

Rev Henry Eddie Daniels 1873-1955
“Presiding Elder Fla. Conference
A.M.E. Church”



Mrs. Ella Daniels 1878-1945
Wife of Rev H E Daniels, P.E.
Served as President FLA Conference Branch Woman’s Missionary Society A.M.E. Church 21 years”

DUDLEY FAMILY PLOT

Rev Charles H Dudley 1891-1943
“At Rest” and “Gone but not forgotten. Age 43”



Queen E. Dudley 1883-1939
Headstone is inscribed with the American Woodman Brotherhood of Man emblem on top “Having finished life’s duty, she now sweetly rests”

Joseph E. Brown 1894-1946
WWIVeteran

Patsy Perry 1840 – 1909
Her headstone is inscribed, “Mother” and “Thy trials ended, thy rest is won.” Patsy Perry is one of the earliest born persons and one of the earliest internments in the cemetery.



HARDON FAMILY ENCLOSURE

Wm. Hardon 1858-1913
Veterinarian William Hardon arrived in Quincy with Owl Tobacco Company manager William Corry sometime in the 1880s. Hardon had been hired by company the in 1887 to purchase horses and mules for the company’s interests. During the summer of 1898, Hardon signed a contract agreeing to supply Quincy with 20 electric street lamps, to replace the old kerosene street

lamps, lit from twilight to dawn, at a cost of \$1000 per year. His original steam-powered dynamo was housed in a new electric plant on Washington Street. Hardon also constructed an ice plant and saloon, where dice and cards were played in the basement.

Rosa Z. Hardon 1868-1918
Rosa (Zeigler?) wife of William Hardon Sr.

William Henry Hardon 1896-1955

Daisy Jones Hardon 1893-1991

Sophia Andrews 1844-1903

Sophia Andrews is one of the earliest born persons and one of the earliest internments in the cemetery. Her beautiful marble headstone has a sprig of ivy, symbol of faithfulness and everlasting life, engraved above her name and is inscribed, “My trust is in God.”



Joseph Washington 1867-1924

Joseph Washington’s headstone is inscribed “God gave – He took, He will restore: He doth all things well”

Sallie Washington 1881-1936

Sallie Washington’s headstone is inscribed “Tho lost to sight, to memory dear”

JONES FAMILY

One marker indicates the relationship of several family members. This is one of two family plots, both located near the roadway, that are marked in this manner. It is possible that these are some of the graves that were relocated when the road was extended through the cemetery.

In Memory of:

William, Father

Lizzie, Mother 1844-1889

Henrietta, Wife 1880-1921

Sissieretta, Daughter 1906-1926

George Jones d. 1908

One of the oldest internments.

Rebecca Jones 1876-1926

“The Lord is My Shepard” and “Thy trials ended, thy rest is won”

Other Historic African American Sites in Quincy:

Arnett Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
209 South Duval Street

Organized in 1866, this congregation is among the oldest in Gadsden County. The Romanesque Revival style building was constructed in 1938-39 and named for the Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, the presiding bishop in Florida from 1888-1892.

Good Shepherd Lodge 1001 West 4th Street

Across the street from the site of Stevens School is a small white frame building with a blue Great Floridian 2000 plaque honoring Witt A. Campbell, who served as the financial officer for the Good Shepherd Lodge of the Order of Emancipated Americans until his death in 1996. Born in Quincy in 1910, Campbell served the Gadsden County school system for 44 years. During the 1960s civil rights movement, Campbell registered voters in Gadsden County. In 1983 he was elected to the Gadsden County School Board.

Hardon Building 16 West Washington Street

One of Quincy’s earliest ice and electric plants was owned by African American resident, William Hardon. Hardon’s small generator was located in the rear of the building with the ice plant adjacent to it. The building was constructed around the turn of the 19th century. Hardon is buried in the Seaboard Cemetery.

Mural Honoring African American Physicians
South Adams Street

On the west side of the Gadsden County Government Complex building is a mural titled “Keepers of the Hippocratic Oath,” painted by renowned Canadian muralist Charlie Johnston. The mural honors three of Quincy’s most prominent African American physicians. Dr. Stevens was the first African-American doctor to open his own practice in the area and built the first hospital that served blacks in Quincy. He is buried in the Seaboard Cemetery. Dr. Jessie Furlow spent many years treating patients at little to no cost who typically couldn’t afford care. Her legacy continues through the Jessie Furlow Medical Center, where low-income patients are still treated at little to no cost. Dr. La-Salle Leffall was educated and grew up in Quincy. He has served as a surgeon, oncologist and medical educator. He was the first black president of both the American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons and is currently the Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery at his Alma Mater, Howard University College of Medicine.



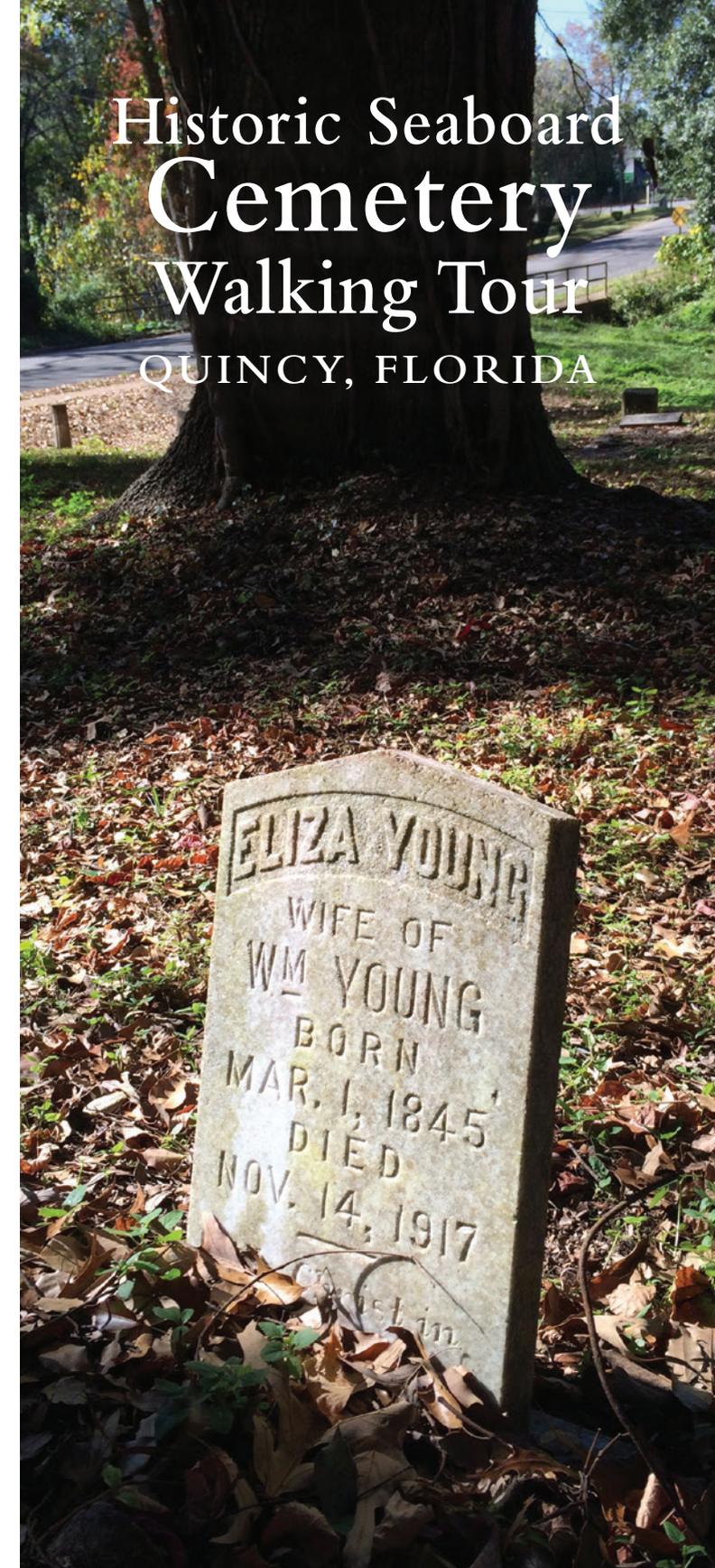
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Historic Seaboard Cemetery Walking Tour

QUINCY, FLORIDA





Historic Seaboard Cemetery Quincy, Florida

1030 Martin Luther King Blvd
FROM THE LATE 1800s

The origins of this graveyard located to the west and south of First Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church are obscured, but it appears that recorded burials began here during the last quarter of the 19th century. The current church, dedicated in 1913, was originally named Strawgum and members living to the west traveled a red-clay road, climbed a fence, crossed the railroad tracks and then walked through the graveyard to attend services. At a later date the fence and some graves were removed to extend the road now known as Martin Luther King Boulevard. It is privately owned and not a city cemetery. Interned are a cross-section of Quincy's African American community ranging from prominent pioneering professionals, educators and clergy to the very humble. Some were born into slavery. Elaborate tombstones of marble and granite contrast with the vast majority of concrete markers scattered throughout both the western and southern sections. In many instances the tombstones are clearly cast, whereas others have hand-written epitaphs, poignantly written, a reminder that grief is a shared human experience. In a few cases, one marker denotes the family relationships among the buried, and scattered throughout both sections are military veterans, the first interned in 1934. Many of the concrete markers are rapidly deteriorating, losing the dead's identities to the ravages of time among other existing, unmarked graves.

WILLIAMS FAMILY PLOT

One marker indicates the relationship of several family members. Murray Williams, Grandfather; Buckman Williams, Father; Emma Williams, Mother; Clifton Williams, Uncle; Mary Barrow, Aunt.

Henderson Blackston 1854-1919
A Loving Father

George M. Blackston 1888-1949
WWI Veteran

Josie Blackston 1897-1969

STEVENS FAMILY ENCLOSURE

William Spencer Stevens M.D. 1882-1949
William Spencer Stevens, born in Tallahassee, attended Florida State Normal and Industrial College (now FAMU) and in 1904 received a medical degree from Meharry Medical College. After medical school, Stevens moved to Quincy where he made history as the first African American doctor to open his own practice in the area. In 1906, he opened Stevens' Drug Store in downtown Quincy with partner pharmacist Dr. Aaron Goodwin, a future dentist. In 1914, the doctor's good standing in the community earned him the title of Supervisor of the Quincy City Schools. In this role, he sought to enlarge the reach of Dunbar High School. In 1925 he began a four-year process to expand Dunbar School. The new school building was renamed in his honor, and Dr. Stevens continued to serve the city of Quincy as Supervisor of City Schools until his death in 1949. In the 1930s he built a two-story hospital that served the African-American community.

Annie Kent Stevens 1886-1968

Dr. William Stevens and Annie Kent were married in 1910. Annie was a teacher and Principal of Dunbar High School in the 1920s, and the Godmother of surgeon, oncologist and medical educator Dr. LaSalle Leffall. She is buried beside her husband and nearby is the Kent Family enclosure where her mother, father and other members of the Kent family are interred. In the neighborhood, not far from the cemetery, is Kent Street and Stevens Street. Descendants and relatives of Dr. Stevens and Annie Kent Stevens are buried in the family enclosure.

Rev. Robert M. Stevens 1912-1968

Lucy Kent Stevens Pottsdamer 1916-2001

Wallace H. Stevens 1917-1967 WWII

Marion Earl Stevens 1919-1990 WWII & Korea

Lucille M. Stevens 1922-2000

Marion Stevens Jr 1946-2004 Vietnam

Tabitha Lesha "Sha" Stevens 1984-2005



At the wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Annie Kent Stevens (left), with sister Maggie Stevens and aunt Mary Proctor. February 8, 1910.

KENT FAMILY ENCLOSURE

Charles D. Kent 1850-1913
Father of Annie Kent Stevens

Lucy W. Kent 1860-1927
Mother of Annie Stevens

Joseph C.R. Kent 1884-1944
Brother of Annie Stevens

Robert W. Kent 1875-1947

SIMMS FAMILY ENCLOSURE

Raymon A. Simms 1912-1969
WWII

Raymond Simms was co-owner of Simms & Jackson Mortuary

Pollie (Preston) Simms 1914-2000
Pollie Preston Simms was a teacher at Dunbar School.

PRESTON FAMILY ENCLOSURE

Aaron Byrd Preston 1862-1927
Aaron Byrd Preston was Quincy's first African American store manager, working for R.C. Stearns' General Store in 1891. A former schoolmaster, Preston was the store's buyer and salesman, taking charge during his employer's absence. Preston managed the store for 13 years, located on Jefferson Street's "Rotten Row," nicknamed for the abundance of saloons on the block. He also owned his own bar and soda fountain. His headstone inscribed "Father" and "The way of the cross leads home"



Aaron Byrd Preston

Leila Ann (Jones) Preston 1882-1954

Lelia Jones Preston was a teacher at the city school on West Clark Street known as Old Mitchell Hall. Her headstone is inscribed "Mother" and "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

JONES FAMILY

Members of the Jones family are buried together along the roadway beside First Elizabeth Church. Joseph T. Jones, born in 1841, is one of the earliest born persons interred in the cemetery.

Joseph T. Jones 1841-1925
One of the earliest born persons interred in the cemetery.

Rosa M Jones 1853-1932

Due to the close proximity of Rosa Jones' grave to the Prestons, and the fact that the headstone is inscribed "Mother," it is assumed she is mother of Lelia Ann Jones Preston, wife of prominent merchant Aaron Byrd Preston.

Martin Jones 1872-1909
"Not lost blest though but gone before where we will meet to part no more"

Roaslie Jones 1879-1908

Simon Jones D.D.S. 1887-1927

Disney T. Jones 1897-1962
Disney Jones was a veteran of WWI.



Sarah J. Bennett 1887-1939

Her headstone has the American Woodman Brotherhood of Man emblem on top and is inscribed, "At rest thy work is done just in the morning of her day"

Wilborn Munroe 1917 - 1986

Alex Arnett 1890 - 1960

Alex Arnett was a veteran of WWI.

Lennie Arnett 1884-1964

JONES, ZEIGLER, GEE, MCNEILL, ROBINSON, WASHINGTON, FAMILIES

This section of the cemetery contains many concrete monuments that have been painted white, preserving the weather-worn inscriptions.

Carrie S Kent 1888-1955

Napolean Gee Sr 1912-2000
Veteran of WWII

Odie May Gee 1919-1992

Paris Primus Jones 1883-1935

Linnie Zeigler 1888-1935

JOHNSON FAMILY

Rev Edw W Johnson 1848-1910

Rev. Johnson's headstone is inscribed, "A loving father." Johnson, born in 1848, is one of the earliest born persons interred in the cemetery.

William Arnett Johnson 1892-1928

Masonic Emblem on headstone and footstone. Inscribed on headstone "Gone but not forgotten"

