

Past Forward Florida

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c. 200 - Weeden Island culture emerges along the Gulf Coast of Florida

c. 900-1500 - Native Americans known as the Tocobaga Indians live in small villages at the northern end of Tampa Bay.

European Exploration and Colonization 1513-1562

1528 - Spanish explorer Pánfilo de Narvaez lands on the shores of Old Tampa Bay and marches northward through what is now Pasco County.

In the beginning

When people first reached Florida at least 12,000 years ago, there was a rich variety of plants and animals. The animal population included most mammals that we know today. In addition, many other large mammals that are now extinct (such as the saber-tooth tiger, mastodon, giant armadillo, and camel) roamed the state.

The Florida coastline along the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico was very different than it is today. Since the sea level was much lower than it is today, the Florida peninsula was more than twice as large as it is now.

Written records about lif e in Florida began with the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León in 1513. Sometime between April 2 and April 8, Ponce de León waded ashore on the northeast coast of Florida, possibly near present-day St. Augustine in April of 1513. He called the area la Florida, in honor of Pascua florida ("feast of the flowers").



On another voyage in 1521, Ponce de León landed on the southwestern coast of the peninsula. Although his colonization attempt quickly failed due to attacks of native people, his exploration served to identify Florida as a desirable place for explorers, missionaries and treasure seekers.

And the rest, as we say, is history.

Source: The State of Florida

Architectural style research activity

Florida's architectural history reflects its social, political and industrial history. Florida's unique climate and ecology and its relatively late development (Florida remained "the frontier" until the late nineteenth century) meant that many architectural movements and styles that dominated in northern parts of the country had little or no influence here. Florida's built environment is as unique, diverse and exciting as the state itself.

Listed are some of the historical styles of architecture common in Tampa Bay. With a partner, research one of these architectural styles. Find as much information as you can including, time period of prominence, attributes of design and examples of buildings.

Write a report on the style and then present the information to your classmates. Be sure to document your sources.

Art Deco Art Moderne Beaux-Arts Colonial Revival Craftsman Florida Cracker Mediterranean Revival Neoclassical / Classical Revival Queen Anne Vernacular

The birth of a state

The United States purchased Florida from Spain in 1821 for \$5 million, and Florida became a new United States territory. Florida became the twenty-seventh state in the United States on March 3, 1845.

Florida's 19th county

On Jan. 25, 1834, the U.S. Legislative Council for the Territory of Florida approved an act organizing Hillsborough as Florida's 19th county. At that time, Hillsborough County was a sprawling area that included what is now Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands Counties, most of Glades County, and part of Lee County. Despite its size, Hillsborough's population was only 836, not including soldiers or Native Americans. When the first Commissioners met in 1846, the topics were taxes, transportation, a new courthouse and jail, and downtown development. The County tax raised \$148.69 that year. Commissioners were paid \$2 per day while in session.

1539 – Spanish explorer and conquistador Hernando de Soto explores the Tampa Bay area.

First Spanish Period 1565-1763

1757 - Spanish explorer Don Francesco Maria Celi, pilot of the Spanish Royal Fleet, explores Tampa Bay and Hillsborough Bay. 1763 – Spain cedes Florida to England in exchange for Cuba. The British name the river and bay after Lord Hillsborough, British Secretary of State to the Colonies.

British Florida 1763-1784

1783 - Spain regains possession of Florida.

Did you know?

The name Pinellas is derived from the Spanish words punta pinal meaning "point of pines." That was an accurate description for this area when it was discovered by Panfilo de Narvaez in 1528. Pinellas became a separate county in 1912.

In 1875, General John Williams came down from Detroit and bought 2,500 acres of land on Tampa Bay. He envisioned a grand city with graceful parks and broad streets, the trademark of today's St. Petersburg. The city's first hotel was named after his birthplace, Detroit.

Second Spanish Period 1784-1821

1818 - First Seminole War.

Antebellum Florida, Civil War and Reconstruction

lorida became the twenty-seventh state in the United States on March 3, 1845. William D. Moseley was elected the new state's first governor, and David Levy Yulee became a U.S. Senator. By 1850 the population had grown to 87,445.

The slavery issue dominated the affairs of the new state. Florida seceded from the Union on Jan. 10, 1861, thus allowing Florida joined other southern states to form the Confederate States of America.

Before the Civil War, Florida had been well on its way to becoming another of the southern cotton states. Afterward, the lives of many residents changed. Beginning in 1868, the federal government instituted a congressional program of reconstruction in Florida and the other southern states.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida



Learning new words

When you study new things, you often come up against some tough vocabulary words!

Most vocabulary words are learned from context clues or good old-fashioned dictionary work. While you read this poster, be sure to highlight or circle words you don't know. Try to figure out the words' meanings by looking for clues in the sentences around them. Write down your best guess, and then look the words up in a dictionary. As a group activity, make a list of the words students identified and see which ones stumped the class. Next, use these words for a news scavenger hunt. See if you can find these words in the Tampa Times. The group that finds the most words wins the game.

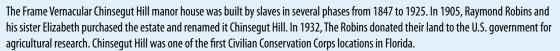
1819 – Florida is ceded to the United States by Spain through the Adams-Onis Treaty (also called the Transcontinental Treaty) for \$5 million. The treaty was not ratified by the United States and the new republic of Mexico until 1831.

Chinsegut Hill Manor House 1847

22495 Chinsegut Hill Rd, Brooksville Frame Vernacular • Unknown architect

Chinsegut Hill was settled by Ocala lawyer Bird Murphy Pearson, Sr. on land claimed under the Federal Armed Occupation Act of 1842. Bird, a slave owner, named the hill Tiger Tail Hill and his plantation Mount Airy. In 1851, Mount Airy was sold to South Carolinian timber baron and merchant Francis H.

Edrington, who built the manor house and expanded the plantation.



In 1954, Chinsegut Hill Manor House and grounds was leased to the University of Florida for educational use, and in 1958 the property was leased to the University of South Florida. Chinsegut Hill Manor House is now owned by the State of Florida and administered under the Florida Game and Fish Commission.

Chinsegut Hill Manor House is a Florida Heritage site and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. Sources: Hernando Historical Museum Association; Historic Hernando Preservation Society; Friends of Chinsegut Hill; Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources



May-Stringer House 1856

Oueen Anne • 601 Museum Ct, Brooksville • Unknown architect

The May-Stringer House is built upon property obtained by Richard Wiggins under the Armed Occupation Act in 1843. In 1855, John May bought the property and began construction of the house. Originally a two-story, four room simple antebellum frame house, successive owners transformed the home into a highly decorative four-story, twelve-room Queen Anne building featuring a three bay façade and a two-story wraparound porch.

The May-Stringer House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997 and now houses the May-Stringer Heritage

Sources: Hernando Historical Museum Association and Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

Territorial Period 1821-1845

1822 - The Territory of Florida is created by an act of Congress.

1824 - Fort Brooke is established at the mouth of the Hillsborough River.

1826 - Fort King Road connects Fort Brooke to Fort King in Ocala.

1831 - U.S. Post Office is established at Tampa Bay.

Baker House 1882

5744 Moog Rd, Elfers • Frame Vernacular • Unknown architect

The Baker House is the oldest cracker house in western Pasco County and features typical Florida Cracker traits such as a wide covered porch, steeply peaked roof, symmetrically placed windows to encourage airflow and a central hallway called a "dogtrot". The original home of pioneer businessman Samuel Baker, the wood frame building was assembled with wooden pegs by an unknown shipwright using shipbuilding techniques.

The Baker House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. It has been restored as a museum.

Sources: West Pasco Historical Society and Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources



Ybor Square 1886

Eclectic • 1901 N 13th St, Tampa • C.E. Purcell, architect

The building now known as Ybor Square was the very first brick structure constructed in Ybor City. Ybor Square was built in 1886 by Ybor City's founder, Vicente Martinez-Ybor to serve as his primary factory building.

Ybor moved his cigar business to Tampa from Key West, spawning the birth of what would only a few short years later be considered the Cigar Capital of the World — Ybor City. In its heyday, the factory employed over 1,100 cigar makers that turned out tens of thousands of premium El Principe de Gales cigars a day.

Ybor Square was also the site of many political speeches by Jose Marti, the famous Cuban revolutionary referred to as "The George Washington of Cuba". As early as 1891, Marti visited Ybor City to rally support among Ybor City's Cuban community for the fight for Cuban independence from Spain.

Ybor Square was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

Sources: Ybor City Museum and the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

1832 – Odet Philippe establishes the first permanent white settlement on the Pinellas peninsula in the Safety Harbor area.

1834 - Hillsborough County is formed. Included within Hillsborough County's jurisdiction is the Pinellas peninsula, then known as West Hillsborough. 1834 – A small civilian settlement next to Fort Brooke becomes the seat of Hillsborough County and is officially called Tampa.

1835-42 –Second Seminole War. Fort Brooke is an important fort for the U.S. Army.

1836 - Construction begins on Fort Dade

M. Leo Elliott and B. C. Bonfoey, architects
El Pasaje ("The Passage") was built between 1886 and 1888 by the founder of Ybor City,
Vicente Martinez Ybor. The building, only the second brick building in Ybor City, was

originally built to serve as Ybor's office.

Brick Vernacular • 1320 E 9th Avenue, Tampa

El Pasaje/Cherokee Club 1888

In 1895, the building became the home for the Cherokee Club, an organization of influential Ybor City gentlemen. Many distinguished visitors stayed at the Cherokee Club over the years, including Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti, Winston Churchill (at the time a war correspondent) and former US presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland.

West Pasco Historical Society

El Pasaje was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

Source: Ybor City Museum

Rumor has it that El Pasaje operated as a speak-easy during prohibition.



at the intersection of Fort King Road and the Withlacoochee River, near present day Lacoochee.

1837 -General Thomas S. Jesup and five Seminole chiefs and representatives sign the capitulation in which the Seminoles agreed to emigrate at Fort Dade.

Detroit Hotel 1890

Victorian/Queen Anne 217 Central Ave, St. Petersburg Unknown architect

The Detroit Hotel was built by St. Petersburg co-founders Peter Demens and General John C. Williams, Sr. in 1890. Demens, a Russian immigrant, chose the name of St. Petersburg after his birthplace in Russia. Williams then named the city's first hotel "The Detroit", after his hometown of Detroit, Michigan.

The Detroit Hotel was the first significant building to be constructed in the new town of St. Petersburg following the arrival of the railroad. The Detroit Hotel is composed of three major components: the original 1888 Victorian/Queen Anne style building, the 1911 west Masonry Vernacular wing and the 1913 Masonry Vernacular east wing.

The Detroit Hotel was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 2009.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation; City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation and The Garden Restaurant



Growth of railroads and tourism

uring the final quarter of the nineteenth century, large-scale commercial agriculture and tourism were on the rise in Florida. Industries such as cigar manufacturing took root in the immigrant communities of the state while potential investors became interested in the land. The Florida citrus industry grew rapidly. The growth of Florida's transportation industry took flight in 1855. Many railroads were constructed by companies owned by Henry Flagler and Henry B. Plant, who also built lavish hotels near their railroad lines.



John C. Williams **House 1891**

Oueen Anne 511 Second Street South, St. Petersburg Unknown architect

The Williams House was built in 1891 by General John Constantine Williams, one of the co-founders of St. Petersburg. Originally located at 444 5th Ave S in St. Petersburg, it is one of the earliest surviving buildings in St. Petersburg.

Williams first visited the Pinellas peninsula in 1875. Shortly afterward,

he purchased 2,500 acres of land on the southeast portion of the peninsula and began negotiations to bring the Orange Belt Railroad to what would become St. Petersburg in 1888.

The Williams House was purchased by the Manhattan Hotel Company in 1906 and converted to a hotel. The building would remain in use as a hotel for almost 90 years, until it was purchased by the University of South Florida and moved to the Bayboro campus. The Williams House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Source: Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Preservation



Belleview-Biltmore Hotel 1896

Eclectic/Shingle • 25 Belleview Blvd • Michael J. Miller and Francis J. Kinnard, architects

The Belleview-Biltmore Hotel was constructed in 1896 for railroad tycoon Henry B. Plant as s showpiece hotel complete with a private railroad siding for the private cars of wealthy guests. The hotel was fashioned after a Swiss Chalet and was constructed out of heart of pine. The Belleview Biltmore is the largest wood-frame building in Florida.

The hotel had its own fire department, police force and post office, and provided telephone and telegraph service on the premises. The hotel retained its private railroad siding until 1942. During World War II, the hotel was closed to tourism and converted into military barracks for 3,000 U.S. Army Air Corp servicemen.

The Belleview-Biltmore was closed in 2009 for planned renovations that, at this time, have not taken place. The Belleview-Biltmore Hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

Sources: Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Preservation; Town of Bellair; Belleview Biltmore Preservation; St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation

1842 - The federal government's Armed Occupation Act is signed into law. This Act provided the first material impetus to western settlement of the Pinellas peninsula.

1845 - Florida becomes the twenty-seventh state.

Statehood 1845-1861

Civil War and Reconstruction 1861-1877

1861-65 - Civil War. Florida secedes from the United States on Jan. 10, 1861. In 1864, Federal troops occupy Tampa for two days.

1855 - Tampa is officially incorporated as a city. Industry and Railroads 1871-1914

1883 - Henry B. Plant purchases Florida Transit and Peninsula Railroad. The South Florida Railroad connects Tampa to Jacksonville on the east coast.

1885 - The first streetcar line in Tampa begins operation.

World War I era

By the turn of the century, Florida's population and per capita wealth were increasing rapidly. By the end of World War I, land developers had descended on the Sunshine State in hopes of being part of this virtual gold mine. With more Americans owning automobiles, it became commonplace to vacation in Florida with many visitors becoming residents. The real estate market boomed. World War I served to stimulate Florida's economic growth further. Not only did the state continue to produce for the nation, but its climate offered excellent yearround opportunities for training in all branches of the armed services. Florida's ports hosted naval bases, as well as army, air and marine facilities.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida

Historic Tampa City Hall 1915

Beaux Arts • 315 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa M. Leo Elliott and B. C. Bonfoey, architects

Tampa's historic City Hall building was built in 1915. The Beaux Arts style building has a threestory main block topped with a balustrade and an eight-story central tower with terra-cotta detailing. The second and third floors feature Doric columns. The building is recognized as the finest of architect M. Leo Elliott's many commercialmunicipal structures. When it was built, it was the tallest building south of Jacksonville.

The City of Tampa originally did provide enough funding for clockworks in the clock tower. The Seth Thomas clock set in the tower was funded through the efforts of Tampa resident Hortense Oppenheimer, daughter of prominent Tampa

physician Louis Sims Oppenheimer, who raised enough private money to acquire a a 2,840 pound, fourfaced clock from the W.H. Beckwith Jewelry Company.

The Historic Tampa City Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and designated as a Local Historic Landmark in 1994.

Sources: National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources and City of Tampa Historic Preservation and Urban Design

1885 - Dr. W.C. Van Bibber pronounces "Point Pinellas" as the perfect location for a "Health City" at the annual convention of the American Medical Association.

1886 - Mr. O.H. Platt establishes the Hyde Park subdivision of Tampa.

1886 - Don Vincente Martinez Ybor relocates his cigar manufacturing industry from Key West. Ybor City is established and is annexed to Tampa a year later.

1887 – Tarpon Springs becomes the first incorporated city on the Pinellas peninsula.

Boone House 1910

Colonial Revival • 601 5th Ave N • Unknown architect

The Boone House, one of the city's oldest masonry residences, was built in 1910 by Benjamin T. Boone. Boone, a South Carolinian, moved to St. Petersburg in 1906 where he became a significant real estate developer during the city's first real estate boom.

The Boone House, constructed in the Colonial Revival style, features a square plan with a center hall, symmetrically balanced windows with a center door, a hip roof with projecting eaves, wood soffits with decorative carved brackets, a double French doorway leading from the second-floor balcony and a grand entrance portico with four paired ionic columns and patterned tile. The Boone House was restored as private offices in 1985.

The Boone House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 and designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 1991.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation; City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation; Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and National Register of Historic Places



1887 - The Plant System Railroad, later called the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, comes to Pasco County. A second railroad arrives in 1888 and later became part of the Seaboard Railroad.

1887 - The Orange Belt Railroad arrives on the Pinellas Peninsula, terminating in St. Petersburg in 1888.

Dennis (McCarthy) Hotel 1926

326 First Ave N, St. Petersburg Beaux Arts/Neoclassical Henry Cunningham, architect

The Dennis Hotel was built in 1926 by Nick Dennis, a hotelier and restaurateur from New York. The 27,000 square foot, eight-story steel frame masonry clad Dennis Hotel represents the dramatic transition from small, frame boarding houses and hotels built before World War I to the large masonry hotels built to serve tourists in the boom years of the twenties. The hotel is an important example of Beaux Arts/Neoclassical architecture, featuring a main facade clad in cast stone, brick facing, decorative tile and granite and six two-story Corinthian pilasters.



The Dennis Hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 and was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 1993.

Sources: Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources; National Register of Historic Places; St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation

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Hacienda Hotel 1927

Mission/Mediterranean Revival

The Hacienda Hotel was designed by architect Thomas Reed Martin for brothers James and Thomas Meighan. Thomas Meighan was a popular silent film star who also built a home in New Port Richey. The Richey Suncoast Theatre was originally named the Meighan Theatre in his honor. During the 1920s, the Hacienda Hotel hosted many silent film stars and vaudeville and broadway entertainers drawn by Meighan's presence. The area was also scouted several times by producers looking for film locations and possible studio sites.

The two-story hotel has a modified H-shaped plan, two hip roofed towers and central courtyard and features numerous Mediterranean Revival characteristics. In 1985, the hotel was purchased by Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services Inc. and operated as an assisted living facility. In 2003, the City of New Port Richey purchased the Hacienda Hotel and leased it to Gulf Coast Family Services until 2006. The building is currently vacant.

The Hacienda Hotel was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

Sources: National Register of Histroric Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and History of Pasco County website

1887-88 – Yellow Fever epidemic devastates Florida.

1888 – Industrial grade phosphate is discovered east of Tampa.

1891 – Henry B. Plant opens the Tampa Bay Hotel on the western bank of the Hillsborough River.

1898 – Spanish American War. Tampa serves as the port of embarkation for U.S. troops.

1903 - The City of St. Petersburg is incorporated.

1907 – The Tampa Northern Railroad connects Brooksville and Port Richey to Tampa.

Florida boom and bust

A World War I came to an end, Florida tourism and real estate were thriving. The real estate developments quickly attracted buyers, and land in Florida was sold and resold. However, in 1926, Florida's economic bubble burst, when money and credit ran out. Severe hurricanes swept through the state in the 1926 and 1928, further damaging Florida's economy. By the time the Great Depression began in the rest of the nation in 1929, Floridians had already crashed into economic hardship.

Just as things looked as though they couldn't get any worse, the Mediterranean fruit fly invaded the state in 1929. The citrus industry was devastated. A quarantine was established, and troops set up roadblocks and checkpoints to search vehicles for any contraband citrus fruit. Florida's citrus production was cut by about 60 percent.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida



Floridan Hotel 1927

Renaissance/Georgian Revival 905 N Florida Ave, Tampa Francis J. Kennard, architect

The eighteen-story Floridan Hotel was built in 1927 to serve the ever-increasing number of tourists visiting Tampa during the boom years of the early twenties. When it was completed, it was the tallest structure in Tampa. The Floridan's Renaissance and Georgian Revival design elements are typical to skyscrapers of this era. The building is the only historic skyscraper remaining of approximately six constructed in downtown Tampa between 1910 and 1930.

The Floridan Hotel closed its doors in 1989 after a long decline but is currently undergoing restoration with plans to reopen to the public as a hotel. The Floridan Hotel was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996 and designated as a Local Historic Landmark in 1996.

Sources: National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources and City of Tampa Historic Preservation and Urban Design

1908 - Streetcar line is built on Central Avenue, connecting downtown Tampa to Sulfur Springs.

1912 – Pinellas becomes a county separate from Hillsborough County.



S.H. Kress Building 1929

Renaissance Revival • 810 N Florida Ave, Tampa G. F. McKay, architect

The Kress Building was constructed in 1929 by Samuel Henry Kress, founder of the S.H. Kress chain of department stores. It was one of the last major commercial structures built in Tampa before the Great Depression. Built in the Renaissance Revival style, the four-story masonry building features a suspended bronze marquee and extensive use of terra-cotta ornamentation on the Franklin St and Florida Ave facades, which are nearly identical. The first Tampa Bay area Kress store opened in St. Petersburg in 1927 and the Tampa store in 1929.

The S.H. Kress Building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 and designated as a Local Historic Landmark in 2006.

Sources: National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources; City of Tampa Historic Preservation and Urban Design and The Kress Foundation

Architecture as a career

The American Institute of Architects defines architecture as the imaginative blend of art and science in the design of environments for people". Architects transform the needs of people for spaces to work, live, play, eat, sleep, learn and travel into concepts and then into designs that can be built.

Architects are licensed professionals with specialized skills. An architect does more than just design buildings; he or she must also protect the health, safety and welfare of the building's users and the general public.

Imagine that you need to hire an architect. Go to The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), Inc. website and research the skills and education someone would need to become an architect. Write a job description for the position. Using the Tampa Bay Times Classified advertisements as models, write a Help Wanted advertisement. Share your ad with your classmates.

1910-1914 - First "land boom" in Tampa Bay

1914 – Tony Jannus pilots the world's first scheduled airline flight from St. Petersburg to Tampa.

1914 – Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa is widened and paved.

Don CeSar Hotel 1928

Mediterranean Revival • 3400 Gulf Blvd, St. Pete Beach Henry DuPont, architect

The Don CeSar Hotel was built in 1928 by Thomas Rowe in the Mediterranean Revival style. Built during the state's land boom, the pink-stuccoed "Pink Palace" rises five to ten stories and features four corner towers with belfry arches. In 1942, the federal government bought the hotel and converted it to an Army hospital. The building remained a government facility until 1969, when it was closed in a dilapidated condition. In 1972, the hotel was restored and reopened as a luxury hotel. The Don CeSar Hotel was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Sources: Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources; Don CeSar website; Tampabay.com and St. Pete Beach Today website



St. Petersburg Federal Savings and Loan 1930s

556 Central Ave, St.
Petersburg • Art Deco/Art
Moderne
Philip J. Kennard, architect

The St. Petersburg Federal Savings and Loan Association building was designed by Philip J. Kennard in the Art Deco/Art Moderne style. The building is a one-story, flat-roof masonry structure that features Art Deco/Art Moderne elements including a geometric design; layered, hard-edged, low-relief designs around doors, windows and roof edges; and a

rectangular-shaped geometric design recessed above the door.

The St. Petersburg Federal Savings and Loan building was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 1993. Sources: St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation



1920 – The Florida Land Boom begins. It will last through 1926.

1921 - Tampa Bay is devastated by a hurricane that causes widespread flooding.

1924 – The Gandy Bridge opens, reducing the drive from Tampa to St. Petersburg from 43 to 19 miles. On opening day, it is the longest automobile toll bridge in the world.





Pre, during and post World War II

The end of the Florida land boom in 1926 and the Great Depression brought an end to new residential construction and a marked decline in tourism until the implementation of the New Deal signaled an economic upturn and the gradual return of tourists during the late 1930s.

World War II spurred economic development in Florida. The state's year-round mild climate, the state afforded it the opportunity to become a major training center for soldiers, sailors, and aviators of the United States and its allies. Highway and airport construction accelerated so that, by war's end, Florida had an up-todate transportation network ready for use by residents and the visitors who seemed to arrive in an endless stream.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida

History in the news As you have read in this publication, history is more than just facts. It also is about society, people and culture. The buildings in this publication coincide with the time period's current events and the people in the news. The news section of the newspaper provides us with a daily record of the problems and issues facing our society. The newspaper presents history in the making. Read the Tampa Bay Times, and identify a local problem or issue that is of major importance in your community. Write an essay summarizing the article and identifying the following points. What do you know about the issue or problem? What additional information do you need? What are some alternative solutions to the problem? What are the positive and negative consequences of each solution? What do you believe would be the best solution? Can your solution be implemented? How would you evaluate the success of your solution? Share what you have learned with your class.

1924 - D.P. Davis begins development of Davis Islands in the Mediterranean Revival

1926 - Florida real estate boom collapses.

McKeage Residence 1938

209 Park Street South • Art Moderne • Edward Staples, architect

The McKeage Residence was designed and built in 1938 by contractor Edward Staples for John and Florence McKeage as their winter residence. The McKeage Residence stands as a representative example of the brief period of residential construction between the slow recovery from the Great Depression and the onset of World War II.

The McKeage Residence is an excellent example of an Art

Moderne style residence and Depression era residential construction. Most examples of Art Moderne are large apartment buildings, hotels or civic buildings, funded through public works projects under the New Deal agencies. With few residences built during the 1930s, the Art Moderne style home is relatively rare. The McKeage Residence features Art Moderne elements including an asymmetrical design, flat roof, curved corners and garden wall, corner windows, a slab front door featuring a porthole and a curved corner window built of glass block. The interior of the residence also contains Art Moderne elements including curved walls, stepped room openings, and stepped recessed ceilings.

The McKeage Residence was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 2009.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation



St. Petersburg Municipal Utilities Building/City Hall 1939

175 5th St N • Mediterranean Revival/Art Moderne A. Lowther Forrest, architect

The St. Petersburg Municipal Utilities Building or City Hall was constructed in 1939 using funding from a Public Works Administration grant, a New Deal program of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The building can be described as Art Moderne with Mediterranean Revival influence. Significant interior features include elaborately decorated ceilings over the main entrance hall, main staircase and second-floor council chambers; ornamental bronze hanging lamps in the front entryway; and walls finished in marble. The building also retains a 7 ft. by 10 ft. mural painted by the artist George Snow Hill under a Works Progress Administration commission.

The St. Petersburg Municipal Utilities Building was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 1990.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation

1929 - The stock market crash ushers in the Great Depression, which will last until the beginning of World War II in 1939.

Great Depression 1929-1940

1932 - U.S. Highway 19, running from Erie, PA, to Tallahassee, is extended to St. Petersburg.

1933 - The Civil Works Administration is established by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.



Royal Theater 1948

1011 22nd St S, St. Petersburg • Quonset Hut Philip J. Kennard, architect

Built in circa 1948, the Royal Theater was designed by Philip F. Kennard for the Gulf Coast Entertainment Company. The Royal Theater operated for eighteen years, from 1948 to 1966, as one of only two movie theaters serving solely African-Americans in St. Petersburg during the era of segregation.

The Royal Theater is one of the few remaining Quonset Huts in St. Petersburg. The Quonset Hut is a lightweight, portable, and economic building designed by the George A. Fuller construction company and named after the town in Rhode Island where their production facility was located. The design was based on a World War I British prototype called a Nissan hut.

After the war, surplus Quonset huts were sold to civilians, originally intended as housing for returning veterans. However, businesses and designers found that the Quonset could be adapted to many uses, and many architects used the basic arched elements in the design of churches or theaters.

The Royal Theater was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 1993. Sources: St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation

Publix Groceries 1951

1720 16th St N, St. Petersburg • Art Moderne • Unknown architect

Constructed in 1951, this building opened as St. Petersburg's first Publix Supermarket to serve the city's fast-growing post-war population. The building is representative of the transition during the 1930s and 1940s from small-scale neighborhood groceries to supermarkets located along major roadways, and is an example of the Art Moderne style. The Publix Grocery building was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 2003.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation and City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation



The C.W.A. builds bridges, schools, hospitals, airports, parks and playgrounds and funds the repair and construction of highways and roads.

1933 - The University of Tampa moves in to the old Tampa Bay Hotel.

1934 - The Ben T. Davis Causeway (later renamed the Courtney Campbell Causeway) connects Clearwater with Tampa.

1935 – President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signs legislation creating the Works Progress Administration (later renamed the Work Projects Administration.)



Williams Park Bandshell 1954

Modern • 330 2nd Ave N, St. Petersburg Harvard Jolly Architecture, architects

The Williams Park Bandshell, constructed of reinforced concrete, natural redwood and pumice block, was regarded as revolutionary at the time of its construction. In 1955, it won the American Institute of Architects Award of Merit. Thirty years later, it is still considered an important building, winning a coveted AIA Test of Time Award.

The multi-level building features a diamond-shaped terrazzo tile band platform and braced structural steel frame canopy. The canopy originally contained heat absorbing glass panels, reinforced with wire.

Source: Harvard Jolly Architecture

The W.P.A. employs more than 8.5 million individuals to improve or create highways, roads, bridges, and airports and thousands of artists to work on various projects.

World War II and the Post-war Boom 1941-1964

Contemporary Florida

ince World War II, Florida's economy and culture has become more diverse. Traditional industries, such as tourism, cattle, citrus and phosphate have been joined by growth industries in electronics, plastics, construction, real estate and international banking. Several major U.S. corporations have moved their headquarters to Florida. An interstate highway system exists throughout the state, and Florida is home to major international airports. The university and community college system has expanded rapidly. The U.S. space program calls Cape Canaveral home. The citrus industry continues to prosper, despite occasional winter freezes, and tourism remains vital in the community.

Architectural design

Look for photos of buildings in the Tampa Bay Times. Using the architectural design terms that you researched (see pages 12 and 13), determine which design describes the buildings in the photographs. Paste the photographs on poster board and identified the designs. Share what you have learned with your classmates.

Business in the Sunshine State

During the final quarter of the nineteenth century, large-scale commercial agriculture and tourism were on the rise in Florida, and those two industries have continued to grow. Using the Tampa Bay Times and the Internet, research businesses in the Tampa Bay area. Create a chart depicting the prominent businesses in the area. Think about how these businesses portray our community. Write a brief essay based on your findings and thoughts. Be sure to use your research to support your ideas.

1940-45 - World War II

1941 – MacDill Army Base (later MacDill Air Force Base) opens to train airmen in the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-26 Marauder aircraft.

Pasadena Community Church 1960

Modern • 227 70th St S, St. Petersburg • Harvard Jolly Architecture, architects

One product of the 1960s that remains among Florida Suncoast's most widely recognized architectural emblems is the dramatic "folded roof" design of the Pasadena Community Church, acclaimed as "one of America's most striking examples of contemporary religious architecture."

Sources: Harvard Jolly Architecture





St. Petersburg Pier 1973

Modern • 800 2nd Ave NE, St. Petersburg • William B. Harvard, Sr., architect

St. Petersburg's first pier dates to 1889, when the Railroad Pier was constructed by St. Petersburg co-founder Peter Demens' Orange Belt Railway. Several piers followed; among them the Electric Pier, constructed in 1906 and featuring dramatic night lighting, and the Million Dollar Pier, a Mediterranean Revival casino style building built in 1926 featuring a central atrium, open-air rooftop ballroom and observation deck. In 1967, the Million Dollar Pier was demolished to make way for the new Inverted Pyamid, which opened in 1973.

In 2004, it was determined that the condition of the pier's pilings would necessitate replacement by 2014. Beginning in 2008, the City of St. Petersburg considered redevelopment alternatives with extensive community input. In 2011, the city began a design competition which was judged by a juried panel with final selection by public vote. A design called "The Lens" was the winner. Demolition of the Inverted Pyramid Pier is slated to begin in 2013, with The Lens opening in 2015.

Sources: The City of St. Petersburg; The Pier and Harvard Jolly Architecture

1942 – The Army Air Corps leases the Pinellas county airport for a training center. After the war, the "Pinellas Army Air Base" is returned to the county and later becomes St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. Empty hotels such as the Vinoy, Soreno, Princess Martha and Belleview-Biltmore were converted into military barracks. More than 100,000 military personnel passed through St. Petersburg in 1942-43.

1950-1955 - Korean War

Kiley Garden 1988

Modern • 400 N Ashley Dr, Tampa Dan Kiley, landscape architect

Kiley Garden was created in 1988 by pioneering modernist landscape architect Dan Kiley. Kiley worked with the architect of the adjacent Rivergate Tower to design the 2.5 acre park using a geometric layout based on a mathematical principal known as the Golden Proportion, which includes a logarithmic pattern known as the "Fibonacci Series".

The width of Kiley Garden's pathways and the checkerboard of grass and concrete all conform mathematically to the Fibonacci mathematical sequence, where beginning with the numbers zero and one, each subsequent number is the sum of the previous two.

Kiley Garden also features an outdoor amphitheater overlooking the Hillsborough River and the University of Tampa. Dan Kiley is one of only two landscape architects to have been awarded the National Medal of Arts.

After a period of neglect, Kiley Garden fell into disrepair and was cited it as an endangered garden in 2006 by the Cultural Landscape Foundation. The park was completely renovated and restored in .2010

Sources: Keith Greminger, AIA; the Downtown Partnership; Tampabay.com and The Cultural Landscape Foundation





Glazer Children's Museum 2010

Modern • 110 W Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa Gould Evans Associates and Haizlip Studios, architects

The Glazer Children's Museum, built in 2012, features three floors of hands-on interactive exhibit spaces in an environmentally sensitive modern design. The museum was conceived as a simple box as a container of fun, adventure and discover. The building exterior presents a monolithic appearance, with notable features including a rooftop terrace, colorful aluminum panels and a mirror and glass mosaic created by artist Mari Garner.

The interior features colorful ng floors, walls, columns, and benches that complement an integrated graphic way-finding system. At night, the museum is illuminated both inside and out, presenting a "jewelbox" appearance to the onlooker.

The museum is located in the newly redesigned Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, which opened in 2010.

Sources: Keith Greminger, AIA and the Tampa Downtown Partnership

Immigration issues

Immigration to Florida has been an important part of our history and continues to be an important part of contemporary events. It is also a hot topic for politicians. Look in the Tampa Bay Times for articles about immigration and potential immigration laws. What are some of the current important issues in the newspaper? What are your thoughts about these issues? Check PolitiFact, politifact.com, to see what researched has been done about these issues. Write a persuasive essay discussing the article and your thoughts about the information presented.

1954 - The first span of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge opens, linking Pinellas and Manatee counties.

1955 - The University of South Florida begins construction of its Tampa on the practice bombing range of the World War II-era Henderson Air Field. 1955 – The last segment of U.S. Highway 19 opens for traffic in St. Petersburg.

Rapid development along this new roadway in Pinellas begins almost immediately. The federal interstate highway program expands access into and out of major cities, spawning urban renewal and suburban sprawl. 1959 – The Howard Frankland Bridge links Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Civil Rights Era 1964-1969

1959-1975 – Vietnam War

1967 - Race riot in Tampa

Florida **Architecture:** 100 Years. 100 Places.

AIA Florida's Florida Architecture: 100 Years, 100 Places commemorates one hundred buildings that represent the best that Florida architecture has to offer. The project celebrates AIA Florida's 100th anniversary, Florida's history and heritage and salutes those who had the insight of creating better places to live, work and play through architectural design.

In 2011, local chapters of AIA Florida submitted their nominations for best architecture to the **AIA Communications** Committee for inclusion in the Top 100. The committee then voted on the 253 buildings submitted to narrow the list to 109 buildings that truly represent great Florida architecture. Beginning in January 2012, the public was asked to vote on their favorite buildings, and in April 2012 the results of the survey were released across the state.

Tampa Bay-area structures in the Top 100:

Alta Vista Elementary School, Sarasota: This school was built in 1957 by Victor Lundy, FAIA.

Ca d'Zan, the Residence of John and Mable Ringling, Sarasota: Built in 1926 by Dwight James Baum and restored in 2002 by Bill Puig, the Ringlings' palatial mansion has 56 rooms. With its Venetian Gothic architecture, the mansion is a combination of the grandeur of Venice's Doge's Palace and the gothic grace of Cà d'Oro, with Sarasota Bay serving as its Grand Canal.

The Cocoon House / Healy Guest House, Sarasota: Built in 1950 by Twitchell Rudolph Architects, the guest house is significant as an architectural expression and for its technological innovation. The Cocoon House was selected in 1953 by the New York Museum of Modern Art as a pioneer design foreshadowing the future.



Randy Van Duinen Photography

Cuban Club, Ybor City: Built in 1917 by M. Leo Elliot, the neoclassical Cuban Club first opened its doors as a gathering place for members of the Cuban National Club.



Randy Van Duinen Photography

Dali Museum, St. Petersburg: Built in 2011 by HOK Tampa with Yann Weymouth, AIA, the museum's signature architectural detail is a wave of glass paneling that undulates around the building.



Randy Van Duinen Photography

Florida Aquarium, Tampa: Built in 1995 by HOK Architects, the aquarium features exhibits including a large simulated wetlands exhibit and a coral reef community housed in a 500,000 gallon tank.

Florida Southern College, Lakeland: Built in 1938 by Frank Lloyd Wright, Florida Southern is the home of the world's largest singlesite collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. The campus itself is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. The collection of Wright architecture is called "Child of the Sun."



Times

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs: Built in 2002 by Hoffman Architects, the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art stretches out above a pond at St. Petersburg College's Tarpon Springs campus in a design like the prow of a ship.



Museum of Science and Industry

Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), Tampa: Built in 1978 by **Dwight Holmes of Rowe Holmes** Associates and Antoine Predock of Robbins, Bell & Kuehlem Architects of Tampa, the original museum was an exhibit with exposed plumbing and duct work so guests could see how the building worked.

New College of Florida Pei Residence Halls, Sarasota: Built in 1965 by I.M. Pei, FAIA and designed by Pei, New College's Pei Residence Halls opened in 1965 and accommodate more than 250 students in double and triple-

1970s - Present Day

1971 - A second span of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge opens.

1984 – Amtrak discontinues passenger train service in Pinellas, ending an era of passenger train travel which had begun in 1887.

1987 - The new Sunshine Skyway is completed, replacing the old twin span, part of which was destroyed in an accident seven years earlier. the Skyway is the largest construction project ever undertaken in Florida and the largest cable-stayed box girder-type bridge in the United States.

1990-1991 - Persian Gulf War

1993 - Federal Department of Transportation begins a program to relocate historic buildings in Ybor City Historic District that would be destroyed by planned expansion of I-4 and

occupancy rooms, each with its own private bathroom.

Henry B. Plant Museum at the University of Tampa: Built in 1933 by John A. Wood, the museum is housed in the former Tampa Bay Hotel on the University of Tampa campus along the Hillsborough River. The building was repurposed in 1933 as the Tampa Municipal Museum. It became the Henry B. Plant Museum in 1974.

Plymouth Harbor on Sarasota Bay: Built in 1966 by Frank Folsom Smith, FAIA, sArchitect of Record and Associate Architect Louis F. Schneider, AIA, Plymouth Harbor may the most recognizable building in Sarasota. At 25 stories, it certainly is the tallest.



Randy Van Duinen Photography

Renaissance Vinoy Hotel /
Formerly Vinoy Park Hotel, St.
Petersburg: Built in 1925 by Henry
L. Taylor, the Vinoy Park Hotel (also
known as the Renaissance Vinoy
Resort and Golf Club) is a historic
Mediterranean Revival styled
hotel in downtown St. Petersburg,
Florida. On Sept. 11, 1978, it was
added to the U.S. National Register
of Historic Places.

Rivergate Tower, Tampa: The tower was built in 1986 by Harry Wolf, FAIA, Wolf Architecture Design Architect. Odell Associates Assoc. Architectural Firm.

Because of its cylindrical shape, it is often referred to as the Beer Can Building by local residents. Rivergate Tower, is a 454-foot skyscraper with thirty-two floors. It is the sixth tallest building in Tampa and one of the tallest limestone buildings in the world

Sarasota City Hall: Sarasota City Hall was built in 1965 by Jack West, AIA.

Sarasota High School Addition: This school was built in 1958 by Paul Rudolph.

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Sarasota: Built in 1958 by Victor Lundy, FAIA, the curved wood roof of sanctuary is supported by series of draped steel cables.



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St. Petersburg's Historic Post
Office / St. Petersburg Open
Air Post Office: Built in 1916 by
George W. Stewart, the post office
was added to the U.S. National
Register of Historic Places on
April 4, 1975.

Tampa Bay History Center: Built in 2009 by Verner Johnson, Inc. of Boston, the building is located



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on a waterfront site in downtown Tampa.



Times

Tampa International Airport: Built in 1965 by Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc., Tampa International Airport's Landside/Airside terminal was the first of its type in the world.



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Tampa Museum of Art: Built in 2008 by Stanley Saitowitz, the museum is designed to look like a metal box sitting on a

glass pedestal and makes use of aluminum, glass and fiber optic color-changing lights in the exterior walls to make the building itself a work of art.



Randy Van Duinen Photography

Tampa Theatre: Built in 1926 by John Eberson, the theater was designed as a Florida Mediterranean Atmospheric style theatre. On January 3, 1978, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

Umbrella House, Sarasota: Built in 1953 by Paul Rudolph, the building is currently undergoing extensive renovations and is not open to the public. Rudolph created a very Floridian house of temple-like quality, with a high second wood-slat roof over the lower building masses for cooling and shading.

Sources: The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and AIA Florida

1993 – The Bayside Bridge opens, providing an alternative north-south arterial route in Pinellas county.

2001 - 9/11 Attack on World Trade Center

2001-2012 - Operation Enduring Freedom (Afganistan)

2003-2012 - Operation Iraqui Freedom/ Operation New Dawn (Iraq) 2007-09 - Great Recession

2010 - Deepwater Horizon oil spill

Florida Architecture: 100 Years. 100 Places.

This is a list of the top 100 examples of Florida architecture. Using stickers or a brightly colored marker, place these buildings on the state map.



• Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Hillsborough County

• Temple Beth El Synagogue, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County

· Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, Hillsborough County

• Tampa Theatre, Tampa, Hillsborough County

Westminster Woods / Formerly Wesley Manor Retirement Village,

• William Morgan House, Atlantic Beach, Duval County

• Williamson Residence, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns County

Jacksonville, Duval County

· Lincoln Theater, Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County

Tallahassee, Volusia County

Lee Hall at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU),

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County