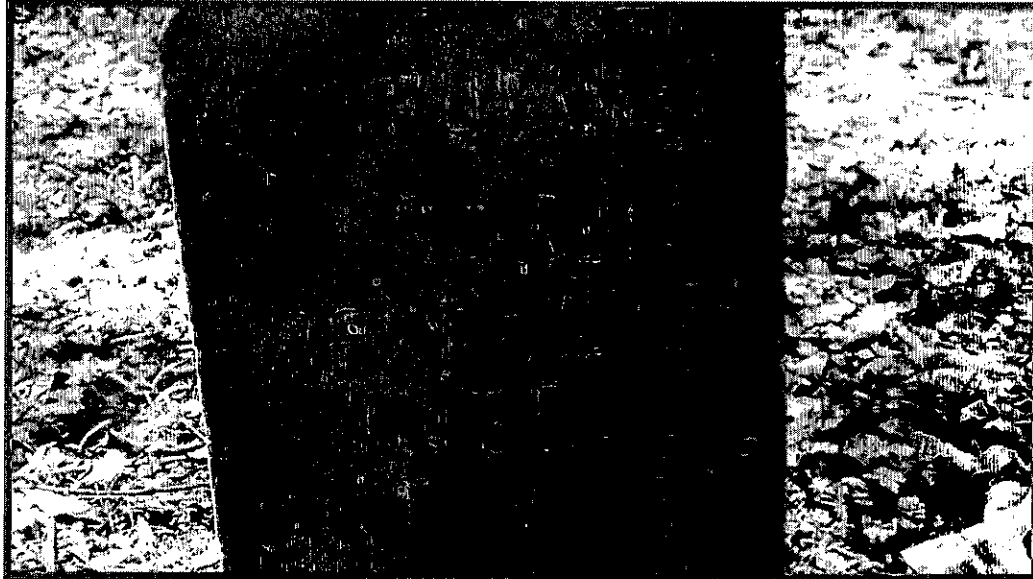
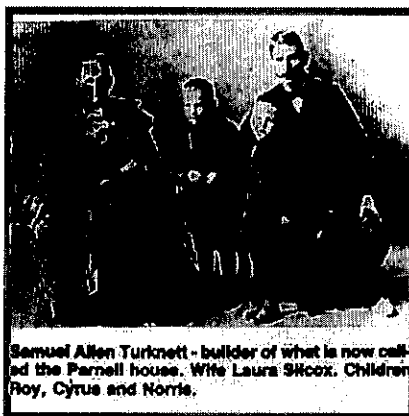


Designation Application and Report Planning and Development Department
of the City of Jacksonville regarding:



Proposed Designation of Turknett Cemetery 0 Daniell Terrace LS-18-01



Submitted by Blair Knighting
Prepared in accordance with Chapter 307, City of
Jacksonville Ordinance Code
September 26, 2018

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Commission.

1. Major changes to the plat or boundaries of the cemetery or large scale new construction.
2. Any changes that otherwise do not follow the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*.

(D) At the close of the public hearing, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission shall determine, whether based upon the evidence, the application for Turknett Cemetery meets the criteria for designation. Since the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission is the sponsor of the designation, at least two of the seven criteria must be met. In reviewing the application, the Planning and Development Department has found the application to meet two of the seven criteria. The two criteria include the following:

- (1) *Its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City, state or nation.*

The Turknett Cemetery has significance as the only physical reminder of the once beautiful rural community of Wesconnett. During the First Spanish Period (1565 - 1763), Wesconnett was part of a large land grant made to Captain Antonio Felipe de Bustus. Known as Hacienda de Ostule, this huge tract stretched from the Black Creek in present day Clay County north to the present site of Downtown Jacksonville. The Wesconnett area was originally known as Fishing Pen Creek Settlement but was named Wesconnett from three pioneer families in the area; West, Turknett, and Silcox. Part of the name has also been attributed to the Cone family. Reportedly, the name is credited to Fred Race, community activist who won a naming contest in c.1914.¹ Although most homes and farms were widely scattered, the center of the Wesconnett community was around the current intersections of Wesconnett Boulevard, Old Timquana Road, and 103rd Street.

The early pioneer families West, Turknett, and Silcox all owned and operated some type of farm (dairy, chicken, vegetables) or mill in the Wesconnett area. These farms and mills employed Wesconnett community members and provided much needed supplies to the surrounding areas such as milk, eggs and turpentine. The Wesconnett area was mostly dirt roads or shelled roads. The children in the area would attend the three-room school house (located in the area of 103rd and Wesconnett Rd.) during the day and go home and work on their family farms. It is said, the community members all got along and helped each other out when needed. They even had a baseball team which was named after the Turknett Family². The Parnell House sits on the northeast corner of 103rd and Wesconnett Rd. This was a Turknett family home built in the early 1900s and was considered the "hub"³ of

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sufficient elements showing its architectural significance.

It is the determination of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed landmark Site, Turknett Cemetery, does not meet this criteria.

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- (7) *Its suitability for preservation or restoration.*

Historic cemeteries such as the Turknett Cemetery have long been recognized for possessing valuable genealogical information, particularly when state vital statistic records including birth and death records were not complete until after 1917. However in more recent years, cemeteries are being recognized and protected as significant historic resources that contribute to understanding our cultural past. In addition to reflecting burial traditions and folk art, historic cemeteries can also provide information on settlement patterns, early trade and transportation routes, demographics, as well as epidemiology, or the study of the cause, distribution and control of illnesses. Cemeteries, when properly maintained, can contribute valuable open and green spaces in our growing urban and suburban environments.⁵ The value and contributions of historic cemeteries as outlined above clearly relate in varying degrees to the Turknett Cemetery as documented in greater detail elsewhere in this application.

The cemetery grounds are well maintained under the direction of the Turknett Family Trust charter which was established in December 2002 and recorded in the county records under Book 11053 Page 1890. From a recent site visit, the trees are maintained with the exception of a few that have fallen but not near the main burial area. The existing headstones are kept clean and are still legible. Some of the older ones are faded but that is to be expected from more than 100 years out in the elements. The hand drawn plot of the visible burials that the Turknett Family possess is and will be helpful for the caretakers to ensure the graves are not lost to environmental issues in the future. Overall, it is the determination of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed landmark Site, Turknett Cemetery, does meet this criteria and with the trust set up, will be able to preserve the cemetery in perpetuity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

⁵ Sharyn Thompson, *Florida's Historic Cemeteries, A Preservation Handbook*. (Tallahassee, Florida: Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board, 1989), pp. 4-5.

II.

DESIGNATION APPLICATION



Turknett Cemetery

0 Daniell Terrace

Name of Property

Address

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing
	buildings
1	Sites
	structures
86	objects
87	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously designated

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Landscape - Cemetery

Recreation and Cultural – headstones and tombs

Current Functions

Landscape – Cemetery

Recreation and Cultural – headstones and tombs

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Materials

Foundation _____

Walls _____

roof _____

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuations sheets.)

SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEETS



Hemming Park

Name of Property

Address

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheet)

Please see Attached Continuation Sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acree of Property 44,431 Square Feet, 1
Acre

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

1											
	Zone	Easting									
2											
	Zone	Easting									

3											
	Zone	Easting									
4											
	Zone	Easting									

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

12-3S-25E, Daniell Terrace Subdivision
SW1/4 OF SW1/4 LOTS 26,46,PT PLATTED R/W LYING BETWEEN LOTS 26,46(EX PT RECD O/R BKS 2984-64,5118-1042,5501-297), E1/2 CL R/W RECD O/R 13577-175;

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

Property identified in the public records

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Hemming Park

Name of Property

0 Daniell Terrace

Address

Exhibit A

Turknett Cemetery
0 Daniell Terrace (off 103rd Street)
LS-18-01

Legal Description

Daniel Terrace Subdivision-Beginning in the East line of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 3 South, Range 25 East, at a point 210 Feet South of the Northeast corner of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 3 South, Range 25 East,; run thence South along the East line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, 210 feet; thence run West at right angles to the aforesaid line, 210 feet then run North parallel with the aforesaid East line, 210 feet, run thence East at right angles to the first aforesaid line, 210 feet to the point or place of beginning.

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radar which can be very costly. It is also possible that the ornamental trees and bushes indicate a previous home site. There are oral histories of community members stating there was a house in the area of the cemetery². The applicant, Bob Turknett has heard this rumor from family members as well but has been unable to verify the validity of it.

² Rosalie Cates, *Bargain Finder*, Volume 1, Issue 5, March 15, 1988.

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River, at that time called Maxton Creek. Located on at the junction of the St. Johns River and Maxton's Creek, Jones' plantation was abandoned by 1775.³

Before the end of the British Period, Jones' plantation came to be occupied by Colonel Daniel McGirtt, one of the most colorful figures in the early history of East Florida. After siding with the patriots during the American Revolution, McGirtts changed allegiance to the British, and began cattle and slave raids into the Georgia colony. However, McGirtts and his men soon expanded their raids to include both American and British plantations and settlements. After escaping captivity by the British governor of East Florida, McGirtts and his men, latter called banditti by the Spanish, continued their raids during the Second Spanish Period (1783-1821). After being captured twice and sent to prison in Cuba, McGirtts was apprehended and imprisoned for the last time in 1797. Over time Maxton's Creek became known as McGirtt's Creek.

A significant early development in the greater Wesconnett area dates to the Second Spanish Period (1784-1821) when Spanish Governor Juan Quesada granted approximately 4,000 acres to Don Juan McQueen of Darien, Georgia. In 1804 McQueen sold the plantation, called San Juan Nepomuceno, and the surrounding acreage to John Houston McIntosh.⁴ McIntosh renamed the plantation Ortega in honor of Judge Josef de Ortega, a Spanish magistrate. United States authorities, under terms of the Adams-Onis Treaty of 1819, confirmed legal title to McIntosh after the transfer of Florida from Spain in 1821. The grant stretched roughly from the St. Johns River west to past Jammes Road and Blanding Boulevard, south from San Juan Avenue to just south of 118th Street. With McIntosh's death in 1836, the property, which had expanded to 4,300 acres, was deeded to his daughter, Catherine Ann Sadler, who had received a clear title by 1856. Her husband, Henry P. Sadler, operated the "Burlington Sawmill" on Ortega Point. With the death of Henry R. Sadler, the property was sold for debt payments to Asa and Austin Moore. With the death of Austin D. Moore in 1857, the property was sold to John P. Sanderson.⁵

Sanderson began to sell off parts of the property starting with 300 acres on the north side of McGirts Creek, east of Cedar River, sold to Joseph B. Davis, James M. Morrow, and Albert H. Davis. Immediately northeast of this parcel, which later became the site of the Lakeshore Subdivision, was 51 acres that was not included in the sale. By 1907, the 51 acres were under the ownership of the Riverside Realty Company under Frank Wood and

³ Pleasant Daniel Gold, *History of Duval County*. (St. Augustine, Florida: The Record Company, 1928) pp. 53 & 66.

⁴ Work Projects Administration, Historical Records Survey, *Spanish Land Grants in Florida, Volume 4. Confirmed Claims*, (Tallahassee, Florida: State Library Board, May, 1941). Pp 104-109. Gold, p. 66.

⁵ Summarized from Realty Title & Trust Company, *Abstract of Title to Ortega Property of the Ortega Company, Jacksonville, Florida*. c. 1909.

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rail with Jacksonville. The station and surrounding community later went by the name of Yukon. Undergoing a receivership, the railroad was purchased in April of 1899 by the Plant Investment Company and was incorporated as part of the Savannah, Florida & Western Railway System. After the death of Henry Plant, the line was merged with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, later becoming part of the CXS System.

Twentieth Century

Cedar Creek to the north of Wesconnett was by the early nineteenth century a major waterway connecting interior farms and plantations in southwest Duval County with other communities along the St Johns River. Both Cedar Creek and McGirts Creek were also used to float logs to a sawmill that opened in 1912 on the current site of the Sadler Point Marina. Under the ownership of Morgan V. Gress, originally from Atlanta, Georgia, this facility included houses for African American workers and their families in nearby cottages constructed on the current site of the Roosevelt Shopping Center.⁹ A later account of the sawmill community described twelve to fifteen families living in single and double shotgun houses. Typical of the period, the sawmill community was served by a company store.¹⁰ Reportedly, the mill was destroyed by fire and had closed down by 1955.¹¹

Jacksonville Heights

To the west of Wesconnett was the mammoth Jacksonville Heights Subdivision that included the Jacksonville Town Sites, both platted in 1909 and officially filed in 1913 by the Jacksonville Heights Improvement Company.¹² The principals in this company included Joseph H. Phillips, Louis R. Fendig, George R. Lynn, and William Nussbaum. This twelve square mile development stretched north to West Beaver Street, south to the Clay County line, the current route of Blanding Boulevard on the east to the Town of Baldwin on the west.¹³ Using a town-farm sales strategy, Jacksonville Heights was platted with small lots fronting streets, and larger lots more to the interior to be used for truck farms or dairies. Jacksonville Heights tract was crossed by the Gainesville road, later called the Jacksonville & Tampa Automobile Road. Although emphasizing its rural

⁹ Gold, p. 506.

¹⁰Rosalie Cates, "Westside – Logging Trails", *Bargain Finder*, Volume 1, Issue 11, April 26, 1988, p. 2.

¹¹*Florida Times Union*, "Ortega Has Rich History", November 21, 1999. In this article, long time resident Grace Rogers referred to the mill as being operated by the Gress Lumber Company.

A 1908 plat of the area identified the mill site, which had frontage on the Ortega River, as being owner by the Hillman Sutherland Company.

¹² History of Jacksonville Heights summarized from Bland & Associates, *An Intensive Cultural Resource Assessment Survey of the Tree Sap Parcel, Duval County, Florida*. Jacksonville, Florida, March, 2006;. *Florida Times Union*, April 4, 1901, July 9, 1910, p. 5 May 31, 1911. p.15, June 2, 1911, and December 1, 1980, D-1; & Duval County Plat Book 5, p. 93 (1913); Book 3, pp. 50 & 51 (1909).

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A.W. Cockrell, Henry John Klutho, D. M. Baker, A.M. Ives, and J.E. Johnson.¹⁶ The company had previously purchased most of the McIntosh grant in 1906 from the Jacksonville Ortega Town Company. The brother of Jacksonville developer, Telfair Stockton, John Noble Cumming Stockton was born at Quincy Florida in 1857 and moved with his family to Jacksonville in 1870. In addition to a significant record of service to the community, Stockton became involved in numerous businesses including banking, phosphate, lumber, and real estate.¹⁷ The large L-shape Ortega Farms plat roughly stretched from the Ortega River on the east, Cedar River and San Juan Avenue to the north, Jammes Road and Blanding Boulevard on the west, and 118th Street on the south. All or parts of Cedar Hills, Confederate Point, Ortega Farms, and Wesconnett are located within the boundaries of this early plat. The plat was crossed by the "Clay Road to Jacksonville" which also crossed a brickyard located just north of the end of Butcher Creek.¹⁸

Over the years the isolated rural community of Wesconnett was served by numerous stores, as well as the post office and school.¹⁹ Early businesses included Parnell's Store, Hill's Wesconnett Drug Store, Bob Coffin's Barbershop, Park's Store and Filling Station, Richard's Store, Plummer's Market Basket, Taylor's Hardware and Mercantile (5213 Wesconnett Boulevard), with P.M. & Jamie's Patrick store being further east along Timquana Road. With the nearest large grocery store being the A&P store at Herschel Street and Fishweir Creek and Setzer's in the same area, these country stores served an essential need in the community, and carried a variety goods usually including a fresh meat counter.²⁰ At one time located in Parnell's Store, the community post office opened in November of 1941, but changed to a Jacksonville branch office in April of 1956.²¹ The Parnell family lived in a two-story residence on the northeast corner of Timquana Road and Wesconnett Boulevard. Still standing minus its porches, the residence was also occupied by the Turknett family, and reportedly constructed by Samuel Allen Turknett or Fred Stokes.²²

The heart of the community was the Wesconnett School which first opened in a one room wooden structure that served 20 students in grades 1 to 8. In 1922, it was replaced by a wooden three room school that faced the Old Orange Park Road, now Wesconnett Boulevard. In 1927, the current brick school building (PS #57) was opened at 5710

¹⁶ Duval County Courthouse, Plat Book 3, p. 79 (1910)

¹⁷ Pleasant Daniel Gold, *History of Duval County Florida*. St. Augustine, Florida: The Record Company, 1928, pp. 670-672.

¹⁸ This may have been a 22 acre parcel sold by the Ortega Company to the E.C. Brick Works in 1899.

¹⁹ The current Wesconnett Elementary School, #57 was opened in 1928 to replace earlier wooden schools.

²⁰ Oral Interview – Polly Mohr, Ray Mohr, Charles Pyatt, and Jean Wiggins, January 9, 2009.

²¹ Alfred G. Bradley & E. Story Hallock, *A Chronology of Florida Post Offices*. Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, p. 87.

²² Bargain Finder, Vol. Issue 5, p. 2

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Turknett, Pyatt, Martinez, Silcox, Brown, Wells and Robertson, families. Further out from the hub, the Skaffs, Firestone, Croft, DiMaggio, Snell, Bartholf, Adair, Mobley, Mazer, and Jammes families operated truck farms, dairies, and hatcheries. Milk from the dairies were taken to a processing plant on West Beaver Street or sold along routes in Riverside, Avondale and Downtown. Fresh eggs from the hatcheries were usually sold along the same routes.³⁰

Other residents, including members of these farm families, had outside jobs, usually in the urban core. Many were attracted to jobs at the Seaboard Airline shops and Yards on 95 acres off North McDuff Avenue in Lackawanna. Opened during the first decade of the twentieth century, the shop and yards had ten locomotive roundhouses, a coal storage facility, passenger and car shop, car wheel and axle shop, as well as transfer and administrative offices.³¹ Reportedly, the name of Seaboard Avenue originated from having so many men in the general area working in the McDuff shops.³² These workers and others going to the urban core would have to take private automobiles, or walk to the Cedar River, cross the wooden bridge, and catch a bus in Lakeshore. Another major employer in the southwest part of Duval County was lumber mills and turpentine operations. Early twentieth maps of the area depict a tram line running from the Fishing Pen Creek west and south to Yellow Creek. This line was operated by the Heibler (Hiber) Turpentine Company that operated a turpentine still along Fishing Pen Creek just east of Wesconnett Boulevard.³³

The company was owned by Dr. Edward Heibler or Heber a German native who was in the lumber business in both Germany and Russia. Because of the area's reputation for abundant lumber and turpentine resources, Dr. Heber move to Duval County in 1902 and purchased or leased thousands of acres stretching from the Ortega River to Yellow Water Creek close to the Maxville community. To transport harvested timber over this vast area, Dr. Heber operated a small steam locomotive along a light tram line that ran from his turpentine still on Fishing Creek west and south to the Yellow Creek area. Dr. Heber was hired by the Jacksonville Heights Improvement Company to remove stumps from property being cleared for marketing and sale. Rich in sap, these fat lighter stumps were processed for their turpentine. Arriving in the Wesconnett area, the rail road line followed the current right-of-way of Dorminy Avenue that parallels Lynnwood Christian Church, crossed Wesconnett Boulevard (Old Orange Park Road), and terminated at Fishing Pen Creek. At the end of the tram line, Dr. Heber had a 35 acre tract that contained his residence and the turpentine still, as well as a steamboat landing

³⁰ Oral Interview – Polly Mohr, Ray Mohr, Charles Pyatt, and Jean Wiggins, January 9, 2009.

³¹ Environmental Services, Inc., *The Historic Architectural Resources of the North Riverside Neighborhood in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida*. (Jacksonville, Florida, Nov. 2004), p. 44.

³² Bargain Finder, Vol. 1, Issue 1, February 16, 1988, p.1.

³³ Bargain Finder, Vol.1, Issue 16, May 31, 1988, pp. 2 & 3.

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order to provide much needed shore based facilities for airplanes. With a legislative appropriation of seventeen million made in 1939, the Emergency National Defense Program selected the former Camp Foster Site southwest of Downtown Jacksonville for a naval air station with a carrier to be berthed at the mouth of the St. Johns River.

After receiving authorization from the Florida legislature, citizens of Duval County in 1939 approved a 1.1 million-bond issue to purchase the property at Black Point in order to be donated for a proposed naval facility. By the end of World War II, the Jacksonville Naval Air Station had over 700 buildings reflecting an investment of twenty million dollars including the headquarters of the Navy Overhaul and Repair Facility. Commissioned in October of 1940, the Jacksonville Naval Air Station eventually housed 42,000 Navy personnel and 11,000 civilians during the height of its wartime activity. With the growth of military activity at Black Point during World War II, U.S. Highway 17 was rerouted along the western boundary of the military reservation immediately parallel to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Renamed in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who visited the base in March of 1941, this boulevard became the major artery connecting the base with Downtown Jacksonville and with the Town of Orange Park.

The military presence in southwest Duval County was soon expanded with the opening of Cecil Field and the Herlong Airport. A 2,600 acre tract was acquired in 1941 for the establishment of a "U.S. Naval Auxiliary Station", which was named in honor of Commander Henry Barton Cecil. NAS Cecil Field became the principal war-at-sea and dive-bombing training for the Navy. Training at Cecil Field was usually the last received before a Navy pilot went into combat. Although becoming inactive for several years following World War II, Cecil Field was re-activated as a Naval Air Station in June of 1952. By the mid-1950s, Cecil Field was one of four bases specifically designated for the operation of jet aircraft. Jet fighters from Cecil Field were actively involved in the Cold War, particularly the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam Conflict, and finally Desert Storm. Over the years, Cecil Field continued to grow in size, and included 22,939 acres when closed in 1999. Another 2,500 acres was located at OLF (Outlying Field) Whitehouse to the north of Cecil Field, as well as the Yellow Water Weapons Department, and the Pine castle Electronic Warfare Target Area/Warfare Range.³⁷

Another auxiliary air field that served personnel from the Jacksonville Naval Air Station was Herlong Field, located nine miles west of Jacksonville. Herlong Field was commissioned in 1941 as a training station for Navy and Marine pilots. Declared surplus after World War II, the 1,400 acres that constituted Herlong Field was transferred to the City of Jacksonville in November of 1946. Herlong Field became the third municipal airport following the main facility at Imeson Field in North Jacksonville, predecessor to the Jacksonville International Airport, and Craig Field in the southeast part of the county. Because of its small size, Herlong Field became a recreational airport, home to many small

³⁷ www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/cecil-field.htm.

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Secretary.⁴¹ Composed of curvilinear streets with irregular lots, most of Cedar Shores clustered along Cedar River and Williamson Creek to the north of Cedar Hills Estates.⁴² Both Cedar Hill Estates and Cedar Shores were replats of parts of the larger Ortega Farms plat. To the south of Cedar Hill Estates on the west side of Blanding Boulevard is Oak Hill Subdivision platted in 1955 by the Durham Investment Company under G.D. Wood, president and Ray W. Durham, Secretary. The Oak Hill Subdivision was also composed of curvilinear streets fronted by varying lot sizes and shapes.⁴³

On the east side of Blanding Boulevard to the Ortega River, approximately fifteen different subdivisions were platted between 1925 and 1959. In 1943, Samuel C. and Fannie E. Taylor platted property known as Lynnwood which is located between Blanding Boulevard on the west and Wesconnett Boulevard on the east, and from Dorminy Avenue south to Timquana Road. A noted property owner in the area, Samuel & Fannie Taylor resided on a large parcel of land located on the triangle created by the intersection of Blanding Boulevard and Wesconnett Boulevard where he had orange groves and a pecan orchard. Apparently in 1925-29, Taylor joined with three neighboring dairy owners, Barthoff, Grey, and Adair, to pay for the extension of electrical lines from Lakeshore to their properties and developments.⁴⁴ In spite of its Civil War reference, Confederate Point, located on the east side of Blanding Boulevard across Butcher Pen Creek, resulted from three units filed between 1968 and 1972 by the Ortega Development Company under Francis P. L'Engle, Jr. president, and Paul G. Fleming, secretary.⁴⁵

The significant residential growth in the area following World War II in turn stimulated commercial and institutional construction particularly along Blanding Boulevard, 103rd Street, and Timquana Road. In 1959, a new high school was opened off Wesconnett Boulevard to serve this growing population. First called Wesconnett High School, the students voted shortly after its opening to name the school Valhalla from Norse mythology with the mascot being the Vikings. Ultimately named after Confederate general, Nathan Bedford Forrest, the new school opened with 2,500 students which were over 800 more than anticipated. As a result, a new Forrest High School was constructed in 1966 further west with original school being converted into a junior high school named after Confederate general, Jeb Stuart.⁴⁶ The greater Wesconnett area including Jacksonville

⁴¹ A native of Palatka, Florida Lawrence Kitt Tucker, Jr. and his brother Finley Tucker had formed a partnership in 1905 that was moved to Jacksonville in 1914 and incorporated as Tucker Brothers, Inc. Later expanding statewide, Tucker Brothers, Inc. went on to become a major general insurance, real estate, and mortgage business (Julius E. Dovell, *Florida, Historic, Dramatic, Contemporary*. New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc. 1954, Volume III, p. 218-219).⁴¹

⁴² Duval County Courthouse, Plat Book 22, p. 57, p.69 (1950 & 51), & Plat Book 24, p.15 (1953)/

⁴³ Ibid, Plat Book 26, p. 24, 24 A, & 24B (1955).

⁴⁴ *Bargain Finder*, Vol. 1, Issue 2, February 23, 1988, p.3.

⁴⁵ Duval County Courthouse, Plat Book 34, pp. 43, 43A, 70, 84 & 84A.

⁴⁶ *Florida Times Union*, September 13, 1959, p. 12.

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The first known burial plot in the Turknett Cemetery is C.S. Turknett's (born 1890) dated 1892. The first known owner of the cemetery is Abbie Alice Turknett. She owned

⁴⁷ Cates, "Westside – Steamboat Landing". Vol. 1, Issue 5, 3/15/1988, p. 1; *Florida Times Union*, September 13, 1959, p. 12.

⁴⁸ Cates, Roslie. *Bargain Finders*, Vol. 1, Issue 4, 3/08/1988

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It is the determination of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed landmark Site, Turknett Cemetery, does not meet this criteria.

- (7) *Its suitability for preservation or restoration.*

Historic cemeteries such as the Turknett Cemetery have long been recognized for possessing valuable genealogical information, particularly when state vital statistic records including birth and death records were not complete until after 1917. However in more recent years, cemeteries are being recognized and protected as significant historic resources that contribute to understanding our cultural past. In addition to reflecting burial traditions and folk art, historic cemeteries can also provide information on settlement patterns, early trade and transportation routes, demographics, as well as epidemiology, or the study of the cause, distribution and control of illnesses. Cemeteries, when properly maintained, can contribute valuable open and green spaces in our growing urban and suburban environments.⁵¹ The value and contributions of historic cemeteries as outlined above clearly relate in varying degrees to the Turknett Cemetery as documented in greater detail elsewhere in this application.

The cemetery grounds are well maintained under the direction of the Turknett Family Trust charter which was established in December 2002 and recorded in the county records under Book 11053 Page 1890. From a recent site visit, the tress are maintained with the exception of a few that have fallen but not near the main burial area. The existing headstones are kept clean and are still legible. Some of the older ones are faded but that is to be expected from more than 100 years out in the elements. The hand drawn plot of the visible burials that the Turknett Family possess is and will be helpful for the caretakers to ensure the graves are not lost to environmental issues in the future. Overall, it is the determination of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed landmark Site, Turknett Cemetery, does meet this criteria and will the trust set up, will be able to preserve the cemetery in perpetuity.

⁵¹ Sharyn Thompson, *Florida's Historic Cemeteries, A Preservation Handbook*. (Tallahassee, Florida: Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board, 1989), pp. 4-5.

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**Landmark, Landmark Site, or Historic District Nomination
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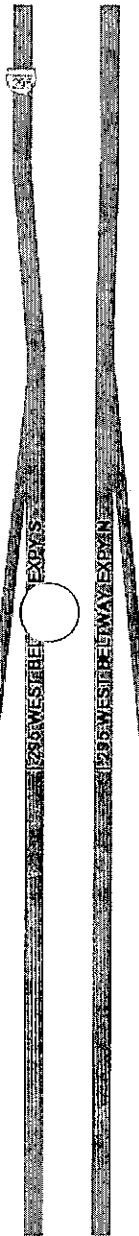
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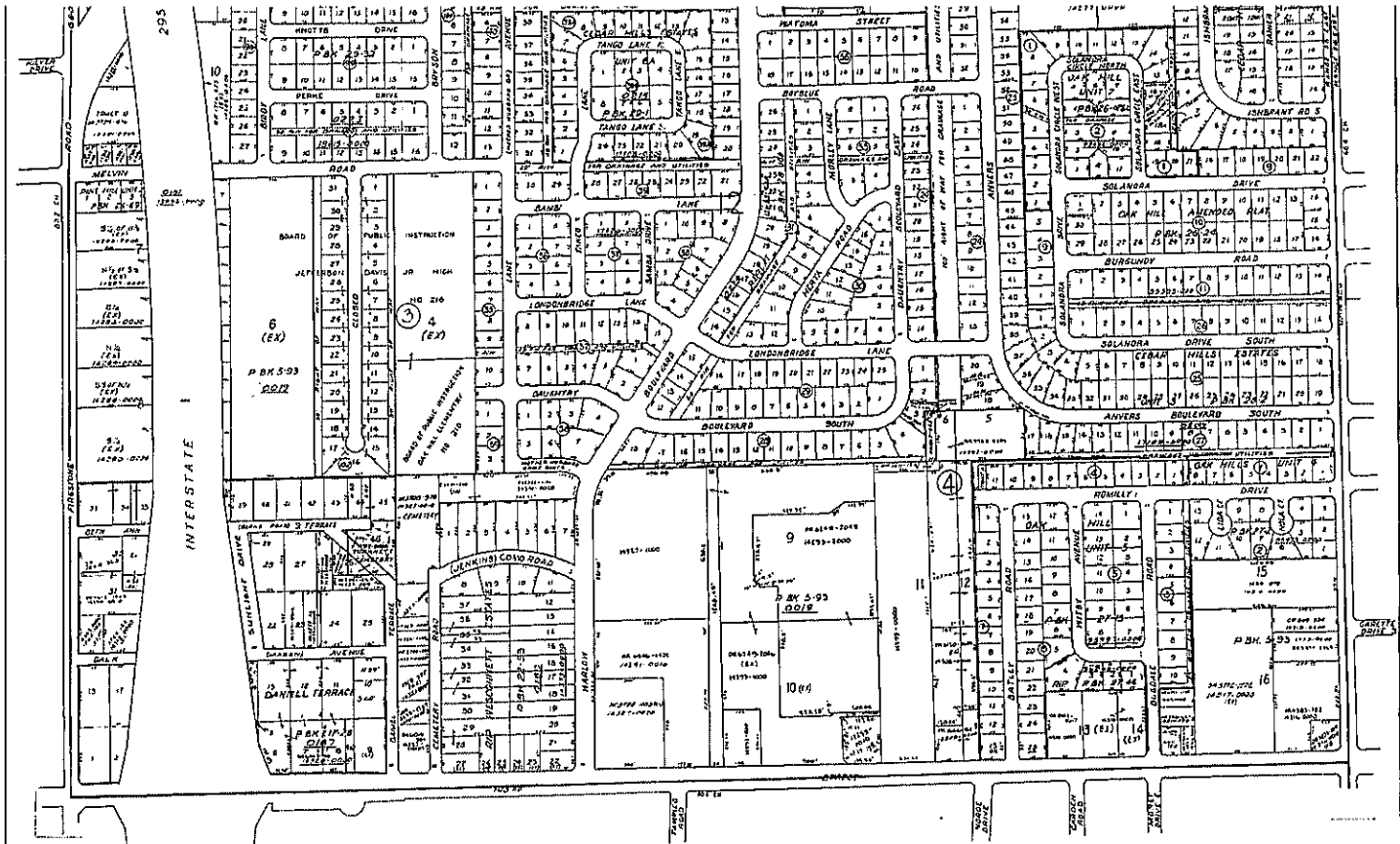
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SECTION LINE	WINDY HILL	UPDATED: 11-8-77
CITY & COUNTY LINE	WINDY HILL	
RIGHT OF WAY	WINDY HILL	
PROPERTY LINE	WINDY HILL	
ESCHEW LINE	WINDY HILL	
CENTER LINE	WINDY HILL	
LAND USE	WINDY HILL	

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP MAPS
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 COMPILED FROM THE MOST RECENT DATA

PARCEL NUMBER	MAP NUMBER
95	33 25-1-12
	SECTION 11-37
TWP.	RGE.
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LS-18-01 Turknett Cemetery



Samuel Allen Turknett - builder of what is now called the Parnell house. Wife Laura Silcox. Children Roy, Cyrus and Norris.

Photo from Bargain Hunters Magazine Vol. 1, Issue 7, 3/29/1988



Photo of Turknett Cemetery by staff September 2018

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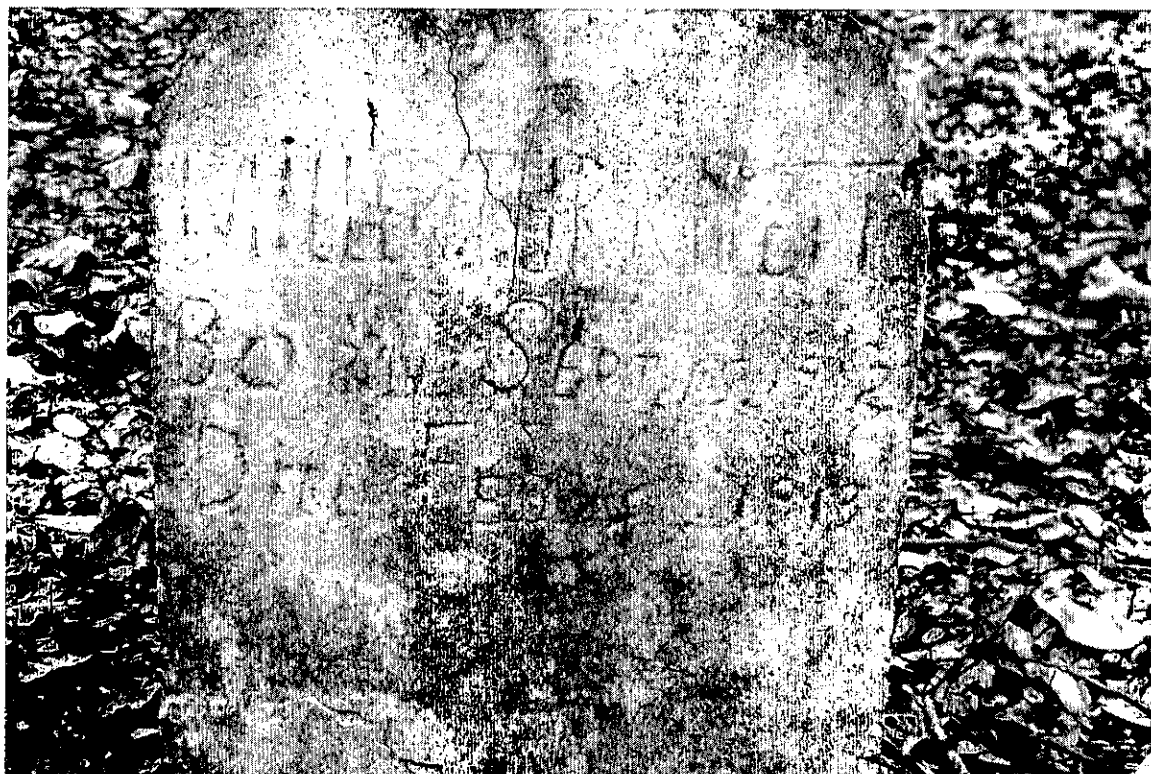


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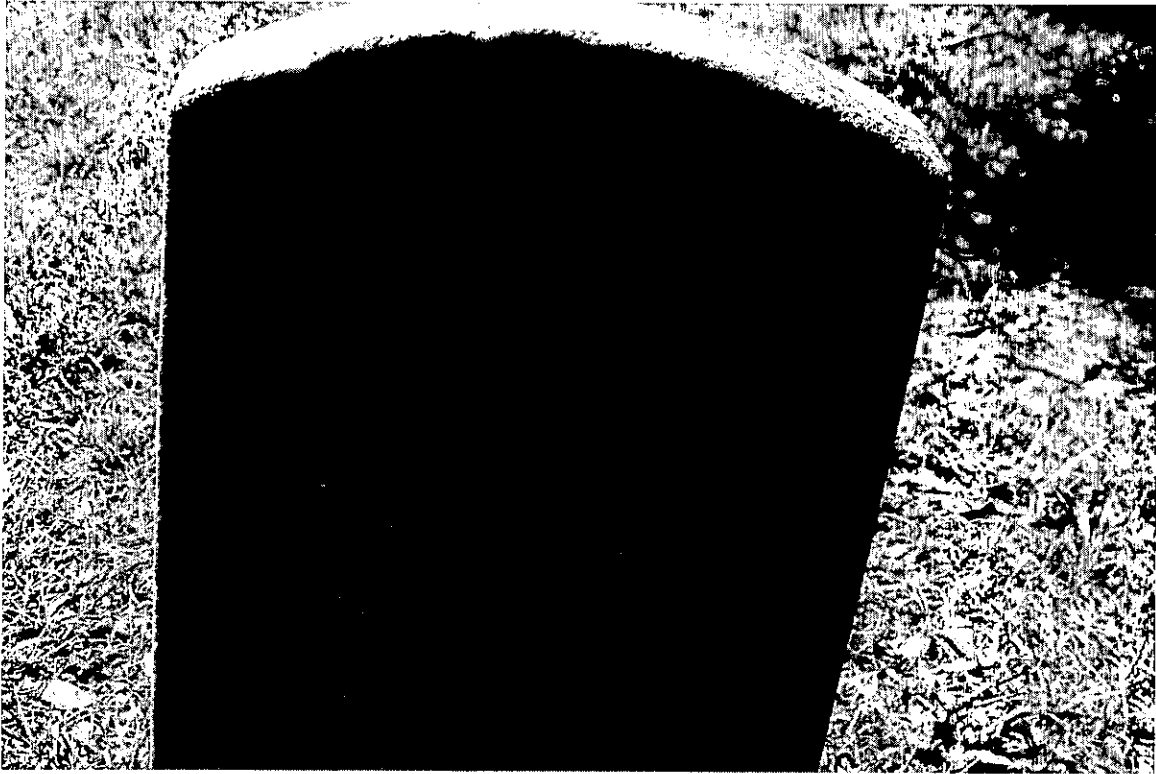


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Example of the ornamental plantings not associated with a known burial.
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WM. HENRY TURKNETT VARINA EVA SILCOX
THE "MARRAGE" OF SILCOX - TURKNETT

Photo provided by Bob Turknett



Jax Heights Chicken Farm

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5th Grade (1927) 3 room school

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Local Baseball Team

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TURKNETT BOB

Primary Site Address
 O DANIELL TER
 Jacksonville FL 32210

Official Record Book/Page
 13577-00175

Title #
 5512

O DANIELL TER

Property Detail

RE #	014372-0500
Tax District	GS
Property Use	7692 Cemetery
# of Buildings	0
Legal Desc.	For full legal description see Land & Legal section below
Subdivision	00187 DANIELL TER S/D SW1/4 OF
Total Area	44311

The sale of this property may result in higher property taxes. For more information go to [Save Our Homes](#) and our [Property Tax Estimator](#). 'In Progress' property values, exemptions and other supporting information on this page are part of the working tax roll and are subject to change. Certified values listed in the Value Summary are those certified in October, but may include any official changes made after certification. [Learn how the Property Appraiser's Office values property.](#)

Value Summary

	2017 Certified	2018 In Progress
Value Method	CAMA	CAMA
Total Building Value	\$0.00	\$0.00
Extra Feature Value	\$2,490.00	\$2,321.00
Land Value (Market)	\$88,862.00	\$88,862.00
Land Value (Agric.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Just (Market) Value	\$91,352.00	\$91,183.00
Assessed Value	\$91,352.00	\$91,183.00
Cap Diff/Portability Amt	\$0.00 / \$0.00	\$0.00 / \$0.00
Exemptions	\$91,352.00	See below
Taxable Value	\$0.00	See below

Taxable Values and Exemptions – In Progress

If there are no exemptions applicable to a taxing authority, the Taxable Value is the same as the Assessed Value listed above in the Value Summary box.

County/Municipal Taxable Value

Assessed Value	\$91,183.00
Cemetery (509)	- \$91,183.00
Taxable Value	\$0.00

SJRWMD/FIND Taxable Value

Assessed Value	\$91,183.00
Cemetery (509)	- \$91,183.00
Taxable Value	\$0.00

School Taxable Value

Assessed Value	\$91,183.00
Cemetery (509)	- \$91,183.00
Taxable Value	\$0.00

Sales History

Book/Page	Sale Date	Sale Price	Deed Instrument Type Code	Qualified/Unqualified	Vacant/Improved
13577-00175	10/3/2006	\$100.00	RW - Right of Way	Unqualified	Vacant
11053-01883	3/10/2003	\$100.00	MS - Miscellaneous	Unqualified	Vacant
00554-00358	12/30/1899	\$100.00		Unqualified	Vacant
00044-00759	12/30/1899	\$100.00		Unqualified	Vacant

Extra Features

LN	Feature Code	Feature Description	Bldg.	Length	Width	Total Units	Value
1	FCLC1	Fence Chain Link	0	0	0	285.00	\$2,321.00

Land & Legal

Land										Legal	
LN	Code	Use Description	Zoning	Front	Depth	Category	Land Units	Land Type	Land Value	LN	Legal Description
1	7000	INSTITUTIONAL	PBF-2	0.00	0.00	Common	44,431.00	Square Footage	\$88,862.00	1	17-28 12-3S-25E 1.02
										2	DANIELL TERRACE S/D SW1/4 OF SW1/4
										3	LOTS 26,46,PT PLATTED R/W LYING
										4	BETWEEN LOTS 26,46(EX PT RECD
										5	O/R BKS 2984-64,5118-1042,5501-297),
										6	E1/2 CL R/W RECD O/R 13577-175

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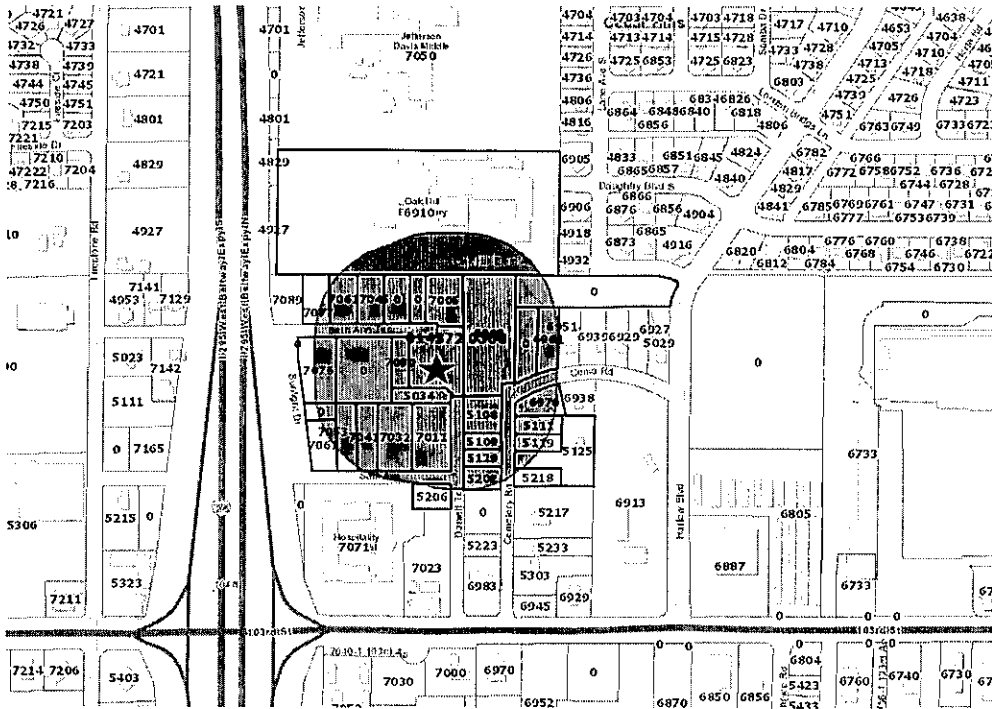
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Taxing District	Assessed Value	Exemptions	Taxable Value	Last Year	Proposed	Rolled-back
Gen Govt Ex B&B	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Schools: By State Law	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
By Local Board	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FL Inland Navigation Dist.	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Mgmt Dist. SJRWMD	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gen Gov Voted	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
School Board Voted	\$91,183.00	\$91,183.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

III.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP



LS-18-01
 Turknett Cemetery
 0 Daniel Terrace

*Circle indicates the
 neighbor's within 350
 Feet of the Turknett
 Cemetery*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE
TURKNETT CEMETERY
AS A CITY OF JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC LANDMARK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 26th day of September, 2018 A.D. at 3:00 P.M., the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Jacksonville will hold a *Public Hearing* in Conference Room 1002, 1st Floor, Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, for the consideration of Turknett Cemetery, 0 Daniel Terrace, as a City of Jacksonville Historic Landmark, pursuant to *Jacksonville Ordinance Code 307.104*.

Exhibit A

Legal Description

Daniel Terrace Subdivision-Beginning in the East line of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 3 South, Range 25 East, at a point 210 Feet South of the Northeast corner of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 3 South, Range 25 East,; run thence South along the East line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, 210 feet; thence run West at right angles to the aforesaid line, 210 feet then run North parallel with the aforesaid East line, 210 feet, run thence East at right angles to the first aforesaid line, 210 feet to the point or place of beginning.

This application (LS-18-01) is being sponsored by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission at the request of Bob Turknett. A copy of the application may be examined in the Offices of the Planning and Development Department, 3rd Floor, Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida (904) 255-7834. All interested parties are notified to be present and will be heard at the *Public Hearing*.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2018 A.D.

**Jack C. Demetree, III
Chairman
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission
City of Jacksonville**

JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LS-18-01

The Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 307.104, *City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code* on **Application No.: LS-18-01** regarding the proposed designation of Turknnett Cemetery, 0 Daniel Terrace, as a City of Jacksonville Landmark as noted below:

Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Time; 3:00 P. M.

Place: Conference Room 1002
1st Floor
Ed Ball Building
214 North Hogan Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Information concerning the proposed designation is on file with the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and available for inspection from 8:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. Monday through Friday at the Offices of the Planning and Development Department, Suite 300, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, (904) 255-7835.

PLEASE NOTE: You have received this notice as owner of real property located within 350 feet of the proposed landmark per Section 307.104(f). Only the property associated with the proposed landmark as identified above is impacted by the historic designation.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED ARE NOTIFIED TO BE PRESENT AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, AND THEY MAY BE HEARD WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION.

The Commission will make a recommendation as to whether the

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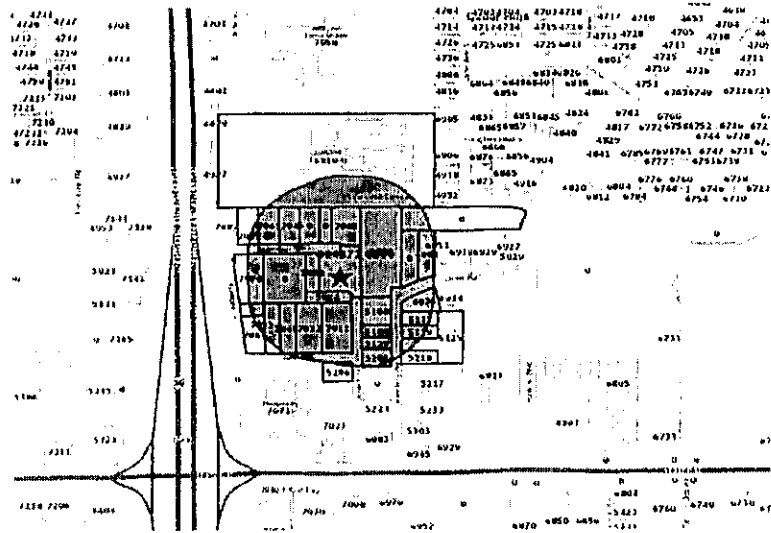
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