



Historic Cemeteries

Alachua County Historical Commission

October 27, 2020

ACHC Motion on Cemetery Maintenance-

Passed March 11, 2019

- Motion: ACHC recommends to BoCC to consider as 'reparation' funding to restore African American cemeteries under F.S. Chapter 497, Section 284. In connection with this work, ACHC will plan programs and historical avenues to achieve community awareness. Passed unanimously.

Virtual Cemetery Project

- <http://www.wizardofar.org>
- Begun by Jim Powell in 2000, volunteers have documented all known sites where permission of owners was granted.
- A search feature allows access to records from the cemeteries that were photographed and the transcriptions from the 1966 DAR books compiled in the 1960s. The information is now freely searchable at Ancestry.com;
- FB group- <http://www.facebook.com/wizardofar>



Alachua County Virtual Cemetery Project

[Alachua County Virtual Cemetery Project Search](#)

[Search the Virtual Cemetery and DAR Cemetery Books](#)

This search includes the cemeteries that we have photographed and the transcriptions from the 1966 DAR books compiled in the 1960s. Some of the names from the DAR books no longer have visible markers.

If You have any information on any of our Unknowns Or you know of a cemetery that we have not found, please let us know. You can email me at [Jim Powell Jr](#) or you can make a comment on our

[Alachua County Virtual Cemetery Project FaceBook Page](#).

You can also find out what we are up to on the facebook page.



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Website by [Jim Powell Jr](#)

Cemetery	Project Started	Project Finished	Photographed by	ACHC/ACGS
<u>All Saints / Hatchet Creek North Cemetery</u>	3/7/2004		James, Tracie & Jim Powell	jp
<u>Brief History of All Saints Cemetery</u>				
<u>Antioch (La Crosse) Cemetery</u>			Paulette Botten and Johnny Chapman	
This Cemetery is not in Row Order				
<u>Asberry Cemetery</u>	2/13/2005		James Powell & Jim Powell Jr	jp
<u>B'nai Israel Cemetery</u>	9/17/2011		<u>Taylor and Rianna Griffith, Camara Casson, Flora Powell, Florence Van Arnam and Jim Powell Jr</u>	ACHC
Image editing started by Taylor Griffith				
<u>Bauknight Cemetery</u>			Florence Van Arnum, James Powell, Janet Messer, Jeff Rubin & Jim Powell Jr	ACHC
<u>Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Cemetery</u>	11/26/2011		<u>Taylor and Rianna Griffith, Camara Casson, Flora and James Powell, Liz Jenkins, Karen Kirkman, Florence Van Arnam, Dot and Marion Hope, Irene Sylvester, Bob Kelley and Jim Powell</u>	ACHC DAR

Recommended Level 1a Cemetery, By Taylor Griffith

Florida Master Site File

- Florida Public Archeology Network (FPAN) staff Nigel Rudolph is working with ACHC Chair/volunteer Karen Kirkman to provide info to State to add previously undocumented cemetery sites to the secure database utilized for significant historic sites. This ensures in the future these sites will be known even if grave markers are missing, as can occur as a result of time alone or unfortunately vandalism.

Florida Master Site File - Division of Historical Resources

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The Florida Master Site File is the State of Florida's official inventory of historical, cultural resources.

Categories of resources recorded at the Site File include:

- Archaeological sites
- Historical structures
- Historical cemeteries
- Historical bridges
- Historic districts, landscapes and linear features



The Site File also maintains copies of archaeological and historical survey reports and other manuscripts relevant to history and historic preservation in Florida. **The Site File currently holds information on more than 200,000 cultural resources and copies of over 22,000 manuscripts.** Site File staff are available to assist citizens, government agencies and historic preservation professionals in performing searches and obtaining information from our inventory.

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FPAN Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) Essential Partnership

- The **Cemetery Resource Protection Training** workshop focuses on cemetery care and protection. Participants explore cemeteries as historical resources while learning about laws that protect them, conserving headstone and markers, managing cemetery landscapes, and practicing hands-on headstone cleaning with a D-2 solution.
- FPAN schedules this free CRPT training at intervals across the State, and during the pandemic virtual training was offered.
- FB group- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/418690514894961>

Outreach/ Possible Partnerships



Successful KACB and BMEC grant efforts at Archer African American site



Another African American cemetery in Micanopy, Haynes Cemetery, is KACB grant focus effort

UF Historic Preservation State Grant/ BMEC Conservation Management Plan Project



Work underway;
plan anticipated Summer 2021

Digital documentation of site using laser scanning
Digital documentation of markers using photogrammetry
Digital documentation of site using drone imaging
Ground penetrating radar to identify unmarked burials
Assess existing condition of markers & develop conservation approach
Establish Historic Preservation approach
National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Workshop
Provide prioritized recommendations/ Consultation with Arborist
Guidelines for interpretation and future interventions
(Fence, Monument, Benches, Signage)

Site on Florida Trust for Historic Preservation “11 to Save”/2020

Cost Information (from FPAN Staff)

- Mowing- City of Tampa budgets 120-140k to manage 5 cemeteries on City property. This does not include cleaning of stones, just ground maintenance.
- Stone Cleaning- Biological cleaning agent D2 and related tools, est. \$500 annually for rotating maintenance for large number of local cemeteries



F.S. 497.284 Abandoned cemeteries; immunity; actions.—

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a county or municipality which has within its jurisdiction an abandoned cemetery or a cemetery that has not been reasonably maintained for a period in excess of 6 months may, upon notice to the department, take such action as is necessary and appropriate to provide for maintenance and security of the cemetery. The solicitation of private funds and the expenditure of public funds for the purposes enumerated in this subsection are hereby authorized, provided that no action taken by a county or municipality under this subsection shall establish an ongoing obligation or duty to provide continuous security or maintenance for any cemetery.

(2) No county or municipality nor any person under the supervision or direction of the county or municipality, providing good faith assistance in securing or maintaining a cemetery under subsection (1), may be subject to civil liabilities or penalties of any type for damages to property at the cemetery.

(3) A county or municipality that has maintained or secured a cemetery pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) may maintain an action at law against the owner of the cemetery to recover an amount equal to the value of such maintenance or security.

History.—s. 7, ch. 78-407; ss. 33, 40, ch. 80-238; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 1, ch. 88-300; s. 1, ch. 89-8; ss. 84, 122, ch. 93-399; s. 65, ch. 2004-301.



Photo is the well maintained community cemetery at Hague near N. US 441. The caretaker leader is an elder so transition planning is important even when community/faith organizations exist to care for the historic site.

ACHC Recommendation

- Accept the 2020 ACHC report on Historic Cemeteries
- Staff requests direction on whether to work with Public Works to present mowing/maintenance plan per F.S. 497.284; Or to continue work to secure grants with KACB or other specific cemetery community/faith groups
- Thanks to all the community partners who are working to preserve the unique sites located throughout Alachua County, some of whom we may not mentioned in report.