Past Forward
Tampa Bay
Past Forward Florida

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By bringing together the expertise of the educational, media, architectural and historic preservation communities, Past Forward Florida is a unique, quality resource for educators, families, visitors and community members in Tampa Bay and throughout Florida.

Past Forward Florida is a three-part multimedia project celebrating the diverse architecture, history and cultures of Florida with a special focus on the Tampa Bay area.

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Past Forward Tampa Bay

This educational supplement explores the diverse architecture, history and cultures of Tampa Bay so that teachers, students, visitors and community members can discover the community's unique history at their own pace.

Events

August 2012
1 – Architectural Photography Contest opens. Top prize $500!

October 2012
Discover Design in Archtober
1 – Architectural Photography Contest entries due
5 – Do the Local Motion architect-led tour, downtown Tampa
5 – Architecture + Film: Unfinished Spaces, Cuban Club
11 – AIGA Film: Design + Thinking, Tampa Theatre
25 – Architectural Photography Contest Awards Reception, Florida Museum of Photographic Arts

November 2012
1 – Celebrate Design Reception, Tampa Museum of Art
TBA – Educator Workshop, Tampa Bay History Museum

December 2012
14 – AIA Florida 100 Years Celebration, Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg

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c. 200 – Weeden Island culture emerges along the Gulf Coast of Florida.

c. 900-1500 – Native Americans known as the Toobaga Indians live in small villages at the northern end of Tampa Bay.

European Exploration and Colonization 1513-1562

1528 – Spanish explorer Pánfilo de Narváez lands on the shore of Old Tampa Bay and marches northward through what is now Pasco County.
When people first reached Florida at least 12,000 years ago, there was a rich variety of plants and animals. The animal population included most mammals that we know today. In addition, many other large mammals that are now extinct (such as the saber-tooth tiger, mastodon, giant armadillo, and camel) roamed the state.

The Florida coastline along the Gulf of Mexico was very different than it is today. Since the sea level was much lower, the Florida peninsula was more than twice as large as it is now.

Written records about life in Florida began with the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León in 1513. Sometime between April 2 and April 8, Ponce de León waded ashore on the northeast coast of Florida, possibly near present-day St. Augustine. He called the area la Florida, in honor of Pascua florida (“feast of the flowers”).

On another voyage in 1521, Ponce de León landed on the southwestern coast of the peninsula. Although his colonization attempt quickly failed due to attacks by native people, his exploration served to identify Florida as a desirable place for explorers, missionaries and treasure seekers.

And the rest, as we say, is history.

Source: The State of Florida

The birth of a state

The United States purchased Florida from Spain in 1821 for $5 million, and Florida became a new United States territory. Florida became the 27th state on March 3, 1845.

Florida’s 19th county

On Jan. 25, 1834, the U.S. Legislative Council for the Territory of Florida approved an act organizing Hillsborough as Florida’s 19th county. At that time, Hillsborough County was a sprawling area that included what is now Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands counties, most of Glades County and part of Lee County. Despite its size, Hillsborough’s population was only 836, not including soldiers or Native Americans. When the first commissioners met in 1846, the topics were taxes, transportation, a new courthouse and jail, and commercial development. The county tax raised $148.69 that year. Commissioners were paid $2 per day while in session.

Sources: Pinellas County; City of St. Petersburg and West Pasco Historical Society

Did you know?

• The name Pinellas is derived from the Spanish words punta pinal meaning “point of pines.” That was an accurate description for this area when it was discovered by Panfilo de Narváez in 1528. Pinellas became an independent county in 1912.

• In January 1843, a bill was introduced in the Florida House to create a new county to be called Amaxura, which was the Spanish name for the Withlacoochee River. The bill was amended, with the name changed to Hernando. On February 1843, Hernando County was created from the southern part of Alachua County and parts of Hillsborough and Mosquito counties.

Sources: Pinellas County; City of St. Petersburg and West Pasco Historical Society

Architectural style research activity

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Listed are some of the historical styles of architecture common in Tampa Bay. With a partner, research one of these architectural styles. Find as much information as you can, including time period of prominence, attributes of design and examples of buildings.

Write a report on the style and then present the information to your classmates. Be sure to document your sources.

Art Deco

Art Moderne

Beaux Arts

Colonial Revival

Craftsman

Florida Cracker

Mediterranean Revival

Mid-Century Modern

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Florida became the 27th state in the United States on March 3, 1845. William D. Moseley was elected the new state’s first governor, and David Levy Yulee and James Westcott became U.S. Senators. By 1850 the population had grown to 87,445.

The slavery issue dominated the affairs of the new state. Florida seceded from the Union on Jan. 10, 1861, thus allowing Florida to join other southern states to form the Confederate States of America.

Before the Civil War, Florida had been well on its way to becoming another of the southern cotton states. Afterward, the lives of many residents changed. Beginning in 1868, the federal government instituted a congressional program of reconstruction in Florida and the other southern states.

May-Stringer House 1856
Queen Anne • 601 Museum Ct, Brooksville • Unknown architect

The May-Stringer House is built upon property obtained by Richard Wiggins under the Armed Occupation Act in 1843. In 1855, John May bought the property and began construction of the house. Originally a 2-story, 4-room simple antebellum frame house, successive owners transformed the home into a highly decorative 4-story, 12-room Queen Anne building featuring a 3-bay façade and a 2-story wraparound porch.

The May-Stringer House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997 and now houses the May-Stringer Heritage Museum.

Sources: Hernando Historical Museum Association and Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

Territorial Period 1821-1845

1819 – Florida is ceded to the United States by Spain through the Adams-Onis Treaty (also called the Transcontinental Treaty) for $5 million. The treaty was not ratified by the United States until 1821.

1822 – The Territory of Florida is created by an act of Congress.

1824 – Fort Brooke is established at the mouth of the Hillsborough River.

1826 – Fort King Road connects Fort Brooke to Fort King in Ocala.

1831 – A branch of the U.S. Post Office is established at Tampa Bay.
Baker House 1882
Frame Vernacular • 5744 Moog Rd, Elfers • Unknown architect
The Baker House is the oldest Cracker house in western Pasco County and features typical Florida Cracker traits, such as a wide covered porch, steeply peaked roof, symmetrically placed windows to encourage airflow and a central hallway called a “dogtrot”. The original home of pioneer businessman Samuel Baker, the wood-frame building was assembled with wooden pegs by an unknown shipwright using shipbuilding techniques.
The Baker House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. It has been restored as a museum.
Sources: West Pasco Historical Society and Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

El Pasaje/Cherokee Club 1888
Brick Vernacular • 1320 E 9th Ave., Tampa
M. Leo Elliott and B. C. Bonfoey, architects
El Pasaje (“The Passage”) was built between 1886 and 1888 by the founder of Ybor City, Vicente Martinez Ybor. The building, only the 2nd brick building in Ybor City, was originally built to serve as Ybor’s office.
In 1895, the building became the home for the Cherokee Club, an organization of influential Ybor City gentlemen. Many distinguished visitors stayed at the Cherokee Club over the years, including Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti, Winston Churchill (at the time a war correspondent) and Formerly U.S. Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland. Rumor has it that El Pasaje operated as a speak-easy during Prohibition.
El Pasaje was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.
Source: Ybor City Museum

Ybor Square 1886
Eclectic • 1901 N 13th St, Tampa • C.E. Purcell, architect
The building now known as Ybor Square was the very first brick structure constructed in Ybor City. Ybor Square was built in 1886 by Ybor City’s founder, Vicente Martinez Ybor, to serve as his primary factory building.
Ybor moved his cigar business to Tampa from Key West, spawning the birth of what would only a few short years later be considered the Cigar Capital of the World — Ybor City. In its heyday, the factory employed over 1,100 cigar makers that turned out tens of thousands of premium El Principe de Gales cigars a day.
Ybor Square was also the site of many political speeches by Jose Marti, the famous Cuban revolutionary referred to as “the George Washington of Cuba.” As early as 1891, Marti visited Ybor City to rally support among Ybor City’s Cuban community for the fight for Cuban independence from Spain.
Ybor Square was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.
Sources: Ybor City Museum and the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

1832 – Odet Philippe establishes the first permanent white settlement on the northern portion of Pinellas peninsula in the Safety Harbor area.
1834 – Hillsborough County is formed. Included within Hillsborough County’s jurisdiction is the Pinellas peninsula, then known as West Hillsborough.
1835-42 – Second Seminole War. Fort Brooke is an important fort for the U.S. Army.
1836 – Construction begins on Fort Dade at the intersection of Fort King Road and the Withlacoochee River, near present-day Lacoochee.
1837 – General Thomas S. Jesup and five Seminole chiefs and representatives sign the capitulation in which the Seminoles agree to emigrate at Fort Dade.
The Williams House was built in 1891 by General John Constantine Williams, one of the co-founders of St. Petersburg. Originally located at 444 Fifth Ave S. in St. Petersburg, it is one of the earliest surviving buildings in St. Petersburg. Williams first visited the Pinellas peninsula in 1875. Shortly afterward, he purchased 2,500 acres of land on the southeast portion of the peninsula and began negotiations to bring the Orange Belt Railroad to what would become St. Petersburg in 1888.

The Detroit Hotel was designated as an historic landmark by the City of St. Petersburg in 2009. The Detroit Hotel was built by St. Petersburg co-founders Peter Demens and General John C. Williams Sr. in 1890. Demens, a Russian immigrant, chose the name of St. Petersburg after his birthplace in Russia. Williams then named the city's first hotel The Detroit, after his hometown of Detroit, Michigan.

The Detroit Hotel was the first significant building to be constructed in the new town of St. Petersburg following the arrival of the railroad. The Detroit Hotel is composed of three major components: the original 1888 Victorian/Queen Anne-style building, the 1911 west Masonry Vernacular wing and the 1913 Masonry Vernacular east wing.

The Detroit Hotel was purchased by the Manhattan Hotel Company in 1906 and converted to a hotel. The building would remain in use as a hotel for almost 90 years, until it was purchased by the University of South Florida and moved to the Bayboro campus. The Detroit Hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation; city of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation and The Garden Restaurant

**Belleview-Biltmore Hotel 1896**

Eclectic/Shingle • 25 Belleview Blvd • Michael J. Miller and Francis J. Kennard, architects

The Belleview-Biltmore Hotel was constructed in 1896 for railroad tycoon Henry B. Plant as a showpiece hotel complete with a private railroad siding for the private cars of wealthy guests. The hotel was fashioned after a Swiss chalet and was constructed out of heart of pine. The Belleview Biltmore is the largest wood-frame building in Florida.

The hotel had its own fire department, police force and post office, and provided telephone and telegraph service on the premises. The hotel retained its private railroad siding until 1942. During World War II, the hotel was closed to tourism and converted into military barracks for 3,000 U.S. Army Air Corps servicemen.

The Belleview-Biltmore was closed in 2009 for planned renovations that, at this time, have not taken place. The Belleview-Biltmore Hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

Sources: Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Preservation; Belleair, Belleview Biltmore Preservation; St. Pete Preservation and city of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation

**Growth of railroads and tourism**

During the final quarter of the 19th century, large-scale commercial agriculture and tourism were on the rise in Florida. Industries such as cigar manufacturing took root in the immigrant communities of the state while potential investors became interested in the land. The Florida citrus industry grew rapidly. The growth of Florida’s transportation industry took flight in the 1880s. Many railroads were constructed by companies owned by Henry Flagler and Henry B. Plant, who also built lavish hotels near their railroad lines.
World War I era

By the turn of the century, Florida’s population and per capita wealth were increasing rapidly. By the end of World War I, land developers had descended on the Sunshine State in hopes of being part of this virtual gold mine. With more Americans owning automobiles, it became commonplace to vacation in Florida, with many visitors becoming residents. The real estate market boomed. World War I served to stimulate Florida’s economic growth further. Its climate offered excellent year-round opportunities for training in all branches of the armed services. Florida’s ports hosted naval bases, as well as army, air and marine facilities.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida

Historic Tampa City Hall 1915

Beaux Arts • 315 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa
M. Leo Elliott and B. C. Bonfoey, architects

Tampa’s historic City Hall building was built in 1915. The Beaux Arts-style building has a 3-story main block topped with a balustrade and an 8-story central tower with terra-cotta detailing. The 2nd and 3rd floors feature Doric columns. The building is recognized as the finest of architect M. Leo Elliott’s many commercial-municipal structures. When it was built, it was the tallest building south of Jacksonville.

The city of Tampa originally did not provide enough funding for clockworks in the clock tower. The Seth Thomas clock set in the tower was funded through the efforts of Tampa resident Hortense Oppenheimer, daughter of prominent Tampa physician Louis Sims Oppenheimer, who raised enough private money to acquire a 2,840-pound, 4-faced clock from the W.H. Beckwith Jewelry Company.

The Historic Tampa City Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and designated as a local historic landmark in 1994.

Sources: National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources; and city of Tampa Historic Preservation and Urban Design

Boone House 1910

Colonial Revival • 601 Fifth Ave N., St. Petersburg • Unknown architect

The Boone House, one of the city’s oldest masonry residences, was built in 1910 by Benjamin T. Boone. Boone, a South Carolinian, moved to St. Petersburg in 1906, where he became a significant real estate developer during the city’s first real estate boom.

The Boone House, constructed in the Colonial Revival style, features a square plan with a center hall, symmetrically balanced windows with a center door, a hip roof with projecting eaves, wood soffits with decorative carved brackets, a double French doorway leading from the 2-floor balcony and a grand entrance portico with four paired ionic columns and patterned tile. The Boone House was restored as private offices in 1985.

The Boone House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 and designated as an historic landmark by the city of St. Petersburg in 1991.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation; city of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation; Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources; and National Register of Historic Places

1885 – Dr. W.C. Van Bibber pronounces Point Pinellas as the perfect location for a “Health City” at the annual convention of the American Medical Association.

1886 – Don Vicente Martinez Ybor relocates his cigar-manufacturing industry from Key West. Ybor City is established and is annexed to Tampa a year later.

1887 – Tarpon Springs becomes the first incorporated city on the Pinellas Peninsula.

1887 – The Plant System Railroad, later called the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, comes to Pasco County. A second railroad arrives in 1888 and later became part of the Seaboard Railroad.

1887 – The Orange Belt Railroad arrives on the Pinellas Peninsula, terminating in St. Petersburg in 1888.
As World War I came to an end, Florida tourism and real estate were thriving. The real estate developments quickly attracted buyers, and land in Florida was sold and resold. However, in 1926, Florida's economic bubble burst, when money and credit ran out. Severe hurricanes swept through the state in the 1926 and 1928, further damaging Florida's economy. By the time the Great Depression began in the rest of the nation in 1929, Floridians had already crashed into economic hardship.

Just as things looked as though they couldn't get any worse, the Mediterranean fruit fly invaded the state in 1929. The citrus industry was devastated. A quarantine was established, and troops set up roadblocks and checkpoints to search vehicles for any contraband citrus fruit. Florida's citrus production was cut by about 60 percent.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida

1887-88 – Yellow Fever epidemic devastates Florida.

1888 – Industrial-grade phosphate is discovered east of Tampa.

1891 – Henry B. Plant opens the Tampa Bay Hotel on the western bank of the Hillsborough River.

1898 – Spanish-American War. Tampa serves as the port of embarkation for U.S. troops.

1903 – The City of St. Petersburg is incorporated.

1907 – The Tampa Northern Railroad connects Brooksville and Port Richey to Tampa.

1908 – Streetcar line is built on Central Avenue, connecting downtown Tampa to Sulfur Springs.

1912 – Pinellas becomes a county separate from Hillsborough County.
Althought Spanish explorers first arrived in the Tampa Bay area in the 1500s, the Spaniards focused on settling eastern Florida and left the western areas alone. In 1824, only two months after the arrival of the first American settler, four companies of the U.S. Army established Fort Brooke to protect the strategic harbor at Tampa Bay, and thus began the development of the Tampa Bay region.

Despite federal occupation during the Civil War, the area grew steadily. It was Henry B. Plant’s 1884 railroad extension to the Hillsborough River that opened up the area to tourists. Lavish hotels began to be built, and Tampa became a tourist attraction.

As the result of phosphates being discovered in the 1880s, Tampa’s new mining and shipping industries prompted a growth boom. Tampa owes its commercial success to Tampa Bay and the Hillsborough River.

In 1886, Vicente Martinez Ybor established a cigar factory in Tampa. From the steps of Ybor’s factory, Jose Marti, sometimes called the “George Washington of Cuba,” exhorted the cigar workers to take up arms against Spain in the late 1800s. Hispanic culture enlivens Ybor City, which covers about two square miles between Nebraska Avenue, 22nd Street, Columbus Drive and East Broadway.

The military has also had an ongoing role in Tampa’s development. The city was the primary outfitting and embarkation port for U.S. troops bound for Cuba during the Spanish-American War. Today the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command are headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base.

The main Tampa downtown business district has grown phenomenally since the 1960s. Major banks and an increasing number of other corporations occupy large glass, steel and concrete buildings that tower high above the bay. The Tampa Convention Center, overlooking the Hillsborough River, offers meeting facilities and features access to the Riverwalk.

Thus Tampa has evolved into a multi-cultural, diverse business center with sustainable communities for its citizens. People of all ages arrive here to escape the worries and winters of wherever they came from, and an increasing number of them stay.

Sources: State of Florida and city of Tampa

Treasure hunters
Research one of these Florida treasure hunters/explorers in your school media center or local library. Find as much information as you can to develop an oral presentation. When you are finished, create a Wanted/Missing Person Poster for this person to share with your class.

Hernando De Soto
Tristán de Luna y Arellano
Jean Ribault
René Goulaine de Laudonnière
Pedro Menéndez de Avilés
Dominique de Gourgues
Sir Francis Drake
Col. James Moore
Gen. Andrew Jackson

Influence of immigrants
As exemplified by the architecture of the Tampa Bay area, throughout history, the movement of people from one country to another has left its mark on many communities. The influence of immigrants on most geographic areas can be found in many ways. The names of streets, rivers, towns and buildings may indicate links to another country. Look through the Tampa Bay Times to find at least 10 examples of other countries’ influences on your community. Look for street names, community names, ethnic areas of your community, businesses, landmarks, restaurants and special celebrations, holidays and traditions. Make a list of these items to share with your class.

Historic preservation defined
The National Trust for Historic Preservation defines historic preservation as “the process of identifying, protecting, and enhancing buildings, places, and objects of historical and cultural significance.”

Some examples of historically preserved buildings include the former Berriman-Morgan Cigar Factory, now Argosy University; the former Tyler Temple, now the Sanctuary Loft Apartments; and the offices of Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Prosser, P.A., housed in a former warehouse and marine supply store.
Why it matters: The economic value of historic preservation

by Manny Leto

What if the neighborhood where you grew up were suddenly wiped away? What if the houses, schools and grocery stores were all gone? It’s happened before. Roberts City, located near the Hillsborough River, was a thriving community built around a cigar factory. The Buena Vista Hotel, the Carver Theater and the Conte Grocery Store are all gone now.

It happened on Central Avenue on the northern edge of downtown. The once-thriving African-American community filled with restaurants, homes and jazz clubs was wiped away, the victim of well-intentioned urban renewal programs of the 1960s. The Avenue Sandwich Shop and the Little Savoy are now gone.

Roberts City and Central Avenue exist only in the collective memory of former residents. They survive in stories, old photographs and newspaper clippings. We can find our way to an intersection where a bustling business once stood; we can scour old maps. However, we can’t walk into the Guida Grocery Store and buy a soda. We can’t see a show at the Central Theater or check in to the Pyramid Hotel.

**Historic preservation is more than just aesthetics**

While historic structures provide a rare glimpse of a bygone era, historic preservation isn’t all about aesthetics. It’s about economics, too. According to a report published in 2010, historic preservation accounts for more than 110,000 jobs annually in the state of Florida. In 2007-2008, $2.3 billion was spent on rehabilitating historic properties. Heritage tourists – those seeking historic sites, house museums or walking tours – are an important part of Florida’s overall tourism economy.

Meanwhile, creative industries such as advertising, architecture, film and television production, and the arts have clustered in places such as Ybor City, West Tampa and downtown, choosing these areas over the much more business-focused (and newer) Westshore Business District. Workers and employers in the “creative class” are attracted to the early 20th century architectural styles and quaint brick streets of Tampa’s historic business districts. Beyond these niche creative clusters, however, businesses of all types often prefer unique settings when choosing to relocate to a new area or attract young professionals.

While architecture firms and art galleries search for the wide open spaces found in Tampa’s re-purposed cigar factories and brewery buildings, residents have flocked to the Craftsman-style bungalows of Hyde Park and Seminole Heights. Again, studies confirm that properties in historically designated neighborhoods retain their values and appreciate more rapidly than those in non-designated areas.

New residents also continue to fill Tampa’s once-neglected downtown. Its mesh of renovated historic properties, new condominiums and historic commercial buildings with ground-floor retail spaces, combined with a walkable historic street grid, helped spur a mini population boom.

Of course, it’s not possible to save every building or every house. Historic preservation should not impede new development, it should inform it. Rehabilitating or repurposing older structures offers visitors and residents the perspective and depth of experience they are clearly seeking. Historic buildings and homes are milestones, markers of our past that help us to understand how our city began, how it developed and how it continues to evolve. It would be difficult for our city to move forward without them.

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**Did you know?**

Tampa Bay had five outbreaks of Yellow Fever – a tropical hemorrhagic fever known as “yellow jack” or “bilious fever” – between 1850 and 1905. Victims often were hastily buried in mass graves by locals hoping to stem contagion. One such mass grave, containing victims of the worst outbreak in 1887-88, is located at Oaklawn Cemetery in Tampa.

A noted local doctor, John P. Wall, correctly concluded that the disease was transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. However, his theory would not be widely accepted by the medical community or the general public for almost three decades. Dr. Wall also is buried in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Sources: Pinellas County; city of St. Petersburg and West Pasco Historical Society
Tour of Tampa Bay Architecture • tourtampabayarchitecture.com

101 South Franklin
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103 South Franklin
103 South Franklin St.

City Hall
315 East Kennedy Blvd.

Glazer Children’s Museum
110 West Gasparilla Plaza

Historic Federal Courthouse
601 North Florida Ave.

Kiley Garden
Between Ashley Dr. & the Hillsborough River

Oaklawn Cemetery
606 East Harrison St.

Rivergate Tower
400 North Ashley Dr.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
509 North Florida Ave.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
509 North Marion St.

University of Tampa
401 West Kennedy Blvd.

Tampa Bay History Center
601 Old Water St.

Tampa Firefighters Museum
970 East Zack St.

Tampa Museum of Art
120 West Gasparilla Plaza

Tampa Theatre
911 North Franklin St.

The Arlington Hotel
1215 North Franklin St.

The Florida Aquarium
701 Channelside Dr.

The Floridian Hotel
906 North Florida Ave.

The Kress Building
811 North Franklin St.

USF CAMLS
124 South Franklin St.

Tampa Union Station
601 North Nebraska Ave.

TIP: QR Code reader software is widely available on mobile devices.

Just find the code on the landmark, snap a picture using a QR code reader app on your smartphone or mobile device and access a series of multimedia content about your surroundings. You may be surprised by what you discover!

The tour currently features 21 locations in downtown Tampa and will expand during 2012 and 2013 to include sites throughout Tampa Bay. New QR codes are being added on an ongoing basis.

Visit tourtampabayarchitecture.com for more information about the Tour of Tampa Bay Architecture, access the most up-to-date list of tour locations and find out where the QR codes are located at each stop.

Create a walking tour

AIA Tampa Bay’s Tour of Tampa Bay Architecture is an innovative, self-guided multimedia walking tour that uses QR code technology to explore historic and notable architecture in Tampa Bay. Your neighborhood and/or school card probably has a list of personal history for you, your friends and your family. With a small group of classmates, create a walking tour of your school yard or neighborhood. You can create visual markers to note key locations. Create a video or audio blog about your surroundings. You may be surprised by what you discover!

The tour is a great way to learn more about the history of the buildings in Tampa. After you take the tour, it will be time for you to express all that you have learned by writing a review of the tour and illustrating it. You can create a memory book by compiling reviews for each of the buildings. On each page, write a paragraph about what you read, saw and learned. In addition, write a brief review of your thoughts about that information. Use the articles in the Tampa Bay Times as models for your review. When all of the pages are finished, create a front and back cover, as well as additional illustrations for the book. Once the book is completed, you can share your book with your friends and family.

I came. I saw. I learned.
Ybor City was founded in 1886 by Vicente Martinez Ybor, who relocated his cigar business to Tampa from Key West, spawning the birth of what would only a few short years later be considered the Cigar Capital of the World. In its heyday, Ybor's factory employed more than 1,100 cigar makers. There were approximately 150 factories in Ybor City, producing hundreds of millions of cigars annually.

Ybor City's population declined due to the downturn of the cigar industry after World War II. The 1980s heralded a renewal, with an influx of artists and business owners attracted to the historic district.

Ybor City is significant for its place in Spanish, Italian and Cuban-American immigration history and is unique in American industrial history. Not only does Ybor City contain the largest collection of buildings related to the cigar industry in America, it also serves as a rare example of a multi ethnic, multi racial industrial community in the South.

The Ybor City Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and is a National Historic Landmark District.

Sources: Ybor City Museum State Park; Ybor City Museum Society; National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources; Ybor City Development Corporation and National Historic Landmarks Program

Ybor City Brewing Company 1896
Brick Vernacular • 1234 E Fifth Ave, Tampa
Unknown architect
The Ybor City Brewing Company was constructed in 1896 by a group of businessmen. The brewery was strategically located next to a freshwater spring called the Government Spring, which had supplied the troops stationed at nearby Fort Brooke with water since 1824.

The building became the largest exporter of beer to Cuba under its original name and later, as the Florida Brewing Company. Unlike many other breweries, the Florida Brewing Company continued production through Prohibition and the Great Depression. The brewery closed in 1961 due to the embargo on exports to Cuba and the opening of a modern Anheuser-Busch factory in Tampa.

The building was subsequently used as a cigar factory and a bomb shelter during the Cold War. Over time, the building fell into serious disrepair until its purchase and restoration in 1999. The building now serves as the offices for Swope Rodante Law Firm.

Source: Ybor City Museum

J. Seidenberg & Co. Cigar Factory 1895
Brick Vernacular • 2205 N 20th St, Tampa
Unknown architect
The J. Seidenberg & Co. cigar factory was built in 1895. This building demonstrates many features found in late 19th century cigar factories, including solid brick construction, a large number of windows for ventilation and sunlight, and an east-west orientation to ensure even lighting all day and reduce shadows on the work floors.

The building operated as a cigar factory until the 1930s, when it was converted to a sewing factory as part of the New Deal's Works Progress Administration. From the 1950s through the 1980s, it served as a storage facility for the Hav-a-Tampa Cigar Company. In 1994, it became the Ybor City Brewing Company and in 2006, it was purchased and restored by its current owner, Stantec.

Source: Ybor City Museum

Ybor City Museum State Park Casitas 1895
19th Street Casitas 1900s-1920s
Vernacular, National Folk and Craftsman • 1818 E 9th Ave, Tampa and 1901 - 1911 N 19th St, Tampa • Unknown architects
Ybor City “casitas” were modest houses built as homes for the cigar workers of Ybor's factories.

The three casitas in Ybor City Museum State Park were built in 1895 of Florida pine with either cypress or cedar shingled roofs. Originally located at 1514, 1516, and 1518 5th Ave, these three casitas were relocated to the new site in 1976.

The four casitas on 19th Street represent two styles of architecture historically found in Ybor City. Two are representative of the National Folk (c. 1850-1910) style, while two are representative of the Craftsman (c. 1905-1930) style. Both styles of architecture feature a prominent front porch and triangular pitched roof. These casitas, along with 35 others, were saved from demolition due to the expansion of Interstate 4, relocated and renovated for use as retail space.

Source: Ybor City Museum
Historic District: Hyde Park

In 1886, O.H. Platt created Hyde Park's original subdivision from a 20-acre citrus grove. He named the new subdivision – one of Tampa's very first suburbs – after his hometown of Hyde Park, Ill.

By 1910, all the large citrus groves had been subdivided, and Hyde Park comprised nearly 100 acres. Street car service was established along Bayshore Boulevard by 1909, and in 1914, Bayshore was paved. The area flourished between 1913 and 1928 until the building boom of the 1920s ended and the nation sank into the Great Depression.

Hyde Park is one of the oldest and considered the best-preserved of Tampa's early residential neighborhoods. It contains a mixture of architectural styles, including Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Colonial Revival, Tudor, Prairie, Mediterranean Revival and Craftsman, as well as many examples of Vernacular architecture. Today, Hyde Park has among the largest intact collections of Craftsman and Prairie houses in the United States. It was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

Sources: National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources; Del Acosta, Tampa's Hyde Park, Arcadia Publications, 2012; Hyde Park Design Guidelines, City of Tampa Architectural Review Commission, 2002; Tampa Preservation, Inc. and Historic Hyde Park Neighborhood Association

Bungalow Terrace 1913
Swann Ave between Rome Ave and Packwood Ave, Tampa

The term “bungalow” refers to a small American home dating from about 1880 to about 1930. A typical Florida bungalow is wood frame with a deep shaded porch, overhanging eaves and large windows.

The Craftsman style emphasizes craftsmanship, harmony, simplicity of design and association with nature. Craftsman bungalows feature exposed beams and rafters, large porches, numerous windows and wide eaves. Craftsman bungalow interiors are characterized by built-in furnishings, prominent fireplaces and a minimum of hallways. Hyde Park’s Bungalow Terrace is a unique example of a bungalow court, a planned development comprised only of Craftsman-style bungalows.


Historic districts

Historic districts are areas that contain multiple buildings considered significant to the city’s culture and history. Properties included in historic districts may be important for their historical associations or their architectural quality. Designating an area as an historic district allows communities to protect and preserve their unique history. Historic districts may be listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated at the state or local level.

Historic districts in Hillsborough County include Hampton Terrace, Hyde Park, Plant City, Seminole Heights, Tampa Heights, West Tampa and Ybor City.
Historic District: Ruskin

Ruskin, founded in 1910, was among the many utopian or intentional communities established in the late 19th and early 20th centuries based on the philosophy of John Ruskin (1819–1900).

The founders purchased 13,000 acres of wilderness and subdivided it into lots for a college, businesses, parks, farms and homesites. As part of the cooperative ideology of Ruskin, every person who bought a piece of property in Ruskin became a member of the Ruskin Commongood Society, and part of the proceeds from every sale went to the society for community improvements and expenses. Women could own property in Ruskin, which meant that — because all landowners were enfranchised — women could vote in Ruskin long before they could vote in national elections.

A major tenet of Ruskin's philosophy was to provide free education to the working and middle classes, and Ruskin College was a central feature of the community. Ruskin issued its own currency, backed by its ownership of public land, that could be redeemed for groceries at the Commongood Store. The Ruskin Commongood Society operated until 1967, when it dissolved and its remaining land was deeded to Hillsborough County.

Sources: A Brief History of Ruskin, Florida, The Ruskin Historical Society, 2005; Ruskin History Project; Visit Ruskin

Plant City Union Depot 1909

Eclectic • 102 N Palmer St, Plant City • J.F. Leitner, architect

The Plant City Union Station Depot was built in 1909. The depot consists of a single-story brick passenger building and a separate two-story brick freight terminal. The passenger station originally had a second story control tower. The depot placed an important role in the early development of Plant City, whose main industries of farming, lumber and phosphate mining depended heavily on railroad transportation. Mail also arrived in Plant City via this depot and the Western Union telegraph service was based there. Today, Union Station houses the Historic Downtown Plant City's Welcome Center and Railroad Museum. The Plant City Union Station Depot was added to the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1974.

Sources: City of Plant City; Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce

Historic District: Plant City

In 1883, the South Florida Railroad of Henry B. Plant reached the small community of Ichepuckesassa. In 1885, the community incorporated as a one-square-mile city named Plant City in honor of the railroad magnate. Three historic neighborhoods in the city of Plant City are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Downtown Plant City Historic Commercial District recognizes the city’s early commercial district and encompasses 38 buildings of historical interest built between 1901 and 1925 in the Masonry Vernacular, Beaux Arts and Mediterranean Revival styles.

The Downtown Plant City Historic Residential District is made up of the largest historic residential area of the city, developed between 1887 and 1948. The houses represent a variety of architectural styles, including Bungalows, Frame and Masonry Vernacular, Folk Victorian and Colonial Revival.

The North Plant City Historic Residential District contains the largest concentration of residential structures in Plant City, dating from before World War II, with structures dating from 1898 to 1942.

Sources: National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources; City of Plant City; Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce; Images of America: Plant City by The East Hillsborough Historical Society, Arcadia, 2005 and Historical Marker Database

A.P. Dickman House 1911

Queen Anne/Colonial Revival • 120 Dickman Dr SW, Ruskin • Unknown architect

The A.P. Dickman house was built in 1911 by A.P. Dickman, one of the founders of Ruskin. Built out of heart pine, the house was the first finished-wood structure in South Hillsborough County. This house exhibits features associated with both the Colonial Revival and the Queen Anne styles of architecture. Asymmetrical massing, a varied roof silhouette and a corner tower evoke the Queen Anne tradition, while the Tuscan-columned, double-tiered gallery is Colonial Revival. The interior features a massive dogleg staircase, hardwood floors and high ceilings. The A.P. Dickman house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000 and is a Hillsborough County Historic Landmark.

Sources: A Brief History of Ruskin, Florida, The Ruskin Historical Society, 2005; A Guide to Historic Architectural Resources and Historic Preservation in Unincorporated Hillsborough County: A project of the Florida State Bureau of Historic Preservation and the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, Hillsborough County Historic Preservation Program, 2004; Ruskin History Project; National Register of Historic Places; Florida Department of State and Visit Ruskin

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Architecture as a career
The American Institute of Architects defines architecture as “the imaginative blend of art and science in the design of environments for people.” Architects transform people’s need for space, to work, live, play, eat, sleep, learn and travel into concepts and then into designs that can be built.

Architects are licensed professionals with specialized skills. An architect does more than just design buildings; he or she must also protect the health, safety and welfare of the building’s users and the general public.

Imagine that you need to hire an architect. Go to the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) Inc. website and research the skills and education someone would need to become an architect. Write a job description for the position. Using the Tampa Bay Times Classified advertisements as models, write a Help Wanted advertisement. Share your ad with your classmates.

1910-1914 - First “land boom” occurs in Tampa Bay.
1914 - Tony Jannus pilots the world’s first scheduled airline flight from St. Petersburg to Tampa.
1914 - Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa is widened and paved.

World War I 1914-1918
Roaring Twenties 1920-1929
1920 - The Florida Land Boom begins. It will last through 1926.
1921 - Tampa Bay is devastated by a hurricane that causes widespread flooding.

1924 - D.P. Davis begins development of Davis Islands in the Mediterranean Revival style.
1924 - The Gandy Bridge opens, reducing the drive from Tampa to St. Petersburg from 43 to 19 miles. On opening day, it is the longest automobile toll bridge in the world.
Pre, during and post-World War II

The end of the Florida land boom in 1926 and the Great Depression brought an end to new residential construction and a marked decline in tourism until the implementation of the New Deal signaled an economic upturn and the gradual return of tourists during the late 1930s.

World War II spurred economic development in Florida. The state’s year-round mild climate afforded it the opportunity to become a major training center for soldiers, sailors and aviators of the United States and its allies. Highway and airport construction accelerated so that, by war’s end, Florida had an up-to-date transportation network ready for use by residents and the visitors who seemed to arrive in an endless stream.

Source: Florida Heritage Collection: State University System of Florida

History in the news

As you have read in this publication, history is more than just facts. It also is about society, people and culture. The buildings in this publication coincide with the time periods’ current events and the people in the news. The news section of the newspaper provides us with a daily record of the problems and issues facing our society. The newspaper presents history in the making. Read the *Tampa Bay Times*, and identify a local problem or issue that is of major importance in your community. Write an essay summarizing the article and identifying the following points. What do you know about the issue or problem? What additional information do you need? What are some alternative solutions to the problem? What are the positive and negative consequences of each solution? What do you believe would be the best solution? Can your solution be implemented? How would you evaluate the success of your solution? Share what you have learned with your class.

1926 – Florida real estate boom collapses.
1929 – The stock market crash ushers in the Great Depression, which will last until the beginning of World War II in 1939.
1932 – U.S. Highway 19, running from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Tallahassee, is extended to St. Petersburg.
1933 – The Civil Works Administration is established by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The CWA builds bridges, schools, hospitals, airports, parks and playgrounds, and funds the repair and construction of highways and roads.

Great Depression 1929-1940
Royal Theater 1948
Quonset Hut • 1011 22nd St S, St. Petersburg
Philip J. Kennard, architect

Built in 1948, the Royal Theater was designed by Philip J. Kennard for the Gulf Coast Entertainment Company. The Royal Theater operated for 18 years, from 1948 to 1966, as one of only two movie theaters serving solely African-Americans in St. Petersburg during the era of segregation.

The Royal Theater is one of the few remaining Quonset huts in St. Petersburg. The Quonset hut is a lightweight, portable and economic building designed by the George A. Fuller construction company and named after the town in Rhode Island where their production facility was located. The design was based on a World War I British prototype called a Nissan hut.

After the war, surplus Quonset huts were sold to civilians, originally intended as housing for returning veterans. However, businesses and designers found that the Quonset could be adapted to many uses, and many architects used the basic arched elements in the design of churches or theaters.

The Royal Theater was designated as an historic landmark by the city of St. Petersburg in 1993.

Sources: St. Pete Preservation and city of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation

Davis Medical Building 1958
Mid-century Modern • 1 Davis Blvd, Tampa • Mark Hampton, architect

Designed by renowned Tampa architect of the Sarasota School of Architecture, Mark Hampton, the Davis Medical Building features reinforced concrete construction, lower units covered in unglazed black tile, vertical utility cores sheathed in blue glass mosaic tile and pre-cast cement sunscreens over the east and west entrances.

The Sarasota School is a regional form of Modernism that flourished in west central Florida during the 1940s through the 1960s. While Sarasota School architects embraced Modern elements such as flat roofs and smooth, minimalist facades, they also incorporated regional architectural features designed to accommodate the Florida climate by maximizing ventilation and shade, such as patios, verandas and raised floors.

Sarasota School buildings are typically built to make the most of views and create a sense of open space. They often incorporated then-innovative materials such as concrete and plywood and used sunshine to create patterns and shadows.

Sources: American Institute of Architects; Sarasota Architectural Foundation

Williams Park Bandshell 1954
Modern • 330 2nd Ave N, St. Petersburg
William B. Harvard Sr., architect

The Williams Park Bandshell, constructed of reinforced concrete, natural redwood and pumice block, was regarded as revolutionary at the time of its construction. In 1955, it won the American Institute of Architects Award of Merit. Thirty years later, it is still considered an important building, winning a coveted AIA Test of Time Award.

The multi level building features a diamond-shaped, terrazzo-tile band platform and braced structural-steel-frame canopy. The canopy originally contained heat-absorbing glass panels reinforced with wire.

Source: Harvard Jolly Architecture

1933 – The University of Tampa moves in to the old Tampa Bay Hotel.
1934 – The Ben T. Davis Causeway (later renamed the Courtney Campbell Causeway) connects Clearwater with Tampa.
Contemporary Florida

Since World War II, Florida’s economy and culture have become more diverse. Traditional industries, such as tourism, cattle, citrus and phosphate, have been joined by growth industries in electronics, plastics, construction, real estate and international banking. Several major U.S. corporations have moved their headquarters to Florida. An interstate highway system exists throughout the state, and Florida is home to major international airports. The university and community college system has expanded rapidly. The U.S. space program calls Cape Canaveral home. The citrus industry continues to prosper, despite occasional winter freezes, and tourism remains vital in the state.

Architectural design

Look for photos of buildings in the Tampa Bay Times. Using the architectural design terms that you researched (see Page 3), determine which design describes the buildings in the photographs. Paste the images on poster board and identify the designs. Share what you have learned with your classmates.

Business in the Sunshine State

During the final quarter of the 19th century, large-scale commercial agriculture and tourism were on the rise in Florida, and those two industries have continued to grow. Using the Tampa Bay Times and the Internet, research businesses in the Tampa Bay area. Create a chart depicting the prominent businesses in the area. Think about how these businesses portray our community. Write a brief essay based on your findings and thoughts. Be sure to use your research to support your ideas.

St. Petersburg Pier 1973

Modern • 800 Second Ave NE, St. Petersburg • William B. Harvard Sr., architect

St. Petersburg’s first pier dates to 1889, when the Railroad Pier was constructed by St. Petersburg co-founder Peter Demens’ Orange Belt Railway. Several piers followed, among them the Electric Pier, constructed in 1906 and featuring dramatic night lighting, and the Million Dollar Pier, a Mediterranean Revival casino-style building built in 1926 featuring a central atrium, open-air rooftop ballroom and observation deck. In 1967, the Million Dollar Pier was demolished to make way for the new Inverted Pyramid, which opened in 1973.

In 2004, it was determined that the condition of the pier’s pilings would necessitate replacement by 2014. Beginning in 2008, the city of St. Petersburg considered redevelopment alternatives with extensive community input. In 2011 a design competition took place, which was judged by a juried panel with final selection by public vote. A design called The Lens was the winner. Demolition of the Inverted Pyramid Pier is slated to begin in 2013, with The Lens opening in 2015.

Sources: The city of St. Petersburg; The Pier and Harvard Jolly Architecture

1940-45 – World War II

1941 – MacDill Army Base (later MacDill Air Force Base) opens to train airmen in the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-26 Marauder aircraft.

1942 – The Army Air Corps leases the Pinellas County airport for a training center. After the war, the Pinellas Army Air Base is returned to the county and later becomes St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport.

1950-1953 – Korean War

During the war, empty hotels such as the Vinoy, Soreno, Princess Martha and Belleview-Biltmore were converted into military barracks. More than 100,000 military personnel passed through St. Petersburg in 1942-43.
Kiley Garden 1988
Modern • 400 N Ashley Dr, Tampa
Dan Kiley, landscape architect

Kiley Garden was created in 1988 by pioneering modernist landscape architect Dan Kiley. Kiley worked with the architect of the adjacent Rivergate Tower to design the 2.5-acre park using a geometric layout based on a mathematical principal known as the Golden Proportion, which includes a logarithmic pattern known as the Fibonacci Series.

The width of Kiley Garden’s pathways and the checkerboard of grass and concrete all conform mathematically to the Fibonacci mathematical sequence, where beginning with the numbers 0 and 1, each subsequent number is the sum of the previous two.

Kiley Garden also features an outdoor amphitheater overlooking the Hillsborough River and the University of Tampa. Kiley is one of only two landscape architects to have been awarded the National Medal of Arts.

After a period of neglect, Kiley Garden fell into disrepair and was cited as an endangered garden in 2006 by the Cultural Landscape Foundation. The park was partially renovated and restored in 2010.

Sources: the Downtown Partnership; Tampabay.com and the Cultural Landscape Foundation

Glazer Children’s Museum 2010
Modern • 110 W Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa
Gould Evans Associates and Haizlip Studios, architects

The Glazer Children’s Museum, built in 2010, features 3 floors of hands-on interactive exhibit spaces in an environmentally sensitive modern design. The museum was conceived as a simple box as a container of fun, adventure and discovery. The building exterior presents a monolithic appearance, with notable features including a rooftop terrace, colorful aluminum panels and a mirror-and-glass mosaic created by artist Mari Garner.

The interior features colorful floors, walls, columns and benches that complement an integrated graphic way-finding system. At night, the museum is illuminated both inside and out, presenting a “jewelbox” appearance to the onlooker.

The museum is located in the newly redesigned Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, which opened in 2010.

Sources: Gould Evans Associates

Immigration issues
Immigration to Florida has been an important part of our history and continues to be an important part of contemporary events. It is also a hot topic for politicians. Look in the Tampa Bay Times for articles about immigration and potential immigration laws. What are some of the current important issues in the newspaper? What are your thoughts about these issues? Check PolitiFact, politifact.com, to see what research has been done about these issues. Write a persuasive essay discussing the article and your thoughts about the information presented.

1954 – The first span of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge opens, linking Pinellas and Manatee counties.
1955 – The University of South Florida begins construction of its Tampa campus on the former practice bombing range of the World War II-era Henderson Air Field.
1959 – The Howard Frankland Bridge links Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.
Civil Rights Era 1964-1969
1959-1975 – Vietnam War
1967 – Race riot in Tampa
Cuban Club, Ybor City 1917:
Designed by M. Leo Elliot, the neoclassical Cuban Club first opened its doors as a gathering place for members of the Cuban National Club.

Dali Museum, St. Petersburg 2011:
Designed by HOK Tampa with Yann Weymouth, AIA, the museum's signature architectural detail is a wave of glass paneling that undulates around the building.

Florida Aquaticum, Tampa 1995:
Designed by HOK Architects, the aquarium features exhibits including a large simulated wetlands exhibit and a coral reef community housed in a 500,000 gallon tank.

Florida Southern College, Lakeland 1938:
Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Florida Southern is the home of the world's largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. The campus itself is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district. The collection of Wright architecture is called “Child of the Sun.”

Leea-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs 2002:
Designed by Hoffman Architects, the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art stretches out above a pond at St. Petersburg College's Tarpon Springs campus in a design like the prow of a ship.

Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), Tampa 1978:
Designed by Rowe Holmes Associates, the original museum was an exhibit with exposed plumbing and duct work so guests could see how the building worked. The IMAX theater was added in 1995 and was designed by Antoine Predock and Robbins, Bell and Kuehlem Architects.

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1970s – Present Day

1971 – A second span of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge opens.

1984 – Amtrak discontinues passenger train service in Pinellas, ending an era of passenger train travel which had begun in 1887.

1987 – The new Sunshine Skyway is completed, replacing the old twin span, part of which was destroyed in an accident seven years earlier. The Skyway is the largest construction project ever undertaken in Florida and the largest cable-stayed, box-girder-type bridge in the United States.

1990-1991 - Persian Gulf War

1993 – Federal Department of Transportation begins a program to relocate historic buildings in Ybor City Historic District that would be destroyed by planned expansion of I-4 and I-275.
**Henry B. Plant Museum at the University of Tampa 1891:**
Designed by John A. Wood, the museum is housed in the former Tampa Bay Hotel on the University of Tampa campus along the Hillsborough River. The building was re-purposed in 1933 as the Tampa Municipal Museum. It became the Henry B. Plant Museum in 1974.

**Rivergate Tower, Tampa 1986:**
Designed by Harry Wolf, FAIA, this tower is often referred to as the Beer Can Building by local residents because of its cylindrical shape. Rivergate Tower is a 454-foot skyscraper with 32 floors. It is the sixth-tallest building in Tampa and one of the tallest limestone buildings in the world.

**Renaissance Vinoy Hotel / Vinoy Park Hotel, St. Petersburg 1925:**
Designed by Henry L. Taylor, the Vinoy Park Hotel (also known as the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club) is an historic Mediterranean Revival-styled hotel in downtown St. Petersburg. On Sept. 11, 1978, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

**St. Petersburg’s Historic Post Office / St. Petersburg Open Air Post Office 1916:**
Designed by George W. Stewart, the post office was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on April 4, 1975.

**Tampa Museum of Art 2008:**
Designed by Stanley Saitowitz, the museum is designed to look like a metal box sitting on a glass pedestal and makes use of aluminum, glass and fiber-optic, color-changing lights in the exterior walls to make the building itself a work of art.

**Tampa Bay History Center 2009:**
Designed by Verner Johnson Inc., the Tampa Bay History Center is located on the two-mile Cotanchobee-Ft. Brooke Riverwalk and features three floors of permanent and temporary exhibition space. Built with regional and renewable materials, the Tampa Bay History Center was the first Hillsborough County-owned building to attain a LEED® Silver certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.

**Tampa International Airport 1965:**
Designed by Reynolds, Smith & Hills Inc., Tampa International Airport’s Landside/Airside terminal was the first of its type in the world.

**Tampa Theatre 1926:**
Designed by John Eberson, the theater was designed as a Florida Mediterranean Atmospheric–style theater. On Jan. 3, 1978, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

**Sources:** The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and AIA Florida

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**1993** – The Bayside Bridge opens, providing an alternative north-south arterial route in Pinellas County.

**2001** – September 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

**2001-2012** – Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)


**2007-09** – Great Recession

**2010** – Deepwater Horizon oil spill

Timeline sources: Del Acosta, *Tampa's Hyde Park*, Arcadia Publications, 2012; city of Tampa; city of St. Petersburg; Hillsborough County; Pinellas County; History of Pasco County website.