

Historic Register Properties Within CRA & Photo Log

* = demolished structure.

Source: City Of Dade City Historic Register (2011) Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Agnes Lamb Park-Edwinola Park (1912)

27-24-21-0000-13100-0010

Edwinola Way / 37825 Meridian Ave

Laid out and planted in 1912, later named for Agnes Lamb, first woman to serve as mayor of Dade City. It served as the entrance to the Edwinola Hotel.



Bank Of Dade City Site (1919)

27-24-21-0280-00100-00E0

14215 / 14227 7th St / 37851 Meridian Ave (101 N 7th St at Meridian Ave)

Structure originally constructed of brick in 1919 as the Bank of Dade City. The bank closed with the collapse of the Florida Boom in 1926. The building was extensively remodeled in 1936 to become a variety store and for many years housed an Army-Navy store, then a travel agency and later a quilt shop.





Bank of Pasco County Site (1890)

27-24-21-0280-00200-00A0

14210 7th St (401 E Meridian Ave at 7th St)

Site of the original Bank of Pasco County, a brick building constructed in 1890-91. Had the motto "the old reliable" because it was the only bank in the area to survive the financial collapse of the mid-1920s. The bank also survived the crash of 1929 when all the other banks in the County closed. It was forced to close and reorganize with a program to pay off its depositors; this process took 15 years. The building was pulled down and rebuilt in 1989. The new structure, now Wachovia Bank, is a faithful reproduction of the original bank.



Bob Sturkey Home (1930)

27-24-21-0090-00100-0070

14220 10th St / 37733 Meridian Ave

Former home of Bob Sturkey, a prominent local attorney, later owned and occupied by Judge Kenneth Barnes.



Bradshaw - Jackson - Johnson Office (1950)

27-24-21-0090-00100-0010

37751 Meridian Ave



Casey-Brown Homes (1940)

27-24-21-0090-00100-0020

37743 / 37747 / 37749 Meridian Ave





Centennial-Coleman & Ferguson Building (1923)

27-24-21-028A-00000-0020

37837 Meridian Ave (301 E Meridian Ave)

Built of brick in 1923 and remodeled in 1987, this building originally housed a general store operated by the Coleman & Ferguson Company, the county's leading merchant concern, which had occupied the site since 1884. Henry W. Coleman and William N. Ferguson met in Georgia where Coleman worked as a clerk for Ferguson's father. In 1884, the two left for Florida to seek their fortune in the department store business, buying a lot on Main Avenue in "old town" from Reuben Wilson for \$100. They opened their general store on December 1, 1884, 10 days after construction began. It was the 2nd general store in Dade City, the 1st having been built by W.C. Sumner. Coleman also served on the town council in 1899. The partnership continued until Coleman's death in 1919. Ferguson retired that year and lived in Tampa until his death in 1930.



By the early 1920s, the original frame store had been moved from the Meridian site to Live Oak Ave, where the business was run while erecting the new masonry building on the Meridian site. Mr. J.Y. O'Neal, who managed Coleman & Ferguson for many years, bought the controlling interest of the business in the mid-1930s. He sold the business to Belk-Lindsey Co., keeping the Live Oak property and funeral home.





***City Hall - George C. Dayton Municipal Building (1930s)**

26-24-21-0060-00500-0010

38020 Meridian Ave (612 E Meridian Ave)

Initially intended as a hotel, the building was begun about 1925 in masonry and natural rock. The collapse of the Florida Boom ended the project. Transformed into a municipal building, it was completed in the 1930s with funding from Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, and has been Dade City's City Hall since that time.

According to former Dade City Mayor Lawrence Puckett, the building was to be a 6-story hotel, but was abandoned at the 4th-floor slab. The city reclaimed it for non-payment of taxes. It was tested and found to be one of the strongest buildings in the county and a good place to go in case of a disaster. In 1987, it was named for George C. Dayton, who retired after 3 decades as attorney for the City of Dade City.



Coca Cola Bottling Company (1920)

27-24-21-0290-00500-00H0

14117 / 14119 7th St

Built by James K. Ward, Jr., a local building contractor, as the Dade City Coca Cola Bottling Company. Built for Mr. Gilbert.



Coleman-Ferguson Funeral Home (1925)

27-24-21-0390-00400-0050

14233 7th St

Masonry building owned by Henry W. Coleman and a Mr. Hill, who operated a wholesale grocery in it. In 1925, Coleman and William N. Ferguson moved their old frame general store from its Meridian Avenue site to the rear of this site and operated their business from it while erecting a new masonry building at the Meridian location (now the Centennial Building). Both buildings on 7th St belonged to Coleman & Ferguson Funeral Home, and underwent several remodeling jobs.

In the early part of the century, particularly in small towns and rural areas, the general store, like Sears, stocked and sold just about everything one needed: fencing, roofing, hardware, clothing, food, etc, and included a funeral department – the Coleman Ferguson Company served East Pasco County for all their needs, including death. Mr. J.Y. O'Neal, who managed Coleman & Ferguson for many years, bought the controlling interest of the business in the mid-1930s. He remodeled the old frame building on Live Oak and 7th St into a funeral home with an apartment above, and moved the funeral business to this building with living quarters above.



Dade City Woman's Club (1926)

34-24-21-0040-00400-0010

37922 Palm Ave (404 E Palm Ave)

Plaque dedicated October 27, 1985: Completed in 1926 on land I.M. Austin donated, this clubhouse is a monument to dedicated local women who raised \$23,000 for its construction. Sallie Embry was charter president of the club in 1910. Dollie Hendley, president for the next 17 years, led fundraising efforts for this and other projects. This plaque is provided to honor charter member Ruth Embry "Polly" Touchton, by her son Charles. Sallie was Mrs. W.E. Embry.



Edwinola Hotel (1912)

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14235 Edwinola Way

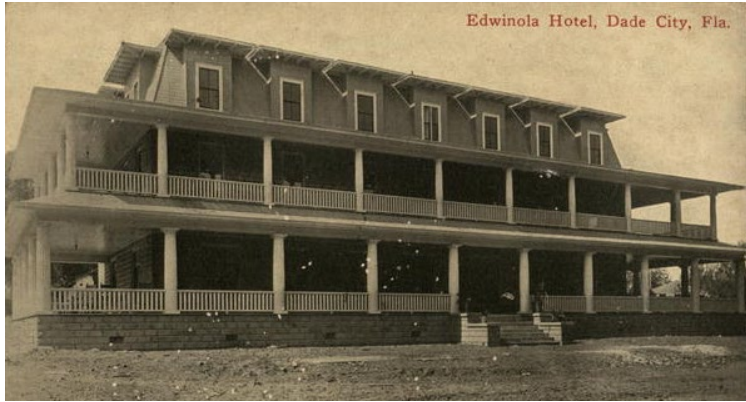
(111 Edwinola Way off Meridian Ave)

Local landmark constructed in 1912 of poured concrete block and frame, featuring Doric columns, 2 levels of verandas and mansard roof – a version of neoclassical. Site occupied by the earlier Dade City Hotel, which burned in 1907. During its construction the owner, a man named Gerowe, fell from a 2nd-story window and was killed. Edwin and Lola Gasque, previously in the turpentine business, bought it from Gerowe's widow (Mr. Gasque's sister) and completed it. The name Edwinola is a combination of their first names. Long the area's leading hotel, meeting place for local



civic organizations and residence of many Northern visitors who came down for the winter. Also popular with traveling salesmen since it was within sight of the Seaboard railroad station. With increasing competition from motels after WWII, the Edwinola fell on hard times and closed about 1950. The Gasque family used it as a residence in the 1950s and 1960s. Mrs. Myrtice Varn, daughter of Edwin and Lola, lived there alone for many years.

From about 1969 to 1971 it was the site of East Coast University, which offered an unaccredited doctoral program and attracted dozens of students from throughout the U.S. Questions about the legitimacy of the degree resulted in closing of the school. In 1975 Marlene and Robert Sumner purchased the building, renovated it extensively and operated it as the Edwinola Restaurant, the area's most distinctive dining establishment for half a decade. The building was vacant for a brief period before an 8-story annex was added in the mid-1980s for use as a retirement home.



Friedman Bldg - Larkin Bldg (1920)

27-24-21-0280-00600-0020

14122 / 14124 7th St



Gordon M. Crothers, Post #15 American Legion and Auxiliary Unit (1919)

27-24-21-0160-00100-00F0

37745 Church Ave (105 E Church Ave)

Site of American Legion Post founded in 1919. One story bungalow style building named for Gordon M. Crothers, who was a local resident killed in France during WWI. The building retains its original basic configuration, windows, exterior finishes and fireplace that was built by James K. Ward, Jr.



Griffin Block (1905)

27-24-21-0280-00400-00A0

37832 – 37836 Meridian Ave (300 block of Meridian Ave)



Structure constructed in 1905 by Henry Griffin, Sr. as the Griffin Drug Store and designed by Artemus Roberts, who designed the original Pasco County Courthouse. The 1st telephone company was housed in the back room of this building as Pasco County Telephone Company, a 16-telephone line organized by W. J. Ellsworth in the spring of 1903. The 1910 directory listed 135 numbers in 10 communities: Dade City, Trilby, Blanton, Greer, St. Joseph, Saint Thomas, Jessamine, Saint Leo, San Antonio and Pasco. After the original telephone company failed, it was taken over by Clarence Griffin and his drug store operated as the central exchange. Structure also housed Schofield's department store and later a grocery store.



Guymon Home (1910)

35-24-21-0010-00100-0010

13950 5th St (502 S 5th St)

Constructed by the Guymon family about 1910 in late Victorian style, this building has housed a funeral home since 1978. Current Milton Funeral Home.



Hendley Building (1920)

27-24-21-0280-00100-00D0

37847 / 37849 Meridian Ave

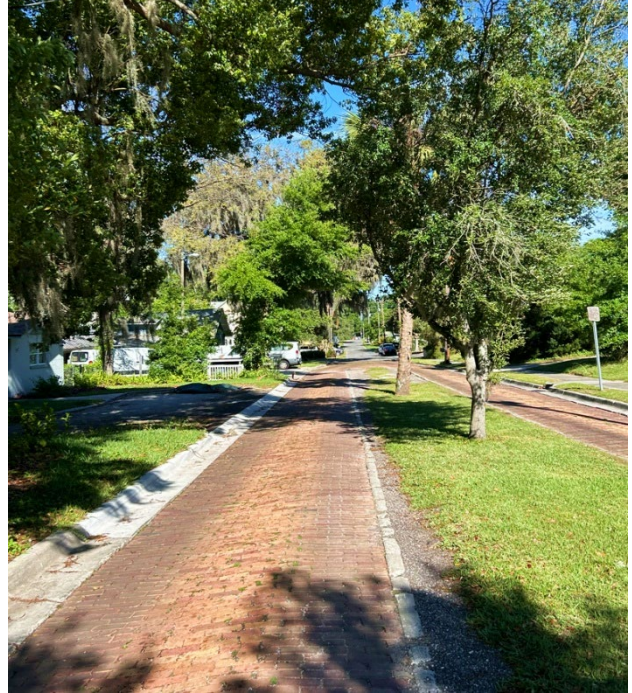
Typical of 1920's Mediterranean Revival style.



Howard Avenue Brick Street

Between 5th & 7th

The only remaining example of Dade City's original "streetscape":
A brick street divided by the original median island.



Huckabay Building -Madill Furniture (1915)

27-24-21-0280-00400-0010

14136 8th St (west end of Pasco Ave-north side of street)

Built about 1915, this building originally housed a grocery store. In those days, stores remained open late Saturday night to serve people from the country and nearby villages. It was quite a social occasion. Structure also formerly housed Madill Furniture and, later, Harper Furniture.





J.A. Peek Home (1912)

26-24-21-0050-01300-0010

14046 5th St (302 S 5th St @ Church Ave)

This building was constructed as a residence about 1912 by J. A. Peek, who ordered it as a kit from the Sears Roebuck catalog – an unusual mail-order offering. Its style is English Country Tudor.



Mills Home (1920s)

34-24-21-0000-00100-0000

13945 5th St (503 S 5th St)

Residence was built in the Florida Boom of the 1920s and represents the style of that era.



Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church (1918)

27-24-21-0400-02700-0020

14422 / 14426 / 14428 / 14432 7th St (434 N 7th St)

Built of concrete block in 1918 by the African Methodist Episcopal congregation, to replace an earlier wooden structure. It was the first Protestant church in Pasco County to be built of masonry. The church community was originally located at "Freedtown" on the south side of Lake Pasadena, but moved into Dade City after the Great Freeze of 1894-1895.



Municipal Pumping Station (1924)

27-24-21-0160-00100-00A0

14122 10th St & Church Ave

Built by the City as the Municipal Pumping Station in 1924. Construction is stucco and concrete block in Mediterranean Revival style, on the site of the City's "Tool House." This was the first public water system in Pasco County.



Neal Building (1920)

27-24-21-0280-00400-00G0

14135 7th St (113 S 7th St)

Originally used as a sundries store, the building was constructed in 1920 by W. Neal. For many years through the 1940s and 1950s, it housed the Valencia Restaurant, and later the Crest Restaurant.





Old Barber Shop (1916)
27-24-21-0280-00400-00E1
14145 7th St



Old City Market (1905)
27-24-21-0280-00400-00A
14148 8th St
Currently Green Door On 8th





Old County Jail (1893)

27-24-21-0070-03300-0080

37731 / 37739 Robinson Ave (105 E Robinson Ave)

Now an office building, this brick structure was constructed as the county's 1st jail in 1893. It originally contained an east wing with the sheriff's residence. A later addition to the west end was the site of the county gallows. A black prisoner was removed by force from the jail in 1915, taken to Trilby and lynched in front of the post office by a vigilante mob. The jail was also the scene of the county's legal hangings. The 1st took place in 1913 when a man named Tom Bush was hung for murdering his wife. The state legislature abolished public hangings in 1924.

Old Pasco County Courthouse and Bandstand (1909)

27-24-21-0280-00300-00A0

37918 Meridian Ave

The Courthouse was constructed in 1909 from a design by architect Artemus Roberts, and was the seat of government for Pasco County for more than half a century. It was built by the Mutual Construction Company of Louisville, Kentucky, at a cost of \$34,860. Circuit Court Clerk A.J. Burnside accepted the completed building on July 5, 1909 and made the 1st payment of \$6,360 on that date. In 1912, L.M. Eck put in sidewalks around the courthouse for 13¼ cents a square foot. Additions to the east and west sides later destroyed the original columned porticos. The 2nd floor initially housed a large courtroom and all the county judges' chambers. The building represents a noteworthy example of neoclassical style.

In the early 1920s when brass bands were particularly popular, John Philip Sousa is said to have made a visit to Dade City. The community had no bandstand, so a citizens' campaign raised funds to erect the brick structure about 1925 in the hope that Sousa would return; he never did. Plaques surrounding the bandstand were built in 1946 as a memorial for WWII servicemen of Pasco County, including 39 men who died. As was the custom in the days of segregation, there was a separate list for white and black veterans. The word "colored" was painted over at the order of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1968.





Old Telephone Bldg (1924)

27-24-21-0290-00500-00G1

14121 7th St (211 S 7th St)

Constructed about 1924 by the Florida Telephone Company, under the direction of its founder Otto Wettstein, this building for many years housed the main switchboard and offices. The style is Mediterranean Revival. Originally there were cloth awnings and decorative stucco work on the front of the building. Currently A Matter of Taste Café & Tea Room.



Olde City Hall (1916)

27-24-21-0590-00300-0030

37951 Meridian Ave (509 E Meridian Ave)

Erected in 1916, this brick structure served as Dade City's municipal building, housing the City Commission chamber on the entire 2nd floor and the City Jail and Fire Department in the rear of the ground floor.



***Osceola Hotel Site**

27-24-21-0590-00400-0080

37948 Meridian Ave (between 5th and 6th Sts)

Laid by the Osceola Hotel as part of its walkway about 1910, a concrete slab with the word "Osceola" is now the only remnant of what was once one of Dade City's finest hotels. For many years, it was operated by the family of M.D. Cochran. A 1912 publication called A Guide to Florida cited only 3 hotels in Dade City: Woods' Tavern (with rooms for 25); the Embry House (25) and the Osceola, with a capacity of 20 at rates of \$2.50 per day.

Shofner Home (1898)

26-24-21-0000-12300-0000

14006 5th St (412 S 5th St)

Built of wood by William Shofner about 1898, this is one of only a few surviving homes in Pasco County which maintains its late-19th century Florida architectural style to a significant degree.



***Sikes Home (1916)**

27-24-21-0400-00500-0000

37842 / 37922 / 37926 Martin Luther King Blvd

This home was built in 1916 by a man named Tomack. The family of Henry and Luversa Sikes came to Dade City from Georgia in 1913. Henry Sikes had been brought to the area to work for a local turpentine company; he was killed in an industrial accident shortly thereafter. The property was purchased from Christopher A. Lock, for whom Mrs. Sikes worked.

***Site of School for Black Children**

6th St near Dr. M.L. King Blvd

An early school for the black children of Dade City was located on 6th St next to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, near what is now Martin Luther King Blvd, in a building owned by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The school board paid the salaries of the teachers, but parents had to buy books and paid 25 cents per week for their children to attend. The school had 3 rooms, 6 grades and 3 teachers, including Reverend J.D. Moore, who donated land for a new school at Whitehouse Avenue.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church (1929)

27-24-21-0460-02900-0040

14549 N. 8th St

In 1924, a few residents felt the need for another Baptist Church in the area. Rev. J.B. Allen, a prominent member of the Black community requested the moderator of the Florida Foreign Union, Rev. Watkins to select a minister to provide services for another church. Moderator Watkins endorsed Rev. J.L. Cooper of Plant City, Florida as the first pastor of the new church. This church would be called St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

The first site for the church was on the corner of Main Avenue and Sixth Street. This building was owned by the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows." Service during this time was conducted downstairs. Many citizens in the community recalled the building as the Little Brown Jug. As the years progressed, the church moved into the "old Dade City Black School." This building was also known as the "Roman Moody Fish Market."

As membership increased, the pastor and members saw the necessity of owning their own property and building. The present site on the corner of North 8th Street and Sumner Ave. was selected. Wood gleaned from an old tobacco barn was used to construct the original church. Rev. Cooper and the members purchased and paid for the land and erected a one-story block structure. The blueprint for this structure was Rev. Coopers' vision. The congregation volunteered their services to build the structure. On February 24, 1929 St. John Missionary Baptist Church moved into the one-story brick building. Services were held on the first floor and work started immediately on the 2nd floor. The 2nd floor was completed at the end of 1954, early 1955. The beautifully designed entrance to the church is the vision of our founder. Stained glass for the upstairs windows was imported

from Italy. In 1983, extra pieces of the stained glass were used in additional windows during remodeling and the addition to the church. As land in the area around the church became available, the church purchased small parcels. Rev. Cooper served as pastor for 23 years in May 1952, he became very ill and passed on August 13, 1952. Since the founding of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, the church has been served by seven (7) pastors since 1924.





St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (1925)

27-24-21-0460-03500-0020

14510 / 14518 7th St (405 E M.L. King Blvd)

Built of brick by the African Methodist Episcopal Church congregation in 1925, this is one of the pioneer black churches in Dade City. There is a good example of “pattern” stained glass throughout the building.



***Sunny Brook Tobacco Office Site**

27-24-21-0280-00200-00A0

Meridian Ave & 6th St

On this site once stood the offices and warehouse of the Sunny Brook Tobacco Company. It was constructed in 1908 and lasted until 1989. The company was founded by W.E. Embry, who moved his family to Dade City from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1897. The family had a tobacco farm in their home state and started growing the crop shortly after their move to Florida. The company had approx 100 acres of shade-grown Havana and Sumatra tobacco under nets in fields throughout the area. Sunny Brook prospered until the early 1920s. The 1921 hurricane destroyed the company’s delicate shade nets and sheds, and the black shank disease struck the crop shortly thereafter, putting Sunny Brook out of business.

In later years the structure was known as the Massey Building. It was acquired by the First Union Bank and torn down in 1989 as part of a downtown renovation project.

Touchton Building (1908)

27-24-21-0280-00400-00E0

37850 Meridian Ave (at S 7th St)

Constructed in 1908 by Charles F. Touchton and used originally as a drug store downstairs and offices upstairs. Originally, the building had an unusual feature: the entire front wall of accordion folding doors opened so customers could enter the store from the sidewalk. For many years through the 1930s, the store offered curbside service, as clerks came out to take orders from customers who parked nearby. The 2nd floor also served for years as various doctor, dentist and attorney offices.



Treiber Building (1900)

27-24-21-0280-00400-00C0

37844 / 37846 Meridian Ave (between Griffin Block and Touchton Bldg)

Constructed about 1900 as a hardware store with offices upstairs. It is the oldest masonry commercial building in Pasco County. Dr. Irvin Futch later had his dental office upstairs, with Dr. Sistrunk's medical office across the hall from it. The Treiber family owned a hardware store in this building until Francis Treiber moved it to a new location on Pasco Avenue.



Ward House (1896)

27-24-21-0160-00100-00J2

37803 / 37805 / 37807 / 37809 Church Ave / 14123 9th St (115 E Church Ave)

Home constructed in 1896 by James K. Ward, William D. Ward and C.H. Peavey in the style of an "old Florida house." Downstairs was occupied by the family with upstairs used for boarders. James Ward operated a carpentry/blacksmith shop immediately to the west. He served as a city council member from 1900-1903 and Mayor from 1903-1905. The council voted in 1900 to pay Ward \$1 a month for storing the City's fire fighting equipment: a truck, wagon and hook and ladder.





Williams Bldg (1919)

27-24-21-0280-00400-00F0

14139 7th St (109 S 7th St)

Structure was built of brick in 1919 by O.N. Williams as a small town dry goods store. The business was later managed by his sons, Virgil and J.R.A. Williams. Virgil was the father of the present co-owner. Also features Lunch on Limoges—one of the area's most prominent restaurants.



***Woods House (1896)**

34-24-21-0000-01100-0000

13941 7th St

Former boarding house. Current Osceola Tavern.

