



OLD-TIMERS ARRIVE FOR RAMBLE
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A WALKING TOUR GUIDE OF OAKLAWN CEMETRY

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OAKLAWN CEMETER, located in the northeast corner of the original plat of the County Seat, is the oldest cemetery in Tampa. Given by the County Commissioners in 1850, the cemetery is the

resting place of most of Tampa's pioneer leaders and their families.

The signers of four State Constitutions are here: 1839-William B. Hooker; 1861-James Gettis, Simon Turman; 1865-James Gettis, James T. Magbee, C. R. Mobley; 1885-John T. Lesley, Dr. J. P. Wall.

THE SOUTHWEST SECTION: The oldest Protestant section of Oaklawn cemetery, the Southwest section contains

many of the earliest Tampa families. This guide will present some of the older families. LETTERS will match with the SW map section.

A. **THE FERRIS FAMILY:** William G. Ferris, and wife Elizabeth opened a store at Ft. Brooke in 1843 and had six children. Son Henry C. Ferris (1848-1902) was mayor- in 1880.

B. **WILLIAM T. LESLEY (1870-1904)**, son of pioneer Captain John T. Lesley (1835-1913), was sheriff (1900-1904) and member of 1885 Constitutional Convention.

C. **AMOS HARRIS**, a Georgian businessman, wed Mattie Henderson, daughter of W. B. and headed the Harris family, an early Tampa family. **DOMBROSKY FAMILY.**

D. **THE TURMAN FAMILY:** Simon Turman (1799-1858) was editor of Florida Peninsular, clerk of circuit court; Simon Turman Jr., (1829-1864), editor of Peninsular, member of 1861 Constitutional Convention, killed in battle of Resaca (Ga.).

E. Christian Krause **STAFFORD FAMILY.**

F. **JOHN T. LESLEY (1835-1913)**, Indian fighter, Civil War captain, state senator, wed to Margaret, daughter of William T. Brown (1810-1868), city councilman and Two Mile Branch plantation owner.

G. **WILLIAM H. BROWN**, son of William T. Like father, a notable cattleman, businessman.

H. **WEISSBROD FAMILY:** founder was saddlemaker who owned property across from old First National Bank site.

I. DOMBROSKY FAMILY

J. **C. R. MOBLEY**, Tampa Representative to Constitutional Convention in 1865.

K. **WILLIAM & NANCY ASHLEY:** the famous gravestone dedicated to a forbidden love between master and servant (dedicated by John Jackson).

L. **SPENCER FAMILY:** William Samuel Spencer (1811-1871) came from Georgia in 1845; wife Emily Kendrick had 8 children, including Thomas K. (1846-1901), sheriff from 1892 to 1901 and whose son William C. also served as sheriff.

M. **MITCHELL FAMILY:** Thomas Mitchell came to Plant City from Alabama in 1846; wife Elizabeth Starns had 9 children, including HENRY LAURENS MITCHELL (1831-1903), Governor of Florida from 1892 to 1896.

N. **HANSON FAMILY:** George Hanson was old shipping leader in Fort Brooke; his Unionist views forced him to Key West during Civil War, but returned to continue business and family; nearby is CHRISTOPHER BUTLER, only Fort Brooke officer buried in civilian Oaklawn.

O. Near wall is marker to **JOSEPH B. LANCASTER (1790-1856)** first mayor of Tampa and 1843-47 Speaker of Florida House; he is not buried here. **MOORE FAMILY.**

P. Emily Spencer

Q. A. P. Brockway

R. **KENDRICK FAMILY:** Elizabeth Mickler Kendrick (widow) and 5 children came to Tampa in 1840; sons Edward Tatwell (1819-1863) sheriff in 1849, and Captain William H., Indian fighter and founder of Kendrick, Florida.

S. K.L. WING: FRIEBELE FAMILY
(See S in NW section)

T. & U. WALL FAMILY: Perry G. Wall (1809-1897) came from Liberty county; judge of probate and postmaster; married thrice, nine children. Son William W. Wall (1834-1891), Civil War vet and merchant; grandson Perry G. II, mayor from 1923 to 1928, and co-founder of Knight & Wall Company. Dr. J. P. Wall was member of 1885 Constitutional Convention and founder of the Tampa Board of Trade.

V. HART FAMILY: J. J. Wells and R. A. Wells, old Tampa family.

W. BRANCH FAMILY: Dr. Franklin Branch (1802-1882) was early druggist, se corner of Florida and Washington; son Darwin Austen (1832-1858), mayor from 1857 to 1858.

NORTHWEST SECTION: The old Northwest section contains many of the older Protestant families and the old St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, containing the earliest Catholic pioneers. The old dividing fence has long disappeared and the path should not be considered a division between the two cemeteries.

A. HENDERSON FAMILY: Irishman Andrew J. Henderson came to Hillsboro county in 1847; wife Olivia McDonald had five children, including William Benton (1839-1909), founder of early store with Captain John Miller. He wed Caroline E. Spencer. **GETTIS FAMILY.**

B. G. Frank Gay

C. AVERILL FAMILY

D. Jose Mayol, Pedro G. Cruz, Charles Frances

E. KENNEDY FAMILY: Thomas Pugh Kennedy (1812-1858) came from Philadelphia in 1840 and set up trading post. Billy Bowlegs gave him his Presidential medal. Daughter Jane became soprano at New York's Trinity Church and inspiration of song, ""When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Sons Thomas Jr., chairman of Board of Public Instruction, and Henry P., editor of Gulf Coast Progress.

F. HANKS FAMILY, FERRIS FAMILY (see SW section) **FARR FAMILY.**

G. Charles M. McKay, James McKay Sr., Thomas Murphy

H. ORRIN S. FARR, a Dutch Ohioan lawyer who was nominated by Pres. Garfield to serve as Consul - General to Brazil, but Garfield was shot and Farr never went far.

P. Dunbaugh, Samuel Hamlin, **JACKSON**

J. **CAPTAIN JOHN PECK**-Tampa's first harbour captain.

K. HOOKER FAMILY: William B. Hooker established one of the largest cattle firms in county and the family continued in the cattle industry. Owned Orange Grove Hotel.

L. John McMormick, Thomas Cook, W. L. Campbell

M. Lawrence A. Masters

N. Marguerite S. de la Pena

O. SAUVE FAMILY

P. **HENDERSON FAMILY** (see above A) John W. Henderson

Q. **REV. ALEXANDER MARTIN** (d. October 7, 1850), retired Methodist minister who had alafia plantation; one of the earliest graves.

R. WILLIAMS FAMILY

S. **FRIEBELE FAMILY**: German Christopher L. Friebele (1815-1886) set up store on nw corner of Franklin and Washington. Wife Julia A. Wall had 3 kids, including Samuel who wed Rosa Dagenhardt.

T. BELL

U. **WILLIAM REDFIELD**-one of the earliest pre Civil War merchants in Tampa.

V. McABEE FAMILY

W. Buff

X. **MICKLER FAMILY**: one of the most active Tampa business families.

Y. **MAGNON FAMILY**: ancestors of the notable jewelry business family.

Z. MOSES FAMILY

NORTHWEST SECTION continued utilizing numbers:

1. **LEONARDI FAMILY**: merchant brothers Bartholomew C. (1818-1900) and Vincent and three sisters came in 1855. B. C. on early city councils.

2. HASKINS FAMILY

3. **LeDUC FAMILY**: Realtor William LeDuc built early estate on corner of Howard and Bayshore.

4. **GRILLON FAMILY**: Odet Grillon was one of the pioneer businessmen in Tampa.

5. **ANDREU FAMILY**: John P. Andreu wed Theodosia Leonardi.

6. C. H. Davis

7. John Hanlon, Peter Hanlon

8. **ALFONSO de LAUNEY** was the first postmaster of Tampa, an early mayor, and an editor of the Florida Peninsular; he wed Victoria Montes de Oca of Spanish Town Creek (Hyde Park).

9. Lyons

10. J. W. Harlon

11. **PONS FAMILY**: Emilio Pons was one of the pioneer cigar manufacturers of Tampa; one of the distinguished Tampa families.

12. **W.C. BROWN** was a clerk of circuit court and the surveyor of the second plat of Oaklawn Cemetery; Louis Garney.

13. MORSE FAMILY

14. Father Francisco Garcia

15. **MULRENNAN FAMILY**

16. **HICKEY FAMILY**

17. Roberts

18. Valdez

19. S. Knight

20. **MENENDEZ FAMILY**

21. **CHAVEZ FAMILY**

22. **CONSTANTINE BOURGUARDEZ** (1824-1884) came to Tampa from St. Augustine in 1847 and built a homestead on the River near present Constant Street (named for him).

23. **ESTEVEZ FAMILY**

24. Luis Robanina

25. Thomas Leahy

26.- 27. **WESLEY HENDERSON**, first Superintendent of Public Instruction.

28. **GHIRA FAMILY**: merchant Domenico Ghira (1816-1897) came to Tampa from Italy; wife Domenica Masters had six children; daughter Josephine wed famous architect Alfred H. Parslow.

SOUTHEAST SECTION: This section of the cemetery contains numerous older families, particularly on the western side of the section. Buried here is James Macbee who gave this section of property as an extension of the cemetery.

1. **LOVENGREEN FAMILY**: you enter the cemetery
and find a mortician (true).

2. 23. 26. **GIVENS FAMILY**: John T. Given(s) served at Fort Brooke and settled in 1848 on the se corner of Morgan and Lafayette (Kennedy). Wife Nancy Walker had 12 children, including John Jasper, a clerk of circuit court, and Darwin Branch.
3. **McCARTY FAMILY**: Mitchell McCarty (1818-1858) came to Tampa in 1849 and set up a store; his wife was Elizabeth Simmons of "Simmons Hammock."

4. Afthimeos Sampson

5. **HILL FAMILY**

6. **CONDON FAMILY**

7. James Davis

8. W. C. Hubner **HAYDEN**

9. Marcus Morales

10. **MCKAY FAMILY**: Pioneer founder James McKay is located in the NE section near W. B. Henderson and the Hooker family; James Sr. (1808-1876) came from Scotland to Tampa in 1846; was mayor in 1858, and was famous blockade runner in Civil War; James McKay, Jr. (1842-1924) organized the Mallory Line and was mayor 1902-1903. Donald McKay was mayor (1910-1920, 1928-1931) and editor and publisher of the Tampa Times.

11. **GAMBELL FAMILY**

12. **BURROUGHS FAMILY**

13. **CAMPBELL FAMILY**: once owners of much of
Franklin Street.

14. Charles F. Vincat

15. Mary Landrum

16. **WILSON FAMILY:** First Lt. C. S. Wilson, Louis L. Wilson

17. Alice E. Taylor

18. **HUBERT FAMILY**

19.20. Dr. George W. Murphy

21. **PHILIPPS FAMILY:** Barron Philipps was a notable lawyer; his daughter is the only Gasparilla Queen buried at Oakla22. **MAGBEE FAMILY:** James Macbee was a lawyer, state legislator, realtor, owner of this land before it became a cemetery, and member of the 1865 State Constitutional Convention.

24. Henry N. Sumner

25. Paul Jones

26. **BRUCE FAMILY:** an old Tampa family.

27. Frank W. Ross

28. Theo Bush

29. **WEBB FAMILY:** Jensen

30. **MILFORD FAMILY**

31. **FRANK O'HALLARAN:** the Hallaran family was one of the pioneer cigar-making manufacturers in West Tampa; messages were said to be smuggled to Cuba in cigar shipments to help the Revolution.

32. George Drumond

34. **HARRIAN FAMILY**

35. A. York

37. Samuel Haddon

38.39. open

40. **KRAUSE FAMILY:** Henry Krause was a blacksmith and owned a large business on Franklin Street. John Henry also owned Sulphur Springs and wagon center.

41. **HAYDEN FAMILY:** Jesse Hayden was a businessman and purchaser of the general Carter estates; his widow sold this land which became the Tampa Bay Hotel grounds.

42. **FISHER FAMILY:** an early Tampa family; early saltmakers for Confederate Army.

43. **REINER FAMILY:** a business family coming after the Civil War.

44. **MUGGE FAMILY:** Robert Mugge came to Tampa in 1876 and set up brewery, soda water firm, and operated the Tampa and New Orleans Transportation Company.

45. **FIELD FAMILY**

46. **FISHER**

47. **WALL FAMILY:** see SW section

48. **POST**

49. T. Stevens

50. John A. Medena, I. Craft, J. Tatum

51. Sarah Henderson, Captain Block

52. **J. T. GIVENS**

NORTHEAST SECTION: While this large section contains a wide range of years, it contains the small frame house where Confederate Veterans used to sit and discuss the old Tampa families. The house was used for the coffin and eulogy in poor weather and later as a tool house.

1. **BOOKER FAMILY:** pioneer family on the Manatee River; George W. Lumberman.

2. **BOEDO FAMILY**

3. **KIRKPATRICK FAMILY, GARCIA FAMILY**

4. **AURORA FAMILY**

5. J. W. Harlow

6. **BEMIS FAMILY**

7. **LEA FAMILY:** Henry Lea was a Captain in the Confederate Army, from Alabama.

8. (east of little building) **CRANE FAMILY:** New Jersey's Henry A. Crane founded the Tampa Herald in 1852 and served in Union Navy in Key West; son Henry L. was Confederate soldier, county judge, and U. S. Commissioner of district.

9. **ROSS FAMILY**

10. Jessie S. Mather

11. **PROBONE FAMILY**

12. **TINNY FAMILY**

13. **FUCHS FAMILY:** George Fuchs, a businessman, married one of the Hooker daughters.

14. Craft

15. **BATES FAMILY:** G. W. Lipton, Roberts

16. **HILLS FAMILY**

17. **RAND FAMILY**

18. Julia T. McKay

19. Carruth

20. **GIDDENS FAMILY:** kin to Wesley B. Henderson, first Superintendent of Public Instruction in Hillsborough County and a grad of Washington & Lee when Robert E. Lee was President.

21. **SMITH FAMILY:** an old Tampa family

22. **CARTER FAMILY**

23. S. D. Chase

24. Mary Cardy: a widow of the 1850's who raised a large Tampa family

25. **LOUDE FAMILY**

26. **THOMAS FAMILY**

27. **BEAN FAMILY**

28. **WARNER FAMILY**

29. **FERRIS FAMILY:** (see SW section) J. T. GUNN

30. John B. Spencer

31. **CLINE FAMILY:** merchant George W. Cline had memorial windows in the old First

Methodist Church; a very civic family of old Tampa.

32. **MORRIS FAMILY**: an old Confederate family whose farm was near the Morris Bridge on the Hillsborough River.

A. SAMFORD FAMILY

B. DIAZ FAMILY: Maximo Diaz was a pioneer drug
gist and businessman.

C. VALERIA FAMILY

D. ORTON FAMILY

E. DIAZ FAMILY

F. CACCIATORE FAMILY

G. BALBONTIN FAMILY: a large family; Bautista M. Balbontin was a cigar manufacturer and wine merchant

H. DIAZ FAMILY

I. Narcisca D. Saravia

K. Francesca Torres

J. HARTMAN FAMILY

L. Antonia E. Nacto

M. SAUVE FAMILY

N. CLARKE FAMILY: an early Tampa Family, founder E. A. Clarke from New York was located in the west section and moved to Woodlawn when Morgan Street was constructed.

O. Emma Macfarlane. There were two Macfarlane families; Hugh C. Macfarlane

(1851-1935), founder of West Tampa, is the most famous.

P. (located behind and to east of small house) **JACKSON FAMILY**: Robert Jackson was pioneer Tampa businessman. The other early Jackson family, the **JOHN JACKSON FAMILY**, was moved to Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

Q. George Cline (see Cline family)

R. MORRIS FAMILY

S. Lawrence Taylor W. G. Bartholomew

T. J. D. Clarke

U. **DUFF POST**, four times Mayor of Tampa and an early dentist; son of Madison Post (1815-1867), who was mayor in 1858.

V. NOBLE FAMILY: A. C. Noble

W. Lula Fernandez

X. OSBURN FAMILY

Y. VICENTE MARTINEZ YBOR (1818-1896), founder of Ybor City, is buried beneath his grandson who died in 1906. Originally Ybor was to be buried in Havana with Oaklawn as a temporary resting place, but the transfer was never accomplished.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO VANDALISM SOME GRAVESTONES HAVE BEEN REPOSITIONED OR EVEN MOVED FROM ORIGINAL LOCATIONS. THIS CHART AND MAP IS NOT NECESSARILY ACCURATE, BUT APPROXIMATE IN DESIGN.

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information and material on all the old Tampa families. Please assist us in improving our guide and other materials about Tampa's early history. Revisions in this guide are essential to eliminate errors of placement, dates, and background. Contact any member of the Tampa Historical Society.