



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

September 4, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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### Call to Order

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 7, 2025 Historic Preservation Board Meeting

### Public Comment

### Old Business

1. Cemetery Work Update

This item will be an update on cemetery preservation and restoration progress - Kathy Kass

2. Update on Historic Marker Progress

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

A. Fort 11 - Gerard Casale

B. Branan Field OLF - Beth Carson

C. Middleburg Museum/Civic Center - Gerard Casale

3. County Historic Signage Discussion

Continued discussion of draft county signage and application process for historic sites.

### New Business

### 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, September 4 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation  
Board

DATE: 8/27/2025

FROM: Beth Carson,  
Director, Planning and  
Zoning

SUBJECT:

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2025

5:30 PM

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477 Houston Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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### **Call to Order**

**Present:** Billy Gould, Chairman  
Shawn Atwell  
Steven Griffith  
Kathy Kass  
Terry Knight @ 5:36 pm  
Gerard Casale @ 5:35 pm

**Absent:** Melissa Clearman  
Randy Harris

**Staff Present:** Courtney Grimm, County Attorney  
Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning

Chairman Billy Gould noted that as of 5:30, there was no quorum; however, other members were expected to attend within the next 15 minutes.

Chairman Billy Gould called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 1, 2025 Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes from the June 5, 2025 Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Kathy Kass made a motion for approval of the May 1, 2025, and June 5, 2025, Historic Preservation Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Shawn Atwell, which carried 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for public comment at 5:36 pm.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Billy Gould closed public comment at 5:36 pm.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Selection of Officers for the 2025/2026 Historic Preservation Board

The Board will select the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2025/2026 Historic Preservation Board. The selected officers will begin serving in August.

*Item One (1) can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 2:06 and ending at 3:31. Below is a summary of the discussion and the vote for this agenda item.*

Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board to provide details and information regarding the process for selecting officers for the 2025/2026 HPB as indicated above.

Following all discussions, Gerald Casale made a motion for approval of the nominated officers as discussed, seconded by Kathy Kass, which carried 6-0.

## 2. Sunshine Law Discussion

### Sunshine Law Presentation and Discussion with County Attorney.

*Item Two (2) can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 3:32 and ending at 10:39. Below is a summary of the discussion.*

Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board to provide the information and details regarding the Sunshine Law. The PowerPoint is attached to the agenda for review.

There were questions and discussions regarding Board Members working together on the same project, forming a sub-committee, oversight of the HPB of cemeteries, and speaking to the members and public about agenda items and non-agenda items.

## 3. Update on Historic Marker Progress

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

- A. Fort 11 - Gerard Casale
- B. Branan Field OLF - Beth Carson
- C. Middleburg Museum/Civic Center - Gerard Casale

*Item Three (3) can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 10:40 and ending at 39:11. Below is a summary of the discussion.*

### **Branan Field OLF:**

Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board to provide an update on the Branan Field OLF. The Council is back to reviewing markers. The OLF marker was set for discussion, and the meeting was rescheduled, but the marker is moving forward.

There were questions and clarifications to explain what the OLF Marker represents, its location, and the status of the Middleburg Colored School Marker and the St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Ms. Carson mentioned the members who are donating to the Middleburg Colored School Marker. More discussions were had regarding a State vs. County marker and providing a date for the meeting mentioned above.

### **Middleburg Museum/Civic Center:**

Gerard Casale, Ruth Paine, President of the Middleburg Museum, and Debbie Chastain Owens, Middleburg Museum, addressed the Board to provide details and information regarding the Middleburg Museum and Civic Center. See Attachment A.

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding the application process, consolidating



information, the donation of the land, how the CCPAO identifies the parcels, and the construction timeline of the museum/civic, language/text for the marker, visiting the archives department, location for the marker, and how to move forward.

#### **Fort 11:**

Gerard Casale addressed the Board to provide details and information on the update for Fort 11. Mr. Casale spoke about visiting DC and the documents found.

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding the exact location of the Fort, the placement of a marker, a brief overview of the project, and documents/maps found in regard to the Fort.

#### **4. Cemetery Work Update**

This item will be an update on cemetery preservation and restoration progress - Kathy Kass

*Item Four (4) can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 39:12 and ending at 48:12. Below is a summary of the discussion.*

Kathy Kass addressed the Board to provide details and information regarding the Cemetery update and the work that has taken place. Sixteen historical cemeteries have been added to the state master file. See Attachment B. Ms. Kass spoke about visiting various cemeteries.

There were questions and discussions regarding the church visited, the address provided for the High Ridge Cemetery, and the importance of preserving the cemeteries and the history.

#### **5. County Historic Signage Discussion**

Discussion of draft county signage and application process for historic sites. Preferred signage will still require Communications and County Manager review and approval.

*Item Five (5) can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 48:18 and ending at 1:11:44. Below is a summary of the discussion.*

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for the discussion regarding county signage/application process and procedure. The information discussed is attached to the agenda.

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding the design for the signs, character count, font size on the signage, and the size of the signs, combining designs A and D, placement of the signs, and the process/procedure for requesting a county sign, submitting an application, state vs. county marker, clarification for the responsible party for payment/funding of the marker and the status for Pleasant Point Cemetery application, gathering accurate data for the marker, forming subcommittees, and approval of the process.

Following all the discussion, there was a consensus to move forward with a county sign design and bring it back before the Board for review/approval.

### **Public Comment**

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for public comment at 6:46 pm.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Billy Gould closed public comment at 6:46 pm.

### **Staff Comments**

*Staff Comments can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 1:11:56 and ending at 1:12:45. Below is a summary of the discussion.*

Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board to provide a date for the meeting where the OLF marker would be considered - Monday, August 18, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and noted that the name of the organization that is donating to the Middleburg Colored School Marker is Queen Natural Senior Inc.

### **Board Member's Comments**

*Board Comments can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic Preservation Board/August 7, 2025](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/Historic%20Preservation%20Board/August%207,%202025), beginning at 1:12:46 and ending at 1:14:22. Below is a summary of the discussion.*

Gerard Casale mentioned his effort in supporting a Museum of Local Southern History in Jacksonville and the replacement museum that would be built in Clay County.

### **Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Billy Gould adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Attest:

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Committee Chairman

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Recording Deputy Clerk

**Attachment**  
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**Middleburg Museum**  
**Civic Center**  
**Information**



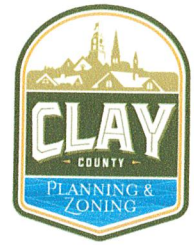
# Department of Economic and Development Services

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### Historic Marker Application

Applicant's Name: Ruth Paine		
Applicant's Address: 4030 Lazy Acres Road		
City: Middleburg	State: FL	Zip Code: 32068
Phone: 904-422-7757	Email: ruth.paine5758@gmail.com	

### Marker Location Information

Parcel Identification Number Including Section, Township and Range:		
Address: 3912 Section Street		
City: Middleburg	State: FL	Zip Code: 32068
Parcel Owner if other than Applicant: Clay County Board of County Commissioners		

### Required Attachments

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map showing proposed Marker location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting Historical Information
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### Brief Statement of the Purpose for the Proposed Historical Marker

The unique building that houses The Middleburg Museum, Inc. is a structure that was built in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during The Great Depression. The intent was to use the building as a Canning Center where local Middleburg farmers could take their vegetables to be canned and prepped to sell. World War II was looming at this time as well and the focus shifted 11 miles southwest of Middleburg to Camp Blanding and the preparations to make it a major training facility for troops going to war. As a result, the Canning Center was not used to can vegetables and it sat empty for several years.

In April 1954, the building became the District Health Center. Later, in 1963, it was leased to the Public Health Nursing Advisory Council, Inc. of Clay County. The Clay County Board of Commissioners, owners of the building, added a room to it in the late 1960s or early 1970s to house Health Center equipment. Soon thereafter, the Health Center relocated to Green Cove Springs and the main room became a clothes closet first, and then a food pantry. The small room addition became vacant.

Years later, permission was granted from the Board of Commissioners to the Middleburg Civic Association to use the building's vacant room for a museum. Volunteers worked together to furnish the museum and plant a flower garden outside the building. At the 1989 Annual Middleburg Historic Festival, the Museum officially opened as the Historical Middleburg Museum.

In 1992 the Food Pantry moved to the Weigel Center and the Museum expanded to use the entire building. The Board of County Commissioners added another small room to the building in 1997. That same year, the Museum received a charter on April 15 and it became known as The Historical Middleburg Museum, Inc.

In 2020, the Museum became a Nonprofit 501(c)(3) and its name was officially changed to The Middleburg Museum, Inc. Today, the Museum houses a collection of various pictures, letters, and maps. Three rooms depict an authentic 1880s kitchen, parlor, and bedroom and there is a main room which displays memorabilia and artifacts such as a 1100+ year old Timucuan canoe.

**Applicant's / Owner's Signature**

*Ruth Paine*



## WPA Completes 13 Clay County Projects

Thirteen projects have been completed in Clay county by the Works Progress Administration since beginning of WPA in July, 1935, reports at district headquarters showed today.

Several other important projects are now in operation and others have been submitted for approval.

Projects officially reported completed in the district report on operations were: Keystone Heights airport, Clay Hill road, Penney Farms to Middleburg road, Green Cove Springs streets, Grandin road grading, improvements to Highway No. 3, Keystone Heights streets, Green Cove Springs school addition, court house improvements, Green Cove Springs city gymnasium, Middleburg community center, Doctor's Inlet-Maxville schools and Clay county jail construction.

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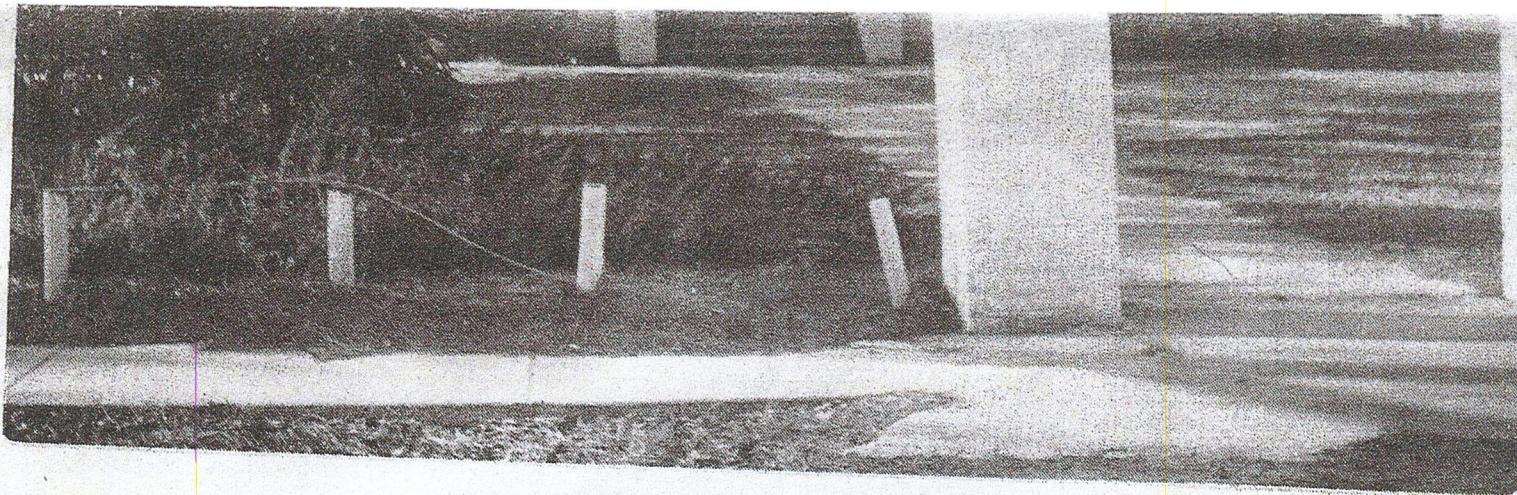
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# MIDDLEBURG

PAPER







## THE MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION

By Edna McDonald

It was on April 19, 1937 that Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Budington deeded a parcel of land on Palmetto Ave. to the Clay County Commissioners to be used as grounds on which a canning center and a recreation hall was to be built.

The building and original chairs were built by WPA and on November 15, 1938, a committee held its first meeting to make rules and regulations for a "Community Home". Those attending the first meeting were Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Budd, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Masters, Mrs. Alice Masters, Mrs. Gussie Stewart, Mrs. Pearl Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Budington, Mr. Joe Huntley and Mr. L.E. Gnann.

However, it was not until July 1941 that a temporary Executive Committee was appointed to draw up a charter and by-laws. The name was changed to "Middleburg Civic Association". Of the 15 members on the Executive Committee, only 5 are still living and only one, Mrs. Ione Huntley, is a current member of the Association. Of the other 55 (1941 members), Mr. & Mrs. James McDonald are the only ones currently members.

The Civic Association throughout the years has done much to cooperate with and assist in coordinating the efforts of all similar organizations and individuals for the promotion of the Civic benefit of the Community.

In 1943, a 20 Ft. air craft Warning Service Tower was built. It was named by volunteer workers under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Budd who was Chief Observer.

Among the many achievements of the Civic Organization throughout the years, has been sponsoring the Volunteer Fire Dept. until it could operate independently; completing the building designated as a Canning Center and turning it into a District Health Center, later leasing it to the Public Health Nursing Advisory Council.

We were responsible for the 1st additions to the crowded school rooms, for getting the State Highway Dept. to put "Black Creek" signs on either end of the bridge, and also "Middleburg" signs at the intersections. (Continued page 3)



THE MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 1)

It was through our untiring efforts that Main St. was paved and also Palmetto Ave. and Wharf St. We bought the first street signs and gave the dwellings their first members.

We sponsored an Observation Post for the Civil Air Patrol. We now sponsor boy scouts and girl scouts, the Community Involvement Program, and the Clay County Counseling and Education Center. We procured the first garbage dump in this area.

We took part in the bi-centennial, July 4, 1976 and have held a parade with other festivities each 4th since.

The building has been used for Political Rallies, wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, fish fries, chicken suppers, a First Aid Class, Home Demonstration, Garden Club, 4H Club, Dance Classes, Music Classes, Church Services, Drug Seminar, Variety Shows, Womanless wedding, Fashion Show, Movies, Square Dances.

The Civic Association has served its community well and will continue to have the welfare of the whole community at heart.

If you live in Middleburg, we invite you to join us. We meet the first Monday night of each month at 8:00 P.M. Our dues are only \$2.00 per year. You are most welcome as a visitor or member. Let's work together to make Middleburg a town to be proud of.

WOMAN'S WAY

When I build my better world, I know one thing that is going to be outlawed. That is woman's intuition.

Take the little matter of starting the car on a cold morning. I am standing in the garage, already 20 minutes



## Historic Middleburg Museum

Edna McDonald

The Historic Middleburg Museum is housed in a unique building built in 1938 by the W.P.A. as a Canning Center for the community to bring their vegetables in and can them. It was brought to the attention of the Middleburg Civic Association that the State Board of Health was looking for a location where a health clinic could be held once a month. With a lot of hard work and cooperation from the local P.T.A. the "District Health Center" was opened in April 1954. Dr. A.Y. Covington was Director of the Clay County Health Department and Mrs. Minnie Lou Clark was appointed Chairman of the Health Center. In March 1963, the building was leased to the Public Health Nursing Advisory Council, Inc. of Clay County. In the late 60's or early 70's, a room was added by the County Commissioners to house Health Center equipment, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc.

Shortly thereafter the Health Clinic moved to Green Cove Springs and the main room became a clothes closet and later a food pantry. The small room was vacant.

Through the foresight of Thomas G. Frisbee, who was president of the Middleburg Civic Association at this time, and with the Middleburg Civic Association's permission, he contacted the Board of County Commissioners to get permission to use the small room for a museum. As a result, the room was repaired with material from the Civic Association and the Board of County Commissioners and the volunteer la-

bor of Gordon McDonald. Sandra Wilson landscaped the grounds and furnished the plaque on the front wall. Later the Middleburg Garden Club planted a flower garden to the left of the building. In October 1989, at the Annual Festival, the Museum was opened.

The Food Pantry moved to the Weigel Senior Center when it opened in 1992 and the Museum expanded to use the entire building. In 1997, the Board of County Commissioners added another small room, which houses a collection of pictures, letters, and maps. The other two rooms have an authentic kitchen and bedroom and a room which has displays, artifacts and memorabilia.

In early 1997, the Chairman of the Museum, Richard Stubbs, suggested that the Museum become incorporated. With the approval of the Middleburg Civic Association the Museum became incorporated and received its charter on April 15. The current officers of the Historical Middleburg Museum Inc. are: President, Pat Mueller; Vice President, Charles Taylor; Secretary, Faye Tarin; Treasurer, Marilyn Taylor; House Managers, Richard Stubbs and Edna McDonald; Grounds Manager, Charles Taylor. Meetings are currently held alternately, the first Monday of the month at 10:15 a.m. or the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library.

The Museum officers are grateful to the Middleburg Civic Association for sponsoring the mu-

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## Middleburg Museum

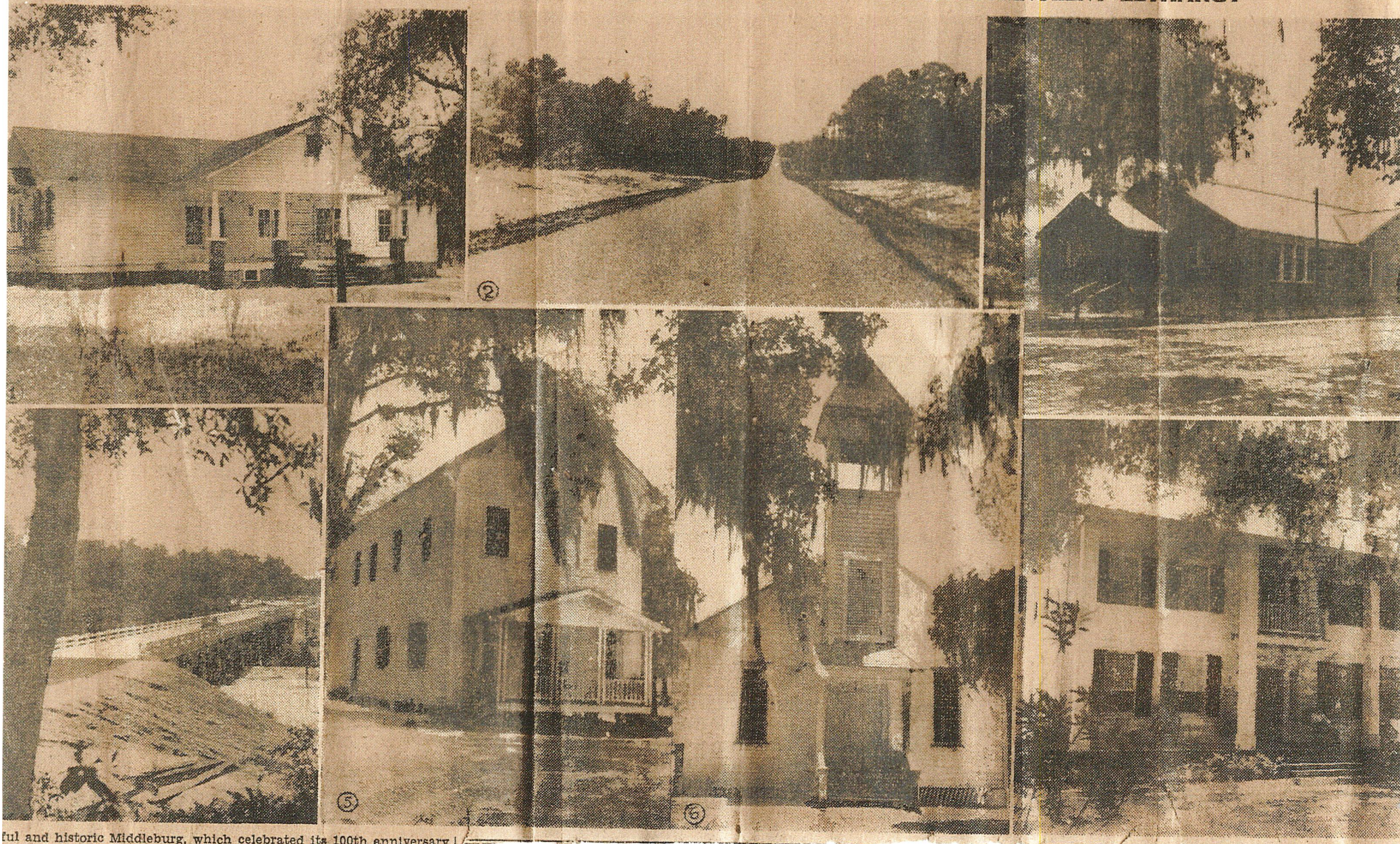
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seum for almost then years and the Board of County Commissioners for making it all happen. Special thanks go out to the people in the community who have either loaned or donated the many items found in the museum. Even though the Museum is completely full and in need of more space any items you have that have historic value, old pictures, letter etc. are greatly appreciated.

The Museum is open on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and is located at 3912 Section Street directly behind the Middleburg Civic Center. The Museum welcomes school groups and can be opened by special request at any time. Contact Edna McDonald at 282-5357 or Richard Stubbs at 282-5343.



## MILITARY HIGHWAY TO BLANDING AWAKENS MIDDLEBURG FROM SOMNOLENT LETHARGY



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se of World War I, has been awakened by World War II and the

Please Note: The incomplete text above is attached in its entirety on page 2 of this document.



Peaceful and historic Middleburg, which celebrated its 100th anniversary at the close of World War I, has been awakened by World War II and the new military highway to Camp Blanding, which passes through the sleepy village, the scene of Seminole Indian Wars and the War Between the States.

When the new road from Jacksonville to Green Cove Springs was built a couple of decades ago, Middleburg became almost isolated, but the new Camp Blanding highway, opened a few weeks ago, has given the village new life. The WPA assisted in building the military highway.

Residents of Middleburg expect a lot of Jacksonville people to visit there this Summer and during the months to come. It is a nice Sunday afternoon ride from Jacksonville, and there are many fine places for picnics, and a few very interesting places to see.

(No. 1.) The Middleburg Community Center, recently completed by the WPA. (No. 2) A stretch of the Camp Blanding highway, approaching the old village. (No. 3) The Middleburg public school, also was built by the WPA. (No. 4) One of the bridges on the military highway. This spans Black Creek, where the famous racing yacht America ran the blockade off the St. Johns River in 1862. It was sunk at Taylor's Landing on Black Creek to prevent capture by the Federal Army. It was discovered by the Federal troops a month later, was raised and put into service by the Federal forces. (No. 5) Historic home of Middleburg Lodge No. 157, F. & A. M. This was built more than a half century ago, and meetings of the Masonic craft have been held there twice a month since it was erected. (No. 6) The Middleburg Methodist Church, erected in 1847. It was built by slave labor. The original bell is still in use. (No. 7) The old Clark house was erected in 1835 for Captain Clark and his staff. It was occupied by officers serving under Generals Scott and Jesup in the Indian campaign. It also was used by Union officers during the Civil War. The house is now the property of Dr. F. C. Copp of Jacksonville. Dr. Copp's grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Chalker, lived in the house 90 years. She died five years ago.



# The Florida Times-Union

Wednesday, October 4, 1989

## Middleburg museum will display local artifacts

By Brooke Strieder  
Staff writer

MIDDLEBURG — A little piece of history will be made at this year's Historic Middleburg Festival, slated for Oct. 21.

On that day, the Middleburg Historic Museum will open.

The history of the settlement of Middleburg dates back to the early 1800s, but only in the past three years has there been an organized effort to recognize the area's historical significance.

The Main Street Preservation Society was formed in 1986 to spearhead an attempt to place some homes and buildings in downtown Middleburg on the National Register of Historic Places.

Only one home has made the list so far, but the society has generated many other results in its efforts to herald Middleburg

history. To the public, the most obvious of those is the festival, which will be held for the third time.

The less-visible of the society's projects is its recent effort to place the entire downtown district on the National Register.

The society's vice president, Patricia Mueller, said there should be some word by next month on whether the district will be awarded the designation.

Another of the society's goals has been to open a museum to display local artifacts. That goal will be realized at this year's festival.

The Middleburg Civic Association is sponsoring the placement of the museum in an old cannery factory at the rear of the association's building at 2102 Palmetto St.

The cannery, built in 1938, is controlled by the county and also houses the Middle-

burg food pantry, where food is distributed to the needy.

The museum will take up one room in the cannery and will adjoin the food pantry. The county will charge \$1 per year in rent, and members of the civic association will staff the museum on a voluntary basis.

Edna McDonald, 80, a lifelong resident of Middleburg, is in charge of collecting items for display in the museum.

Already procured is a cypress root or "knee" from the Clay Hill area that a local resident had analyzed at the University of Pennsylvania. The knee is accompanied by a letter from that school's College of Earth and Mineral Sciences stating it is part of a tree that probably died around 3,000 years before Christ. "I don't know anybody that's got anything that old," Mrs. McDonald said.

She has also procured old documents, deeds, pictures and an aged wooden plaque found at the bottom of a local abandoned well. The plaque is dedicated to a Dr. M. Kennedy, a Civil War veteran, and it commemorates his donation of some land for use as an old soldiers' home.

The museum is a community effort that will rely on items donated by the community, Mrs. McDonald said. Anyone with something they think would be suitable for display is asked to call Mrs. McDonald at 282-5357.

"Anything old, and not too large," she said.

The room that will house the museum is only about 12 by 26 feet in size, she said. "About the size of a big living room," she added.



# Allotment of \$978,902 Is Given State

## President Approves 114 Additional Projects; Await McCarl's Okeh.

The WPA's division of application and information in Washington yesterday announced that President Roosevelt had approved 114 additional WPA projects in Florida, and an allotment of Federal funds totaling \$978,902 to be used in carrying out the improvements, along with the contributions offered by the political subdivisions in which they are planned.

The approval includes the projects which meet the President's requirements of man-year cost, adaptability to the relief load problem in the localities affected time of starting, and period for completion.

Eight of the projects are in the Jacksonville district of the new works program. They were allocated a Federal grant of \$49,588.

The amount of contributions made to the 114 projects was not made known in the information from Washington.

Two of the projects are in Jacksonville. Each provides for a community service program, and the Federal grant for the two was \$17,144.

Most of the 114 projects called for road improvements, repairs to public school buildings, erecting new public school buildings, building community and civic centers, and establishing community service programs.

### Thirty-Seven Counties Affected.

Thirty-seven counties were represented among the 114 projects.

There were two projects for St. Johns County. One set up \$19,730 for park improvements, and the other \$2,477 for a community service program. Both will be executed in St. Augustine.

Putnam County also had two projects. They were for Palatka, for which \$6,439 was granted for repairs to two public school buildings.

A community center will be erected at Middleburg, at a cost to the Federal Government of \$2,422 and a community service program for Green Cove Springs, to cost \$1,776, were provided in two projects for Clay County.

# Five Millions Asked in New Applications

## WPA Forwards More Than 100 Projects to Nation- al Headquarters.

More than \$5,000,000 in Federal funds were requested in 134 project applications approved here yesterday by the WPA and sent to Washington for final approval and allocation of funds.

Pledges made by the State, counties and townships, sponsors of the big batch of applications, amounted to more than \$1,000,000.

The total in Federal funds requested and contributions offered by the scores of sponsors are the largest so far contained in a single group of applications sent from the State headquarters of the new works program to the Capital for review.

A good portion of the total amount would be spent in the Jacksonville district of the new works program.

### Look For Busiest Week.

Indications last night pointed to more than 150 applications to be approved today and sent to Washington for review. Before the end of the week, WPA attaches believe this week will prove to be the busiest since the WPA was organized early in July.

Working day and night, the division of projects and application employes have been turning out an average of more than 100 applications each day for almost the past two weeks. The total so far requested in Federal funds is now close to \$30,000,000.

Jacksonville district applications follow:

### Clay County.

Middleburg—To construct a community center and a complete canning center here. Federal funds, \$2,422.05; sponsor's contribution, \$587.50.

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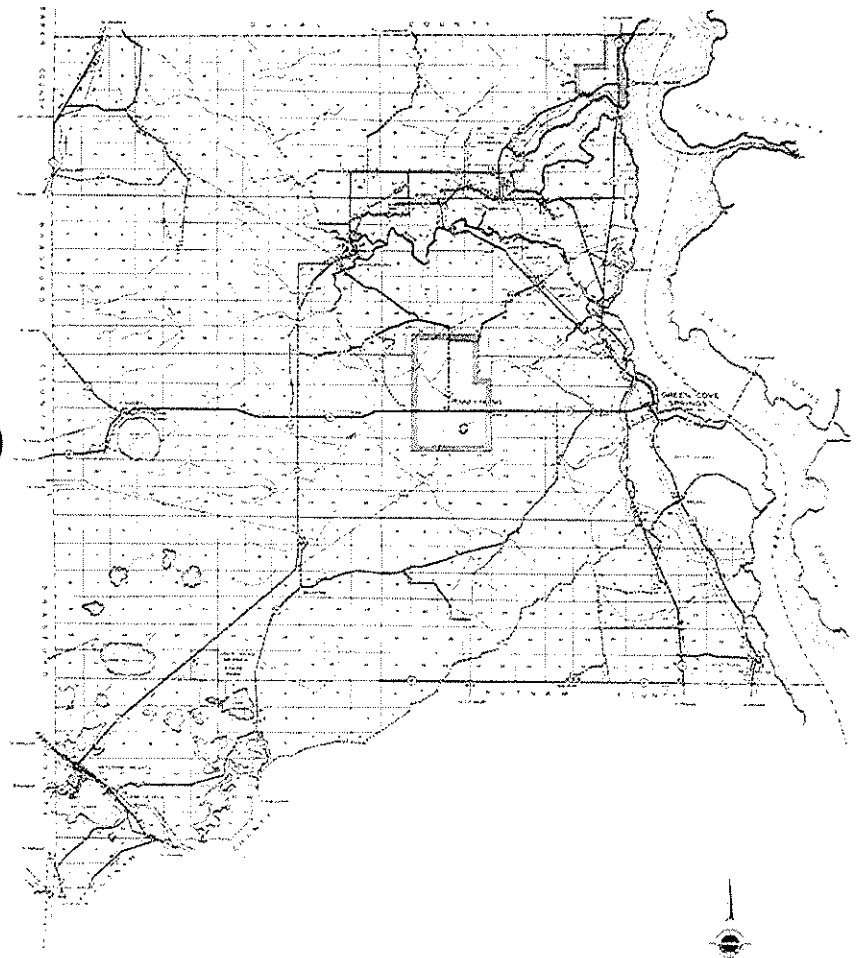


**Attachment**  
**“B”**  
**Cemetery Update**  
**Information**

# Sites Currently Investigating

Pending investigation to add to FL Master Site File

- Bardin Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Bellamy Road Cemetery (Melrose)
- Brown's Old Field Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Camp Blanding Cemetery (Camp Blanding)
- Garner Lige Cemetery (GCS)
- Geiger Hammock Cemetery (GCS)
- Glisson Cemetery (GCS)
- Green Cove Catholic Cemetery (GCS)
- Hall Cemetery (Orange Park)
- Hatcherville Cemetery (Jennings State Forest?)
- Highridge Estates Cemetery (Keystone Heights)
- Lake Geneva Cemetery (Lake Geneva)
- Lakeside/Sandhill Cemetery (Camp Blanding)
- Maryland Ave Grave (GCS)
- Old Conway Cemetery (Camp Blanding)
- Rosemary Hill Cemetery (GCS)
- Station Pond Cemetery (Keystone Heights)
- Summerlin Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Taylors Landing (Fleming Island)
- Wolf Branch Cemetery (unknown)



# Sites Recently Added

## Recently Added to the FL Master Site File

- Abilene Baptist Church Cemetery (Melrose)
- Beulah Baptist Cemetery (GCS)
- Boree Cemetery (GCS)
- Peoria Cemetery (Orange Park)
- Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery (GCS)
- Middleburg Methodist Church Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Oakland Cemetery (GCS)
- Black Bond Baptist Church Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Budington Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Kingsley Lake Cemetery (Starke)
- Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery (Middleburg)
- Moody Field Cemetery (Belmore)
- Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery (GCS)
- Long Branch Cemetery (Clay)
- Jacksonville Memory Gardens (Orange Park)
- Evergreen Cemetery at Belmore (Keystone Heights)
- Keystone Heights Cemetery (Keystone Heights)





Agenda Item  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Clay County Administration Building  
Thursday, September 4 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation Board

DATE: 5/29/2025

FROM: Beth Carson, Director,  
Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: This item will be an update on cemetery preservation and restoration progress -  
Kathy Kass

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:

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Agenda Item  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Clay County Administration Building  
Thursday, September 4 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation Board

DATE: 8/27/2025

FROM: Beth Carson, Director,  
Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT:

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

- A. Fort 11 - Gerard Casale
- B. Branan Field OLF - Beth Carson
- C. Middleburg Museum/Civic Center - Gerard Casale

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:

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Agenda Item  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Clay County Administration Building  
Thursday, September 4 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation Board

DATE: 7/30/2025

FROM: Beth Carson, Director,  
Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Continued discussion of draft county signage and application process for historic sites.

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:

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