



Svea, FL. 1918

Baker Block Museum

North Okaloosa Historical Association

Newsletter



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Canoe Community, Church, ca 1920



Pyron Chapel Community, 1915

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The museum operates under the auspices of the North Okaloosa Historical Association, Inc. (NOHA) The Board of Directors meet monthly to recommend, approve, establish policy and receive input on the operation of the museum. We have three types of membership; one of them will fit your needs and interests. Download our [membership form](http://bakerblockmuseum.org/membership_form.pdf). We are a 501-3(c) Non-Profit Organization we not only depend upon State and County funding, and our Sponsors and Volunteers work to provide necessary operating funds to keep the museum open and operating. We maintain a sign-in sheet at the door which allows us to tabulate the numbers of visitors and patrons. All proceeds from the on-site Mercantile store are placed in the museum's general operating fund.

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If we don't preserve the history and culture of our families and community, who will?"

Cinco Bayou, FL.



When the Cocke family's homestead was subdivided, the property was given the name Cinco Bayou because it bordered Five Mile Bayou (Morris). In turn, Five was transposed into 'cinco' the number 5 in Spanish. During the 1950s, the town became a residential community supporting the increased activities at Eglin Air Force Base and the expanding commercial and tourist enterprises of the Fort Walton Beach area.

The scene would change as the Town began to develop. Several mobile home parks opened and were quickly filled with families. The 1960 census listed the Town with a population of 643, primarily due to the new families living in the mobile homes, which numbered more than 150 at that time.

During the 1960s, the residential character of the town began to change as the mobile home parks closed to make room for commercial businesses. In 1966, a portion of Andalusia Street was vacated and a new Town Hall was constructed. This building was to be the center of Town activity for the next 23 years.

The 1970 census listed the Town's population at 362. During the 1970s the trend toward commercial development continued. Eglin Parkway, Beal Parkway and Yacht Club Drive had all been widened to 4 lanes.


By 1980, commercial activities had increased and there were 95 businesses in the Town with an estimated 600 employees. In the 1980s, Eglin Parkway was widened to six lanes and the Sea Way boat ramp was rebuilt and additional piers added. A picnic shelter was built in Laguna Park and a boardwalk and sand trails were constructed in Glenwood Park. During 1989 the new Town Hall was constructed on Yacht Club Drive to provide a larger meeting place.



Falco, AL.

This thriving town was just NE of Campton on L&N RR on the Alabama state line. The name is derived from the initials of the company's name; Florida Alabama Land Company. In the early 1900s the area was incorporated and streets were named. It had a 40-room hotel across the street from the bank. Businesses catered to the traveling men (drummers) who could rent a horse and buggy at the livery stable and circuit ride to sell their goods. There was a gristmill and later a soda fountain and jewelry store. Fresh vegetables were readily available brought in to the depot by train. The second photo is of train number 1 having just arrived at Falco and entering Wye. It turned around on Wye, back down into the Mc Gowin-Foshee's yard, set out the coach, switch the yard, took on water and then put up on the house track, near the sand house (floridamemory.com). The flu epidemic of 1918 took a toll on the town and the typhoid epidemic which followed in 1919 further caused the towns decline. The depression years finished it off. Today, it is a ghost town.

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We continue
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FOOD STORY PROJECT

Join the museum in recording oral documentation of the food stories of our local citizen’s memories. The recordings will be archived in our research library and the senior story-teller will get a copy of it to take home with them.

We can accommodate up to four people who might want to share a story together. We can do ‘Friday walk-ins’ (3 – 5-minute stories) if you phone in and tell us you’re coming.

Food grown, made or shared. . .

Church events. . .

Covered-dish gatherings. . .

Family meals. . .

Cooking methods. . .

Meal types or food combinations. . .

Best grits...or worst 😊 . . .

The Food Story Project can also travel to senior centers, retirement facilities, and in-home recordings

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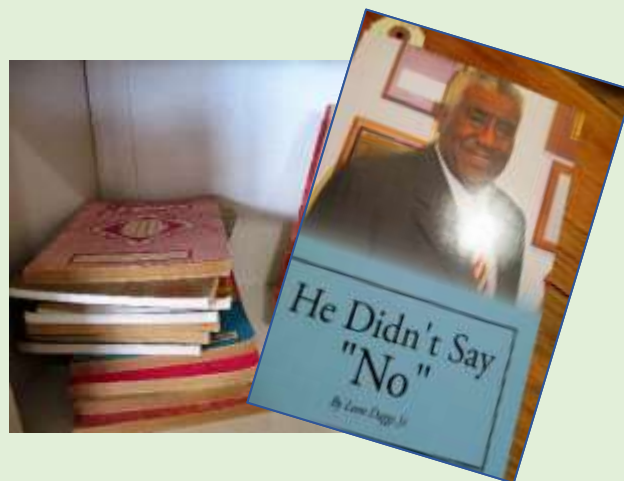
Baker Mercantile is inside the museum and has its own entrance at the front of the building.

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FACEBOOK, too

We are a non-profit. Proceeds from the mercantile are used to fund library and exhibit needs, etc., in the museum.

MY GRANNY'S APRON

You'll love the story card that is attached to these! Because they are homemade, we get them as our volunteer is able to sew them; call ahead if you wish to check on inventory. . .850-537-5714



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