



# McINTOSH GAZETTE

McIntosh, Florida

"FREE"

OCTOBER 26, 1991

# Stroll Thru Yesteryear at 1890's Festival

It is with great pride that the people of McIntosh welcome you to journey into the past of their Victorian town. A town that is wary of change and strives to preserve its precious history.

The population of about 400 has remained virtually unchanged for nearly 100 years, but the town still flourishes and maintains its original charm and character.

The old homes stand just as resolute as the day they were built, and the people who live in them today are not unlike the people who originally settled McIntosh. They are a hearty stock, drawn to a slower-paced life, strong and enduring like the homes they live in.

. McIntosh has become a fine example of restoration and preservation, not only in the state of Florida, but throughout the nation. It was recorded in 1984 on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The town has further sought to preserve its past with a special "Historic District" zoning ordinance.

So we welcome you to walk down the oak covered lanes of McIntosh, and for six enchanted hours, allow the magic of the past to carry you back in time — back to the 1890's.



Let the roads through McIntosh lead you straight into the past . . .

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3:00

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4:45



#### **ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

McIntosh 1890 Festival

#### FEATURING BARBERSHOP SINGING

Entertainment Chairman ..... Bill "Fingers" Monroe

Master of Ceremonies ..... Steve Sullivan
(Steve is the "Voice of of T.V. Channel 20-WCJB-TV)

Special Guest: Rev. Jim Wells (Jim on Vibraphons)

11:00 A.M.	Parade
11:30	"Keepsake"
	Championship Barbershop Quartet
	1991 Florida Sunshine District State Champions
	1991 SPEBSQA International Silver Medalists
11:50	Tampa Pipe Band
12:10 P.M.	"Keepsakes"
12:30	Silver Strolling Strings
12:45	Bill Bailey Goodtime Band
1:15	Mack Wilkenson "Pianist Extraordinare"
1:30	Bill Baileys Goodtime Band
2:00	Marion Harmony Chorus (Ocala-Florida)
2:20	Mark Wilkesnon "Novelty-Piano"

#### AT THE MINI-PARK

The Guitars of the Two Kens -(Ken Bettencourt & Ken Gay throughout the day)



Chorus of The Highlands & Quartets (Inverness, FL)
Barbergator Chorus & Quartets (Gainesville, FL)
Mark Wilkenson - Inspirational Piano

Everett M. Hewett - (Gospel)
The "Promise" Quartet -

(local youth- April Hogan, Colby Beck, Ted Wood & Kim Kinglsey)

RAFFLE: F.O.M. Quilt RAFFLE: Harvest Basket (Sponsored by McIntosh Garden Club)

Kurt Oxford

Honky Tonk Tommy Powell "Piano Rapids"

#### CARRIAGE WAREHOUSE

Marty Schumann . . . . 1981 International Auto Harp Champion throughout the day . . . .



## THE MCINTOSH HOTEL

From the moment you spot the McIntosh banner on the porch of the Victorian McIntosh Hotel, you can almost hear the skirl of ancient bagpipes bidding you welcome to this charming vignette of Scottish-American hospitality.

This is further enhanced once you are indoors where Bettie McKoone and Helen Schorfhaar greet you with true Scottish southern hospitality in a gracious setting that bespeaks their double heritage.

You will be able to register in the sisters' guest book, kept since the very first McIntosh 1890s festival, at the original hotel registration desk where the original hotel registration books may also be seen.

And you can see an authentic Scottish high tea setting, laid with the personal tea things the sisters', proud of their heritage in the McNeil Clan of Barra, have treasured. Even the food and drink are faithfully reproduced, just as Robert Louis Stevenson described in one of his reminiscences.

The two-story, 19-room white frame building was built in 1895, during the Florida boom, to accommodate winter visitors coming to hunt and fish the area. The Big Freeze, however, stopped construction before it was quite finished, but new owners later ran a successful business, providing a way station and meals for railway passengers, and a pleasant resting place on both the ground floor and upper verandahs fronting the building.

The old hotel has a long history of hospitality for visitors to the area, from the time of its opening nearly a century ago to the present time, although in the past few years the rooms have been opened only for visiting family and friends.

This hotel was inauspiciously begun in 1895, the year of the Great Freeze. Times were hard, but the proprietors used the 19 rooms and large dining room to house and board railroad passengers and sportsmen from the North coming to sample the local fish, game and weather.

The hotel, shut down in 1964 when Bettie's husband passed away, boasts nine rooms upstairs, bearing the original numbers on each door. "Sometimes we had three to a room, and I'm ashamed to say, we only charged \$2.00 a night with \$1.00 for all you could eat," remembers Bettie. "I just loved my truckers," she says. "They never gave me a bit of trouble. They would even bring their wives and children to stay with me when they covered their routes."

The hotel occasionally housed single women. Bettie can remember when a student at the University asked if she could house her rather senile mother for a month or so to catch up on her studying. "She used to accuse another boarder of taking her clothes and demand that they be taken off immediately," Bettie laughs. "Every day leaving. Every day we had to unpack them and tell her she wasn't."





# THE ALLEN-KAROW HOUSE

Among the oldest homes in McIntosh is the Allen-Karow house, built in 1888 by the town's first post-master, W.E. Allen. The house remained in the family's possession until the 1940s. Then, as with so many large old homes, it was redesigned into apartments.

When Dave and Margie Karow bought the house, it was in serious need of repair, including complete reflooring of the downstairs. Over the years restoration and renovation have transformed the beautifully designed home with its period furniture into a charming reflection of the gracious living of years gone by.

From the light wood floors to the floral wallpaper, fringed white window shades and curtain and white woodwork, the house is a tribute to the loving care Mrs. Karow gives it.



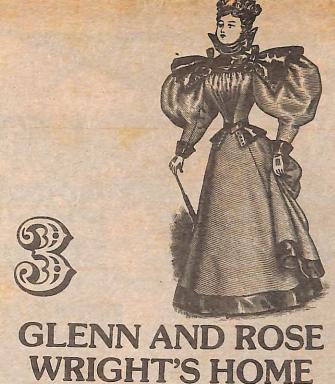
This included removing heavy porch pillars and replacing them with more slender posts and railings gotten from an old house in Ocala which came nearer to the look of the original porch.

An Italian influence by the builder can be seen in the ornate rafter brackets on the roofline and the pretty quadrifoil attic vents.

A perfect setting for the house is the spacious grounds shaded by giant oaks, one in the front yard with a palm tree growing out of it, and the profusion of flowers and shrubs that attest to Mrs. Karow's "green thumb."

You are invited to view the house and then enjoy punch and cookies on these beautiful grounds in the style of the garden parties of long ago.





This beautiful two story home is located on lots two and three in block 43, part of Arrendondo Grant. This property was granted to Mr. Arrendondo from the King of Spain on February 22, 1819.....

Nehemiah Brush and Margaret Brush sold section containing 642.64 acres at \$4.13 per acre to Julia and Eugene Van Ness in 1850.....

Eugene Van Ness as Executor of the will of Julia Van Ness sold block 43 where present home was built to Mrs. Birdie A. Estridge on November 11, 1898.....

Mrs. Birdie A. Estridge the sold property to James Augusta Means on June 19, 1905. James Means died 1910. Augusta Means then married Mack Bateman on October 21, 1913.....Augusta (Means) Bateman later sold the home to be used as the Presbyterian Church

Manse. This home was sold to J.C. Turnipseed, W.R. Brown, and C.A. McRaw, Trustees for the McIntosh Presbyterian Church in 1926.

We are to assume the house served as the Manse until 1951, when O.D. Huff acquired the property. After Mr. Huff's death, his Daughter, Diane Huff inherited the home and rennovated it. From 1951 until 1983 the home was used a two-family dwelling, each floor was a complete apartment.

In August 1988 Glenn and Rose Wright purchased the property from the Diane Huff and are still the present owners.....

Winne Reeves (an old-time resident) refers to this house as the "Augusta Bateman House" and says: "She was some Augusta".....

#### The Friends Of McIntosh

The Annual 1890's Festival is sponsored by The Friends of McIntosh, Inc., a nonprofit, benevolent organization dedicated to the following purposes:

- to preserve and enhance the natural and historic beauty of McIntosh.
- to promote and sponsor cultural and recreational activities.
- to assist the town of McIntosh and its people, especially the senior citizens.
- -to encourage friendship, community spirit, and under standing among people of all ages in our town.

Many hours are spent planning the annual 1890's Festival. Special thanks to all those who work so diligently to make this day a success. Since its inception fourteen years ago, Festival attendance has grown from 4000 to over 22,000. The money raised from this event has been used to purchase, move, and restore the historic depot, and build the Mini-Park. Beautification projects have included the addition of picket fences and Victorian-style street lamps around Van Ness Park. Last Arbor Day, members planted 144 dogwoods and oak trees. The group contributes to such worthwhile organizations as the Cub Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army, and the local Emergency Assistance fund. A scholarship program has also been established. Future projects under discussion include a gazebo in the park, a historic museum, and library.

Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the town and its people. Membership is \$6.00 per annum, but there is no fee for senior citizens who wish to participate. Meetings are held monthly in the Depot and guests are welcome.

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Mitzi and Robbie Roess
Hester and Roger Stevenson
June and Fred Ward
\*Alice and Howard
Warrington
Jane and Dan Sharp
\*Deceased



#### "THANK-YOU"

Special thanks go to our Friends of McIntosh Club Members and the People who are non-members that have worked so diligently to make this Festival a success. Also to my Family.

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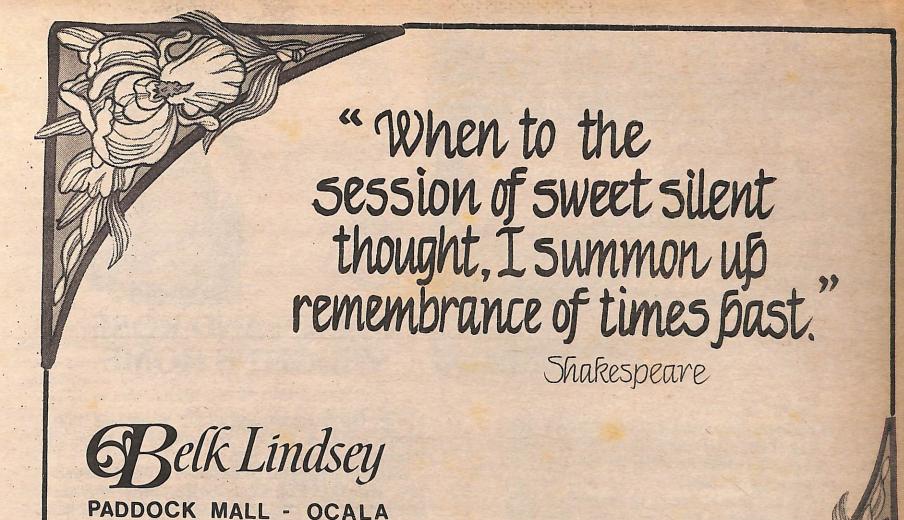
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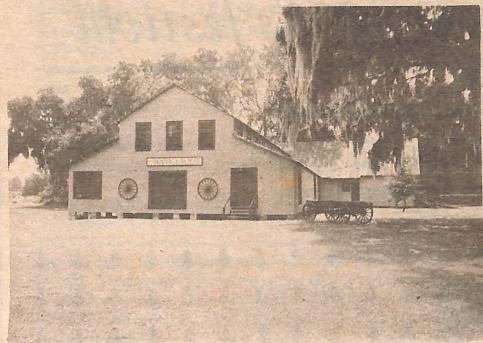
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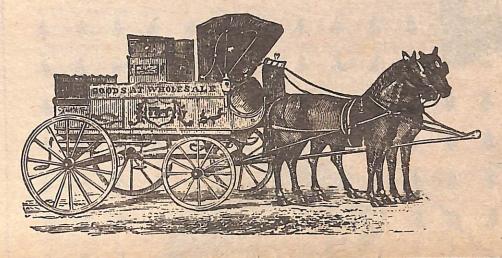


years it has been used for many purposes from storage to the manufacture of boat trailers.

To preserve the warehouse as part of McIntosh's heritage it was purchased in 1987 from Jack and Peggy Steele by the Friends of McIntosh. In the past year, in an effort to restore the building to some of its previous charm, a considerable amount of repairs and restoration has been done to the windows, floors, roof, walls and doors by Barney Gardiner with the help of Walter Crupp. These days the warehouse is being used by Mr. Gardiner to house his many antique carriages.

In the 1920's and 1930's the J.K. Christian Warehouse was used to store merchandise for his mercantile store in McIntosh. Later, since situated along the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, fruits and vegetables were shipped from the warehouse to many marketplaces. Since those early

TODAY, during the festival, the warehouse will be on tour. You can wander through and see the many antique buggies and carriage, and Marty Schuman will be there playing His Autoharp through-out the day. The cost of the tour is \$1.00. This can be paid at the door.







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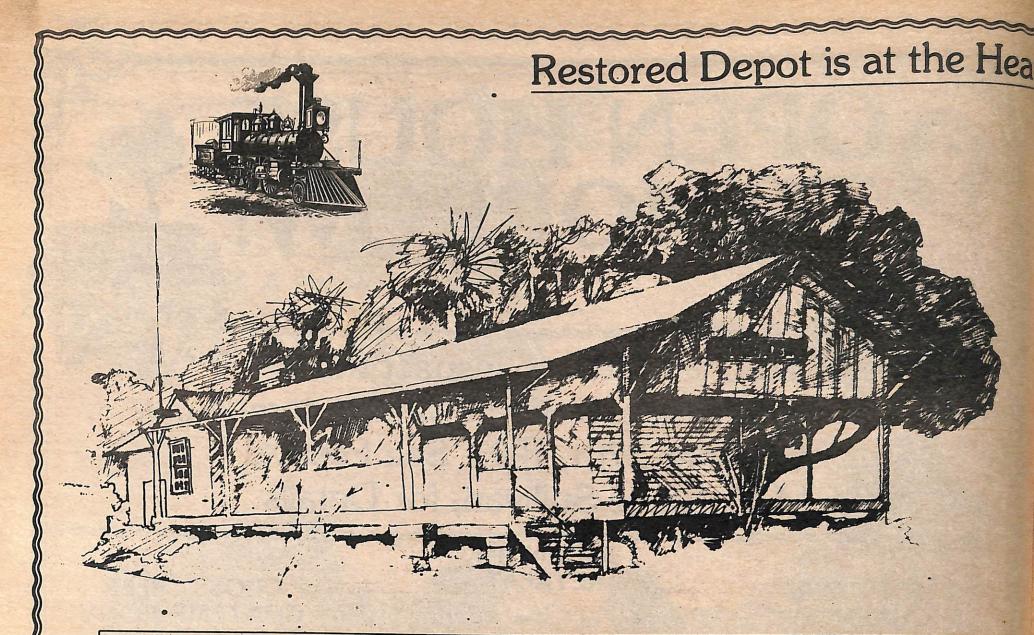
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More than a century ago, the Seaboard Coastline Railroad was like an artery that carried the life blood to the little town of McIntosh that sat quietly on Orange Lake. It carried that life sustaining fluid to the very heart of the town - the Depot - and that heart beat strongly for many years. By 1973 however, the trains stopped coming and after years of neglect the once strong and vibrant depot now sat grim and dilapidated. Enter: The Friends of McIntosh, a group conceived of and inspired by this very situation. Residents descended from the old families and relative newcomers joined forces on the common ground of strong conviction to the preservation of this historical site and honoring its memory. With unswerving determination the Friends have restored the depot to its present, beautiful condition.

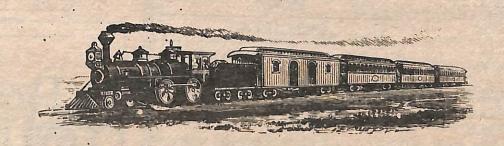
The inception of the 1890's Festival conincided with the saving of the depot, as much funding was needed for the restoration. The 1890's Festival has since grown into one of the premier showplaces for arts and crafts in this state and possibly throughout the southeast. There is a large parade, (especially for such a small town) entertainment of all kinds and delicious foods on almost every corner. It is a day when residents

may dress in their native 1890's garb, stroll down crowded streets and not be out of place in the least!

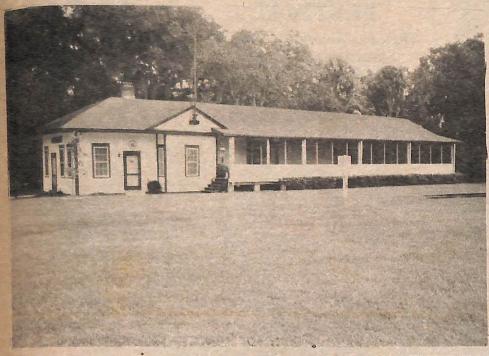
The Festival is a truly monstrous, sometimes overwhelming undertaking for the Friends and yet year after year they pull it off. This drive and focus from one group of determined people is to be better understood by going back to its beginnings - back to the heart of the town - the McIntosh Depot.

The trains don't come puffing into town anymore, but life breathes once again at the depot. Today it draws more people together in one day than it ever did in the 1890' and brings together a community of people for a concerted effort to preserve our precious, often precarious historical sites.

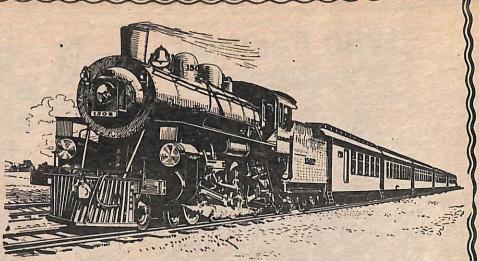
The one time eyesore is now a very central source of community pride, and when you visit the depot you may try to imagine how vital and vibrant it once was when the trains came - but see how spendidly true that still is today! This is the satisfaction and the reward the Friends have for all their hard work, and if you asked any of them about it, they'd tell you it's all worth it - And that comes straight from the heart.



# of Annual 1890's Festival







#### **DEPOT EVENTS**

ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC, AND WE URGE YOU TO VISIT THE OLD RAILROAD DEPOT AND STEP BACK INTO TIME . . . . .

EARLY MODEL TRAINS

Nelson G. Williams a Labor Lawyer and retired teacher living in

Floral City, Florida

DOLLS: By: Shirley Sparks-Klohs,

Found and President of

Found and President of "Kingdom of the Sun Doll Club".

DISPLAY OF VICTORIAN

COSTUMES: ..... By: Sharon Taylor of Ocala

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:

Don't miss the Magicians and their acts, they will be performing at the Depot from:

12: Noon... 3:00 P.M. Jason Hedges,
Gainesvilles. Jason is an eighth
grader at Lincoln Middle School
Houdini II (Steve Lamerson, Jr.)
Magic - Escapes - Juggling
Houdini II Straight Jacket

Houdini II - Straight-Jacket escape from a Crane...thirty feet in the air

ENJOY OTHER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES in and around the DEPOT ......

ART: ..... By: Anna Faye Shaw (Local Artist)

#### EARLY LIONEL TRAINS

Examples of the first Lionel trains will be displayed today at the old depot during the McIntosh 1890 festival. Lionel started making trains in 1901, with a self-propelled gondola car that stores used for window displays. By 1905, a locomotive, a crane, a crew car, and a trolley car were added. These ran on thin metal rails, set 2% inches apart in wooden ties.

All of these 2% inch cars will be operating in the McIntosh depot. They are full-scale reproductions, made by James L. Cohen of Connecticut and Robert McCoy

of Kent, Washington.

From 1905 to World War II, Lionel 2½ inch three rail track was the "standard guage" for toy electric trains.

The McIntosh display will include a freight train in this size, such as Lionel made in 1910-11.

These early toy trains are being shown today by Nelson G. Williams, a labor lawyer and retired teacher living in Floral City. His first Lionel train was a 1937 Christmas present that he still runs on his home layout.

Mr. Williams once visited the McIntosh depot over 30 years ago, when his daughter's kindergarten class took a train ride from Gainesville to McIntosh as a field trip.

He won a plaque for his Best of 1989 displays at the Southern Division, Train Collectors Association, and wrote several articles for the national magazine of the American Flyer Collectors Club. He is vice president of the Citrus Model Railroad Club.

#### A PASSION FOR DOLLS

Although she didn't have many dolls as a child Shirley Sparks-Klohs always loved them, and that is why later in life she lavished her two daughters with the prettiest dolls on the market.

After her children were grown, she realized that her love for dolls hadn't waned, so her doll buying remained a great interest.

In 1975, she opened a doll shop in Stuart, Florida, specializing in antique dolls, repairing and costuming. She did lecturing and doll shows until she semi-retired in 1988 and moved to Ocala.

The doll interest was so great that she formed the "Treasure Coast Doll Club", and later the "Doll Study Club of Stuart", for all of the doll collectors in that area.

Since moving to Ocala, two years ago, she has formed and is president of "Kingdom of the Sun Doll Club". Which presently is very busy planning for the largest doll show ever to be given in Ocala, January 26, 1991 at the City Auditorium.

When not busy with her dolls, she belongs to the Hills and Lakes Doll Club of Mt. Dora, the Yacht and Boat Club, the Pioneer Garden Club, and is a member of Marion Harmony.



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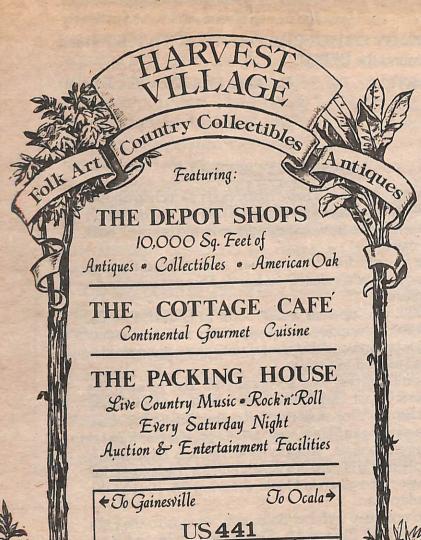
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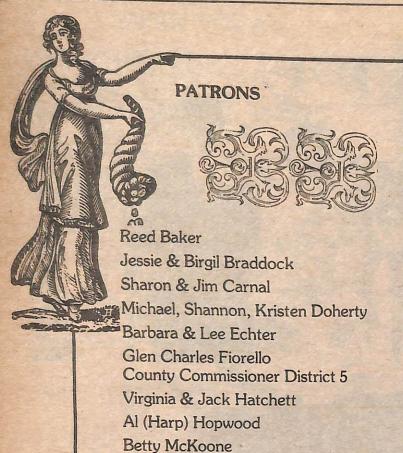
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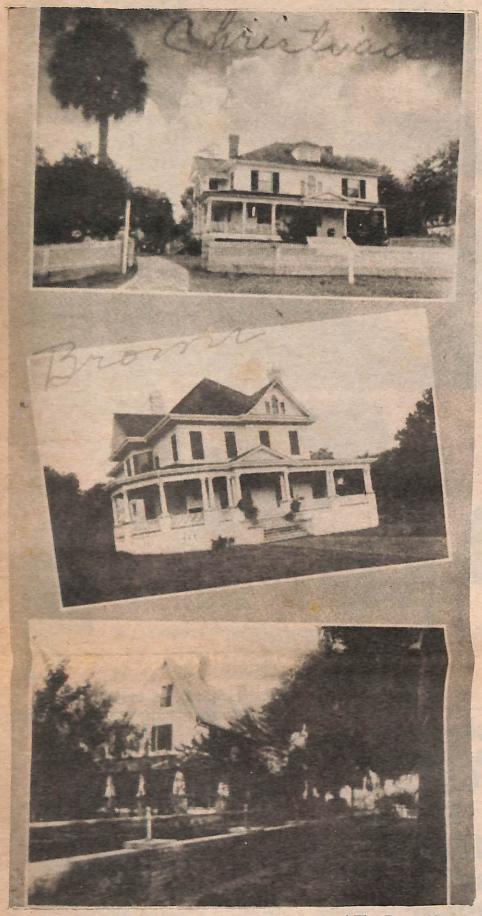
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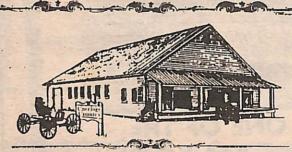
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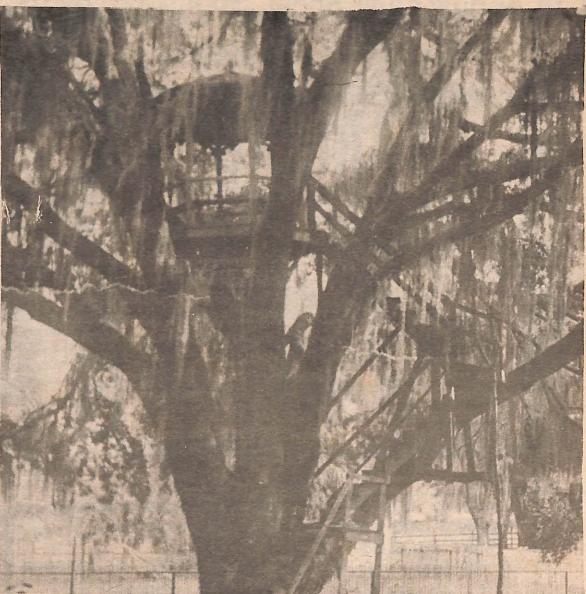
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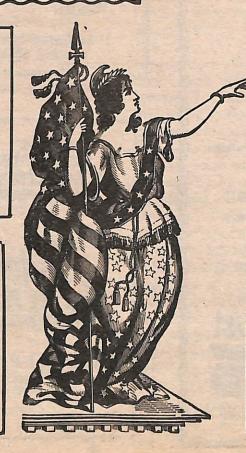
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#### **HISTORY OF MCINTOSH**

Marion County, Florida By Mrs. W. M. Gist

Taken from the North Marion News February 26, 1932



From a diary (1831) kept by George Houston, a government engineer, who was an early settler of Marion County, we learn that one man, a Mr. McIntosh, who came from Georgia, "squatted here and made sugar along the branch"; the old sugar house stood about where O. D. Huff now lives. Mr. McIntosh had a residence just north of town, on what is now known as "The Belk Place."

Tradition tells us this story of Mr. McIntosh: At one time he worked in Palatka, sixty miles away, just coming home for the weekend, Mrs. McIntosh and baby left alone, except for a little Indian girl, who was so much attached to them, that on several occasions she saved them from the Indians, by letting them know in time to defend themselves.

Our Town then was an old field; corn and cotton were raised; the labor-slaves would feed their mules and eat their lunch under the big oak trees, in which is now our Park. This may give you some idea of the age of these trees.

Enough wild orange trees were hauled away from here to set out groves in Micanopy and various other places.

A wire road ran through here, over which a coach carried mail from Gainesville to Tampa.

At a sale held in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1830, Nehemiah Brush bought, from the Arradonda Grant, four thousand acres of land. Colonel Charles Brush, a son of Nehemiah, had a sister who married Eugene Van Ness. At the death of Brush, the Van Ness children

The early purchasers of land here were: Dr. Perry Burgin, who came in 1882, J. K. Christian in 1883, S. H. Gaitskill and W. M. Gist in 1884. At that time there was no Railroad connection out of Jacksonville. These early settlers came by boat up the St. John's river to Palatka, there took the narrow-gauge Florida Southern Railroad to make connection with western travel.

When a Company seeking to secure the right-of-way for this Railroad, the Brush heirs agreed to donate the required amount through several sections of land; provided, the Company would establish and maintain a depot at McIntosh old field. When time required one, they had to look up the contract the Company had given, to secure proof of their promise. This road was built in 1883. At first the citizens put up a little shed for protection; later a depot was built.

In the late eighties and early nineties, a flat-bottomed boat that drew about four feet of water, carried vegetables, especially tomatoes, from here across Lakes Orange and Lochloosa, to Island Grove, for transportation over the Seaboard Railroad. This boat was used for pleasure, as well as for carrying vegetables.

S. H. Gaitskill and W. M. Gist built the first house in McIntosh.

The original plat of McIntosh was surveyed May, 1885, for the heirs of Nehemiah Brush, by W. C. Miller, C. E., assisted by J. K. Christian and W. M. Gist. This plat comprised N-½ Section 16, and E-½ of E-½ of N.E.-½ Section 17, Township 12, Range 21, East.

In 1883 and later other citizens moved here, . . . W. E. Allen, John Walker, J. S. Neal, J. S. Thomas, H. L. Dickson, W. G. Norsworthy, McCormick Neal coming through from Georgia in a covered wagon, bringing a few cattle with him. After arriving here in the evening, he instructed his man to pull down "hay" (moss) to feed the

cattle.
Smith Brothers opened the first store here. They sold out to Gaitskill & Allen. This firm soon sold to W. M. Gist. He could not stand for handing over the counter a "short", which meant a nickle's worth of crackers; a "long", which meant a nickles worth of crackers and cheese. After a few days ownership, he sold to J. K.

Christian. On that same site, though once destroyed by fire, you will still find Christian's Store.

Dr. Henry Walkup was a pioneer settler, but did not live in McIntosh until its later history, when he settled here and opened a first class drug store.

W. E. Allen was our first Postmaster; from that early date to the present our Post Office has grown; it now has a census of more than 725.

In 1889, Y. J. Petteys moved his Veneer Mill here from Orange County, because there was a demand for hardwood orange box sides, only pine could be gotten in Orange County. Previous to this, orange box sides were shipped here by water, from Bangor, Maine; the pine wood did not compete business. A steam dry kiln and artificial dryer were installed. Experience taught the best way to dry this timber was by air. Mr. Petteys obtained a patent to dry by air. This solved the question of the best way to handle wood in this country. After two years this Mill was moved west of McIntosh.

In about 1876 a little log school house was built where the negro church now stands. Our first school house was built in 1889. Pupils enrolled, about twelve. As years advanced this became a Senior High School.

The first Sunday School was held under a beautiful oak tree in our Park. Mr. and Mrs. McCormich Neal would gather the children around them, to teach them the Bible and to sing hymns.

In the spring of 1895 the Methodist church, drawn by one mule, was moved 1½ miles through the country here. All denominations worshipped in this building, until the Baptist church was erected, then the Christian, and the Presbyterian.

Through the efforts of our citizens we could boast of a swimming pool in 1897; here men, women and children spent their time and learned to swim; but let me tell you a secret: - If you women want to swim, and live in peace with your husbands, get someone else to teach you to swim, or you'll be subjects for a cartoonist.

By an Act of Legsilature of 1913, the Town of McIntosh was incorporated. The territorial boundaries were enlarged at that time. (See Charter)

By appointment the first town officials were: S. B. Robinson, Mayor; J. K. Christian, W. R. Brown and S. H. Walkup, Counsilmen. The first Ordinance was passed May 27, 1913, and Rules and By-laws governing the Council were adopted at that first meeting. The first general election was held November 4, 1913.

And so the History of McIntosh goes on with its progression. We now have the First State Bank, Western Union and Postal Telegraph service, telephone systems, Ice & Storage plant, concrete block factory, an up-to-date school building, town water and lights, a portion of streets paved — others well graded, fruit and vegetable packing houses, etc.

Forty years ago we could not boast of a Civic League, but we did have leaders and willing workers. At the suggestion of Mrs. S. H. Gaitskill, and under her direction, a "Mother Goose" entertainment, followed by an oyster supper, was held in the Arredonda Packing House (which has since been burned and a smaller one built). Enough money was secured to build the Pavillion which has so recently been repaired.

Sponsored by the Civic League, which was organized September, 1931, the business men as a whole, giving of themselves and their wares, and to each individual service, we, the citizens of McIntosh, are indebted, not only for making the Pavillion new, but for beautifying Van Ness Park.

After passing through a number of prosperities and advertsities, McIntosh is still on the map with a population of 440 from the census of 1930.

