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## JOSEPH R. MORGAN DECEMBER 25, 1935 - JUNE 30, 2013

DIANNE MARCUM

**J**oe Morgan donned many hats on his life journey, but none fit better than *Chairman of the Brevard County Historical Commission*. Joe served on the commission for nearly a decade and unabashedly used the position as a forum to pass along his passion for the rich history of Brevard County.

When Joe was elected Chairman three years ago, the county was facing tough economic times and the already meager budget had just been slashed. Yet Joe managed to lead the charge and, with the help of his fellow commissioners and staffers, advanced the organization and visibility of the group.

The Brevard County Historical Commission (BCHC) is tasked to preserve and promote the history of the area, and make our collection accessible to the public. Joe took this mission to heart. He loved the *Indian River Journal*, and not only contributed several articles, but, like an historical evangelist, Joe hand delivered copies of the journal to all ends of the county. At each BCHC meeting, he made sure we each left with a handful to share with others.

While Joe often attended Brevard County Commission meetings, he always made sure the BCHC was represented through an historical tidbit included at the end of each agenda. Most recently: *Cocoa and Merritt Island were connected in 1917 by a wooden bridge. The Hubert H. Humphrey Bridge that exists today was dedicated in March of 1968.*

Joe was particularly pleased to have found a safe and permanent home for Brevard's historical records, maps, and artifacts. With a keen eye on the budget, he led efforts to move everything into new, well-designed facilities on the second floor of the Central Brevard Library & Reference Center in Cocoa. The new space makes it easier for the public and researchers to access items of interest.



Anyone who met Joe Morgan was soon convinced that she or he was his best friend. He was an expansive presence--energetic, funny, helpful, connected, cheerful, and a prodigious storyteller. He also loved to hear stories from others about life in the old days of Brevard, and took a personal interest in the BCHC Oral History Project. Under Joe's direction, interviews have been added, and the files have been indexed and digitized. Most of the recordings are now available through the Brevard County library system.

Recently I spoke with Joe at the Cocoa Beach Library, and added his conversations to our collection. The following excerpts are informative and entertaining, capturing for all time the wisdom and humor of this dynamic advocate for the history of his beloved Brevard County.

**JOSEPH R. MORGAN, SPEAKING WITH DIANNE MARCUM  
RECORDED AT COCOA BEACH LIBRARY  
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013**

“My name is Joseph R. Morgan and I’m from Brevard County, but I live in Cocoa Beach.

“I came to Cocoa Beach in 1960 when the population was about 2,500 people. I’ve always lived in Cocoa Beach. My brother Tom came in 1955 and was the first Morgan to come here. My brother Tim came a year following me, and my brother Larry the same year. Parents came down, I think, in ’63. My brothers married girls that had roots here in the county since 1856. One went back to Nathaniel Scobie, who was the first lighthouse keeper, and he is buried in St. Augustine, Florida, in the oldest cemetery in Florida. Another goes back to Mr. [Douglas] Dummett who brought the first orange trees here to Brevard County. So, my grandnieces and grandnephews are fifth generation.



“The first place I lived was the Spray Beach Apartments, which are around 14<sup>th</sup> Street South, South Atlantic Avenue. There were a number of; oh I guess you’d call them small hotel-type things, tourist type hotels. That’s where my brothers and I all lived at the same time.

“Cocoa Beach was incorporated in 1925 by Gus Edwards. He was a realtor and developer, and the first mayor of Cocoa Beach. Matter of fact I had the opportunity to meet him personally, a rare opportunity. He was kind of a little stout man. He had a belt about three inches wide; he had a felt hat on. I don’t think he was probably more than five-seven, kind of like a World War II-looking type of individual, a very pleasant-looking man. I think he was in his early 80s. He came down to the little white church located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, south of Orlando. There was a bell down there that is in memory of his mother. He came down to give the Presbyterian Church \$1,000.”

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“The town had a lot of beachfront property still available. We didn’t have any condominiums as yet. We didn’t have I-95 or the Bennett Causeway, the Beach Line they call it now, or the Pineda Causeway. The 520 bridge was there. When the Banana River Air Station became Patrick Air Force Base in 1942, they built the causeway and it was built with the help of a gentleman named C. Sweet Smith [long-time County Commissioner]. Prior to that we used to have a wood bridge that came across Minutemen Causeway, all the

way over to South Banana River Boulevard. If you go over there now, today, you can still see the piling. The causeway was built with federal funds because the military needed something better than just a wood bridge.

“The street, Minutemen Causeway, used to be called Cocoa Boulevard. The reason they call it Minutemen Causeway now is that before all the land was pumped up, they built the high school out there. The boys and girls, the children of the school, were the Minutemen of 1776. That was their name, so they changed it.”

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“At the corner of A1A and 520, right there where the Walgreens is today, used to be a Castle Hamburger store. Of course, we used to have a Crystal Hamburger also. The Crystal Hamburger was located there at the V, the north V, where Anacapri Restaurant is. If you look at that real close, you can see it looks like a Crystal Hamburger. I used to eat a lot of hamburgers.

“The original post office was right next door to the VFW. The parking was always a head-in parking on both sides. There was a hardware store, I believe where the Juice & Java is. On Atlantic Avenue, on the corner where the shell shop is, there used to be a men’s store, and just to the south of that was a bar, what you would call a dance hall place, girls in cages and all that. It was run by a fellow named Moe Kirshenbaum.

“Just south of that, as long as I’m talking about the south end of the street was a Sinclair Service Station. On the corner, on the ocean side, where we see Minuteman Causeway all the way down to the end, that was where the casino, what they called the Cocoa Beach Casino, was. I never saw it, but it had a boardwalk with it. We had a grocery store at the corner of A1A and Orlando Avenue, across the street from City Hall, called Rutland’s. It was just like a little family store, and I think that came in around 1956.”

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“In the early 60s we had the Freedom Seven School, Bob Fritz was the principal. They called it the Cocoa Beach Elementary School, and they changed it to Freedom Seven. That was the name of the space capsule with Alan Shepherd. Then we built the junior high and the senior high.

“We had thousands of children here in Cocoa Beach. Everybody had three and four kids. We used to have what they called Teen Town; a little frame building that was over in the corner by Freedom Seven. All our churches were packed with children. This was an all-American family town. Between 1960 and 1970, I think we grew something like almost 1,000 percent.

“You know, everybody was working, everybody was married, all this kind of stuff, but we had a high divorce rate. A lot of people were working 60, 70, 80 hours a week. We had a lot of beach picnics. The beaches were quite white,

whiter, because the port hadn't expanded.

"It was really an exciting time. Maybe the main reason was because there was always a launch. There was always something going on. There were club parties, a lot of barbecues, you know. Our Surfside Playhouse was founded 50 years ago. Cape Canaveral Hospital was just a one-story building. Matter of fact, the first doctor came here in the late '50s, Dr. Joe von Braun. Where you go into Alma's or Slow & Low now, that was his office. There's a big marble plaque I put up there on the inside wall about it being the first doctor's office.

"Now I tell you, it was an exciting time. Everything was new. Gasoline was still pretty cheap. The biggest problem we had was traffic. You had thousands of cars come off the Cape. They'd have somebody bang somebody, you know, and it would back up, would take two hours to get home. The average age in Cocoa Beach was 29 and they used to call it Sin City. This was a boomtown. The Mouse Trap was a very popular place, and so were the Hilton and the Holiday Inn."

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"My first job, of course, was to go and get a job at the space center, the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, and I started out as an engineering clerk at \$90 a week, and within three months I became the Assistant to the Vice-President of North American Rockwell. The VA Building, the Vertical Assembly Building, was under construction. Everything was new and they would have lots of launches that were not successful. Of course, at that time, we always had the Russian trawlers that were off the east coast of Florida. You could always see them. Yeah, they were always there.

"My main job was to look after our customers, including the astronauts, who were located about 400 feet from where my office was. They call it the MSOB [Manned Space Craft Operations Building]. I was in the inner office, which means I saw everybody who came into the office. That's where I got to see Wernher von Braun and a lot of the German scientists. I was a big flunky, but I had a big title. My boss, Buzz Hello, H-E-L-L-O, was his name, if he'd asked me to jump off the VAB building I would have, because he was just a wonderful guy to work for.

"I was not a technician. I was a marketing-type person. To promote the program they would bring an individual in from Idaho, maybe a sheriff of some small county. He and his wife would be brought here, all expenses paid. It was my job to entertain them and show them around the space center. Once in a while we'd have a limo we could use and I was the chauffeur. Of course, the main reason why they brought that sheriff and his spouse was because his brother was a congressman on the Appropriations Committee, so it was good politics. I had to know a lot about the space program to talk about it. I had one of the most interesting jobs.

“The biggest thing was when we had the fire. [Jan. 27, 1967-Apollo 1]. I was at the Holiday Inn at a Jaycees, Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting in the evening. I was with North American and it was their equipment. Somebody came in and made an announcement. I tell you, there was so much crying, oh my gosh, you just wouldn’t believe. There wasn’t a dry eye, and not just women, men, because they worked with these people. Everybody was completely in shock.”

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“After Apollo 11, my boss was put in charge of getting the space shuttle, and he was headed for California and Washington to do his job. I didn’t know anybody in California, so I just decided to go back to school for a year. I wanted to be a banker, marketing, advertising, that kind of stuff. So I went to the bank president and I said “I want to work here.” He says, “What do you want to do?” I said “Oh, I want you to make me a vice president.” He said okay.

“I started my banking career, after the space program job, at the First National Bank of Cape Canaveral. When you go into the bank, they had eight tellers and you’d be, gosh, twenty deep. We went from the First National Bank of Cape Canaveral to First Bankers, Bank First, Wachovia, [to] Wells Fargo. I ended up being in charge of all twenty of the branches, and I helped build four of the banks, including the one in Cocoa Beach.

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“How did I become Mayor of Cocoa Beach? With a lot of help from thirty of my friends, especially my mother. My mother was very helpful, along with my three brothers and sisters, in getting me elected. I was the 13<sup>th</sup> mayor of Cocoa Beach. When I was elected, I won by 500 votes and was mayor of Cocoa Beach from ’93 to ’99. I followed Mayor Bob Lawton, who was a retired Colonel and the head of Public Relations for Patrick Air Force Base. The first thing Bob Lawton did was to give me a key, the key to the front door of the City Hall.

“I wanted to be mayor because I thought I could make a difference. There were a lot of divisions within the Cocoa Beach Community, in reference to the height of buildings, the density. We were just getting over big discussions and rassel-tassels of four, six-laning A1A. The greatest thing I think we, the Commissioners, did was the building of a Cocoa Beach Library and the building of the post office. The library sits right next to the post office. The first thing we did was buy the land. It was a huge chunk of land. There was a nightclub called Brassy’s where the post office is. At the library place was a movie house, a movie theatre. It think is was \$2.00 and you could sit in the seats and they had a little table in front of you. You could have a beer or a pizza and so forth. Everybody loved it.

“Being the mayor is probably one of the nicest things I’ve accomplished in my



life. I was able to attend the National Conference of Mayors a couple of times in Washington, and got an opportunity to sit down at a round table with ten or fifteen other mayors and talk about how they handled their wastewater treatment plant, their pornography, their budgets, and so forth. I learned a lot from them in terms of our wastewater treatment plan, which most people don't pay attention to. We were selected here in Florida, twice, as the best wastewater treatment plant in Florida, under my, our administration. We were the first city to have the reuse water system.

"On of the most important things also, I will share with you, is that we were able to invest one million in new equipment and facilities. We improved the working conditions of staff. When I became the Mayor, they used Tandy computers. If you asked questions, they could not answer you. If you go to the office today you see really nice offices.

"Those are things I think about. People still call me 'Mr. Mayor'."

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"I met Barbara Eden [*I Dream of Jeannie* show] the second time she was here. She was brought by a company that had the contract for Space Port tours, that sort of thing. The show was never filmed here, but I decided we'd put up a sign that says 'I Dream of Jeannie Land', at Lori Wilson Park. She's still a lovely lady, but I remember she had a dress on that had buttons, snaps, and when she sat down, those buttons went pop-pop-pop. She was very pleasant, and we put the sign there because we wanted a little bit of recognition. We still see people stop by and take pictures."

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"My mother was the founding chairman of the board of the Freedom 7 Community Center, which was a 42,000 square foot facility on 12 acres of land, on 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. It was a school that had been closed down and empty for years. This was in the '70s. There were no outside funds and they had 60,000 people a year. She subleased things and ran Bingo and so forth.

"I meet a lot of interesting people and you know what people say to me, 'Oh, you're Mother Morgan's son'." *IRJ*

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE *ADVOCATE*, A NEWSPAPER WITH MANY NAMES

JIM GARMON

Published in Brevard County, Florida as:

*East Coast Chronicle*  
*Indian River Advocate*  
*Indian River Advocate and East Coast Chronicle*  
*East Coast Advocate and Indian River Chronicle*  
*Titusville Star Advocate*  
*Star Advocate*

*“Florida’s newspapers are a state treasure, the historian’s and genealogist’s best friend, and the community’s collective memory.”*

A quote from the University of Florida Digital Newspaper Collection website.

The history of the Advocate newspaper can best be documented by quoting the words of the editors and publishers of the paper as they appeared in the newspaper throughout the years of its existence. The following articles, published in the Advocate and other Florida newspapers, describe and document the path the paper took from its beginning in 1890 to the present.

### **The East Coast Advocate 1890-1891**

The first issue of the Advocate was introduced to its readers in a short article published August 15, 1890, page 1, Volume 1, No. 1:

This week’s ADVOCATE is not to be considered as a fair sample of what we expect to furnish in the way of a paper. We have not yet begun to get down to smooth running or working order. Much of our outfit is still “on the road,” and we were delayed in securing a compositor. When it is understood that a thousand and one different article are absolutely necessary to make up a complete newspaper outfit, and that Atlanta is our nearest base of supply our readers will understand that is not an easy thing to fix the date for the first issue and come to time in even fair form. Our time has been limited and we have done the best we could under the circumstances, and we ask no more charity in the way of criticism than any new enterprise of this character deserves. In a few weeks we will have completed our outfit and opened up channels for obtaining the news of the county, and we feel confident that those who may see fit to honor us with their subscriptions will not be disappointed with their investment.

The masthead lists Walter S. Graham as Editor; the Associate Editor and Manager is Charles H. Walton.

Dr. Walter Sumner Graham was a physician who did not practice medicine, a licensed attorney and real estate dealer. Charles Henry Walton is an Englishman who came to this country as a young man.

### **The Indian River Advocate 1891-1896**

The first of several name changes took place in 1891, when the East Coast Advocate became the Indian River Advocate.

From the Indian River Advocate, November 20, 1891, page 4:

It will be noticed that the ADVOCATE has changed its name with this issue from that of the "East Coast" ADVOCATE to "The Indian River" ADVOCATE. This has been done because the term East Coast was too general—it may mean St. Augustine, Daytona or Miami—while the term "Indian River" signifies and defines the particular territory which we cover. The east coast of Florida embraces several sections having varied advantages, but The Indian River Country is well known and famous throughout the entire country, and we believe that with this name many persons in distant states who are anxious to become conversant with the particular advantages of this particular section will subscribe for the ADVOCATE who would not do so if its name should remain as formerly. We trust our patrons will approve the change.

The masthead lists Graham & Walton, Proprietors and Charles H. Walton, Editor.

In 1896 Walter Graham left Titusville and moved to Miami. There he edited the Miami Metropolis from May, 1896 to April, 1898, and later did business in real estate and law. His death is noted in the Fort Pierce News, June 24, 1910, page 1:

Dr. Walter S. Graham, who came to Florida in 1885 and got cured of tuberculosis, died in Miami last Sunday of cancer of the stomach. In 1886 he went to Titusville, which was then a flourishing town, where he formed a partnership with Geo. M. Robbins in the practice of law and dealing in real estate. In 1890, with C. H. Walton, he started the East Coast Advocate, which is still in existence. Later he went to Miami and Robbins & Graham held the first deed for conveyance of property in that town. He was 53 years old and left a wife and three sons.

### **Indian River Advocate and East Coast Chronicle 1896-1900**

The Indian River Advocate changed names again on November 27, 1896, becoming the Indian River Advocate and East Coast Chronicle. This change of name was made with no comment from the editor.

## The East Coast Advocate and Indian River Chronicle 1900-1920

From the East Coast Advocate and Indian River Chronicle, July 13, 1900, page 4:

### *Presto, Change!*

The EAST COAST ADVOCATE AND INDIAN RIVER CHRONICLE is our new cognomen, and under that name we shall be known in the future. This change of name is the result of various changes that have taken place since the ADVOCATE was first launched upon what has proven to be a continued era of prosperity. At one time Indian River comprehended all those towns and communities south of Daytona, but today there is a great population that the ADVOCATE reaches, that extends above and below Indian River, hence, our former name was inappropriate and entirely too local, under the present circumstances. With all due modesty we wish to say that no paper along the East Coast has done more to build up and encourage the various enterprises and industries throughout this section than the ADVOCATE, and this policy will be steadfastly pursued as long as the present management exists. It has been our aim to oppose the "calamity howler" by showing our people the bright side of every dark cloud, and bringing predominately before them the multiplicity of their resources and the greatness of their opportunities. In the accomplishment of this task we have been eminently successful, as many letters now on file in our office will testify. It is seldom a week goes by without some subscriber writing us a complimentary letter in which gratitude is expressed for the encouragement given them from time to time in the ADVOCATE. The upbuilding of Florida generally, and the East Coast especially, has been our constant aim, and under the new name we have adopted, we hope to turn a still brighter page in our history and make the ADVOCATE an inspiration to our people and a live exponent of their every material interest. Politically the ADVOCATE is not rabid, but at the proper time it has not failed to speak out clear and distinctly upon all questions that it deemed either for or against the interest of the people. More generally speaking, conservatism has marked all our utterances on subjects purely political, and in no instance have we attempted to stir the passions and prejudices of men by incendiary or bitter attacks upon either men or measures. Our intentions has been, and our policy will continue to be, one of fairness and impartiality, always confining ourselves strictly to the truth and rightfulness of things, irrespective of party or creed. If anything wrong appears in the



democratic party we will not hesitate to point it out, but, of course, our position would not mean that we are arrayed against the party to which we are allied. The righting of the wrong will be our ultimate aim.

So here's to the East Coast ADVOCATE the champion of the people and the guardian of their liberties.

Charles H. Walton is listed as the editor.

Apparently the Advocate was printed on pink paper during this period. The Tampa Tribune carries a reprint of an Advocate article on August 31, 1902:

#### Pink Paper's Birthday

East Coast Advocate: With this issue we commence the thirteenth year of publication and we take this opportunity of thanking its many readers and supporters for the many kind things they have said and written about the "pink paper of the East Coast" and, in return, we wish them health and much prosperity.

Other comments on the color of the newsprint were published by the Tampa Tribune:

November 13, 1907—"What we like about the East Coast Advocate, of Titusville, is that there's nothing yellow about it."

August 15, 1911—"The East Coast Advocate, of Titusville, has completed its twenty-second year of publication and retains the ruddy glow of youth in more senses than one."

June 27, 1913—"Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Walton of the Titusville Pinkpaper, are among the East Coast people who are in town to see the sights. Mr. Walton says his Pinkpaper is quite popular with the ladies, as it makes the pantry shelves look more refined."

August 15, 1915—"The Florida East Coast Advocate, of Titusville, has just had its twenty-fifth birthday, and it's still as pink as the day it was born."

#### Star Advocate 1920-1962

In 1920 the newspaper changed names again, as noted in this article:

East Coast Advocate, March 5, 1920, page 1

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

W. B. Dobson, editor and publisher of the "Indian River Star," of Cocoa, Florida, has purchased of Chas. H. Walton the "East Coast Advocate," of Titusville, Florida, and will consolidate the two papers under the name,

#### Star Advocate

With publication office at Titusville, Florida.

The publishing company (now incorporated) will be reorganized as the Star Advocate Company (incorporated), with capital stock increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and the following

Officers and Directors

- President—W. F. Allen, President of the Titusville Civic League.
- Vice-President—R. J. Glenn, Mayor of Titusville.
- Secretary-Treasurer-Manager—W. B. Dobson, of Titusville.
- E. B. Wager, of Titusville.
- T. R. Dobson, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The first issue of the consolidated papers, the Star Advocate, will be published from the Company's plant at Titusville on Friday, March 12, 1920 (next Friday).



The Star Advocate plant will be equipped with a latest model Standard Two-Magazine Mergenthaler Linotype, known as Model 18, enabling the Brevard county-seat newspaper to publish a greater amount of reading matter every week than before. With the choice of everything in the way of printing material now in the two plants, the Star Advocate will have the best equipped newspaper and job printing plant on the East Coast.

Under Mr. Dobson's editorial management the Star Advocate will devote especial attention to Brevard county-seat news; and will publish each week all the news from the various county offices, county commissioners' and school board news, circuit court and county judges' court news, real estate transfers, marriage licenses, and everything of a public nature at the county-seat—making the Star Advocate a county-wide paper that every resi-

dent of Brevard county interested in what is going on will have to read to keep posted.

The Star Advocate will start off with the combined circulation of both the "Indian River Star," of Cocoa, and the "East Coast Advocate," of Titusville, and will cover Brevard county like sunshine, reaching every nook and corner in the county, making the Star Advocate invaluable to advertisers—with a greater circulation in Brevard county than all other county papers combined.

Subscribers who have paid in advance to either paper will receive due credit on the Star Advocate's subscription list. Subscribers in arrears should become advance-paying subscribers at an early date, as the Postoffice Department requires all newspaper subscriptions to paid in advance.

Respectfully,

W. B. Dobson

Chas. H. Walton

East Coast Advocate, March 5, 1920, page 1:

Having sold all my interest in the EAST COAST ADVOCATE to the Star Advocate, through ill health, I wish to thank all my supporters for the past 28 years. I retire from my duties as publisher of the ADVOCATE with regret, but sincerely hope that the new editor and publisher—Mr. W. B. Dobson—will receive every possible support from the merchants and residents of Titusville. Thanking all my past patrons, correspondents, subscribers and others, I am,

Yours very cordially, CHAS H. WALTON

The Tampa Tribune carries the obituary for Charles Walton on February 1, 1925. The obituary reads, in part:

Titusville, Jan 31—Chas. H. Walton, 76 died here this morning at 6 o'clock of apoplexy. Mr. Walton was born in England and came to this country when a young man. He traveled extensively over Canada and the Western states before locating in Florida about thirty years ago. He was one of the founders, and for over twenty years was the editor and owner of the East Coast Advocate.

William Dobson, who had bought the Advocate from Charles Walton, died September 9, 1923 and is succeeded by Thomas M. Seawell as editor of the Advocate. The Tampa Tribune comments in the October 10, 1923 issue: "*J. J. Parrish is the new owner of the Titusville Star-Advocate, succeeding the late W. B. Dobson. Mr. Parrish will not be actively connected with the paper but*

*the capable staff promises to maintain the high standard set by Editor Dobson.”*

The Tampa Tribune published William B. Dobson's obituary September 19, 1923. It reads, in part:

#### EDITOR DOBSON DEAD

The Tribune learns, with the deepest of sorrow, of the death of Editor William B. Dobson, of the Titusville Star-Advocate, who passed away at his home in Titusville after an illness of two weeks, a victim of cerebral hemorrhage.

Forty-five years a newspaperman, Mr. Dobson came to Florida in 1914. A native of Kentucky, had been engaged in newspaper work in Ohio up to that time. In Akron, Ohio, he was postmaster under President Cleveland. His first activity in Florida was as publisher of the Cocoa Star. He later purchased the East Coast Advocate at Titusville and consolidated it with the Cocoa Star, the Star-Advocate making its appearance in 1920. ...

In a statement published September 4th, 1925, Editor Thomas Seawell posts his farewell message as the Advocate is turned over to Henry H. Hudson:

The writer came to Titusville in October 1923 and undertook to edit and manage the Star Advocate. At an early date he succeeded in purchasing a controlling interest in the stock of the company and since that time has been Secretary-Treasurer of the company and editor and manager of the paper.

During this time he has had the pleasure of seeing The Star Advocate follow the usual trend and grow rapidly until today it is doing three times the business it had in October 1923. During this time the writer has done what he could to make conditions better in this city. Criticism has been his lot on many occasions as is always the case with one who speaks his mind freely. In fact in the course of duty he has made friends and enemies. He has received the plaudits of his friends and the condemnations of his enemies and now and again has been the recipient of the ingratitude of those for and with whom he has labored. And yet his is a big heart and there is left therein no rankling of spirit or ill for any human being.

Now at the end of nearly two years he has disposed of a majority of his stock in this paper. In order to be identified with it and continue to give it some support he has retained a small interest. The majority of the stock, however, has been turned over to H. H. Hudson and he will from this date on operate and manage the paper.

Mr. Hudson comes from the office of the Cleveland Press where he held the most important position being the assistant advertising manager of that great paper. He has had a lifetime of practical experience having worked



his way from the bottom to the top and is experienced in all departments of the paper. He will prove an asset to this city. Of that there is no question.

In passing from the active service of the newspaper game in this city we are by no means severing the ties of friendship that holds us here. Our plans are to retain our home on Riverside Drive and spend some time each year in this city. The members of the family have also made their friends among the people of this city and it is with a feeling of deep regret that each and every one of us is forced to break for a part of the time the ties that bind us closely to the better things that Titusville is standing for. Our time will be spent partly here. Our memories will always hold dear the names and faces of those whom we have come to admire and love.

We hope to carry with us the respect and love of those whom we have known in this city. We bespeak for our successor the same support and cooperation that has been given us.

THOS. M. SEAWELL

In an article published in the Space Coast Daily in March 2012 titled *Newspapers in Brevard Enjoyed Long and Storied Tradition*, Ed Pierce, Managing Editor of the paper, says, in part:

“Henry Hudson longed to own his own newspaper and jumped at the chance to do that when he heard about a weekly paper for sale in Titusville from a Methodist minister. The Hudson family relocated here and in 1927, Henry has boosted the paper to a twice-a-week publication. By 1958, the Star-Advocate was publishing three times a week and in 1964, it became Brevard’s first daily newspaper.

Henry Hudson’s son Bob Hudson, joined him at the paper upon his graduation from the University of Florida in 1948 as associate editor.

Henry Hudson died in 1972 at the age of 83 and his son Bob succeeded him as publisher of the Star-Advocate.”

In 1966 the Advocate, along with the Cocoa Tribune, is sold to Cape Publications, a subsidiary of the Gannett Company. It continued as a daily (Monday through Friday) newspaper until 1975:

A poor economy is blamed for closing the five-day-a-week publication of the Star Advocate in 1975, according to a Daytona Beach Sunday News Journal article published in February of that year. It reports that Robert H. Hudson, editor and publisher of the paper, will launch a local weekly paper instead of the daily previously published.

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**Above:** Picturesquely framed by low-hanging pine limbs, the old Haulover Canal Bridge is more scenic than practical, and will give way next year to a new bridge now under construction. This one lane, wooden structure has been in use for more than 40 years.

**Right:** Bridge Tender Ross Tyson shows how the wooden structure has been opened to boat traffic for more than 40 years—by hand cranking.

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## EXPLORE YOUR HISTORY: LOST COMMUNITIES OF NORTH MERRITT ISLAND

ROZ FOSTER

### The Haulover Canal – 1852

One of the most historic sites on Merritt Island is not a town, but a canal. Early Indians, explorers and settlers called the narrow strip of land “the Haulover,” because canoes and small boats were hauled over the strip of land as they traveled between Mosquito Lagoon and the Indian River. The Spaniards used the area as early as 1606, and slid boats over the ground covered with Mulberry tree bark. Early settlers used rollers and skids to drag schooners across. One incentive in constructing a canal was establishment of a mail run from new Smyrna to Miami in 1850. Since there was no canal at that time, two boats were required, one on each side of the isthmus of land. In 1852, the US government contracted Dr. GE. E. Hawes to dig the first canal for \$5000. The canal was dug by hand through Coquina rock (that can still be seen today) by slave labor provided by a local citrus grower. It was one third of a mile long, 3 feet deep, 10 to 14 feet wide. Within 15 years, the canal proved to be inadequate because of the shoals that accumulated at each end and the strong current. It was so narrow and shallow in places that only small boats could navigate it. Waters of the Indian River were usually two or 3 feet higher than the lagoon, with a strong current thus making it difficult for vessels trying to move against it, some slumping occurred and bigger boats had to be pulled through or “hailed over” on rollers.

The following is its description of the canal taken from a written itinerary from St. Augustine to Miami in 1870:

*“Arid Shelton, a mite further, has an excellent and profitable grove. From here to the canal that leads from the lagoon to Indian River is 10 miles. The canal is a mile North of the Dummitt’s summer house, on the right, marked by two stakes in the water half a mile from the shore; water about 1 ½ to 2 feet deep all along within half a mile of the beach. If the wind has been north two days and filled the lagoon, a boat drawing 18 inches will enter the canal, otherwise not, and you must get out and drag your boat, possible unloaded.”*

*“The canal is cut through a ridge of Coquina rock and sand that separates the head of the lagoon from the Indian River; it is about 500 yards long, straight and 10 feet wide; a current runs through into the Indian River during and after a northerly wind, and the reverse, during and after a southerly wind. The greatest difficulty in getting through, will be encountered at the start. The current has worn and washed out the soft rock from each side, forming considerable excavations, and allowing masses of rock and soil to cave in, obstructing*

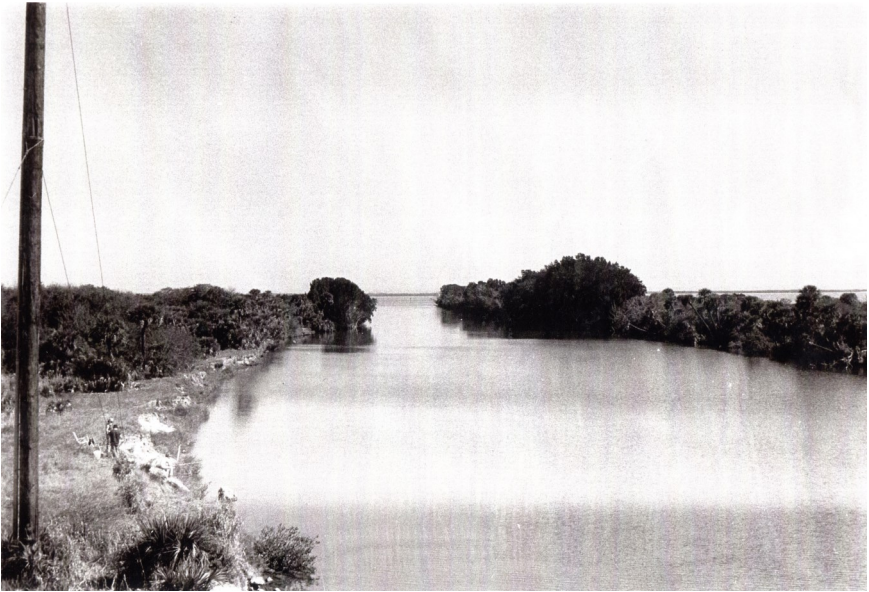


The original Haulover Canal in 1854 (above), and today (below).



*the passage. A footpath leads along the canal, on the tip of the bank, which is in the middle of the ridge, 10 feet high, and sparsely covered with the cedars. The "Umbrella Tree" marks the south end of the canal."*

There is an account of a 500 foot schooner going through in 1878. In 1879 citizens of Titusville and others along the river formed a company for the purpose of widening the Haulover Canal, but they could not raise the necessary funds. The legislature in 1879 chartered the Haulover Tram Railroad Company headed by Phineas D. Wesson of Titusville to construct a railroad which would transport river craft from the lagoon to the Indian River to facilitate transportation. Although this firm would have been eligible for land grants, it was never able to begin work or raise private funds for the opening of the waterway, and citizens turned to Congress. J. F. Le Baron, an engineer who lived in Titusville reported to Congress in 1881 that improvement of the Haulover Canal could be made more adequate to meet the needs for approximately \$66,000. No action was taken by Congress on the Le Baron report because the Florida Coast Line Canal & Transportation Company was granted a state charter in August 1881 to build and maintain an Intracoastal Waterway along the same route. Steam-



boat and cargo ships used the original Haulover Canal for over 30 years until it was abandoned in 1884. The Florida Coast Line Canal & Transportation Company took over operation in 1885 and dug the present deeper canal less than a mile north of the original canal and opened it in 1887-88.

The area around the canal was often referred to as “Haulover,” and the Haulover post office was opened in 1885. In 1886 Charles H. Nauman became postmaster of Haulover and subsequently became a grove owner and county leader. The post office had previously been opened and closed several times, but in 1886 it enjoyed daily mail. J. D. Vann ran a store and restaurant there for some time. In 1893 the Florida East Coast Railroad was extended from Daytona to Rockledge, ending the steamboat era on the Indian River.

The Florida Coast Line Canal & Transportation Company published a notice of Canal Toll Rates in the Star Advocate newspaper on December 17, 1920 as follows:

*Operative December 15, 1920, at noon, the following Schedule of Tolls will go into effect. To be collected for one chain for each of the following division of the LFlorida Coast Line Canal: S. Johns and N. River canal, Jupiter & Lake Worth Canal, Matanzas & Halifax Canal, Lake Worth & New River canal, Haulover Canal, New River & Biscayne, Bay canal. (All measurements are deck length).*

*PLEASURE BOATS & HOUSE BOATS: 10c per foot through each chain. 8c per foot through each chain for launches 40 feet and under (not engaged in business).*

*FREIGHT & PASSENGER BOATS: 5c per foot through each chain and 5% on gross rates from freight and passengers.*

*BARGES AND LIGHTERS IN TOW: LOADED - 8C per foot through each chain and 5% on freight. 8c per foot on Tug through each chain. EMPTY – 5c per foot through each chain. Tugs towing empty lighters 5c per foot through each chain.*

*FISH BOATS: 3c per foot through each chain. (December 17-31).*

The new Haulover Canal continued to be used and the Intracoastal Waterway incorporated the canal as a federal project in 1927 and was maintained and completed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1930s. Since then, little change has been made to the canal with the exception of making the canal wider and deeper, and adding a basin for launching boats.

There were no hard surface roads for travelers or a bridge over the Haulover Canal. In 1921 residents proposed building a bridge over the Haulover Canal and constructing a paved road to Shiloh on the North and Orsino on the south.

The description and proposed location of the road and bridge to be constructed and designated as the “Allenhurst-Shiloh Road” was published in the Star Advocate newspaper dated November 10, 1922 as follows:

*“A road designated herein as the ‘Allenhurst-Shiloh Road’ beginning at the North boundary of Brevard County in the town of Shiloh and following*

*the general line of the present county road in a Southeasterly direction crossing the Haulover Canal, and passing through the Dummitt Grove property, and continuing in a general southeasterly direction along the most practicable route to a junction with the Beach Road hereinafter described, a distance of approximately 12 miles, including drawbridge over the Haulover Canal, with suitable approaches, said road to be graded and paved with shell, marl, rock or other suitable hard-surfacing materials. The estimated cost of this road and bridge is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)."*

According to another article the draw-bridge (swing-bridge) over the Haulover Canal was not completed until 1933.

An article in the local newspaper dated August 11, 1964 entitled "*Two-Laner Replacement - Haulover Canal bridge coming down*" *One-lane, Wooden-Floored Landmark Destined to Come Tumbling Down ...NASA to replace it with bridge more suitable to space age.*"

It goes on to describe the replacement as...

*"A new, double-leaf draw-bridge, similar to the ones on the NASA Causeway on the Indian and Banana rivers, will be constructed to replace the hand-crank, single-lane drawbridge over the canal. The existing one-lane bridge will be removed when a proposed two-lane draw-bridge is completed beside it. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will open the bids for the estimated one million dollar contract September 10th. It will also include a five-mile road improvement project from the Haulover Canal north to the Volusia County line, and SR A1A will be straightened and improved for the 5.25 stretch, although it will remain two lanes."*

Today, the beautiful Haulover Canal is used for recreational boating, fishing and viewing manatees from the observation deck. There are no visible signs that these communities ever existed, only in name such as Bair Cove and Beacon 42, and an occasional historic marker.

Other settlements and on-paper only communities were planned South of the Haulover Canal from the land boom era of the 1920s off and on into the 1960s. Names such as Satellite Estates, and Ana-Myrt Island, Myrtle Park, Paradise Bay, Dummitt Plantation Estates and 'Tween Seas Isle were all platted on paper and some filed in the County Courthouse - but few ever saw development. In some places, streets were laid out and paved so that landowners could sell the land to the government as improved, commanding higher prices.

During 1960, articles were published in the Titusville (Florida) Star Advocate about the early communities of North Merritt Island written by "Island-Hattie," providing us with a "snapshot" and an insight to the people, places and communities of the area.

The following article describes the area South of Haulover Canal to Dummitt plantation.



HAULOVER IS FASCINATING - Hattie explains that, "most people who come to the Haulover Canal come to fish, boat, or sit and think - mostly just sit. It's just that sort place."

*Paul Whitton and John Johnston were bridge tenders and sometimes when the winds were heavy it was a really difficult job.*

*Lou and Red Bair had almost completed building the **Bair Yacht Basin** at Bair Cove when Red died, but Lou saw that his plans were completed, including renovation of the dining area and adding a large grill enabling broiled foods to be served. A 101 foot yacht that tied up for the night was surprised to find how easy it was to maneuver in and out of the Basin.*

*Just southeast of Bair Cove was **Sleepy Indian River Lagoon**, the spit of land that was to soon have a new "**Gold Coast Highway**." Surveyors had been working in the area and soon would be working on the "**Satellite Trail**."*

*To the right on the Intracoastal Waterway was located the **Whispering Pines Nursery**, tenderly cared for by John Ragin.*

*Down the road was **Satellite Estates**, developed by Grady and Effie Swafford and **Myrtle Park**, developed by John and Myrtle Abernathy, with daughter and hubby Bill Brooks helping. Both couples and most of the patrons were from the Atlanta, Ga. area. John and Myrt were known in this community as "**Mr. & Mrs. Democrat**," and John was executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Johnny White, a police officer parked his patrol car at his home, which made for a secure feelin' in the neighborhood.*

*Several new homes had been built in the Lagoon, including those of the Sumnerall and Hanson families by Orlando area contractors Lowdermilk and Richardi. Mr. & Mrs. Jake Reil renovated the old Smith place, and building contractor Sam Russell returned from Ft. Lauderdale where he had to build "higher priced" homes.*

*Nestled amongst the citrus trees were natives Mayme Ragin, Fannie Nauman, and Yost & Grace King. Sisters Mayme and Fannie had spent most of their lives living at various locations on the Island, and often shared stories about their trials and tribulations of their pioneering days, and were planning a Ragin clan reunion. The Kings were part of the group who helped build the Chamber of Commerce and when the first building was put up, they made funds available to purchase materials to complete the structure.*

*H.O. Price was the person to take you fishing and cooked whatever was caught - fish, crab, oysters, or shrimp. **South Bay Fishing Lodge** was a family oriented place that offered food, boat rentals, bait and tackle. **Lindsay's Landing** was a fishing harbor located along a side road, built and operated by an ambitious G. I. who also was a fishing guide, and his wife. Mosquitoes were under control by Mosquito Control Spraying.*

*Approaching Dummitt Plantation was the site of **Paradise Bay**, the pride and joy of Joe and Ann Hill, who after vacationing all over the State, chose this area of "Tween Seas Isle" referred to by the locals as "Tween the River and the Deep Blue Sea." They sold their restaurant business in Pennsylvania, came to Florida and lived at the Abernathy's at Myrtle Park while their home was being built. Joe served two terms as Chamber of Commerce President.*

Haulover Heights was located on the northeast side of SR#3 and had a 3800 foot long airstrip until the early 1960s. Planes would circle the Camp or Motel who were expecting them and by the time they were on the ground and tied down, a station wagon would be picking up the passengers. It was not unusual to have several light planes tied down at one time. *IRJ*

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## SURE CURES FROM PAST YEARS

WEONA CLEVELAND

**W**hen William Rufus Brothers was born in 1882 on the southern shore of Crane Creek, there were no doctors or midwives in Melbourne. He was the first African-American baby born in the community and the event was strictly a do-it-yourself occurrence as far as we know.

William Rufus' parents were Wright and Mary Silas Brothers. (*Wright Brothers was a former slave and one of the first settlers of Crane Creek. Brothers Park in Melbourne is named for him. -Ed.*)

The lack of medical care then, and for the next 40 or 50 years, for the predominantly black community was basically knowledge passed down through generation after generation. The first practicing physician in Melbourne was Dr. Leon A. Peek, who set up his practice in February, 1898 and was the official surgeon for the Florida East Coast Railway. Dr. Peek and his wife moved to Palm Beach in September, 1910. Dr. Leon H. Martin became the Union Cypress Sawmill doctor in 1912. Dr. I. F. Bean arrived in 1913. Dr. I.K. Hicks came in 1922, followed by Dr. I.M. Hay in 1928. These physicians were available and would gladly help anyone in need, but many in the African-American settlement south of Crane Creek felt more comfortable using the familiar tips and tried-and-true remedies passed to them from grandparents and great grandparents.

Elizabeth Stone Gibbs, daughter of John Stone, who came to Melbourne (from Denver, Col.) in 1890, remembered that in her family Palma Christo (caster bean) leaves were put on the head to reduce a fever. Bacon fat was placed on the foot if someone stepped on a nail. "It drew the poison out," she said.

For a cold, she remembered her mother "greased down my chest with tallow and turpentine and put a flannel cloth over it."

Once a month Elizabeth's maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Sears, came down from Cocoa to give all her grandchildren a dose of castor oil. She would warm the bottle of castor oil by the fireplace in winter time. "Sometimes she would mix the castor oil with sarsaparilla soda," remembered Gibbs. "It made me hate sarsaparilla soda the rest of my life."

Lloyd and Annabelle Coates came to Melbourne in 1906 from Richmond County, N.C., via a stop at Dial Station, Florida. Their son, Norman, was born in 1914 in a little shack at F.C. Powell's turpentine still, delivered by his grandmother, Lydia Duncan, a midwife. As a youth he was baptized in Crane Creek. "We had to shoo the snakes and alligators away," said Coates.

For a head cold Coates remembered he and his siblings were given a few drops of turpentine on bread.

Edward and Mary Lawrence came to Melbourne in 1900 from Jefferson County, Florida, where the Ku Klux Klan had been active. Mary Lawrence recalled that there had been a yellow fever epidemic in Jefferson County in 1888. Her mother had made sassafras tea and gave it to all her family frequently. They did not get the yellow fever. Sage was another herb they used for a variety of ailments. "We cooked bitter turnips and drank the pot 'likker' off it," said Mrs. Lawrence. "We used these things. Now people go to the doctor."

Sol and Quiller Price came to Melbourne in 1925 from Albany, Georgia, because he was "tired of farming." The Prices had a wealth of information to use and pass on to their offspring. Fever grass tea was brewed or sometimes rabbit tobacco brewed for colds. Turpentine was used for healing cuts. Christa Palmo leaves were soaked in vinegar, then placed wherever the fever was located. Dry mustard and corn meal were mixed to make a poultice. Beef liver soaked in tomato juice was consumed for "low blood." Cobwebs were placed over cuts to hasten healing. Catnip tea cleared up hives. If someone stepped on a nail the wound was "beat with a board and turpentine put on it." The Jerusalem plant was used to rid a person of worms.

The Prices even had a remedy for their dog if it got the sniffles: "we let it inhale smoking chicken feathers."

Sol Price lived to the age of 93, his wife, Quiller, was 105 years old when she passed away. They are interred in the J.S. Stone Cemetery.

Unfortunately, we do not know their dog's age at time of death. *IRJ*

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*An Index of Indian River Journal Articles is  
available on our website.*

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## HISTORIC BREVARD LANDMARK GUIDE

The Landmark Guide provides the location and a brief description of some of the historical landmarks in Brevard County. We have included the GPS coordinates for those that have historical markers. We don't have all of the historic locations in there yet, but we're working towards that end. In the meantime enjoy the 80 plus that we have documented. Get your copy free of charge through the Brevard County Historical Commission by writing or calling us.

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Robert “Bob” Hudson died August 20, 2012 at age 91. A former mayor of Titusville, he worked with the NAACP to integrate the town’s schools during the Civil Rights movement. He received the William L. Lowry Award from UF’s College of Journalism and Communications in 1963 and was inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1993.

The Star-Advocate is currently (2012) published by Cape Publications, Inc., a subsidiary of the Gannett Company, Inc. It is distributed as a free weekly newspaper to northern Brevard County residents, primarily in Mims, Titusville and Port St. Johns.

Almost all issues of the Advocate from 1890 to 1997 are available on micro-film at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center, Cocoa, Florida. Some issues are posted online at the University of Florida’s Florida Digital Newspaper Library, at: <<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/newspapers>>

Name: **East Coast Advocate**

First issue this name—August 15, 1890

Last issue this name—Nov. 13, 1891

Editor—Walter S. Graham

Associate Editor & Manager—Charles H. Walton

Name: **Indian River Advocate**

First issue this name—Nov 20, 1891

Last issue this name—Nov 20, 1896

Graham & Walton, Proprietors

Chas. H. Walton, Editor and Proprietor

Name: **Indian River Advocate and East Coast Chronicle**

First issue this name—Nov 27, 1896

Last issue this name—July 6, 1900

Chas. H. Walton, Editor and Proprietor

Name: **East Coast Advocate and Indian River Chronicle**

First issue this name—July 13, 1900

Last issue this name—March 5, 1920

Charles H. Walton, Editor and Proprietor

Name: **Star Advocate**

East Coast Advocate and Indian River Chronicle merged with Indian River Star and became the Star Advocate

First issue this name—March 12, 1920

Last issue this name—November 30, 1926

William B. Dobson, then Thomas Seawell, Editor

Name: **Titusville Star Advocate**

First issue this name—December 7, 1926

Last issue this name—September 7, 1962

Henry Hudson, Editor

Name: **Star-Advocate**

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Henry Hudson, then Robert Hudson, Editor *IRJ*

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## ABOUT THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The Brevard County Historical Commission was established in 1963 by ordinance of Brevard County to "*collect, arrange, record, and preserve historical materials*" and to perform other functions such as obtaining narratives of the early pioneers, marking historical locations throughout the county, and recording historical information.

The Historical Commission is made up of fifteen members appointed by the County Commissioners. Each of the five County Commissioners appoints three members to sit on the Historical Commission.

We store our collections at our Historical Records Archive located at Central Brevard Library and Reference Center, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa, Florida 32922. The collections are normally available to the public during regular business hours. Please call in advance at 321-633-1794, to schedule an appointment to view our collections. We are attempting to put our collections online, however, to date we haven't reached that goal.

The Historical Commission holds regular monthly meetings at the Archive. The public is always encouraged to attend. Please call the Historical Commission's office at for a schedule of our meetings.

We have undertaken a number of projects, including:

- Publication of an official Brevard County History
- Designation of Historical and Archaeological Landmarks
- Publication of a booklet identifying the Landmarks
- Preservation of early newspapers, maps and records
- Collection of individual oral histories on video
- Publishing of a journal entitled The Indian River Journal

The Historical Commission works with many other groups and organizations in the community to preserve the County's history and archaeology. *IRJ*

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<http://www.afspacemuseum.org>

**American Police Hall of Fame & Museum**

6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville, FL 32780 <http://www.aphf.org/museum.html>

**BCC Planetarium & Observatory**

Brevard Community College, 1519 Clearlake Rd., Cocoa, FL  
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**Brevard Museum of Art and Science**

1463 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL 32936 <http://www.brevardartmuseum.org/>

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**Historic Rossetter House Museum & Gardens**

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**Old Town Hall History Center**

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**The North Brevard Historical Museum**

301 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32782 <http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/>

**U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame**

6225 Vectorspace Blvd., Titusville, FL 32780  
<http://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/astronaut-hall-of-fame.aspx>

**U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum**

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**Veterans Memorial Museum**

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<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/county/brevard/brevard.htm>

**Florida Historical Museums**

[http://www.floridasmart.com/attractions/museums\\_hist.htm](http://www.floridasmart.com/attractions/museums_hist.htm)

**The Florida Historical Society**

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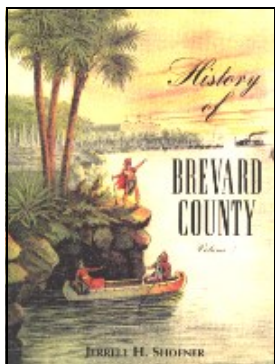
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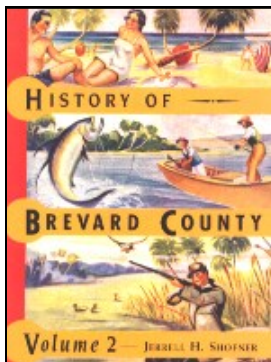
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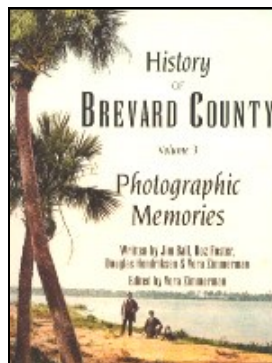
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