

BONUS CONTENT: PIT STOP

When I was researching stories for Sarasota, in hopes of featuring a piece about Newtown history, I spoke to Vickie Oldham, the President of the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition. One of her suggestions was to reach out to Jetson Grimes, a local who owns a salon and a gallery dedicated to Newtown's history.

When I called Grimes, he welcomed the crew to stop by for a tour when we were in town.

The Greater Newtown Historical Gallery began in the most fascinating way, as folks came to the salon and swapped stories, they also began to bring photos. Grimes started to put them on display in his shop and as more customers came in and saw photos, it began to grow. He has so many photos now that the display extends past his salon and continues into the extra space next-door - the gallery.

I'll let Jetson tell you about Newtown's history, in his own words. [Watch The Video Here](#)

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For more information on the Greater Newtown Historical Gallery visit: [newtownhistoricalgallery.org](#). You can stop by the gallery next to Jetson's Salon at 2741 N. Osprey in Newtown, Sarasota.



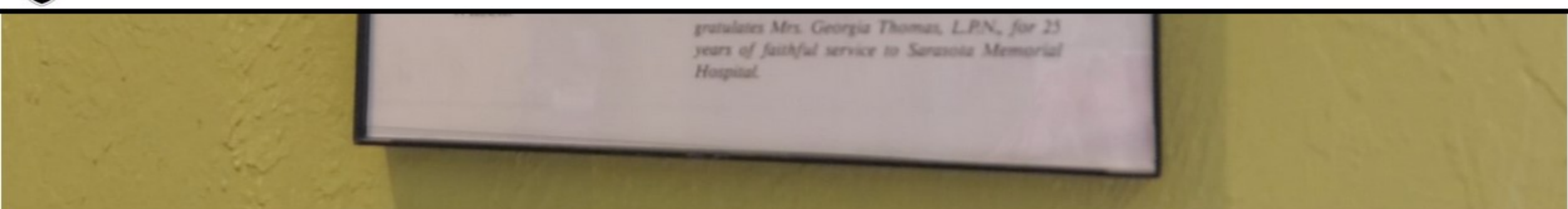
Newtown Gallery sign: Outside of Greater Newtown Historical Gallery



Salon: Jetson's Creative Trends in Newtown, owned by Jetson Grimes.



Jetson Grimes: Jetson Grimes, owner of Greater Newtown Historical Gallery, discussing Newtown's first mayor in his beauty salon.



Gallery photo: Newspaper article on the trailblazing Black nurses in Sarasota, on display at the Greater Newtown Historical Gallery.