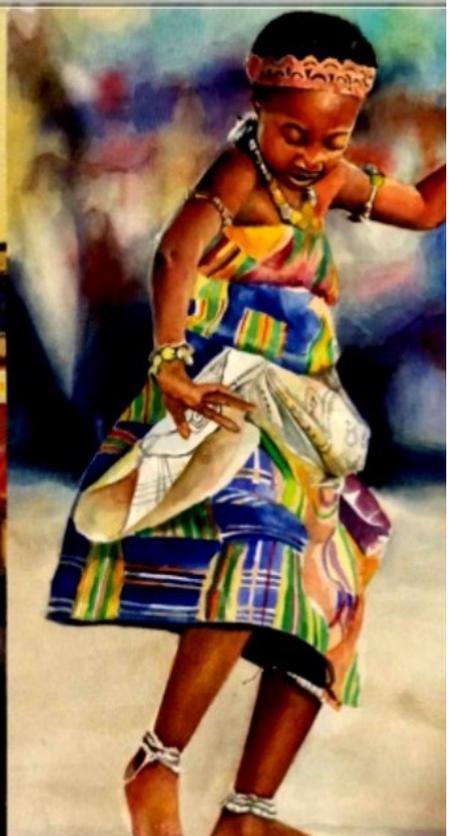
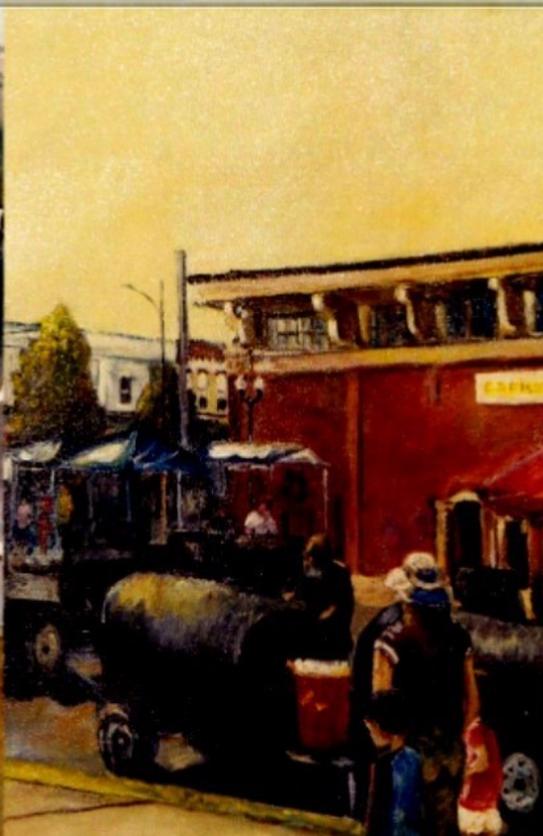


THE

SHADES

OF GADSDEN COUNTY

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NORTH FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

THE
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OF GADSDEN COUNTY



Carolyn Ford, MA, ED.S.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

<On Point>

The Shades of Gadsden County was created to celebrate the accomplishments of Gadsden-bred Pan-Africans. The showcase represents an ongoing research effort designed to instill pride, empower and motivate all communities in Gadsden County. The history of Gadsden County has been shaped by the many Pan-

African contributions. The county remains the only predominately minority majority populous in the state. This county has always offered some of the best and brightest in education, medicine, athletics, services and so much more. External factor have overshadowed the great reputation and well-deserved legacy of the county. It is our hope that this effort will unveil the golden legacy and rich culture that has been hidden and forgotten. Special thanks to Sarah Figgers, Deborah Porter and others for their contributions to this effort.



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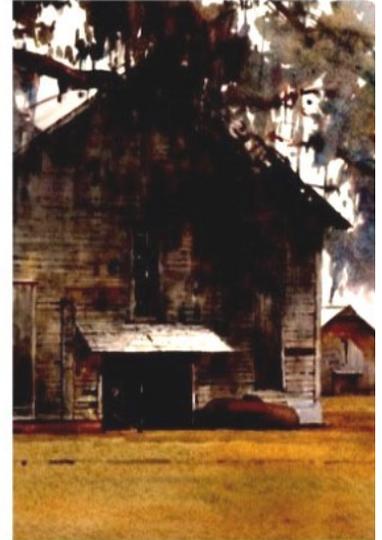
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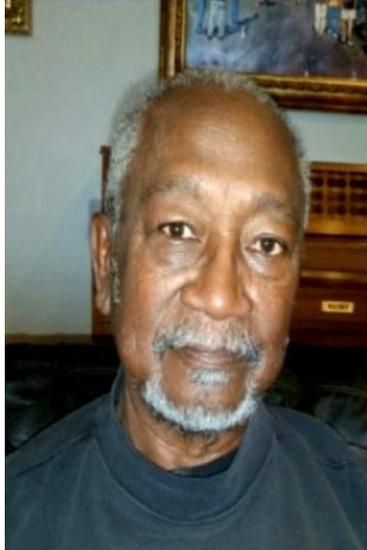
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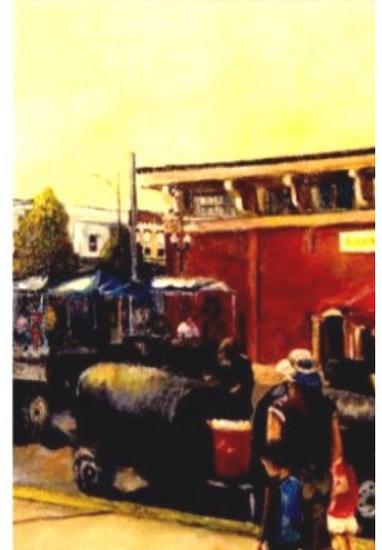
Mr. Mitchell was reared in Quincy, Florida. He is a graduate of the Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, Ohio, an award-winning painter of figures depicting black middle and lower class people and landscapes from his southern background and other personal experiences. Mitchell has been featured in numerous publications found in corporate and museum collections across the country. Mitchell is a member of several professional societies, including the American and National Watercolor Society. In 2004 and 2007, he received the Autry National Center Award for Watercolor at the Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and sale.



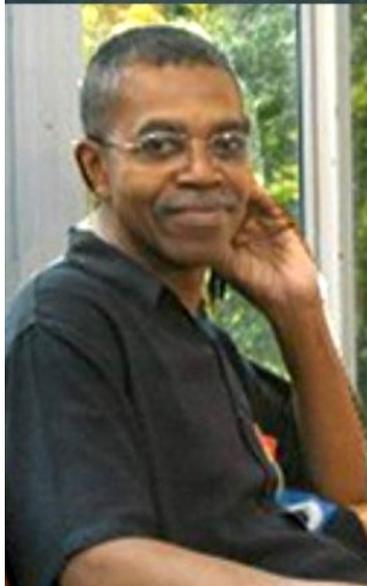
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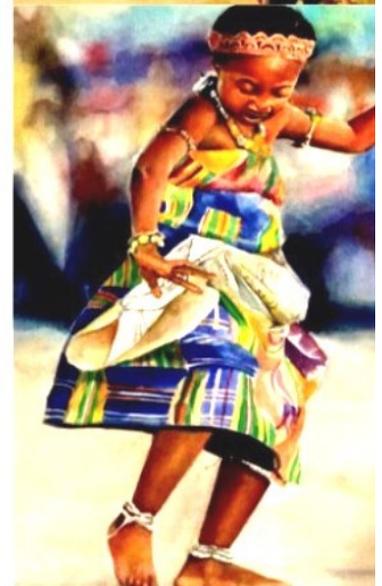
Mr. Thigpen was born in Quincy, Florida in 1943, presently residing in the Sawdust Community. Thigpen attended the Gadsden County Schools graduating from Carter Parramore High School in 1961. He continued his education at Florida A&M University majoring in Arts Education graduating in 1965. He returned to Quincy, Florida and taught arts at Stewart Street Elementary and Quincy Junior High in 1966. He taught drawings, painting, ceramic and sculpture in Ft. Lauderdale in 1969. Thigpen was awarded the Masters of Administration & Supervision from Florida Atlantic University in 1975. He has painted numerous paintings in acrylics and oils.



Eluster Richardson



Mr. Richardson was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida in 1961. He began drawing and painting as a child in the 3rd grade. Richardson, is a adept in oil and pencil, but his medium of preference is water color. His work has won numerous awards and have been exhibited in a variety of settings, including the Museum of Florida History, Lemoyne ART Foundation, Florida State Museum of Arts, Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art and Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. He is the Artist-n-Residence for Riley House Museum and Resource Center of African-American History and Culture, which houses his collections of historical works.



PRIDE OF THE PAST

GADSDEN COUNTY PIONEERS

Dr. William S. Stevens



The Stevens School was built for all grades in the 1920s as the Dunbar School, with funding from the Rosenwald Foundation. Dr. William Spencer Stevens for whom the school was named, graduated from Florida State Normal and Industrial College and in 1904 received a medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Stevens became the first African American to open a medical practice in Quincy. In 1906, he opened Stevens' Drug Store in downtown Quincy, and in the 1930s built a two-story building that served as a community hospital for the black community. In 1925, he began a four-year process to expand Dunbar School which was later renamed the W.S. Stevens School on 1004 West 4th Street. and Dr. Stevens continued to serve the city of Quincy as Supervisor of City Schools until his death in 1949.

Vivian D. Kelly



Mrs. Kelly was born in 1919 in Gadsden County, Florida. Kelly grew up in Midway, Florida working in the tobacco fields. Vivian Kelly attended Florida A&M University completing her undergraduate and master's degrees. Kelly was highly known as a local civil rights champion who helped organize voter-registration drives. In a tumultuous racial climate, Kelly and others were trying to register black people to vote when residents would turn dogs loose on her. She worked in the Gadsden County Schools for over 50 years before retiring as a principal in 1999. She was the chairman of the Gadsden County Democratic Executive Committee, Zeta Phi Beta Club and various other clubs and associations.

Dr. Jessie Furlow



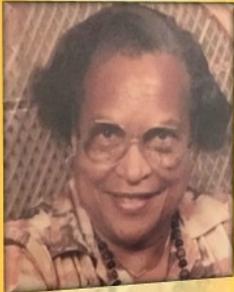
Dr. Jessie Furlow, of Quincy, has spent many years serving in private practice and operating the Primary Medical Center as well as Director of Gadsden County Health Department. She dedicated her life in providing medical services to all the citizens of Gadsden County. She received her Bachelor's degree from Lane College in 1971 and her M.D. from the University of Rochester in 1975. Dr. Furlow dedicated her professional life to helping to improve the lives of many in Gadsden County. Dr. Furlow a Community Activist that served on many local Boards as well as nationally (Vice-Chair Florida Commission and Minority).

Carl Daniels



Mr. Daniels was born in Quincy, Florida, in December of 1933. He attended W.S. Stevens School, after graduation he joined the army where he served in 1951 to 1953. He received a bachelors and masters degree in Education from Florida A&M University in 1958. Daniel's started his teaching career in 1958 with the Gadsden County School Board. In 1964, Carl Daniels was one of the co-founders of the NAACP Chapter of Gadsden County. In 1977, he was appointed chairman of the Human Relation Commission in Gadsden County. For forty-five years Daniels enjoyed his teaching career with the Gadsden County Schools. Daniels died in June of 2015.

Dorothy Jones



Mrs. Jones was born in the Jamison Community of Gadsden County between Quincy and Havana, Florida in 1916. She attended the Gadsden County Schools. She attended Florida A&M University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1951. In the 70's, Dorothy Jones donated a plot of land to the St, Hebron Community of Gadsden County, Florida to build a playground. In 2006, Dorothy Jones passed away, leaving a legacy of love and community support.

William "Bill" McGill



Mr. McGill was born in Midway, Florida in 1933. McGill enlisted into the United States Air Force in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1953. He attended Gadsden County Schools and furthered his post secondary studies at Florida A&M University, graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational Agricultural Science of Biology. McGill was in Florida A&M University and Florida State University Alumni. He was also Executive Director of Capital Area Community Action Agency and served for many years as Chairman for the Gadsden County Commission and was honored by naming the Gadsden County Library.

Patricia Due Stephens



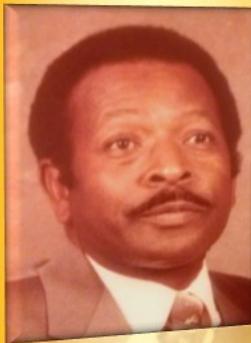
Mrs. Stephens was born in 1939 in Quincy, Florida. Patricia Stevens Due is known as the "Joan of Arc" of the Tallahassee Civil Rights Movement. Due was one of the leading African-American civil rights activist in the State of Florida along with her sister, Priscilla Stevens and other trained in non-violent protest Congress of Racial Equality. Due received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Outstanding Leadership, the Gandhi Award for Outstanding Work in Human Relations, and the Florida Freedom Award from the NAACP. She was also awarded an honorary doctorate from her alma mater at Florida A&M University. The National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc. honored Due in 2008 at its national convention an in February of 2010 at Florida A&M University, students gathered on campus to re-enact the sit-ins, jail-ins, and protest marches that had occurred 50 years previously in Tallahassee. She later died in 2012 in Atlanta, GA.

*Willie R.
Williams*



Mrs. Williams was better known as "Gensie". She was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. Williams received her degree at Florida A&M University and Bethune-Cookman University. Williams was a Math Teacher from 1954 thru 1990 and a member of the Gadsden County School Board.

*Wallace
Ellis*



Mr. Ellis was born in 1930 in Gretna, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. Ellis was a teacher for many years and Mayor of Gretna, Florida. He was president over several civic organizations in Gadsden and Leon County and helped organized the Springfield Community Coalitions of Churches. Ellis died in 2001 as a 32nd Degree Mason.

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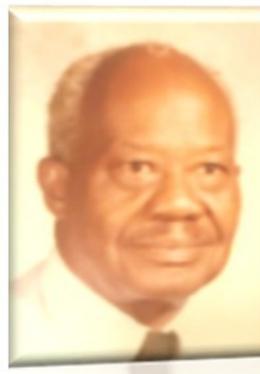
*Witt
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Mr. Hamilton was the first principal at Carter Parramore School.

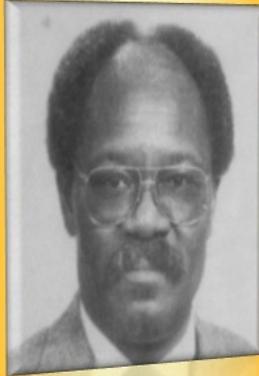


Famous Pioneers



SPECIAL HONOREES TRAILBLAZERS

Dr. Lewis Thigpen



Dr. Thigpen was born in 1938 in Quincy, Florida. Thigpen has had over 30 years of distinguished contributions for research and education following completion of his Ph.D. along with joining the Saudia National Laboratories. Dr. Lewis Thigpen performed pioneering work in the mechanics of earth penetrations, water entry, and nonlinear wave propagation in geologic materials. Thigpen became chairman of mechanical engineering department at Howard University and the ASME Region III Mechanical Engineering Department Heads Committee. Throughout his career, he also became a well-published scholar who had authored 55 publications to his credits holding a U.S. patent. Dr. Lewis Thigpen, focused on the overall decline in African-Americans and other minorities pursuing graduate-level, especially in the fluids and solid areas. Thigpen continued the research in mathematical modeling and earned respect as a strong role model for students.

James Palmer



Mr. Palmer was born in Quincy, Florida in 1930. Palmer attended the Gadsden County Public Schools. James Palmer enlisted in the United States Army and served from 1951 to 1953. He furthered his education at Florida A&M University majoring in Education receiving his bachelor's degree in 1956. Palmer also received his master's degree in Supervision and Administration in 1960. James Palmer's teaching career began at W. S. Stephens Elementary, George Munroe Elementary, and Assistant Principal Havana Middle School. Palmer is a member of New Bethel A.M.E. Church. He retired as an Educator in 1994.

Clarence Bryant, Sr.

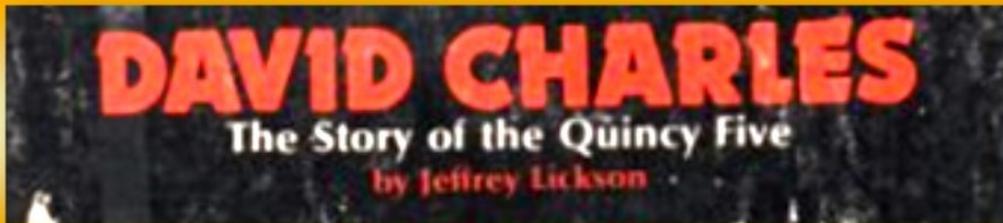


Mr. Bryant was born and raised in Jackson County, Marianna, Florida in a community called "Buckhorn". Clarence Bryant, Sr. Served in the U.S. Army—95th Infantry and 317 Combat Engineers in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Germany from 1950-1952. Bryant received his Bachelors and Masters Degree at Florida A&M University. He was elected as Quincy City Commission in 1975 and the first black to serve as the Mayor of Quincy, Florida. Bryant served on the commission from 1975-1996. He also was elected Chairman of the Gadsden County Community Action Agency Board of Directors in 1970.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

SPECIAL HONOR



**THE
QUINCY
FIVE**



**Alphonso
Figgers**



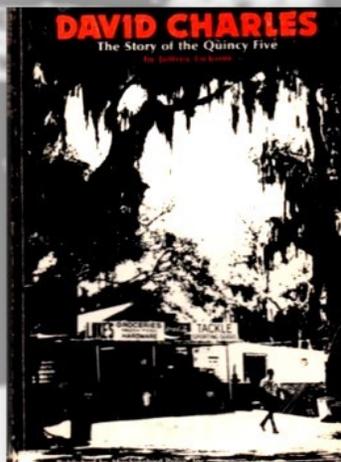
**David
Keaton**



**Johnny
Burns**



**Charles
Smith**



**Johnny
Frederick**

MEDICAL DOCTORS



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M.D.



Dr. Alma Littles
M.D.



Dr. Edwardo Williams
M.D.



Dr. Carla H. Horton
M.D.



Dr. Kimberly Johnson
M.D.



Dr. Natosha Cantey
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Dr. Candace Dantley
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Dr. Chrishonda C. McCoy
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Dr. Willie Pennick
M.D.



Dr. Acquinonette Bryant
M.D.



Dr. Princessa J. Ray
M.D.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY QUILTS

MEDICAL



Cynthia Knight

ARNP

Director of Nursing at
Bond Community Health Center
Tallahassee, Florida.

She has a Masters of Science in
Nursing at Florida A&M University.

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Sylvia Byrd

ARNP

Retired Registered Nurse
Gadsden County Health Department,
Florida Department of Health.

She has a degree from
Florida A&M University.

The Birth of Hope for our Future



The Mid-Wives of Gadsden County
Standing on the Steps of
W.S. Stevens School, Quincy, Florida

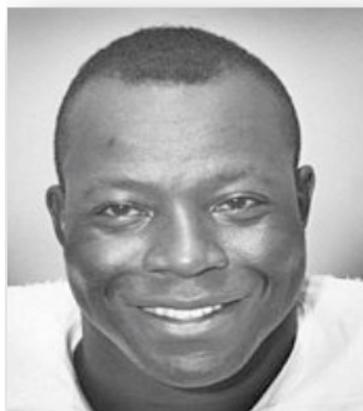
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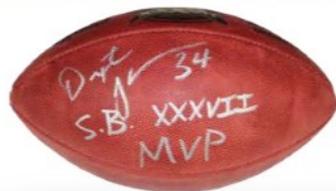
Billy Ray Hobley

was born the youngest of twelve children to David and Lucy M. Hobley of Quincy, Florida. He attended James A. Shanks High School where he played basketball and received all city, region, state, and American honors, and then was recruited to Dillard's University. At Dillard's, Hobley continued to succeed. In 1975, he had an average of 22.6 points per game and was named offensive player of the year. In 1977, Hobley graduated from Dillard's University to joined the World's Famous Harlem Globetrotters. Billy Ray Hobley was said to be the ultimate globetrotter, and he lived up to his name nickname, "SuperTrotter". In 1996 Hobley had the honor to participate in a special ceremony with Nelson Mandela, in Pretoria, South Africa, which Mandela was made an honorary Globetrotter. During his 22 years with the Globetrotters, he traveled the world six times until his final season in 1998. In 1999, Hobley returned to Dillard's University as an assistant men's basketball coach. Hobley was also awarded coach of the year in 2001. He was also the Executive Director of and Founder of A.S.K. The Billy Ray Hobley Sports Academy. On July 31, 2002, he passed away.

Mack Lee Hill



was born in 1940 in Quincy, Florida. He became an American football player, a running back at Southern University and for the American Football League's Kansas City Chiefs for two seasons. Hill made the Chief's roster as a rookie free agent out of Southern University in New Orleans, signing for only \$300 in 1964. He made an agreement to only be paid if he made the line-up. He became the 2nd-leading rusher with 567 yards and four touchdowns on 105 carries. Mack Hill played in the AFL All-Star In 1965, he gained 627 yards becoming 2nd most on the team. He did not complete the season, dying in knee surgery after the 12th game. Unfortunately, he was unable to complete the season, dying in knee surgery after the 12th game. Hill earned the nicknamed "The Truck."



Dexter Jackson

was born in Quincy, Florida in 1977. Jackson attended Gadsden County Schools and continued his college education at Florida State University majoring in Human Science. Jackson's athletic football career took plight when he was named the All-Atlantic Conference (ACC) as a junior. Jackson was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 4th round, of the 1999 NFL Draft. He was MVP of Super Bowl XXXVII, recording two interceptions in 2003. He later played for the Arizona Cardinals, back to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, then to Cincinnati Bengals. He played three season with the team before being released in March of 2009. Jackson finished his professional career with the Florida Tuskers of United Football League and played for the team for the 2009 season before retiring. Dexter Jackson's broadcasting career consisted of beginning a radio show with WBO cruiserweight world's champ Tyrone Booze called, "All Sports" with Randy Harris in Clearwater, Florida, WTAN AM 1340.





OTHER ARTISTS



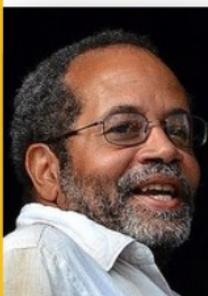
Brenda Dale Knox



Ms. Knox was professionally known as "The Lady Chablis". Knox was born Benjamin Edward Knox in

Quincy, Florida in 1957. She was an American actress, author, and drag performer. Knox became one of the first African-American drag performers to be accepted by a wider audience. In her early career during the 70's as an entertainer, she won multiple titles in drag pageantry. Knox became "The Lady Chablis" in 1990 and died in 2016.

Nathaniel Adderly, Jr.



Mr. Adderly was born in Quincy, Florida in 1955. He started playing the piano as a child and had his first song recorded by

his uncle Cannon Adderly Quintet in 1967. He attended Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in New York City. At Yale University, he earned a degree in African-American studies. Adderly returned to his jazzroots, performing his own works as tribute to both his father and uncle. At present, Adderly, resides in New Jersey.

Betty Kenon



Mary Bush



Michael Figgers



Dr. Michael Figgers was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County schools.

Dr. Figgers studied music at Florida A&M University and Florida State University. He taught band and chorus at Greensboro High School and Shanks High School for a total of 9 years. At Florida State University, he received a doctorate degree in Music Education. Dr. Figgers is a singer, songwriter, organist, choir master, author and minister. Currently, music professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte NC.

Rasheen J. Richardson



Mrs. Richardson is the Founder of Legacy of School of Arts Training Institute, Inc. She serves as both Executive Director

and Artistic Director. From 2004 to 2008, she was the choral director at East Gadsden High School. The Legacy of Performing Arts in 2008 became one of the community-wide solutions allowing children K-12 to study music, theatre and dance in Gadsden County. Richardson is a K-12 certified music educator with over 10 years of experience teaching within the Gadsden County Schools improving economic development.



*Entertainers
of
Quincy,
Gadsden
County,
Florida*

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS



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Shirley Knight



JUDGE

Kathy Gardner



U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

Alfred A. Lawson, Jr.



ATTORNEY AT LAW

Marva Davis



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Isaac brown



Mr. Brown was born in Quincy, Florida. Brown earned his MBA as a Graphic Designer working for the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee, Florida. Brown's qualifications consist of designing flyers, posters, newsletter, business cards, logos, web banners, annual and quarterly reports, brochures, vinyl banners, yard signs, t-shirts, and content for promotional items.

Sherman Curry



Mr. Curry was born in Quincy, Florida. Sherman Curry attended Gadsden County Schools and earned his MBA and CPA at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. He was a Financial Analyst at Proctor & Gamble and later became a Regional Finance Leader at MedTronic (medical devices) in Georgia.

Austin Ford



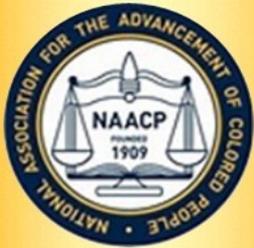
Mr. Ford was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. Ford is a specialist in cybersecurity, digital forensics and incident response. Within Cisco's Security Solutions, he uses his skills and expertise to assist Cisco's global customers in efforts to combat internal and external cyber threats. In his role at Cisco, he leads comprehensive data breach investigations, create incidents response play books. Ford has provided a full range of HIPPA Security Consultant Services to national based corporate organizations. He also handled computer forensic investigations.

Freddie Figgers



Mr. Figgers was born in Quincy, Florida. Figgers began repairing and upgrading computers for people in Gadsden County at a very early age. He became apart of a team that built NetQuincy Telecommunication System, which provided internet services to local residents and businesses. He built a data center and developed his own computer operating system to act as an intermediary between application programs and computer hardware. He is known as an American Inventor, Computer Programmer, Entrepreneur and is CEO/Chief Software Architect of Figgers Communication Inc. in Tallahassee, FL.

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&
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4th Tuesday
6:30pm



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African Episcopal Church
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Quincy, Florida 32351**



**Old Wilson
HOUSE
10th Street
Quincy, Florida 32351**



W.S. Stevens School



**Roots of the Past
Catapult many into a
Successful Future.**



*Saluting
The Pride of Gadsden County Schools*

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sheriff Morris A. Young

Sheriff Young was born in Quincy, Florida and attended the Gadsden County Schools. He later joined the Lively Law Enforcement Academy, Institute of Police Technology and Management, Chipola Jr. College; Community Oriented Policing Institute of Gainesville; Executive Level Management Education and Training, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute and National Sheriffs' Association. Sheriff Young's professional career lead him to working for the Quincy Police Department for 11 years and the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office for 12 years. In 2004 he was elected Sheriff of Gadsden County, ran unopposed in 2008, and in 2012, he was re-elected for Gadsden County Sheriff.



Major Robert Barkley

Major Barkley was born in Quincy, Florida and attended the Gadsden County Schools. Major Barkley joined the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office in November of 2008. He has over 30 years of law enforcement experience in Gadsden County and has served as Chief of Police of Quincy Florida. Major Barkley has the privilege of being an Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant Captain and currently serves as Major for the Bureau Chief of Gadsden County Jail. He completed numerous training with the Federal Bureau of Investigations Training Academy and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Executive Institute.



Chief Glenn H. Sapp, Jr.

Chief Sapp was born in Quincy, Florida and attended the Gadsden County Schools. Chief Sapp focuses on values of the Quincy Police Department which is proudly displayed on the patrol vehicles; "N-I-C-E" stands for Neighborly, Integrity, Civility and Ethics. These values combined with a well rounded approach of education, prevention, intervention, and enforcement form the foundation of a community policing approach that makes Quincy a safer city for all to live, work and raise our families. The Quincy Police Department works to improve efficiencies through the use of technology and innovation in order to provide vital core services in a timely and professional manner.



QUINCY CITY COMMISSIONERS



Keith Dowdell
DISTRICT 1



Commissioner Dowdell was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. Dowdell graduated from high school in 1981, attended Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama later earning his B.S. Degree in Mathematics/Computer Science from the University of Alabama in 1985. Commissioner Dowdell served eight years in the United States Army, where he attained the rank of Captain. He has built a reputation for being a leader and has learned to build the types of coalitions needed to be an effective Commissioner.

Angela Sapp
DISTRICT 2



Commissioner Sapp was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. She is a lifelong resident of the Springside Community. Sapp returned to the commission a third term after a three year absence. She was elected Mayor Pro-Tem for two years and Mayor for one. Her leadership exemplifies their duty to stand up and fight for the issues that are important to their constituents. Sapp is committed to being an active, accessible and accountable public servant to the citizens of the historic City of Quincy.

Elias Key
DISTRICT 3



Commissioner Key was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. Elias was appointed to the Quincy City Commission in 1999 by Gov. Jeb Bush. In 2000, Commissioner Elias was elected to represent the citizens of District 3. Commissioner Elias served as Mayor of the City of Quincy for three consecutive terms from 2002 to 2005 and also Mayor in 2011. He is a 1985 graduate of Florida A&M University, where he earned a degree in Political Science and Public Management.

Sylvia Hicks
CITY CLERK



Mrs. Hicks was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. She graduated from James A. Shanks High School in 1976. Hicks attended Florida A&M University majoring in Marketing and Business Administration. She began her career with the City of Quincy in 1988 and was appointed as the City Clerk in 1991. Sylvia Hicks is a member of the Florida League of Cities.

GADSDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



**Anthony Viegbesie
DISTRICT 1**

**CHAIRPERSON
Brenda Holt
DISTRICT 4**

**Eric Hinson
DISTRICT 2**

**Sherrie Taylor
DISTRICT 5**

**Gene Morgan
DISRICT 3**

-Mission-

To build a better community by offering efficient, sustainable services, encouraging economic development and providing safety to improve the quality of life.



MIDWAY COUNCIL MEMBERS



City of Midway Florida

"A City of Progress & Possibilities"



**Mayor
Ronald Colston
District 2**



**Charlie Smith
District 1**



**Wanda Range
District 3**



**Carolyn Frances
District 4**



**David Knight
District 6**



**Zachary Woods
District 7**



**Henry Hunter
City Attorney**



**Frances Harrell
City Clerk**

-Mission-

The City of Midway employee mission statement is to provide service to citizens through a comprehensive team effort emphasizing honesty, excellence, efficiency, and hard work.



Auburn Ford, City Manager

Mr. Ford was born and raised in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. The City Manager advises and coordinates implementation of policies adopted by City Council. The office is responsible for providing leadership and management of the City's operations, including guidance, coordination, and planning service delivery. The City Manager is responsible for long-range and strategic planning and develops recommendations for new programs indicating scope, cost justification and impact statements for consideration by City Council.

GRETNA CITY COMMISSIONERS

City of Gretna

Come Grow With Us



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Helen
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Seat 2

Pro-Tem
Anthony Baker

Jeff
McNealy
Seat 3

Charles
Jackson

Mission Statement

The City of Gretna is dedicated to delivering best-in-class municipal services responsive to the needs of the community and consistent with its history, culture, and values.



Antonio Jefferson, City Manager

Mr. Jefferson is from Midway, Florida and attended Havana Northside High School in Havana, Florida. He received his Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. At present, Jefferson is the City Manager of Gretna, Florida, Chairman of Opportunity Florida, Vice-Chairman of the Gadsden Economic Council, and the Director of Big Bend Minority Chamber.

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"Putting Children First"



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-GOALS-

Gadsden County School's goals are to meet the needs of all learners. To ensure that all student reaches his or hers potential, and to pledge that our graduates are prepared for life, and leadership as they enroll in college and/or enter the workforce.

COMMUNITY PRIDE



Arrie Battle
MOTHER CARE NETWORK

Mrs. Battle was born in Quincy, Florida in the Shiloh Community and attended Gadsden County Schools. She attended Stillman University in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Battles returned to Gadsden County and worked for the State of Florida for over 30 years as well as becoming Executive Director for the Mother Care Network for Gadsden County in Quincy, Florida.



Alma Venisee
INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

Mrs. Venisee was born in Gadsden County and attended Gadsden County Schools. She received her degree from Florida A&M University. Alma Venisee is the Founder and Director of "Investing in our Youth". This organization is an empowerment program for youth in Gadsden County, Florida.



Millie Forehand
CEDO
**Community Economic
Development Organization**

Mrs. Forehand was born in Quincy, Florida and attended Gadsden County Schools. She has a degree in Finance and served as a City Commissioner in 1992-1998. She was the first African-American woman to serve as mayor for the City of Quincy. Forehand is the Executive Director for CEDO and has constructed 3 low-income apartment complexes: Vanguard Village in Gretna, Triple Oaks & Omega Villas in Quincy. She also established the first charter school in the Gadsden County called, Crossroad Academy Charter School.

LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

Amberly Williams
Miss Famu



Miss FAMU
Amberly Williams
was voted to
grace the pages of
EBONY Magazine.



Hope Freedom Schools



Jordan Xtreme Children



Legacy of the Performing Arts

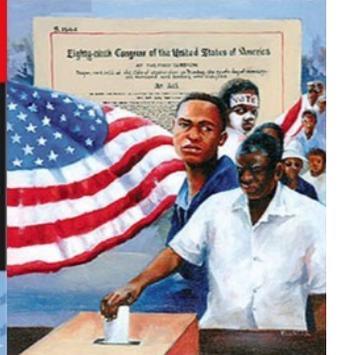


CULTURE AND LEISURE

THE **SHADES**
OF GADSDEN COUNTY



Family
like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different
directions yet our roots remain as one



Emancipation Day Celebration May 20th



AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES

(ON THE MOVE)



*New Bethel
African Methodist
Episcopal Church*
23209 Blue Star
Memorial Highway
Quincy, Florida 32351



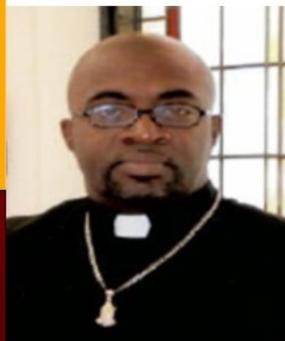
Reverend Charles Morris

**Pastor: New Bethel African-American
Methodist Episcopal Church**
<A Community Outreach Preacher>

- *Citizens United*
- *Souls to The Polls*

Mark 15:16

Mathew 28:16-20



**Mt. Moriah First
Baptist Church**
302 South 10th Street
Quincy, Florida 32351



Elder, Doctor Melvin D. Campbell

**Pastor: Mount Moriah First Missionary
Baptist Church**

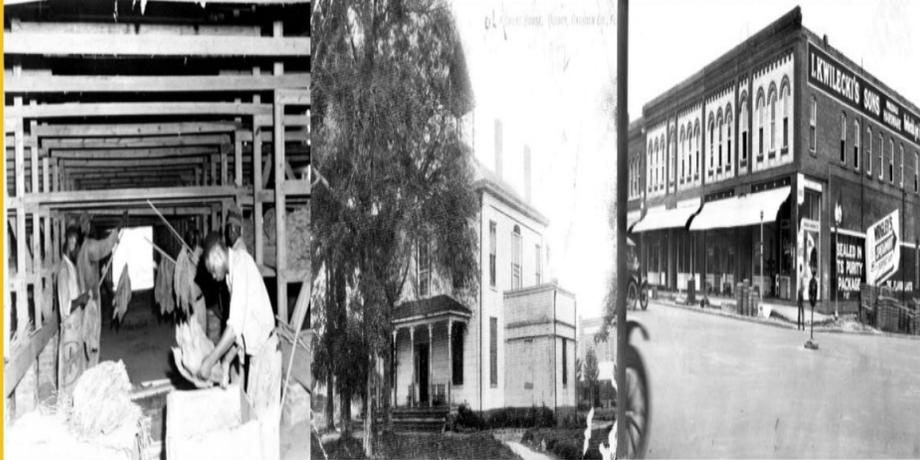
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**Smith Chapel Bible University
Mt. Moriah School of Ministry
(2016) 19 Area Graduates**

"We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight"
2 Corinthians 5:7



A Salute to the Pride of Gadsden County



- On Point -

Thank you for reading "The Shades of Gadsden County". I hope it instilled in you the PRIDE and the realization of the accomplishments that have been made by our people from the past to the present.

Thank Sarah Figgers, Deborah Porter and others for their support and work on this research. By NO means is this effort complete. The history of our people's progress and accomplishments is just a sample of OUR PRIDE. Hopefully, this is just a beginning.

As a young girl growing up in Gadsden County, it was a known fact that the best and brightness came from this county called Home. Somewhere during the years we forgot to past that sense of pride and past knowledge to our children and grandchildren.

The motivation for this research, is to inform others of our forgotten or overlooked history and progress. Our value system continues to remain intact in spite of the many obstacles that we have to overcome.

The foundation that our values are rooted in is our faith in God, and these roots run deep. This is the very basis of our success that is rooted in our culture, history and traditions.

- Carolyn Ford

THE PRIDE OF ALL GENERATIONS



*We did not come here
to fear the future.
We came here
To shape it.*



44TH UNITED STATES PRESIDENT



Barack Obama and Family

A Legacy That Will Prevail!