

TRACKS OF TIME

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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8th Street. The business meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the program is at 6 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

Speakers



Our speaker for the October meeting was Roxanne Geisenheimer, Executive Director of the Samaritan Project. We've been waiting quite awhile to hear about this fine endeavor. She told of us all about the mission of her organization and elaborated on the tremendous need in our area for its function. There are far more homeless people in our area than most people realize, and there is a common misconception that these people somehow deserve their status. What many people fail to consider is how close most American families are to the same condition. A sudden illness of a

breadwinner, even with health insurance, can quickly run through available funds. The loss of a job, even with unemployment compensation, can produce the same results. Housing has become a much greater percentage of monthly expense over the past fifty years, so a family without sufficient income may find themselves homeless within a few months of a financial setback such as these. Roxxy was adamant in pointing out that most of the people she serves are upstanding folks, and many of them have jobs. The jobs they hold, unfortunately, do not provide enough funds to afford housing. Her organization is here to help. We commend these efforts!

Our speaker for the November was not confirmed in time for publication in the newsletter, so you'll just have to wait and see. I'm going to try not to make a habit of this.

Tuesday, November 13th, is our next Give-Back Scholarship Fundraiser
at **Sergio's Italian Restaurant** on Hwy. 54 West in **Zephyrhills**. We are meeting at 4 p.m.
Contact Patty Thompson (813-780-8559 - pattycakeclown1@aol.com) for information.



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The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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Meeting Notice for THE PASCO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY --Friday, November 9, 2018

The next meeting of the Pasco County Historical Society will occur on **Friday, November 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village at 15602 Pioneer Road, Dade City, Florida, 33523, in the Mabel Jordan Barn.

The speaker for the November 9, 2018 meeting of the Pasco County Historical Society will be James Weiss. The program is entitled ***The Spanish American War*** and was arranged by the Tampa Bay History Center.

Called the "Splendid Little War," this conflict lasted only a few months but had long-lasting effects on Tampa and the world. Learn about Cuban revolutionaries, the sinking of the battleship Maine, and Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders and their role in Tampa's history.

About our speaker, James Weiss: Jim spent most of his working life in the computer industry. After graduating from Indiana University, he worked for IBM and GTE Data Services until 1990. He then started his own computer consulting company.

After retirement, he spent considerable time volunteering with his Sertoma Club, the Tampa Sports Authority, and The Tampa Bay History Center.

Since moving to Tampa in 1978, his interest in the history of Florida and Tampa in particular has increased. He is a founding member of the Tampa Bay Civil War Round Table, and an avid genealogist. He also teaches courses for OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USF.

The Pasco County Historical Society will also receive an update on the Tampa Bay History Center, a special affiliation due to the founding member, Thomas Touchton, who grew up in Dade City.



James contact email is: jimweiss@verizon.net

(Please note for regular society members and guests that the meeting will be on November 9th...the museum has scheduled the living history group for the third Friday and asked that the Pasco County Historical Society meeting take place on November 9, 2018.)



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

Guests are welcome. A carry-in dinner precedes the program, so bring a dish to share as well as cutlery for your personal use, plate(s), (disposable is fine) and your beverage of choice.

LOCATION: The museum is located **1.3 miles north of downtown Dade City**, at the corner of US 301 and Museum Road, turn east onto Museum Road and cross the railroad tracks.

Special thanks to the Florida Pioneer Museum & Village for allowing the Pasco County Historical Society to hold meetings at their facilities. Stephanie Black, Executive Director and the Board have been gracious in allowing the historical society to meet at their wonderful facility, which honors the history of Pasco County.

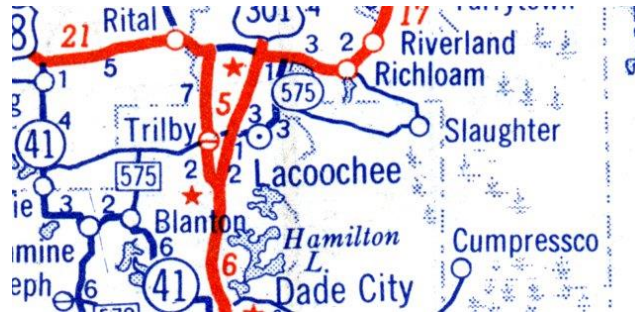
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Clay Sink (Slaughter)



Slaughter was a settlement in the extreme northeast corner of Pasco County; it no longer appears on most maps. It is sometimes called Clay Sink. Riverland is now located on the other side of the Hernando county line. This page was last revised on April 20, 2017.

A historical marker here reads:

Harrison and Martha Ann McKinney Slaughter acquired 120 acres in this area from Jesse Sumner May 20, 1862. The settlement that developed here was first called Slaughter after this pioneer family. Over time it became known as Clay Sink, after the clay sinkhole that is in the area. This cemetery was established on this hill of moss-draped oaks in 1873 when the Slaughters buried their infant daughter here. It is now maintained in perpetuity by the Clay Sink Cemetery Association Inc. On Feb. 19, 1897, the Clay Sink Missionary Baptist Church was organized with 21 members, with Elder G. A. Bryant, moderator. In 1904 a wood-framed building was erected on this site and served the congregation until the present pine building was constructed in 1956. The one-room Slaughter/Clay Sink school building was built in 1912 on Cobb Slough and moved in 1915 to this site that was donated by William Henry and Joanna Slaughter Boyett. It became the fellowship hall for the church in 1943 when the school closed due to consolidation. The teacher's raised platform remained a part of the structure. Some of the early settlers who were charter members of the church were Slaughters, Sumners, Boyetts, Sapps, Robbins, McKinneys, Hardins, Mobleys, Gays, and Weeks. Descendants of these families still live in the area.

About 1838. Jesse Cary Sumner moves to Florida, according to the recollection of his grandson D. E. Sumner. (He is shown in Marion County in the 1850 census. J. C. Sumner died at his home in Hernando County on Feb. 12, 1871.)

May 20, 1862. Harrison Slaughter and his wife Martha Ann McKinney Slaughter acquire 120 acres from Jesse Sumner on May 20, 1862, according to the historic marker. Images of the grave markers of Harrison and Martha at Clay Sink Cemetery are here and here.

1877-78. Hernando County school records show a school at Tillis Hammock.

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1879-80. Hernando County school records show a school at Tillis Hammock. The trustees are shown as H. Slaughter and C. W. Bryant. (C. W. Bryant is age 60 living in Slaughter in the 1910 census.)

1883-84. A list of Hernando County schools indicates that a school was established at Kalon on Oct. 1, 1882. The teacher was R. S. Pringle and the trustees were Steve Weeks, Harrison Slaughter, and J. E. Mills. A 1916 map shows the town of Kalon in Hernando County, very near the Pasco-Hernando county line.

Oct. 3, 1885. A deed shows that Harrison Slaughter transferred property in S24 T23 R22 to the Hernando County School Board.

Feb. 19, 1897. The Clay Sink Missionary Baptist Church is organized with 21 members, with Elder G. A. Bryant, moderator, according to the historic marker. According to the WPA history, the first settled pastor, 1897-1908, is Richard Calden.



First Baptist Church 1904

1904. A church is erected, according to the historic marker. According to the WPA history, the church was erected in 1900. Before the church was erected, services were held in the schoolhouse.


Sept. 19, 1924. The Dade City Banner reports, “Rev. McDaniel of Lakeland preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist church of Slaughter Sunday. He was favored by a large congregation of interested listeners. There was also church Saturday afternoon and prayer services Sunday afternoon. ... Mrs. R. S. Moseley, our Slaughter school teacher, and daughter, who have been boarding at Mrs. J. E. Brown’s removed to Mr. Mills’ Friday, where they will reside in the future.”

July 24, 1925. The Dade City Banner reports, “Slaughter, July 21.—Quite a number of the folks of this place were present at church at Riverland which, in spite of the rain

was enjoyed by everyone. Rev. Bishop of Webster will preach at the Baptist church here next Sunday. We wish all to be present.”

Sept. 22, 1925. The Dade City Banner reports, “Saturday a raid in the Slaughter neighborhood resulted in the capture of two stills, both small ones. No arrests were made in one instance, while Bob Johnson, colored, not only lost his lard can outfit and a gallon of shine, but was also lodged in jail.”

Feb. 19, 1926. The Dade City Banner reports, “Roy Slaughter, son of N. S. Slaughter, formerly of Slaughter but now a resident of Atlantic Beach, was buried in the cemetery at Slaughter on Wednesday morning. The deceased was a veteran of the World War who incurred tuberculosis while in the service and his death occurred at the United States Veterans’ Bureau hospital at Asheville, N. C., Feb. 12th, the government shipping his body here for interment.

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Besides serving in the World war he is said to have been a member of Pershing's punitive expedition into Mexico during the border troubles caused by the Mexican Revolution. Besides his father, he is survived by two brothers, both World War veterans, and one still in the service as a lieutenant of aviation."

Apr. 13, 1926. The Dade City Banner reports that W. J. Bryant of Lacoochee, pastor of the church at Slaughter, has announced his candidacy for the nomination as member of the legislature from Pasco county, subject to the Democratic primary of June 8.

May 21, 1926. The Dade City Banner reports that W. H. Boyett of Slaughter has announced his candidacy for county commission from District 1.

June 15, 1926. The Dade City Banner reports:

Slaughter cemetery picnic will be held June 24. Everybody invited to come with well filled baskets. Miss Dolores Revels has been spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Slaughter. We are having some fine rains. The folks out here are still picking and selling some strawberries and have picked and canned quite a few blackberries. We are sure glad to know that our road is being put through from Richloam to Slaughter.

June 25, 1926. The Dade City Banner reports, "Last week the community met and cleaned up and beautified the cemetery, one of the prettiest and best kept up rural burying grounds in Pasco county. Located off to one side and until recently almost inaccessible for lack of roads, Slaughter has been somewhat out of the march of progress. It is one of the finest trucking sections of the county and from now on will come rapidly to the front."

Aug. 10, 1926. The Dade City Banner reports, "The Slaughter neighborhood is right up to the Hernando county line, and a road has been graded to connect it with Richloam, the post office and shopping point of the settlement. This road is to be hard surfaced but under present conditions we prefer to travel the Pasco county road."

June 14, 1927. The Dade City Banner reports:

W . H. Boyett appeared before the board and asked that any balance left from the \$40,000 appropriated for the construction of the Seventh street extension road be used to improve the road between Lacoochee and Slaughter. He stated that under present conditions the people of Slaughter were practically cut off from the balance of the county, and that both Lacoochee and Dade City were losing the handling of their strawberries and other crops grown there on this account. Colonel Auvil, on being asked for his opinion, stated that any balance of this fund remaining could be used for this purpose, if desired. Chairman Thomas opposed, saying he would not favor any expenditures or bonds that would increase taxes until the people of the Pasadena section were taken care of. Secretary Rerick of the county chamber of commerce urged that this money be used for Slaughter, as road conditions in that section were worse than in any other part of the county. On motion of Commissioner Dowling, seconded by Commissioner Boyett, it was voted to use any balance left for the building of this road, Dowling and Boyett voting aye, Commissioner McCarthy no, and Commissioner Clark not voting, as his district is outside the Highlands district.

Sept. 13, 1927. The Dade City Banner reports that J. A. Barthle was awarded the contract to construct five miles of hard surfaced road connecting Lacoochee and Slaughter.

Jan. 10, 1928. The Dade City Banner reports, "W. A. Barr, of Slaughter, was in the city on Saturday and reported that the Brinson's store at Richloam, the only business building in that community, and which also housed the post office, was burned last Tuesday night, both building and contents being a total loss. There was a small amount of insurance. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought by many that the fire was incendiary, and for the purpose of covering a robbery."

Sept. 9, 1929. The Tampa Morning Tribune refers to "Clay Sink cemetery, near Lacoochee."

Jan. 23, 1931. The Dade City Banner reports, "Slaughter, Jan. 22—The death of James Boyd came as a shock to this community Saturday morning at seven o'clock. He had only been sick a few hours. Mr. Boyd was 77 years of age, and was born and reared in Georgia, and came here about forty years ago and made his home in this community. He was a member of the Bay Lake church, and has many friends and relatives there."

Oct. 9, 1931. The Dade City Banner reports, "Pasco Baptist Association will meet in its forty-second annual session at Clay Sink church in the Slaughter neighborhood, October 13 and 14."

Aug. 18, 1933. The Dade City Banner reports, "Funeral services for Marion Lanier, aged 59, of Bay Lake, who died at his home Wednesday morning, were held Wednesday afternoon at Clay Sink Baptist Church. He was born September 2, 1873, in Kissimmee, and has been a resident of Bay Lake for many years."

Nov. 19, 1937. Juanita Marlene Boyd, age 27, dies. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd. She was buried in the Clay Sink cemetery.

Aug. 7, 1940. Jack A. Mobley, known as "Uncle Jack," dies at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Weeks of Slaughter. According to his obituary, he was born March 13, 1872, and spent his entire life in the Slaughter community. He was buried in the Clay Sink Cemetery.



Feb. 20, 1942. Thomas Owen Slaughter, age 71, dies at a hospital in Wildwood. According to his obituary, he was a native of Pasco County and at one time one of the most prominent farmers and citrus growers. He moved to Oxford about two years ago.

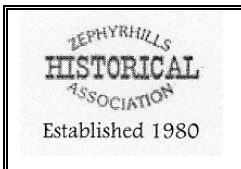
Jan. 3, 1945. Mose Stephen Slaughter, 78, dies in a nursing home in San Antonio. According to his obituary, he was born Dec. 8, 1866, at Slaughter, and became a prominent farmer and stockman of Pasco County. For several years he has been living at Rerdell, near Slaughter, which was named for his father Harrison H. Slaughter. Funeral services were held at the Clay Sink Cemetery.

1947. The Dade City Banner refers to "Clay Sink settlement in Slaughter."

Feb. 23, 2005. The St. Petersburg Times reports: "Pasco County commissioners voted Tuesday to add the Clay Sink Baptist Church, school building and cemetery to the county's register of historic resources. The property is on 2 acres in the Withlacoochee State Forest near the Hernando County line. The school building, now a church fellowship hall, was built in 1912 and served as the county's first voting precinct. The cemetery is a private graveyard, bearing the graves of about 500 people from the area's pioneer families."



2011. The St. Petersburg Times has: "Clay Sink has fewer than 100 residents in less than 20 homes. There's a sawmill, the cemetery and a schoolhouse that closed in 1943. Now it's a Sunday school room and fellowship hall."



ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2ND, 2018

The Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association was called to order by President Jerry Pricher at 5:30 P.M., October 2, 2018. The Invocation was given and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes from September's Meeting were read by the Secretary with a motion to approve made by Rod Rehrig, seconded by Al Stone and agreed to by all.

The Treasurer was delayed, so his report will be given at a later time.

We are happy to have Jeff Cook with us tonight.

Old Business: Regarding Fundraising efforts, Patty Thompson reported that we received almost \$50 from Sergio's. Our next event will be there on Tuesday, October 16, when we will meet at 4 P.M. The flyers advertising the Rosemary Trottman Scholarship Fundraiser will be honored all day from 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M. The Fundraiser for November will be on the 13th. Since Thanksgiving falls on the following week and will most likely be at Sergio's again since Mike's Smokehouse appears to be closed.

Regarding the Depot Museum, Jerry spoke with Steve Spina and he will help in getting a person to take charge. Steve has taken care of ridding the Depot of items that the workers had said were in the way.

Other Old Business: None

New Business: The Secretary read from a letter sent by Larry Wills, Senior Community Liaison for Florida Hospital, announcing that we need to be at the hospital between noon and 4 P.M. December 2, to decorate our Christmas tree, the theme of which is to be Pennsylvania. We generally arrive at noon and anyone who has any Pennsylvania decorations might wish to bring them. Patty has some from last year when the Lady's Shriners had Pennsylvania and she is requesting we bring in gold tinsel.

A thank you note sent by Anne Mester was read to the group saying thank you for remembering her birthday.

Other New Business: Rob announced that the Boy Scouts are collecting funds for wreaths to put on graves at the Florida National Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America. They are \$15 each and there are forms to fill out if one wishes to honor a certain individual.

The Scouts are also selling candles at \$12, \$15, and \$20.

Announcements were made about the recent deaths of Col. Michael Cockill, Christine Krusen Douglas and Brantley Smith.

Rod made a motion that we adjourn seconded by Beverly Holmes and agreed to by the group. The Meeting concluded at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Anna V. Boone, Secretary, Zephyrhills Historical Association

Our guest speaker tonight is Roxxy Geisenheimer who is with the Samaritan Project.