Point_Cemetery_App.ADA.pdf
▢ Master_Site_File_PP_Cemetery	Backup Material	2/28/2025	CL01598.ADA.pdf



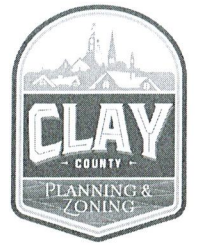
Department of Economic and Development Services

Planning & Zoning Division

P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Phone: (904) 284-6300

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Date Rec: 2/6/2025	Received By:
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Historic Marker Application

Applicant's Name: Steven Griffith			
Applicant's Address: 479 Zeri Dr.			
City: Green Cove Springs	State: FL	Zip Code: 32043	
Phone:	Email:		

Marker Location Information

Parcel Identification Number Including Section, Township and Range:			
Address: Pleasant Point Dr 1 209 - County Rd 209			
City: Green Cove Springs	State: FL	Zip Code: 32043	
Parcel Owner if other than Applicant: UNOWNED			

Required Attachments

Map showing proposed Marker location Supporting Historical Information

Brief Statement of the Purpose for the Proposed Historical Marker

To recognize and help protect a historically significant Cemetery.

Applicant's / Owner's Signature	Steven L Griffith
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**Taken from BHM Display 2025*

Pleasant Point Cemetery:

A Historic Black Cemetery

Established in the 1880's, Pleasant Point Cemetery sits near Point Pleasant Road in an area of Green Cove Springs historically known as Magnolia. Magnolia was a strong-hold of northern abolitionists since the 1850's. During the Civil War, Union troops occupied Magnolia. After the war, the Magnolia Hotel temporarily housed the Freedman's Bureau and orphanage. There was a large population of African Americans living in the area, the most well-known being the Forrester Family.

Originally, Magnolia and its surrounds was part of British Governor Patrick Tonyn's thousand-acre indigo plantation. Later, it was a Spanish land grant given to Thomas Travers. Travers called it San Tomaso.

Buried in the cemetery are the Forrester Family members along with the great grandparents of the entertainer Patti LaBelle, Pizel Robinson, and Mary Ambrose Robinson. Others buried there were important members of the community such as the Jenkins, Suber, and Lewis families.

In the 1950's members of the LDS Church enumerated the cemetery and neighboring Magnolia Springs Cemetery. Unfortunately, they mixed up who was buried in each cemetery. It's taken genealogists more than a few attempts to untangle it. Black cemeteries, especially in the south, are quickly vanishing due to neglect, development of the land on which they are located, and the simple ravages of time. They are endangered.

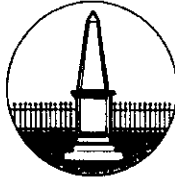
With that in mind, several community members - including members of the Clay County Historical Society - are undertaking a major clean up and preservation effort of the Pleasant Point Cemetery as it is a snapshot in time of Green Coves Spring. Most of the named persons in the cemetery are related to each other by blood or marriage, reflecting the small closeknit community the city used to be.

Location of Pleasant Point



Map data ©2025 200 ft

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HISTORICAL CEMETERY FORM

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Version 4.0 1/07

Site # CI01598
Field Date 02/09/2017
Form Date 08/28/2017
Recorder # _____

Consult the *Guide to Historical Cemetery Form* for detailed instructions.

Cemetery Name Pleasant Point/ Mt Pleasant Cemetery Multiple Listing (DHR only) _____
Project Name _____ Survey # (DHR only) _____
Ownership: private-profit private-nonprofit private-individual private-nonspecific city county state federal Native American foreign unknown

LOCATION & MAPPING

USGS 7.5 Map Name GREEN COVE SPRINGS USGS Date _____ Plat or Other Map _____
City/Town (within 3 miles) _____ In City Limits? yes no unknown County _____
Township 5S Range 26E Section 39 1/4 section NW SW SE NE Irregular Sect. Name _____
Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ 1/4 section NW SW SE NE
Landgrant _____ Tax Parcel # _____
UTM Coordinates: Zone 16 17 Easting Northing
Other Coordinates: X: _____ Y: _____ Coordinate System & Datum _____
Address / Vicinity / Route to _____

Public Tract Containing Cemetery (e.g. park name) _____

HISTORY

Year Cemetery Established 1880 approximately year listed or earlier year listed or later
Ownership History (especially original owners) _____

Year Burials Ceased, if applicable _____ Reason(s) Burials Ceased _____

Range of Death Dates: Earliest Year 1880s Most Recent Year 1940

Acreage Expansions/Dates _____

List People Important in Local, State, or National History Buried in Cemetery George Forester

Describe Previous Repair, Cleaning or Restoration Efforts _____

DESCRIPTION

Type (check all that apply) community company town epidemic family fraternal order
 memorial park military(not national) municipal national potter's field
 prison religious Rural Movement other(describe): _____
Ethnic Group(s) Interred (check all that apply) White non-Hispanic Hispanic Asian Caribbean African American
 American Indian-tribe: _____ other(describe): _____

Current Status: still used for burials no longer used for burials, but maintained abandoned

Condition: well maintained some areas maintained poorly maintained not maintained, but easily identifiable
 not maintained, hard to identify not identifiable but known to exist (explain): _____

Total # of Graves: 6 Does Total # Include Unmarked Graves?: yes no

Describe Evidence of Unmarked Graves (include count) _____

Total Cemetery Size (give length by width or area, specify ft, m, ac, ha, etc.) _____

Describe Cemetery Boundary (e.g. "cast iron fence", stone or brick wall, hedge, etc.) wire fence

Historical Vegetation (trees, shrubs, flowers) _____

Public Access: unlimited restricted: how? private property

Threats (check all that apply) abandonment agriculture mining/timbering public development private development
 desecration/vandalism other (explain): _____

Associated Historical Properties/Archaeological Remains (non-cemetery) _____

Check if *Historical Structure Form* completed

Check if *Archaeological Site Form* completed

DHR USE ONLY		OFFICIAL EVALUATION		DHR USE ONLY	
NR List Date _____	SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info	Date _____	Init. _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Objection	KEEPER - Determined eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Date _____			
	NR Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (see <i>National Register Bulletin 15</i> , p. 2)				

GRAVE MARKER DESCRIPTIONS

Grave Groupings (check all that apply) family fraternal order military religious ethnic heritage other (describe): _____

Groupings Indicated By (check all that apply) curbing fence hedge wall other (describe): _____

Describe Orientation of Graves (East/West, North/South, etc.) _____

Describe/List Methods of Marking Graves Used (i.e., headstones, mounds, depressions, objects or plants, etc.) _____

Marker Materials (check all that apply) marble concrete/cement fieldstone granite wrought iron
cast iron white bronze/zinc sandstone slate wood
other (describe): _____

Describe Grave Articles Found in Cemetery _____

Describe Marker Damage and Conditions (i.e., sunken, tilted, chipped, weathered but standing, broken in fragments, vandalized, etc.) mostly intact

Characterize Condition of Inscriptions (legible, illegible, none, etc.) legible

Distinctive Grave Markers, Monuments, and/or Architectural Features US Navy marker from Civil War, hand-made cement markers

Signatures of Stone Carvers (specify name, town if available) _____

RESEARCH METHODS (check all that apply)

FMSF record search (sites/surveys) library research building permits Sanborn maps
FL State Archives/photo collection city directory occupant/owner interview plat maps
property appraiser / tax records newspaper files neighbor interview Public Lands Survey (DEP)
cultural resource survey historic photos interior inspection HABS/HAER record search
other methods (describe) geneological research

Bibliographic References (if unpublished give FMSF manuscript # or location where document available) _____

OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing individually? yes no insufficient information

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing as part of a district? yes no insufficient information

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether significant or not) _____

Areas of Historical Significance (see *National Register Bulletin 15*, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", etc.)

- 1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
- 2. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____

DOCUMENTATION

Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents

- 1) Document type _____ Maintaining organization _____
Document description _____ File or accession #'s _____
- 2) Document type _____ Maintaining organization _____
Document description _____ File or accession #'s _____

INFORMANT & RECORDER INFORMATION

Local Informant (name and contact information) Vishi Garig, Clay County Archives

Recorder Information: Name Emily Jane Murray Affiliation Florida Public Archaeology Network

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Required Attachments

① PHOTOCOPY OF USGS 7.5' MAP WITH BOUNDARIES MARKED IN RED

② PHOTOS, ARCHIVAL B&W PRINTS OR DIGITAL IMAGE FILES

Helpful photos may include the main gate or entrance, representative general views, unusual monuments or markers, and damage or neglect. If submitting an image file, it must be included on disk or CD AND in hard copy format (plain paper is acceptable). Digital image must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.

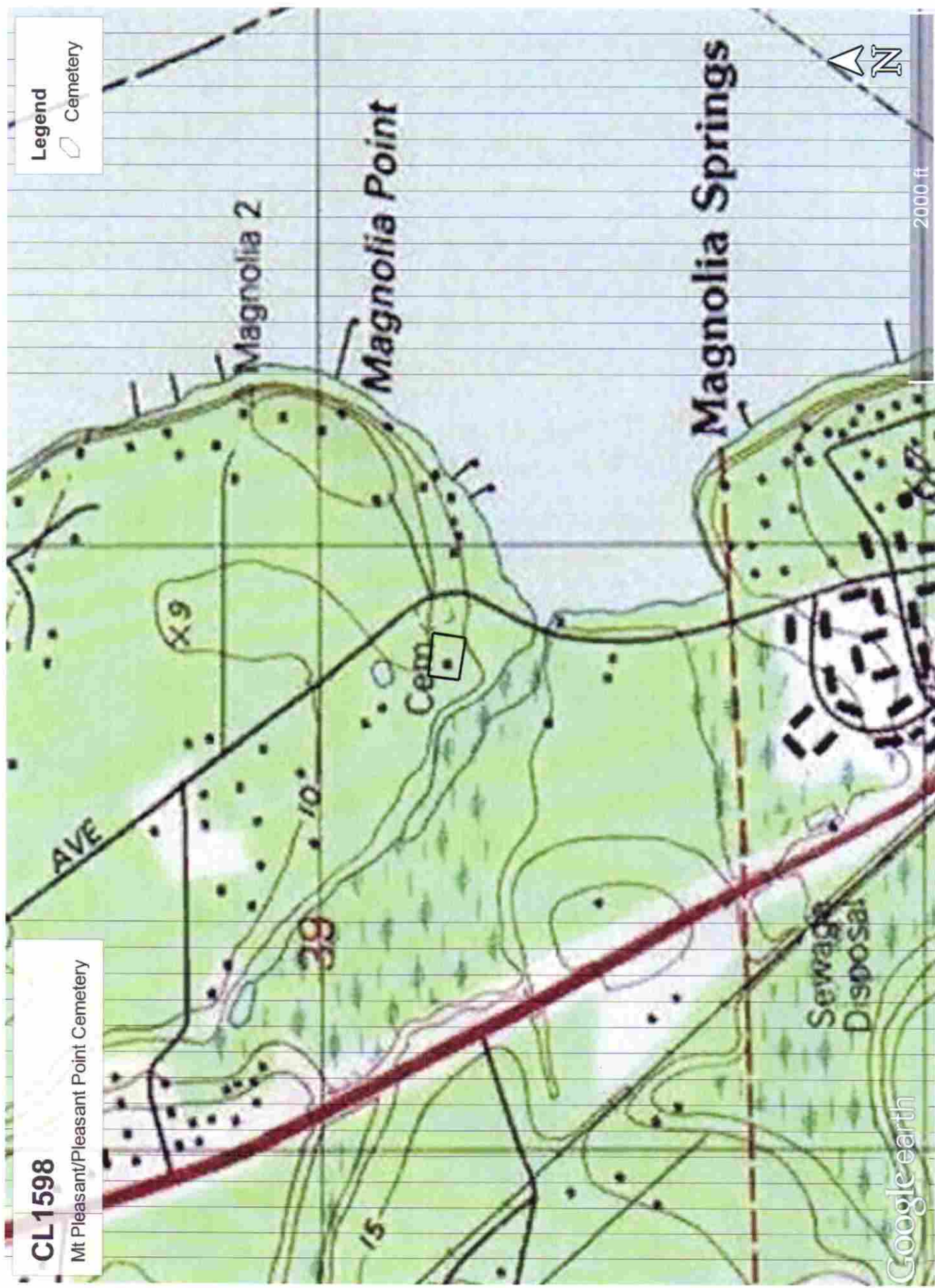
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Mt Pleasant/Pleasant Point Cemetery

Legend



Cemetery



2000 ft

Google earth













