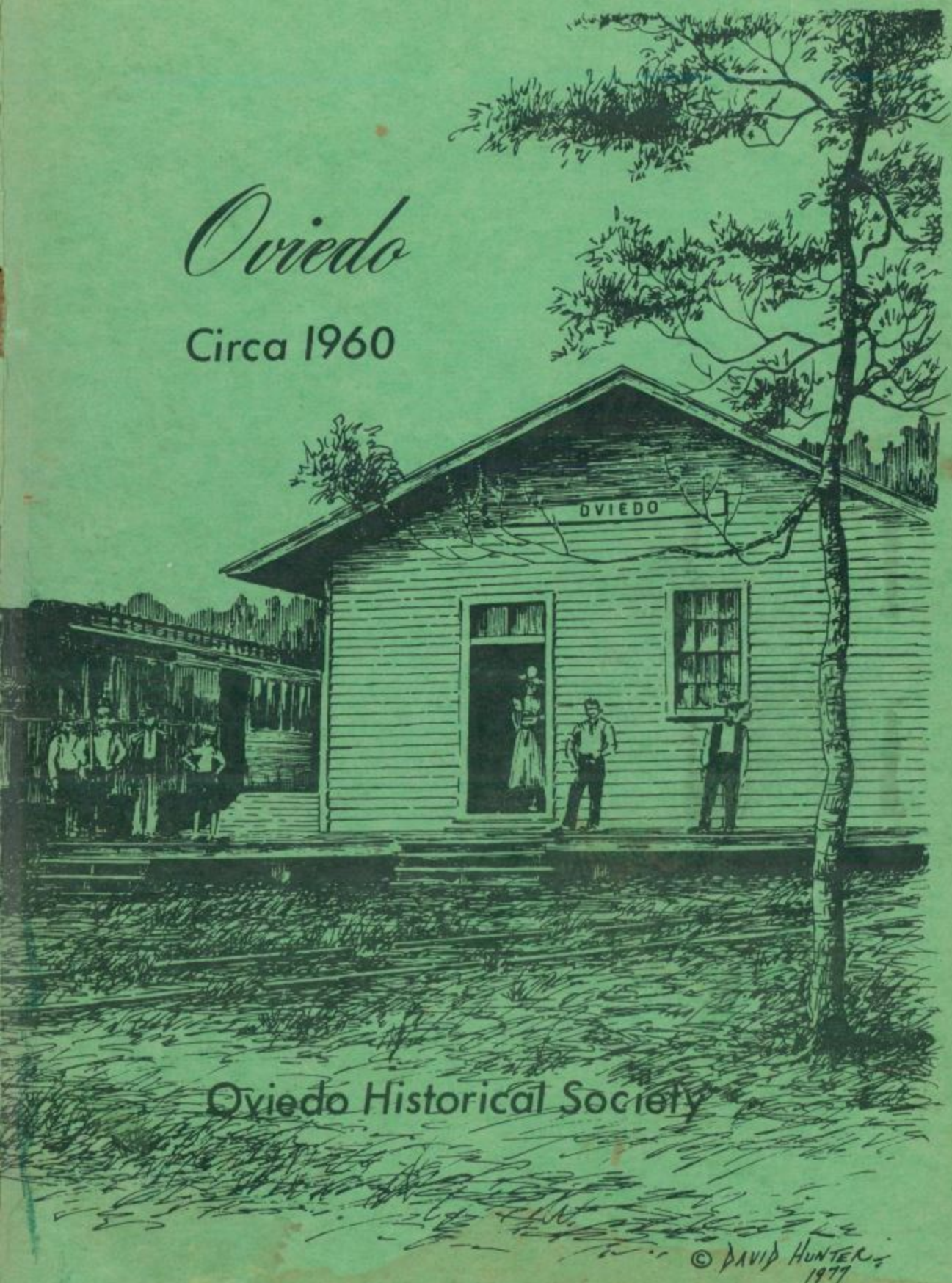


*Oviedo*

Circa 1960





## INTRODUCTION

The Oviedo Historical Society, organized November 11, 1973, compiled this booklet of homes, churches, an old depot, and two "community-built" buildings to help preserve our local heritage.

When Florida Technological University, now University of Central Florida, opened in 1968 on our southern border, many professors and administrators moved to Oviedo. Housing developments such as Mead Manor (begun in 1962), Grove Hill, Oviedo Oaks, Sans Souci, Crystal Shores, Garden Grove, Richfield, Shed Grove, Windmeadow Farms, Whispering Oaks, Hillcrest Gardens and others gave Oviedo quite a new look and a new character.

Therefore, we have chosen to present only representative homes built before 1960. We have not attempted to present a complete listing of homes built before this date, however, due to lack of the owner's permission, the size of the booklet, and other considerations.

Oviedo is a town of homes. The oldest, after the pioneer cabins and houses of the 1860's and 1870's, were built during the prosperous 1880's. The 1895 freeze brought hard times, caused the population to decline and put an end to building for eighteen years. The 1920's brought a boom and a "second generation" of homes that continued until World War II. The "third generation" of homes has flourished throughout the post-war years to the present day. Each generation has had its distinctive character.

It is to display this character, and to honor the builders and the families who have made their houses into homes, that this book is presented.

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LOCATION: 36 Graham Avenue  
OWNER: Mrs. W.T. (Mary Etta) Chance  
DATE BUILT: 1939  
BUILDER: L.B. Moore of Orlando



Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Chance bought their lot from Mr. W.J. Lawton, built this two bedroom frame home in 1939, and reared their two daughters here. A frame house that burned down before the turn of the century once stood here. Mrs. Chance has been told that it was the first home of Andrew Aulin who came to Oviedo from Sweden in the early 1870's. He was appointed Postmaster and named the city in 1879. He later built the house on the northwest corner of Central and Hillcrest.

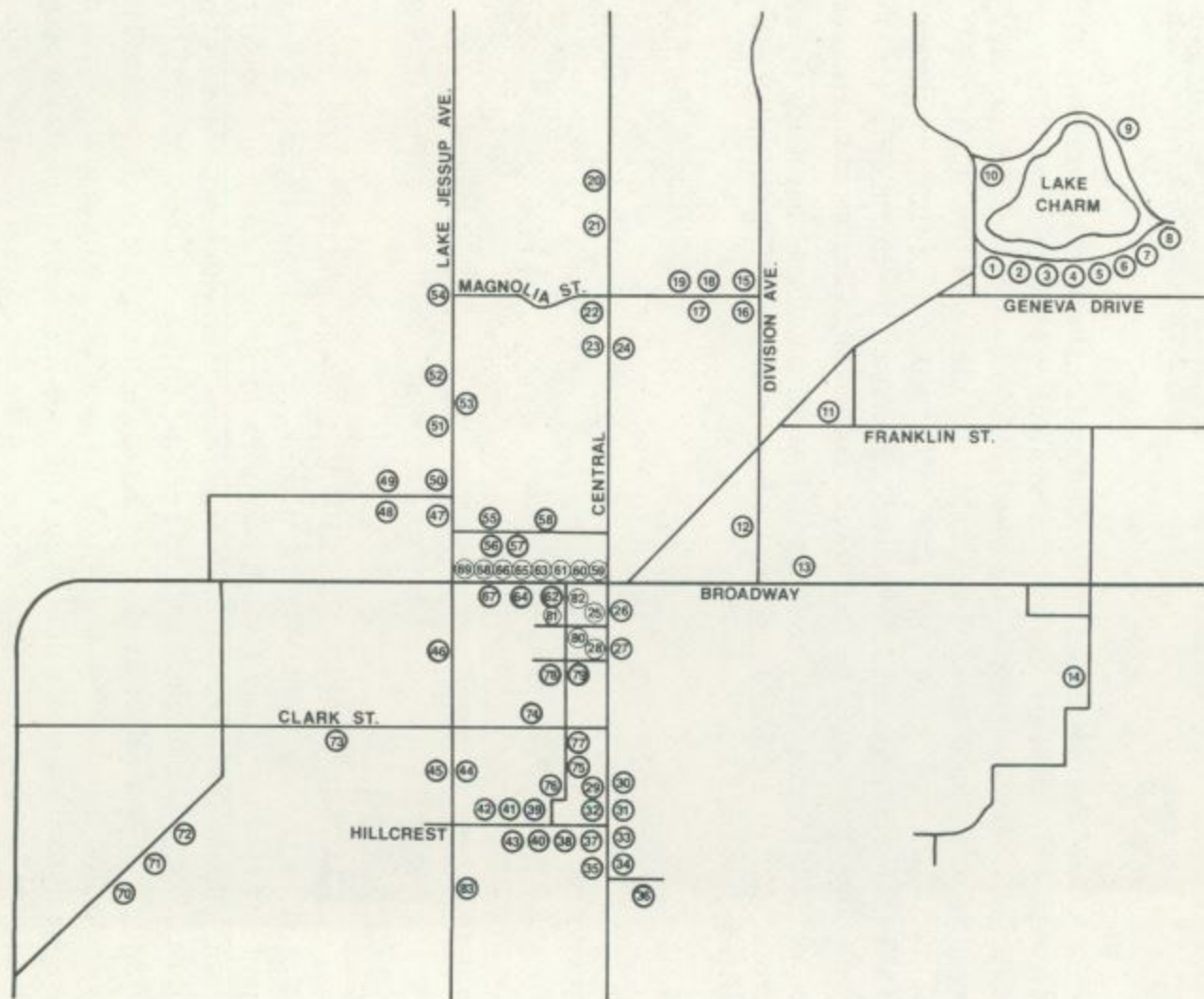
Mr. Bill Chance was the Atlantic Coastline Railroad agent for Oviedo from 1927 to 1955 and was the agent for Western Union and Railway Express.

LOCATION: 51 Graham Avenue  
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jordan  
DATE BUILT: 1914  
BUILDER: Mr. Moore



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel William Swope and their three children moved to Oviedo from Wichita, Kansas, in 1913 and lived in a small prefabricated house just south of this building until this house could be completed in 1914. The two story house was built with heart of pine wood throughout. The original latticed back porch was enclosed in 1943. The front porch originally extended around to the north side of the house. This side portion was enclosed in 1940. In the back are a garage and a shed, an engine house that at one time housed the electrical equipment, and a pump house for the deep well (one of the few in the area with no taste of sulphur in the water).

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Edward Jordan, Sr. purchased the house from the Swope family in 1925 and reared their two sons here. Mr. Jordan, a book-keeper, served on the city council from 1925 to 1935, was the city clerk from 1932 to 1942, and was a member of the Seminole County School Board from 1936 to 1963.







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*\*As this publication went to press, our community was saddened by the loss of Mr. John W. Evans, Sr., who was a charter member of the Oviedo Historical Society. Only a week before his death Mr. Evans took additional pictures needed for the completion of this book. An outstanding citizen, Mr. Evans loyally supported church, school and civic activities.*



LOCATION: 6065 Lake Charm Circle  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Wheeler, Jr.  
 DATE BUILT: 1951  
 BUILDERS: Huggins Brothers, Inc. Orlando



he trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Florida, deeded to Walter Guynn of Suwannee County, Florida, the SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 10, Township 21 S, Range 31 E. containing almost forty acres, which Mr. Guynn surveyed and divided into lots according to Walter Guynn's Map of Lake Charm.

In 1884, Mr. Guynn sold lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 to William H. Deering, a pioneer of farming machinery who became president of the Gammon and Deering Company in 1878 and the owner of the Gammon patent for the Marsh harvester. In 1874, he perfected the Appleby twine binder for the harvester and in 1880 perfected a steel machine with anti-friction bearing for an automobile mowing machine and formed the Deering Harvester Company of Plana, Illinois.

He spent his winters here and planted a ten acre orange grove east of Lake Charm. He and his wife, Clara, sold the four Lake Charm lots to Nannie B. Giles in 1912, who, in turn, sold them to Samuel Lincoln Murphy in 1919. Mr. Murphy died in 1942 and three years later his estate sold lots 3 and 4 to B.F. Wheeler who gave them to his daughter Claire Lee Evans that same year. In 1948 she traded this property for other property that her brother owned.

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Wheeler, Jr. built their three bedroom, two bath home of red brick in 1951 and added two bedrooms and a bath later. Mr. Wheeler served on the city council from 1952 to 1957. When the house was originally built, a solar heating system required the installation of a tank that would be higher than the heated pipes. This was achieved by creating a space for the tank on the back side of the chimney with an access door above the roof. The Wheeler children, Mimi and Ben, called it their 'Santa Claus door'.

A large magnolia graces the beautifully landscaped yard. Tulips, iris and other annuals, as well as azaleas and a large rose garden, make the grounds a very special attraction.



LOCATION: 50 Smith Street  
 OWNER: Mrs. Milton (Louise B.) Gore  
 DATE BUILT: 1940  
 BUILDER: Jamerson Construction Co.



efore this house was built the high school boys in the "Future Farmers of America" program under Mr. R.F. Cooper planted pine trees on this lot as one of their projects. Children from the Oviedo High School across the street used to play in the large oak tree in the back yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gore bought three lots, a part of the James J. Egan Estate, from Mrs. Clara Mariner in 1940, a year after their marriage, and built their three bedroom, cypress home the same year. Here they reared their two daughters.

In 1955 the Florida room was enlarged and a porch and double garage were added. A later addition enlarged the bedrooms and added a bath.

Mr. Milton Gore and his father operated the Standard Oil Station from 1930 to 1943 before he started farming celery. He served on the city council from 1949 to 1953. Louise Gore taught the fourth grade at Lawton Elementary for sixteen years.



LOCATION: 100 Graham Avenue  
OWNER: Mrs. Glenna B. Stoner  
DATE BUILT: 1924



his frame house with a large attic, located on the corner of Garden Street and Graham Avenue, was built in 1924 for Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Smith on lots 23, 24, 25, and 26 of B.G. Smith's Addition to Oviedo as surveyed and recorded February 21, 1912, in Plat Book F, page 21, in Orange County, Florida.

The house plan had three bedrooms and a bath separated from the large kitchen and the dining room and living room (both with fireplaces) by a central hall with a glassed-in sun porch on the east, a friendly open porch on the north, and a screened in back porch on the south.

Mr. B.G. Smith was the engineer on the train running from Sanford to Oviedo. He was president of the Bank of Oviedo that was founded in 1912 and closed its doors January 14, 1930. The following Saturday night, January 18th, five sticks of dynamite were detonated under the east side of the house. Fortunately the Smiths were on the west side and were not hurt. The damage was quickly repaired, but the guilty person was never apprehended.

After Mr. B.G. Smith's death in 1952 Mrs. Mary Agnes Smith enclosed the east half of the south porch for a sewing room. Part of the north porch was screened, a bathroom added, and the kitchen remodeled.

Mrs. B.G. Smith, born in nearby Goldenrod, lived in this house until her death in May, 1978. Mrs. Glenna B. Stoner inherited the property. Fay Stoner, daughter of Glenna and God-child of Mrs. B.G. Smith, has lived in the house since 1978.

LOCATION: 6007 Lake Charm Circle  
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Alpaugh  
DATE BUILT: 1880



his property marks the site of a chapel and a parsonage-inn, both of which were built in 1880 by Dr. Henry Foster. The parsonage-inn (just east of the chapel) was built to house winter visitors to Oviedo, many of whom were minister friends of Dr. Foster. The parsonage-inn, after being lived in by Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Murphy from 1920 to 1943 and by Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lee, Jr. from 1944 to 1972, was torn down in 1972 in order that the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaffer could be built.

Services were held in the chapel on Sunday afternoons so they would not interfere with the morning worship of other churches. Many prominent ministers from the north, one being Bishop X. Ninde, were among those conducting services. Mrs. Theodore Mead, who lived nearby, played the organ, and Mr. Mead, well-known early botanist, decorated the chapel with orchids and other flowers from his greenhouses and botanical gardens.

In 1920 the old chapel was bought by Mr. Samuel Lincoln Murphy for his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V.H. Sley. In transforming the chapel into a home the Sleys disposed of the stained glass windows and lowered the ceiling. In the attic thus created the original arched rafters of the domed ceiling can still be seen. The Sleys moved in 1934 and the house was rented by various families until sold in 1944 to Mr. B.F. Wheeler, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lee, III bought it in 1945. After moving to Sanford in 1947 they rented it to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hollingsworth for a year, to Mr. and Mrs. John Courier in 1948 and finally to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cameron who purchased it in the 1950's. At that time additions were made of a utility room, bedroom, fireplace, and enclosed porch. In 1958 the house was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Harden Webb and then sold to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Waltz who lived there until 1976 when they sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Alpaugh who currently live here and possess a unique artifact of the property — a white marble slab with the inscription: Lake Charm Memorial Chapel.





LOCATION: 6125 Lake Charm Circle  
 OWNERS: Mr. Merritt Staley and  
 Mr. Thomas Staley  
 DATE BUILT: 1946  
 BUILDER: Mr. Paul Campbell



his lot was part of the William H. Deering property that was sold in 1912 to Nannie B. Giles. She, in turn, sold the north half of lot 6 to a northern Bible printer, Mr. Thomas K. Brown. A nature lover, he built two small houses on the lot without removing any trees. He and his family spent many winters here. Later these houses were rented to various persons before they were torn down in 1934.

In 1944 Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Staley bought the lot from the Brown estate. The small grove area to the south was bought from Mrs. John W. Evans in 1947. The Staley's — Jim and Edna and their two sons — moved from Macon, Georgia to Oviedo in December, 1937. Mr. Staley operated the Gulf Oil Station before joining many other Oviedians in growing celery on the rich muck land in one of the cypress hammocks outside of town. Mrs. Staley became a vital part of the community, giving of her talents to the Woman's Club and to her church where she sang in the choir for forty-two years (for thirty of which she was joined by her son, Merritt).

In 1945 the Staleys built a home of heart pine with hardwood floors above the garage, intending to live here temporarily and to build later on the front of the lot near the lake. However, their second-story view, especially from the screened porch which was later glassed in, helped to change their minds and they lived here until Mrs. Staley died in 1980 and Mr. Staley two years later.



LOCATION: 313 Graham Avenue  
 OWNER: Mrs. M.L. (Mary) Wright  
 DATE BUILT: Before 1895



he east half of this house was built before the 1895 freeze on a lot in the Eric Anderson Addition to Oviedo. Joseph Leinhart, who came here from Germany in the early 1870s, lived here for a while with his wife and five children — Louis, Zetta, Anna, Christine, and Gladys. His brother, Andrew Leinhart, came over from Germany in 1880 and married another German immigrant. They lived in various places before buying this house in 1903 for \$150.00. At that time it was the only house on Graham Avenue and had four small rooms and a central hall. Andrew Leinhart added a dining room, kitchen, and screened-in porch to the west to make room for their three children — Joseph, born in 1893, Mary, born in 1895, and Bertha, born in 1897.

Mary Wright was married in 1921 to Marvin L. Wright, a Seaboard Railroad engineer, and the couple returned to this house in order for Mary to care for her aging parents. Andrew Leinhart died in 1936 and his wife, Lena, died in 1939. Mr. Marvin Wright died in 1973. Mrs. Mary Leinhart Wright continues to live here.



LOCATION: 312 Graham Avenue  
OWNER: Mrs. Glenna B. Stoner  
DATE BUILT: 1953  
BUILDER: Mr. Paul M. Campbell



Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Stoner built their H shaped, block house on the west half of lot 3 of Eric Anderson's Addition to Oviedo which they bought from Mr. Douglas Jackson. The house plan was for a kitchen, living-dining room, den, two baths, two bedrooms, and a two car garage with a flat top built-up roof.

In 1966 a large play room for daughter, Fay, and son, Glen, was built along with a master bedroom and bath and carport.

LOCATION: Smith Street (T.W. Lawton  
Elementary School)  
DATE BUILT: 1922



Public education in Oviedo dates back to 1876. The present Lawton School was erected of brick in 1922 and housed grades 1-12 in four ground floor classrooms. The second story was an auditorium. The principal's office was located midway between the floors at the turn of the steps. A two-story addition was constructed in 1932. The "old" gymnasium and tennis courts were built about 1930. In the summer of 1948, the gym was remodeled under the direction of Principal W.A. Teague. A three-room addition on the west wing was first used in September, 1955. The auditorium was converted to four classrooms which were first used in September, 1959. Also in 1959, Holland Construction Company built the office complex, cafetorium, and seven classrooms (five-room east wing and two additional rooms on the west wing).

The former high school was renamed T.W. Lawton Elementary in honor of the late T.W. Lawton, a life-long resident and Seminole County Superintendent of Public Instruction for 37 years.



LOCATION: 6097 Lake Charm Circle  
OWNER: Mr. Lloyd Koontz  
DATE BUILT: 1934  
BUILDER: Lloyd Koontz



This property, Lot 5, along with Lots 3, 4, and 6 of Walter Guynn's Map of Lake Charm, was sold in 1884 to William H. Deering, a pioneer manufacturer of farming equipment who founded Deering Harvester Company of Plano, Illinois. Mr. Deering and his wife, Clara, sold the property in 1912 to Nannie B. Giles who, in turn, sold all but the north half of Lot 6 in 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Murphy. Mr. Murphy sold the north half of Lot 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Koontz.

Mr. Koontz, a farmer, planned a one bedroom, frame house which he built in 1934, receiving help from his brother, Earl Koontz, with the ceiling rafters. Part of the lumber came from the old Brown house next door. The living room has a cathedral ceiling and a large picture window over-looking the lake. A second bedroom and large kitchen were added in the 1950's.

Mrs. Leah Koontz taught English and foreign languages in the local high school and in the Apopka High School. After her "retirement" she taught these subjects at Rollins College until a few years before her death in 1980.





LOCATION: 6235 Lake Charm Circle  
 OWNER: Charles S. Lee  
 DATE BUILT: 1888  
 BUILDER: J.B. Jones



M. Jones built this two story wood-frame house in 1888 for Mary Ninde, who bought the property surveyed by Walter Guynn and included in his map of Lake Charm, from Dr. Henry Foster. Mary was the daughter of Bishop William X. Ninde, one of the many ministers influenced by Dr. Foster to spend the winters here.

In 1909 James H. Lee bought the house from Mary Ninde for one thousand dollars, payable at one hundred dollars per year at 8% interest. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter lived in the house for a short time before the J.H. Lees moved in around 1910. In 1913, the Lees moved into the old Foster place across the lake and rented the house to W.B. Williams, a contractor who dug the canals in Black Hammock, and then to a Mr. Langston who built the road between Oviedo and Orlando in 1916. During the First World War the house was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lincoln Murphy.

When Charles S. Lee, a native Oviedian, returned from Ireland after serving in the war, he and his wife, Goldie, and daughter Dorothy, moved into the house which was given to him by his father. Their two sons and younger daughter were born in this house during the 1920's.

In 1928 the steep pitch of the roof was lowered, the two-story porch removed, the lower front porch rebuilt and a downstairs bath and kitchen wing were added in the back. The porch covered the old cistern that was no longer used. A Delco plant provided electricity until electrical lines were installed in the area in 1925.

Mr. Lee, a farmer and cattleman, served on the city council in 1930 and 1931.



LOCATION: 453 Aulin Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wright  
 DATE BUILT: 1954  
 BUILDER: Smith & Company, Orlando



his attractive three bedroom white frame house with enclosed living porch was built in 1954 by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wright who reared their three children here. Their two daughters are teachers and their son works in the Atlanta School system in the athletic department. An enclosed back porch was added to the house in 1972.

Mr. Wright devotes much of his spare time to gardening and to keeping the attractive grounds around his home.



LOCATION: 436 Clark Street  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metcalf  
 DATE BUILT: 1954  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers  
 SURVEYOR: M.C. Hagen



r. and Mrs. Arthur Metcalf built their one-story block home back from the road on land that had once been an orange grove and reared their two sons and two daughters here.

In 1960 an addition was built by L.L. Faulk consisting of a living room, foyer, master bedroom and bath.

Mrs. Ruth Metcalf is a teacher of Home Economics in the local high school.



LOCATION: 111 Clark Street  
 OWNERS: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Moon, Sr.  
 DATE BUILT: 1949  
 BUILDER: Paul Campbell



he lot on which this house was built was given to Thomas Moon by his father, G.S. Moon, who had bought it from C.R. Clonts. The home, with its beautifully kept grounds, was built by Thomas Moon just prior to his marriage to Jane Cochran of Lake Mary and has been occupied by them and their family continuously since that time.

The screen porch on the North side of the house was converted into a Florida room in 1963, and at the same time a double carport was built and a utility room made out of the old garage.

This one story concrete block house was covered with simulated brick in 1980.

LOCATION: 362 Graham Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Estes  
 DATE BUILT: 1954  
 BUILDERS: Huggins Brothers



r. and Mrs. M.M. Estes bought their lot in 1954 from Mr. Stewart Gatchell who had bought it only a few years earlier from Mrs. Carl Farnell. They drew their own plans and the two bedroom, block house was finished in time for them and their daughter to move in before the end of 1954.

The shady landscaped yard has a variety of ornamental plants.

LOCATION: 6179 Lake Charm Circle  
 OWNER: Mr. Ben F. Wheeler, III  
 DATE BUILT: 1882



Mr. Owens bought this property from Dr. Henry Foster and built a home for himself in 1882. (A board in the roof, uncovered just this year, has "Owens, Solary's Wharf" written on it.) Dr. Kinney, a minister, bought the house in 1890 but sold it around the turn of the century to Dr. A.F. Cotton, a Manhattan dentist. Dr. Cotton's parents spent the winters here, leaving the house vacant during the summer months.

Dr. Cotton rented the house to several tenants before he sold it to Mr. V.H. Sley who, in turn, sold it to Mr. Max Leinhart in 1935. The house was remodeled for Max Leinhart's bride, the former Martha Staley. More windows were added and enlarged. A bedroom and bath were built behind the kitchen. In 1944 the small front porch was replaced by the present large screened one with tiled floor.

Mrs. Martha Leinhart sold the house in 1982 to Ben F. Wheeler, III, who is now in the process of restoring the house with a new roof, plumbing, wiring, chimney and fireplace, and interior walls. The wooden floors will be sanded and refinished and central heat and air-conditioning will be installed. The only structural change that Ben Wheeler is making is the removal of the wall between the hall and the living room.

Mr. Wheeler is replacing many of the old trees in the Hamlin orange grove that was planted by Mr. Owens when he built the house.



LOCATION: 6297 Lake Charm Circle  
 OWNER: Wyatt Lawrence Wyatt  
 DATE BUILT: 1886



In 1886 Calvin Whitney, president of the Chase Piano Company in Baltimore, bought this property from Dr. Henry Foster and built the double family home as a winter residence for his family and that of his sister. In 1893 he sold the house to Charles P. Williams who traded the house two years later to Mary C. Wolcott in exchange for a piece of property in New York. Mrs. Wolcott, a widow, moved in with her only son, O. Gus Wolcott. Old timers in Oviedo still talk of the baby alligator that Gus raised to a length of six feet in the metal bathtub on the second floor.

After Mrs. Wolcott died, Gus married the nurse, Ouida Anderson, who had cared for his mother before her death. Their only son, Henry, married Margaret Culpepper of Geneva and they reared their two daughters and son in the house. In December of 1979 they sold the house and many of the antique pieces of furniture to Wyatt L. Wyatt, an author and professor at the University of Central Florida.

The large two-story front porch of this three story wooden house originally extended around the north side to the dining room. The original slate roof had a wrought iron railing around the top that Gus Wolcott sold to Thomas Ratliff of Sanford during the depression. He placed it on top of the porch of his two-story brick home at 2734 Orlando Drive, Sanford.

With the help of his brother-in-law, Mr. Todd, Calvin Whitney assembled a piano in the southwest downstairs room that remains there today. In 1940 Gus Wolcott laid oak parquet floors over the original hard pine floors.

The present owner has completely remodeled the southeast corner room for his office, using handsome wood paneling and floor-to-ceiling bookcases. In opening one of the four original fireplaces that had been sealed off, Mr. Wyatt found a small board against the inside of the mantel with the following penciled message still faintly legible:

"J.B. Ludlow made the two cherry mantels, put in the folding doors and the sliding doors. Today is April 7, 1887. J.B. Ludlow of Muncie, Indiana."



LOCATION: 231 West Broadway  
 OWNER: Mrs. R.W. (Ruby) Estes  
 DATE BUILT: 1942  
 BUILDER: Paul Campbell



The original structure on this site was a wooden school house, later converted into a home by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer R. Wainwright and their four children. The Estes bought the house in 1937, and moved it to the next lot when they built their present home in 1942. A lot of the building materials used for the construction of this two story, yellow brick home were obtained from Jacksonville, Florida, due to supply shortages and transportation problems caused by wartime activity. The house lends itself to entertaining and here the wedding receptions of their two daughters were held. Mr. Estes, who served on the city council from 1944 to 1949, died in 1956.

In 1958 the double garage was converted to a rumpus room for the use of the fourteen year old son of the family, Tommy, and his friends. A double car-port was added at this time. The focal point of the back yard is a huge camphor tree that is over a hundred years old.



LOCATION: 469 Aulin Avenue  
 OWNER: Mrs. Stanley Muller  
 DATE BUILT: 1951  
 BUILDER: Jenkins Realty Co.  
 of Winter Park



**T**his one-story concrete block house with attached garage and screened entry porch was built by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Muller in 1951. A Florida room was added on the back side of the house in 1962.

Mr. Muller was principal of Jackson Heights School for twenty-five years and for four years worked in the county school office. Mrs. Muller taught music and other subjects in Seminole County Schools for thirty-three and a half years. Her father was Reverend C.T. Edwards, pastor of Grant Chapel for many years. The Mullers' daughter, like her mother, is also a musician. She sang for several years with national choral groups and is now married to a minister in Georgia.

LOCATION: 465 Aulin Avenue  
 OWNER: Mrs. John Smith  
 DATE BUILT: 1954  
 BUILDER: S.J. Lewis & Company,  
 Orlando



**I**n 1954 Mr. and Mrs. John Smith built a five room home with screened front porch on a shaded lot on Aulin Avenue. This house has green asbestos siding with white trim and awnings. A carport and utility room were added in 1960. Many plants and flowers enhance the lawn and natural setting. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were both active in the work of Fountainhead Baptist Church, until his death in 1965, and she remains a faithful, loyal member.

LOCATION: 6255 Lake Charm Circle  
 OWNER: Mrs. W.C. Betsy Anne  
 Carter Apel  
 DATE BUILT: 1883



**T**his wood house, built in three parts, is the oldest house still standing in Oviedo. It was bought in 1898 by J.H. Lee and given to his son, William Wiley Lee, who lived here with his wife and three daughters until 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Purdom lived in the house less than a year around 1909 while their Chuluota house was being built.

The house was sold around 1910 to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick who lived here about two years with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peck, and their three grandchildren. When Gus Wolcott, next door, finally released the six foot alligator he had raised in his bathtub, the gator would terrify these children when they swam in the lake. Gus agreed that Mr. Peck must shoot the gator, but requested that the deed be done when he was not at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck and their daughter, Irene, bought the house and lived here for three winters from 1912 through 1914. He operated a hotel in Catskill, New York, during the summers and followed the horse racing circuits.

J.H. Lee bought the house for the second time in 1919 and gave it to his daughter, Annie, and her husband, Walter Carter. He died in 1939 and she lived here alone until her death in 1973. Their only grandchild, Mrs. Richard Apel, inherited the property and rented it to two of her second cousins, Charles and Arthur Evans. When Arthur married in June of 1974 he brought his bride, Beverly Hughes, to live here until January of 1976. Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lee IV rented the house for the next two years. No one has lived in it since.



LOCATION: 656 Lake Charm Drive  
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Myers  
DATE BUILT: 1953



**T**his house was built in 1953 by builder Henry Huggins according to plans drawn by the A.A. Myers. They reared their daughter and son here. The Myers bought the lot from Marguerite Covington who inherited the land from her mother, Mrs. Julia Lee Matheson, who had acquired the lot from her father, J.H. Lee, who had bought the property from Dr. Henry Foster.

After the freeze of 1895, one of the Lee girls, Lottie, planted peas on this lot and shared her crop with all of the neighbors, doing her bit to ease the economic blow of the freeze.

The Myers are ardent gardeners and in digging in the yard have uncovered many old bottles and old bricks believed to have come from a brick silo which was once on the property. When the water meter for the new Oviedo water system was put in, an old iron toy locomotive was found that C.S. Lee (now 90) played with as a boy.



LOCATION: 200 West Broadway  
OWNER: Mrs. T.W. (Lottie Lee) Lawton  
DATE BUILT: Before 1900

**T**his white frame house was originally located in downtown Oviedo on the property where the Memorial Building now stands. The present location, a ten acre orange grove, has been in the family since the 1880's. The property was bought by Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Lawton from her father, Mr. J.H. Lee, Sr., around 1910, and the house was moved on piers or rollers to its present location at that time. A deep well, still in use, has furnished the house with water since 1910. The water was stored in a large wooden tank with a gauge on it and a windmill on top. This tank was later replaced with a metal one. A Delco system furnished lights in the house before electricity became available. The story and a half house, added onto several times, has seven rooms with hardwood floors and hardwood walls with up and down board construction.

Mr. T.W. Lawton, Superintendent of Schools for Seminole County for thirty-seven years, and his wife, reared their three children here.



LOCATION: 201 West Broadway  
OWNER: Mrs. R.W. Estes



**T**his two room building was originally located at South Central Avenue near High Street and was used as a school house. The building was later moved to the corner of Central Avenue and Garden Street where it continued to be used as a school. Still later, it was moved to West Broadway and Lake Jessup and several rooms were added to the structure at that time.

Around 1938, Mrs. Libby Wainwright sold the house and the adjoining property to R.W. Estes who tore down all except the original two rooms and added three new rooms and a bath.

The R.W. Estes family lived in the house until 1942 when they moved it to the adjacent lot and built a new home on the corner location.

Today, the old "school house" is being used as rental property and is still owned by the Estes.

LOCATION: 6535 Lake Charm Circle  
OWNER: Mrs. James (Louise) Wilson  
DATE BUILT: 1938  
BUILDER: Paul Campbell



**I**n 1877 Colonel Brewster bought this property from Walter Guynn and constructed a hotel near the present Wilson homesite. Carriages met the northern visitors when the train pulled into the station on the west side of the lake and carried them along the lake shore to a winding driveway, lighted at night by torches, to the popular hotel set back among numerous trees. Here the local society mingled with the northern guests at many social events. The hotel burned to the ground in the late 1920's and the land was acquired by the Lake Charm Fruit Company and by Mrs. Jeanette Mills.

Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson drove from Denver, Colorado, to Florida in a Model T Ford, a wedding gift from his father. They spent several years in Chuluota before building their three bedroom, two bath, brick home in 1938. Joe Leinhart helped with the carpentry, Lonnie and Herbert Metcalf did the painting, E.C. Harper of Sanford installed the plumbing, and the hardware was purchased from Harry P. Leu Company of Orlando.

This was the first house in Oviedo to be air-conditioned and the second to have a solar heating system.

Mr. Wilson served on the city council from 1944 to 1947.



LOCATION: 157 Division Avenue  
 OWNER: Fountainhead Missionary  
 Baptist Church  
 DATE BUILT: 1944



ounded in 1922 under the leadership of the Reverend J.W. McIntosh and later of the Reverend B.J. Solomon, the congregation met first in a primitive structure with palmetto walls and dirt floor and afterwards in a small wooden building. The present concrete block structure, built in 1944, was remodeled in 1952, under the leadership of Reverend S.R. Rembert. In 1964, a church annex with Fellowship Hall and classrooms was added while Reverend W.G. Mikell was pastor.

The entrance to the church is arched on three sides and is topped with a frame steeple. Interior features include multi-colored panes in double sash windows with vaulted design, oak pews, and altar furnishings in white with accents of stained wood.

The church also owns the property across from the sanctuary. On this site was once a school with grades one through eight that was torn down upon completion of Jackson Heights Middle School. This old white frame school house had once been on the site of the T.W. Lawton Elementary School and was moved to the Division Street lot in 1922 when the "new" Oviedo High School was built that year. The property is now used by the Fountainhead Baptist church for parking. Reverend Jerry Jacobs is the present pastor.



LOCATION: 145 West Broadway Street  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Vail  
 DATE BUILT: About 1912  
 BUILDER: John Drury of New York



his brown, cypress shingled, one story house was built about 1912 by John Drury of New York with four rooms opening off a central hall and with front and back porches.

It was bought in 1914 by Mr. Joe Leinhart, a commercial flower grower, and in 1920 to '25 rented to Mr. and Mrs. Bob King who lived here with their daughter, Minnie.

In 1927 it was remodeled by Mr. Leinhart who built a central chimney with fireplaces opening into dining room and living room and incorporated the hall space into other rooms. At that time he was married to Miss Helen Terrell who had come from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music to teach at Rollins College.

For many years, Mrs. Helen Leinhart taught music in Oviedo. Later she taught at Oviedo High School and at Bear Lake Elementary and at Altamonte Elementary School. Joe Leinhart was mayor of Oviedo from 1936 to 1945.

In 1973 the front porch of this home was enclosed and the front wall of the living room removed to make one large, sunny room. In 1980, Mrs. Leinhart moved after fifty-three years of residence, and in 1981 the house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Vail who are the present owners.



LOCATION: 169 West Broadway  
 OWNER: Mr. Tom Risher  
 DATE BUILT: 1912



he original one story frame house, built with both front and back porches, contained four rooms and was set off with a distinctive pointed roof. The house had a central hall with an opening into each room. It was built by Mr. N.F. Lezette, who moved to Oviedo from Catskill, New York in 1911 and lived here with his family for many years. Mr. Lezette was Oviedo's first mayor, being elected in 1925 when the town became incorporated.

Mr. Lezette died in 1932 and two years later Mrs. Lezette and Miss Olive Lezette moved to Sanford.

After renting the house for several years, Olive and her sister, Mrs. Gladys Basford, sold it to Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Gary. The Garys, who had an adopted daughter, did extensive remodeling including moving walls and doors, enclosing a porch, adding windows, lowering ceilings and changing the roof. They also installed cabinets in the kitchen.

Landscaping the grounds was another large scale project and after its completion, the yard was a place of beauty.

In 1970 the Garys sold the home to Mr. B.F. Ward, Jr. and built a new home elsewhere in Oviedo. Today the house is used as a real estate office and is owned by Mr. Tom Risher.



LOCATION: Franklin Street  
 OWNER: Grant Chapel AME Church  
 DATE BUILT: 1954



rganized in 1888 with approximately seven persons, the first piece of property was purchased in 1889 under the name of St. Hebrew AME Church. The present name was used beginning in the early 1900's. A second piece of property was purchased in 1926 from Mr. Sam Stephens. Originally the church was housed in a frame building. However, in 1954 Rev. L.J. Flowers, an accomplished carpenter, constructed a concrete block sanctuary with the help of other church members. Lynum Bros., a Leesburg construction company, expanded the floor space and built a new pastorium and educational wing with multi-purpose rooms. The building dedication service was January 30, 1966.

The concrete block building has a brick front and features an old fashioned belfry and steeple of cedar with redwood stain. The focal point of the interior is the white concrete cross imposed on the red brick wall behind the choir loft. Double three-light windows of stained plexiglass are topped with a clear glass fan design. The interior furnishings are predominately oak. Red wall-to-wall carpeting was recently installed.

Oviedo headquarters for Meals on Wheels, The Congregate Meals Program, and The Federation of Senior Citizens Clubs of Seminole County, Inc., are housed in the Fellowship Hall.

The Rev. Jack Williams, Sr. is the current minister.



LOCATION: Butler Court Road (Jackson Heights Middle School)  
DATE BUILT: First Phase of Construction 1952



**T**he former Oviedo Elementary School was re-named Jackson Heights Elementary School in 1960 and housed students in grades 1-8. Forty acres were purchased in 1951 and the next year construction of the first two concrete block buildings began. These consisted of nine classrooms and two teacher workrooms. Buildings three and four containing four classrooms, an administrative office and cafetorium, were constructed in 1959.

The late Mr. Stanley T. Muller became principal of the school in 1949 at the frame structure which stood across from Fountainhead Missionary Baptist Church. He served for more than two decades.

The school was named for pioneer Henry Jackson who came to Oviedo in the early 1900's at the age of nineteen, homesteaded forty acres on either side of Long Lake, and for many years led a grubbing crew that cleared land which would be used for celery farms.

Initially the buildings housed grades 1-8. At one time the school was a fifth grade center. For two years (1972-73 and 1973-74) grades six and seven attended school here in double sessions. The recently constructed pod building was first occupied in 1974 and since that time has been a middle school facility for grades six through eight.



LOCATION: 98 West Broadway  
OWNER: Mrs. Hettie Ragsdale  
DATE BUILT: 1944



George K. Hollingsworth, who served on the first city council of Oviedo and received a dollar a year for the honor, built a two story frame house on this property which was acquired by Mr. H.C. Parker in the early 1930's, and rented in succession to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Asbell, and Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Niblack, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Chance, and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Jones., Jr.

The property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Farnell and they, in turn, sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ragsdale in 1940. Four years later, the house burned and later that same year the Ragsdales built their present home, an attractive one story, five room block house with a half attic. Mr. Ragsdale who served on the city council in 1943, died soon after the house was built and Mrs. Ragsdale, who worked in the post office for many years, continues to reside in the house where she enjoys frequent visits from her son Bob, and his family.



LOCATION: 109 West Broadway (Dentist Office)  
OWNER: Dr. Hugh Gregory  
DATE BUILT: 1929  
BUILDER: Mr. Fisher



Around 1929, Mr. C.K. Phillips built this brick home for his family. Mr. Drady Mathers acquired the property a few years later and sold it in 1933 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Niblack. They lived there with their young daughter until they built a house in 1949.

The property was rented for a period of time before the Niblacks sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Link Hart. Mr. Hart was killed in an automobile accident and in 1963 Mrs. Hart moved back to Georgia and sold the property to Dr. Hugh Gregory. It is currently being used as a dental office.



LOCATION: 128 West Broadway  
 OWNER: Mrs. Patsy A. Booth  
 DATE BUILT: 1913  
 BUILDER: George Jakubcin



Mr. Zack Spinks was first attracted to Oviedo by the availability of cypress trees in Black Hammock. He operated a sawmill specializing in shingles. When he married Martha King, daughter of an early pioneer, J.H. King, who settled in Oviedo in 1868, it was only fitting that he had their one and a half story house built of these stained cypress shingles, making it a very distinctive dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Swope bought the house in 1919 and their third child, Oliver, was born here in 1920. The Howard-Packard Land Company persuaded O.P. Swope to leave Wichita, Kansas, for Sanford, Florida, in 1909 to promote their holdings in Black Hammock. Mr. Swope cleared much of Black Hammock and succeeded in selling all the lots, even persuading his cousin, Sam Swope, to invest. When Sam arrived in 1913, O.P. had two small prefabricated houses ready for the two families on Graham Avenue in Oviedo, one of which is now the home of Mrs. E.M. Olliff.

The O.P. Swopes moved to Orlando in 1923 and rented the house to Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Clonts during 1924 and 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers bought the house in 1926 and lived there with their son, Garth, for several years.

R.F. Cooper, principal of the Oviedo High School from 1934 to 1944, rented this house for several years before he and Mrs. Cooper built a house just behind this brown-shingled one. In 1936 the Coopers rented an upstairs, two bedroom apartment to four young teachers: Marguerite Parsons (Partin), Annabelle Linger (Lawton), Annette Sullivan (Shrumpert), and Thelma Tew. In 1937 these teachers moved downstairs and were joined by Bessie Faye Myers (Fly), Margaret Harper, and Novella Carter (Aulin Driggers). Mr. and Mrs. Mills M. Lord rented the upstairs apartment. Other young teachers who lived here in 1938 and 1939 were Hazel Haley, Lucille Campbell, Josephine Munson, and Madeline Foltz.

The house was rented in the Fall of 1940 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faircloth, who lived there with her widowed sister, Nanearl Bradley, and her two children.

Mrs. Thomas Wheaton, the former Mrs. Bowers, sold the house in 1943 to Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Jones, Jr. who lived here with their two sons until 1963. The house was inherited by Johnny and Jim Jones and rented to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holder and their two children while he was principal of the Oviedo High School from 1963 to 1971. Mrs. Patsy A. Booth, a widow with three children, bought the house in 1971.



LOCATION: 311 East Broadway  
 OWNER: Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
 DATE BUILT: 1948



In 1875 a small group of pioneers and their friends built and dedicated a building as their first house of worship which became known as the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Upon the recommendation of Rev. R.W. Lawton, Rev. Amos Laster became the first pastor.

A parsonage built early in this century was destroyed by fire in the early 60's. When Highway 419 was straightened in 1942, a major change in physical facilities of the church became necessary. However, while some of the church buildings were being moved, they became damaged to such an extent that plans were soon made to build a new church.

Construction of the new facility took place during years of material shortages under the forceful leadership of Rev. R.B. Black. During the 60's, a new parsonage and educational building were constructed.

The church building is of concrete block construction and features a bell tower and windows with panes of multi-color glass. The interior has oak pews and is carpeted.

The late Mr. P.B. Boston, a member from 1886 until his death in 1947, donated five acres of land to the community to serve as a cemetery.

Reverend James D. Hagin is the current minister.





LOCATION: 176 East Magnolia  
OWNERS: Dr. and Mrs. Ransford C. Pyle  
DATE BUILT: 1924  
BUILDER: James F. Booker



Mr. and Mrs. John Batts Jones, Sr. bought the plans for their two story frame house from Sears Roebuck. The ceilings are high and there is a basement in the rear half of the house. After she was widowed Mrs. Ruby Jones took in boarders.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones lived here with his mother after their marriage in 1946 while their home was being completed across the street.

A grandson, James Marion Jones, assistant principal of Jackson Heights Middle School, bought the house from the estate in 1970, and he and his wife lived here for two years. In 1972 Mr. Jones sold the house to Gerald Belts who, in turn, sold it to Dr. and Mrs. Ransford C. Pyle in 1976. Dr. Pyle is an assistant professor of public administration at the University of Central Florida and was a member of the Oviedo City Council in 1981-82.



LOCATION: 45 West Broadway  
OWNER: The First Baptist Church of Oviedo  
DATE BUILT: 1926  
BUILDER: Mr. Fisher



Organized in 1869, the pioneer Baptist Church members worshipped first in a brush arbor, then in a wooden structure from 1887 until 1926 when the present brick house of worship was erected at a cost of over \$30,000. At the time of its completion the church was considered to be one of the most modern in the area with seating for over 250 and equipped with a pastor's study and the first baptistry in the the area, also with a kitchen and basement which converted into an assembly room for social gatherings.

In 1946 when additional classroom space was needed a west wing adjoining the sanctuary was added. In 1957 a new educational building was constructed east of the church at a cost of \$27,500 to provide a new, large kitchen, a fellowship hall, and four classrooms.

The Annex, of contemporary brick and wood, designed by Schweizer Associates of Winter Park, was built in 1969 by McCulley Construction Company as an education-office complex at a cost of \$194,500.

Church property borders Broadway on the south, Central Avenue on the east, and Myrtle Street on the north. A wooded picnic area across Myrtle Street and bordered by the railroad was given in memory of Mr. B.F. Wheeler, Sr., by his wife. Situated on a hill, the church with its attractive, well kept grounds is an inspiration for passersby in downtown Oviedo.

The red brick pastorium west of the sanctuary was first occupied in 1949. The present minister is Dr. William R. Marr who was called in 1975. Mr. Stan Tillman has been Minister of Youth and Education since 1980, and Mr. Terry Rabun has been Minister of Music since 1968.

LOCATION: 75 West Broadway  
 OWNER: The First Baptist Church  
 of Oviedo  
 DATE BUILT: 1949  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers, Inc., Orlando



**T**his attractive bungalow of red jumbo brick matches the color of the brick used in the First Baptist Church next door. It was built in 1949 for a parsonage while the Reverend Frank C. Morgan was the pastor. The house contains ten rooms including three bedrooms and two baths. The livingroom fireplace is still in use. A carport was recently added, adjoining the utility room and original garage.

Many oak trees are the outstanding feature of the landscaping. Other ministers and their families who have occupied the parsonage are L.L. Day, Jack T. Bryant, and Flournoy Jernigan. William R. Marr, who began his ministry to the First Baptist Church of Oviedo in 1975, and his family currently live here. Mr. Marr was the chief photographer for this publication.

LOCATION: 95 West Broadway  
 OWNER: Miss Lois Ruddell  
 DATE BUILT: 1947



**T**he original two story wood frame house was bought in the 1920's by Reverend J.N. Thompson, who served as minister of the First Baptist Church from 1919-1925 and died in 1957.

In 1947, the house burned down and was replaced with a one story block home which was constructed slightly nearer to the street on the same lot. The house was made possible from funds and labor donated by friends and citizens of Oviedo in appreciation of Mrs. Thompson's many years of faithful teaching in the local school.

After Mrs. Thompson moved to a retirement center, the property was sold to Miss Lois Ruddell in 1960. Miss Ruddell, a dedicated teacher who taught in Oviedo for 33 years until retiring in 1970, has done much to remodel this home.



LOCATION: 231 East Magnolia  
 OWNER: Mrs. Mae King  
 DATE BUILT: 1925  
 BUILDER: Mr. Yarborough

**M**r. Charles West had this two bedroom, frame house built for speculation. Mr. and Mrs. Bob King, who had moved to Oviedo from Sanford in 1920, bought the house right after it was built and reared their daughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Clark lived next door in a house built at the same time. A fire in the early 1930's destroyed this house and killed Mrs. Clark. The Kings bought the empty lot and planted a grove there.

LOCATION: 252 East Magnolia  
 OWNER: Mrs. Dorothy Courier  
 DATE BUILT: 1953  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers



**M**r. and Mrs. John Courier bought this lot, part of the Samuel L. Robinson subdivision of Oviedo, from Mrs. Ruby Jones and later purchased the lot immediately behind the house to give their four children ample play space. Their three bedroom, two bath, block home was completed at the same time as the road in front was paved.

An avid sports fan all of his life, John Courier was instrumental in starting football at the Oviedo High School, and the football field is named Courier Field in his honor. Mrs. Dorothy Courier served as city clerk from 1960 to 1965.





LOCATION: 151 East Magnolia  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Ross F. Dunn  
 DATE BUILT: 1935  
 BUILDER: G.W. Johnson



Mr. G.W. Johnson, with the help of Mr. Fred Robbins, built this house with timber cut from land that he owned in Geneva. The foundation is of heavy cypress beams and the walls are thick. There are two bedrooms on the second floor. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their four children lived here until he sold the house in 1943 to Daniel Gore from Chuluota who lived here until 1953.

Warren "Pete" McCall was born in Oviedo but moved to Sanford with his parents in 1926. In 1952 he moved his family to Oviedo and bought this house from the Gores in 1953. He planted the bank of Sweetwater Creek with azaleas and fern and beautified the yard with camellias and other plants.

The McCalls sold the house in 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Ross F. Dunn. The Dunns enclosed the carport and front porch making an L-shaped room on the west and they screened a porch on the east. They put in new flooring and repanelled many rooms. They painted the outside red with white trim, giving the property character and an atmosphere of friendliness.



LOCATION: 120 Myrtle Street  
 OWNER: Mrs. Mary Alice Aulin  
 DATE BUILT: 1925



Mr. D.D. Daniels built this house in 1925 for speculation. It was rented until 1945, the year that Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Aulin, Jr. bought the house. They reared the youngest two of their five children here.

A telephone switchboard was installed in Dr. C.J. Marshall's office in 1913 and Miss Mary Leinhart (now Mrs. M.L. Wright) was the first operator, followed by Mrs. C.J. Marshall and sisters, Mary and Alice Brannon. In 1927 Mrs. A.L. Ruddell, with the help of her daughters, Katie and Lois, operated the switchboard from the house at 52 Graham Avenue where Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pendarvis now live. In 1929 the telephone company transferred Miss Willie Poole from Webster, Florida, to Oviedo. She and her mother rented this Myrtle Street house and operated the switchboard here. Miss Louise Brown (now Mrs. Milton Gore) helped at the switch-board from 1932 to 1938.

After Miss Poole's marriage to Mr. Bub Sloan, the constable for Oviedo in the 1930's, the couple continued to live here until 1941, the year that direct dialing came to Oviedo and the Sanford exchange handled long distance calls for Oviedo.

LOCATION: 99 Myrtle Street  
 OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Irvin O. Claxton  
 DATE BUILT: Between 1892 and 1895



his house is on lot 3, and the yard includes lots 1, 2, and 4 of Block G of Alexandria Subdivision of Oviedo. It was originally divided in a survey in 1886 but was later recorded as a plat in 1914.

Wallace Sommerville, a bachelor, bought lot 3 in 1891 for \$125.00 and sold it to Jane Hill Walker in 1894. One of them built the original 42' x 15" one room structure of board and batten construction on 6" x 8" cypress beams. There is evidence in the attic of a flue pipe at the center point of this space. Much of the timber is of heart of pine or heart of cypress. Through the years porches were added, enclosed, then added again and enclosed again until it now has ten rooms and three porches. It is not plumb, square, or level.

J.L. Walker bought lot 2 in 1899 for ten dollars and he and Jane Hill Walker sold both lots in 1910 to D.E. Hart for \$250.00.

By 1912 D.D. Daniels owned these two lots as well as lot 1 (by a tax deed for \$46.65). By 1911 he also owned lot 4, this lot having been bought in 1886 for \$125.00 by J.W. Burns.

Miss Bertha P. Dixon, a Canadian nurse from New Brunswick, signed a \$311.00 mortgage for the property in 1911 but by 1912 D.D. Daniels again owned the four lots. He gave a quit claim deed to Fernando Daniel in 1915. Fernando returned them to D.D. by a quit claim deed in 1919.

W.B. Young bought the property in 1920 and moved his family here from Starke, Florida. He was in the cross-tie business and later farmed. He deeded the property to his wife, Mary, in 1940. At her death in 1963 the property was inherited by the three daughters. In 1967 Mr. and Mrs. I.O. Claxton bought the property from one of the daughters, Mrs. Maxine Young Flynt.

"Bud" Claxton is the Building Official of Oviedo.

LOCATION: 177 East Magnolia  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Whittier  
 DATE BUILT: 1947  
 BUILDER: Clarence Ashe, Mason



r. and Mrs. Ben Jones built this two bedroom, block house a year after their marriage. An apartment was built on the back of the lot in 1951 for a friend, Dick Mitchell, who lived there for a year. Johnny Jones, Ben's nephew, lived in the apartment for a few years. It is now used as a guest apartment. In 1956 the Joneses added a large family room and carport on the west side of the house. Ben Jones was the city clerk from 1943 to 1946 and served on the city council in 1960 and 1961.

The Joneses sold the house in 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brokhausen. When IBM transferred him to New York four years later the house was put up for sale. In 1971 Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Whittier, a retired couple from Ashtabula, Ohio, bought the house to be near one of their two sons, Dr. Henry Whittier, who is a professor of botany at the University of Central Florida. They added a swimming pool to the back yard. Mr. Whittier has served on the city council and is the present mayor of Oviedo.



LOCATION: 418 North Central  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Niblack  
 DATE BUILT: 1949  
 BUILDER: Mr. Wellman  
 ARCHITECT: Mrs. Elba Hansel



Mr. and Mrs. Niblack bought this five acre tract from Samuel L. Robinson and started building their home in 1947, but work was interrupted and the nine-room, block ranch-style house was not completed until two years later. Two large bay-windows grace this spacious house, set well back from the road. The triple garage is linked to the house by a screened breezeway. The house is ideal for entertaining and their daughter's wedding reception was held here in 1951.

Mr. Niblack came to Oviedo in 1925 from Dunnellon and two years later married Lucille Partin, who was reared in Oviedo. After running the local drug-store, he turned to farming and at one time grew celery on the back three acres of this tract as well as in other areas. He served on the city council in 1930 and 1931 and again in 1948 and 1949.

LOCATION: 441 N. Central Ave.  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. George Means  
 DATE BUILT: 1946  
 BUILDER: Paul Campbell



The Means originally built a small block home on land surveyed by M.C. Hagen, Reg. surveyor #248. In 1963, by plans drawn up by architect Howell Williams, additions on both south and north sides and a large screen porch on the west side completed their large one story block home set far back in a spacious lawn, surrounded by handsome plantings. Mrs. Minnie Means, a life-long Oviedo resident, is very artistic and her home reflects her good taste. The large picture window creates a frame for an often changed, creative treatment that is appropriate for the season and admired by all who pass.



LOCATION: 164 Myrtle Street  
 OWNERS: Mr. & Mrs. Ferrell Beasley  
 DATE BUILT: 1895 (or before)



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leinhart rented this house in 1896 and lived there with their three children, the youngest of whom, Bertha, was born there in 1897. In 1898 they moved to a house that was on the lot on Hillcrest Drive where the Ridenour house now stands.

This one story house built of pine on the northwest corner of four lots in Alexandria Subdivision was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Farnell. They reared their two sons here. Oliver, the older son, died in World War I in 1918. Alton later married and had two daughters. Mr. Farnell was a citrus grove caretaker until his death in 1940.

Mrs. Farnell added on to the house to make apartments on the south and west which she rented mainly to young couples and young teachers. Those renting included Merritt and Virginia Staley, Ferrell and Juanita Beasley, Marion and Curtis Estes, also Augusta Clause and Betty Colbert. Another occupant was Mrs. Geneva Abell with her three young sons, one of whom, Wiley Abell, is now president of Citizens Bank of Oviedo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Beasley bought the house from Mrs. Farnell when she moved to New Orleans in 1960 to live with her granddaughter, Elizabeth Farnell, where she stayed until her death in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley reared their four children here and lived in this house until they built their new home in 1973 on 1 1/2 lots east of this house and a part of the same property. They currently rent the Farnell house to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Davis.



LOCATION: 125 Myrtle Street  
 OWNERS: Mr. T.L. Lingo, Jr. and  
 Sparks L. Ridenour  
 DATE BUILT: Before 1895



his house was built before 1895 and was the home of Mr. T.C. Brannon for a number of years before he moved to Lake Charm. In 1917 Mr. Brannon sold the house to T.L. Lingo, Sr. who moved here from Georgia to be cashier of the local bank and who was married that same year to Roberta Sparks. The Lingos added a front porch and sleeping porch to the original building and refurbished the house throughout.

For more than thirty years Mr. Lingo was Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School and Mrs. Lingo was church pianist and organist. Mr. Lingo served on the city council from 1926 to 1927 and served as City Clerk of Oviedo from 1946 to 1950. He was responsible for naming many of the streets in town.

The two Lingo children, T.L. Lingo, Jr. and Sparks Lee Ridenour, inherited the property. Today, Guy Lingo, a grandson, and his wife and four children live in the residence.



LOCATION: 575 North Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Jones  
 DATE BUILT: 1946  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers



r. and Mrs. A.M. Jones bought a one hundred acre tract and cleared the site of their home by hand in their spare time. This one story block home was the first house built in Oviedo since the L.H. Gore home in 1940. Their daughter spent her school years here.

In 1952, the porch was converted into a dining room and the garage into a family room. To the north a garage was added and an adjacent room which was used as a beauty shop that Mrs. Lois Jones operated in her home for over twenty years. Mr. Jones has held the position of Director of Public Works and Public Utilities since 1968, the year that the city water system was installed.



LOCATION: 603 North Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Leon Olliff  
 DATE BUILT: 1952  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers



he Olliffs built their one story, block home on a lot that they bought from A.M. Jones, and reared their son and daughter there.

In 1958 a master bedroom was added to the south side and in 1965 a family room and carport were added to the north side.

Mr. Olliff opened the only barbershop in Oviedo in 1949. He served as mayor of the city from 1971 to 1977 and served on the city council from 1978 to 1980. Mrs. Pennie Olliff, a long-time Oviedian, has worked in the Citizens Bank of Oviedo from the day of its beginning in 1946 and is now an officer.





LOCATION: 42 South Central Avenue  
(Memorial Building)  
DATE BUILT: 1950  
BUILDER: Paul Campbell



committee, headed by C.R. Clonts, accepted donations to erect a building in memory of the four Oviedo men who were killed in the armed forces during World War II. A plaque inside names these four young men:

Arthur Riles Hunter  
Gordon W. Johnson, Jr.  
Walter Eugene Olliff  
James Arthur Partin

This building, constructed in 1950 by local builder Paul Campbell at a cost of \$18,903, was formerly the City Hall where the mayor and five councilmen met monthly, court was held, and voting facilities were set up. The building was originally designed for and used extensively for parties, suppers, wedding receptions and other meetings. The original construction contained the large assembly hall, kitchen, storage room, clerk's office and restrooms.

Since July of 1976 the Mediterranean style structure has housed the city's Department of Public Safety.



LOCATION: 383 N. Lake Jessup Avenue  
OWNER: Mrs. H.R. Spencer, Sr.  
DATE BUILT: 1940



his one-story, five room shingle house with distinctive English pitched roof was built about 1940 under the supervision of Mr. Jack Gore. He and his wife, the former Catherine Young, lived here until they built a home near Chuluota. Adjoining the cypress panelled living room is a screened living porch overlooking the heavily wooded lot which the Gores had planted with many lovely azaleas.

In May 1946, the home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Spencer, Sr. For many years Mr. Spencer operated a general store on Broadway.



LOCATION: 308 N. Lake Jessup Ave.  
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Don Ulrey  
DATE BUILT: 1949  
BUILDER: Mr. George Jakubcin  
of Slavia



n an orange grove, separated from the shady road by an oak thicket, Mr. and Mrs. Ulrey found the place they wanted to build their home and rear their three children. They purchased an acre of the grove from Chester W. Shipley and Daniel B. and Loretta E. Hohn who lived on Highway 17-92 near Longwood, and removed the citrus trees where the house would be built and the lawn and handsome plantings would be established. Not long afterward this section of North Lake Jessup Avenue was paved. Later Mr. Ulrey built a green house for his orchid collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrey started Cub Scouting in Oviedo in 1949, and Mr. Ulrey gave many hours to the Boy Scout and Explorer programs. Mrs. Ulrey taught first grade in the Oviedo School for many years and participated in the music program of the Methodist church where she is the present choir director.



LOCATION: 435 N. Lake Jessup Ave.  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Slavik  
 DATE BUILT: 1935 (Remodeled into a residence 1958)  
 BUILDER: Mr. G.S. Abell



**T**his residence was originally built as the Methodist Fellowship Hall and Junior Sunday School department in 1935. Later, when a new church was built, Mr. Bob Slavik bought the former church annex and moved it down the street to its present location. His intention was to make a duplex of it, but his wife, Helen, charmed by its high ceilings, good construction, and spaciousness, persuaded him to remodel it as a home for their family. Only the front wall with its picture window is new construction. The original plaster made from sand hauled from the shore or Lake Harney was still intact. Carpenters had to drill holes for nails in the original yellow heart pine timber.

To this much-loved home has recently been added a retirement apartment for Mrs. Slavik when her son Roger moved his family into the original house. Mrs. Helen Slavik served as city clerk from 1965 to 1968.



LOCATION: 418 North Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Kirkland  
 DATE BUILT: 1935  
 BUILDER: Mr. Willis

**M**r. and Mrs. Don Carraway came to Oviedo in 1932 and built this two story frame house three years later of 90% hard pine that they hand picked from the mill and with cypress siding and oak floors. The three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home has high ceilings and many windows, a fireplace in the 30' x 19' living room, a screened front porch and a separate double garage in the back. The plumbing was done by Dozier's of Sanford and the well was dug by Mr. G.M. Arie. This was the first FHA home built in Oviedo.

Mr. Carraway sold the house in 1949 to James Davidson and his daughter, Ruth. After Mr. Davidson's death Ruth sold the house in 1954 to the new high school principal, Stewart Gatchell. In 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faircloth bought the house and made two apartments — one upstairs, one downstairs — and rented them to young couples, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Buckelew. The Buckelews taught in Oviedo High School.

In April of 1966 the Oviedo Land Company bought the house and completely renovated it. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Goree and their sons were the first renters. Mr. Goree was a vice-president of the newly opened Florida Technological University (later renamed University of Central Florida) and was the first of many of the staff and faculty to locate here. From October 1968 to June of 1969 the house was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Conley and family. Then the town's first celebrity of radio and television Sky King fame moved in, Mr. Kirby Grant and family.

The Oviedo Land Company sold the house in January of 1974 to Mr. and Mrs. William Hyatt, and they in turn sold it in 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Kirkland who have made it their home.





LOCATION: 182 South Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Young Harris  
 DATE BUILT: May, 1949  
 BUILDER: Mr. Paul Campbell  
 SURVEYED: Mr. Hagen in 1943

**T**he land on which this attractive one story block house is built is part of a parcel of 159 acres which were homesteaded by Mr. Andrew Aulin in 1876. James and Mary King, parents of Mrs. Nell (George) Morgan, purchased the property in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Harris bought the property and built their home in 1949 and reared their daughter there.

A carport and porch were added in 1954 and a bedroom and bath were another addition to this house in 1961.

Mr. Young Harris served on the city council from 1956 to 1961.

LOCATION: 185 South Central  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Rick Snow  
 DATE BUILT: 1940  
 BUILDER: Mr. Willis



**M**r. and Mrs. Lee H. Gore had Clarence Ashe, a local mason, lay the brick for their one story home and had Mr. Gore's initials built into the chimney.

A semi-circular solarium with red tile floor is on the north side of the house. Mr. Gore had served in the Merchant Marines and used a nautical theme with a port hole from bedroom to solarium and a ship's wheel light fixture in the solarium. The fireplace in the living room is still used.

After Mrs. Cleo Gore Leinhart died the house was sold in 1981 to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Snow.

LOCATION: 275 King Street  
 OWNER: First United Methodist Church of Oviedo  
 DATE BUILT: 1955 (Fellowship Hall and Education Wing added 1958)  
 ARCHITECT: James Gamble Rogers of Winter Park  
 BUILDER: Paul Campbell



**G**round was broken on July 10, 1955, for this beautiful red brick Colonial sanctuary and the first wing of the educational unit. Designed by James Gamble Rogers and built by Paul Campbell, it was constructed at a cost of \$145,000 when Reverend George Carlton was minister. When it was dedicated in 1957 by Bishop John Branscomb, it was debt-free.

Soon after the dedication, a second phase of construction was initiated which included a Fellowship Hall, nursery, church school rooms, and kitchen with connecting loggias surrounding a central courtyard. After this was completed, the old Foster Chapel on the corner was removed — the sanctuary torn down and leaded glass windows given to another church. The education annex was moved to be remodeled for a home. The present church was completed by the placing of the church steeple during an outdoor dedication service in 1963.

The parsonage, constructed at a cost of \$16,000, was first occupied in April, 1951. A concrete Block Youth Building, given by Mrs. B.F. Wheeler, Sr., was dedicated in 1959. The Chapel room, established with the original pulpit furnishings given by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Foster in 1878, was remodeled by descendants of the J.H. Lee, Sr. family who helped to establish the church, and was dedicated in 1974.

Organized church history dates from 1873, with its roots in the community church which served the area in the late 1860s. The Methodist Church property includes acreage given by Henryetta Mitchell in late 1800 and by her sons in 1945 and included the fifteen acres sold as a site for Oviedo High School. The land used for a number of years by Little League is made available by arrangement with the church. The wooded area across from the church on King Street, used for Homecoming picnic dinner, and the Talbott home, behind the church on Lake Jessup Avenue, are also church property.

Reverend Jennings Neeld is the present pastor. Mr. Steve Somers is youth minister.



LOCATION: 193 North Lake Jessup Avenue  
 OWNERS: First United Methodist  
 Church of Oviedo  
 DATE BUILT: 1940  
 BUILDER: Mr. Fred Dyson of Sanford



**M**r. and Mrs. Frank W. Talbott built a home for their family behind the Methodist Church and developed a garden which enhanced both properties. Mr. Talbott, who taught the men's Sunday School class and served his church in so many ways, expressed the desire that his home be made available to the church after he and Mrs. Talbott were gone.

Reverend Bob Gibbs, campus minister of the University of Central Florida, of Valencia Community College, and of Rollins College, lived here with his wife and young daughter in 1980 and 1981 when he assisted as guest minister to the Methodist Church. Steven Sommers, assistant minister and youth director of the Methodist Church, moved here in the spring of 1982 and brought his bride here the following summer.

LOCATION: 71 South Central Avenue  
 OWNER: Dr. E.W. Stoner  
 DATE BUILT: 1951



**T**he Oviedo Clinic was built in 1951 while Lee Gary was mayor on lots given by Mr. C.R. Clonts and Mr. Ted Estes and opened in February of 1952. The building cost \$25,498 and was financed entirely by donations under the leadership of Mr. B.F. Wheeler, Sr. The Oviedo Woman's Club, under the presidency of Marguerite Partin, raised the funds to furnish the reception areas, and the Bethany Circle of the Oviedo Methodist Church published a cook-book and used the profits to purchase the Venetian blinds. At the time of the open house the rooms were filled with flowers sent by well wishers including many Orlando physicians.

The concrete block construction was designed to house two reception areas, two examining rooms, doctor's office, X-ray room, and four patient rooms. In the early years of the clinic, babies were born and tonsils were removed on the premises. After the Winter Park Memorial Hospital opened in February of 1955 these rooms were no longer needed.

Dr. E.W. Stoner was the first physician to operate the clinic and was assisted by his wife, Glenna, a registered nurse. He served the area for twenty-five years and eventually bought the building from the city. At the present time he is the full-time physician of the University of Central Florida and Dr. David Corey rents the building for his medical practice.



LOCATION: 350 South Central Avenue  
 OWNER: Mrs. Elida Slavik  
 DATE BUILT: About 1950  
 BUILDERS: Blaine Edwards & Paul Slavik



The property on which this house stands is about four acres and was part of the Eric Anderson Subdivision. It was owned by Mr. John McCulley, Elida Slavik's father.

The original house on this property was pre-fabricated but was torn down when the present house was built.

This one story frame house is painted white, contains five large rooms, with a screened porch on the north side. All floors are hard wood.

Later the living room, porch and kitchen were remodeled and enlarged. Lots of windows and doors afford cross ventilation. Oak trees shade the well kept front lawn and attractive plants. There are citrus trees behind the house, as well as a vegetable garden planted in the low land on the northeast.

*The mark of a small town is that one's house is always known by the people who lived there before.*



LOCATION: 322 King Street  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCarley  
 DATE BUILT: 1885



George H. Browne came to the Lake Jessup community when he was twenty, about 1871, and clerked for Antonio Solary, a storekeeper on Lake Jessup. In 1887 Browne represented Orange County in the Florida House of Representatives and was chosen Speaker. Sometime during the 1880's Browne built the stately home opposite the First United Methodist Church. About 1879 he married the local schoolteacher, Julia Gaulden, who died the following year. He then married Della Barnett, and ten years later, on account of his wife's illness, he moved with her to the Southwest, where he died in 1911.

By coincidence, the house was later owned by a man who also served in the Florida House of Representatives. He was J.H. King, who came here in 1868, the year before the name of the Lake Jessup community was changed to Oviedo. King served in the Florida House in 1908 and 1909. King and his wife Mary, to whom he was married in 1882, reared three daughters — Anita (Mrs. George C. Crawford), Martha (Mrs. Zach Spinks), and Nell (Mrs. George Morgan). Anita and Nell taught in the Oviedo School. When King died in 1919, it was written of him that "his word was as good as his bond and his life was that of a perfect Christian, doing little acts of kindness and with a pleasant word for everyone." (Adapted from *Oviedo: Biography of a Town*, with permission of the authors, Richard Adicks and Donna Neely)

Mrs. King lived in the house until her death in 1951. Her daughter, Anita Crawford, continued to live here until she moved to St. Leo's where her son, George, was a priest. The house stood vacant until it was bought in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCarley. They restored the house, removing layers of paint, to its original condition.

The first meeting of the Oviedo Historical Society was held here on November 11, 1973. Members were taken on a tour of the home.

Mr. McCarley, who served on the City Council from 1973-75, is currently living in Alabama and has rented the house.





LOCATION: 275 King Street  
 OWNER: First United Methodist Church  
 DATE BUILT: 1951; addition 1970  
 BUILDER: Huggins Bros.



The Bethany Circle of the Woman's Society for Christian Service suggested that the first project of the building fund set up by the church in the 1940's should be a new parsonage. Under the leadership of Kathryn Lawton and Louise Martin projects were developed to support this fund. An attractive three bedroom, concrete block house was built and first lived in by Reverend and Mrs. E.T. Standifer and their sons, Bobby (now a Methodist minister) and Wayne.

Some twenty years later a guest-utility-carport wing was added when the Reverend and Mrs. C.N. Ogg were living here. This construction was under the direction of Mr. C.R. Clonts, chairman of the church building committee.

A garden setting under the oak trees was developed when the parsonage was landscaped along with the church in 1957. Many minister's families expressed their appreciation of its beauty, especially Mrs. Dawsey who had lived under very different circumstances on the mission field in Brazil.

The following ministers and their families have lived here:

Rev. and Mrs. George Carlton, 1954-61  
 Rev. and Mrs. Ben Blackburn, 1961-62  
 Rev. and Mrs. Robert Soka, 1962-Feb. 1964  
 Rev. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Dawsey, 1964-66  
 Rev. and Mrs. Robert R. Barber, 1966-68  
 Rev. and Mrs. C.N. Ogg (fiftieth minister), 1968-71  
 Rev. and Mrs. A. Bradford Dinsmore, 1971-Oct. 1976  
 Rev. and Mrs. Jennings Neeld, Oct. 1976 to present



LOCATION: 424 South Central Avenue  
 OWNER: Mrs. Jessie Shaffer  
 DATE BUILT: 1950  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers, Inc. Orlando



This one story white concrete block house was built for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaffer who moved to Oviedo from Melbourne in the mid-forties when The Citizens Bank was organized. Mr. Shaffer was the first cashier of the bank. The house has three bedrooms, bath, large living room and kitchen. The porch between the house and garage was later windowed in and converted into a family room.

The focal point of the attractively planted grounds is an old, very large live oak tree with wide spreading branches near the front entrance to the house.



LOCATION: 343 South Central Avenue  
 OWNER: J. Emmett Kelsey  
 DATE BUILT: 1888



This home was built around 1888 by Andrew John McCulley who came to Oviedo at age 19 from Pennsylvania. He married a Swedish woman who arrived in Oviedo by rowing across Lake Jessup and who became employed by Andrew Aulin.

The home was originally built as a one story three room dwelling but later additions accommodated their family of six children, until it became an eight room, two story house with a front and back porch.

Mr. McCulley drilled many of the original wells in the township. His daughter, Dora Kelsey, lived there until the time of her death, and now her oldest son, Emmett, resides in the home.



LOCATION: 401 South Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Dr. and Mrs. Peter  
 C.H. Pritchard  
 DATE BUILT: 1886  
 BUILDER: Unknown



he original owner of the three story wood-frame house was Andrew Aulin, the man who named our town. The house is built on lots 2 and 3, Block A of Aulin's Addition to Oviedo at the intersection of what was then Bay Street, now Central Avenue, and Main Street, now Hillcrest Drive. This was part of a tract of 159.94 acres homestead by Andrew Aulin in 1876. The land was bought at \$1.25 per acre for a total of \$200.00.

The house has high ceilings, many windows, typical of the era in which it was built, and a porch across the front, part of which has been screened. The panes in the many windows were hand blown. The house was heated by six fire-places, four of which are still in use. The house also has the original light fixtures.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Enoch Partin purchased the home in 1919 and lived there with their son and daughter. Mr. Partin resided there until his death in 1950.

Mr. Tom Bowser purchased it in 1970. He had a swimming pool installed and added a large rumpus room and bath on the north side of the house in 1972. He renovated the interior of the house and put a picket fence around the property.

Mr. Bowser sold the property to the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard in 1976. They completely renovated the bathroom, among other interior renovations, and had the original outside window blinds restored and repainted green, their original color. They also converted the rumpus room into a room to house tanks containing many varieties of turtles. Dr. Pritchard is recognized world-wide for his knowledge of turtles and other animals and has shared his expertise by lecturing in many countries.



LOCATION: 855 South Lake Jessup Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Philpot  
 DATE BUILT: 1956  
 BUILDER: Mr. A.W. Meares of  
 New Smyrna Beach



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ward, Jr. built this one story brick ranch style house with an attractive tile roof in 1956 on the edge of a grove acquired from his father. In 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Ward, who have two sons and three daughters, moved to Mead Manor and Mr. Ward began developing the orange grove into the Grove Hill subdivision. Mr. Ben Ward served on the city council from 1960 to 1963, and from 1970 to 1972.

The house was rented to Dr. and Mrs. G.L. Baker when he moved here from Montana to be a professor of chemistry at the University of Central Florida (then Florida Technological University). It was rented to others until 1978 when it was purchased by Mr. Ward's cousin and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Philpot, who reside here now with their two children.

LOCATION: 93 N. Lake Jessup Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morris  
 DATE BUILT: 1932



aptain" Meredith Brock, who came to Oviedo before 1870, built a large two-story frame house with a flat, tarred roof where he lived with his wife, Martha, and step-son, J.H. King. When Miss Nell King married Mr. George Morgan they built this one story frame house on the same spot where her grandparents' old house had once stood, set under the same large oak trees and framed by the orange grove set out by her family before the turn of the century.

The north windows of the house look toward the Methodist Church in which her father and her husband were so active. The ministers and their families were treated as part of the Morgan family. The oak grove bordering the property on King Street, for many years used by the church for parking and for the annual Homecoming picnic dinners, was deeded to the church before Mrs. Morgan's death. Their lovely azalea-camellia garden was enjoyed by all who passed and their dahlias were shared with many friends.

After Mr. Morgan's death the house was sold in 1974 to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morris bought the house in 1978, moving here from North Carolina.



LOCATION: 402 South Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Dr. & Mrs. W.W. Young  
 DATE BUILT: 1927  
 BUILDER: Mr. Fisher



he original owner of this two story wood house was Mrs. Augusta D. Covington, on property bought from Mr. Dan Denmark of Valdosta, Georgia, brother of Mrs. Covington. This eight room house is built of pine, the exterior stained. All the floors are of oak. A fireplace in the living room is still in use.

Outstanding landscaping with many varieties of camellias and azaleas around the house and in the large garden behind the house made this a show place in winter and spring. By her generous gifts of plants and knowledge, Mrs. Covington encouraged many Oviedo home owners to beautify their own property.

In 1935 a guest house was built in the garden. During the second World War, this building was used for meetings of the Oviedo's Woman's Club while their club house was being used as a center for Red Cross work.

Mr. and Mrs. Oreon Burnett lived here with Mrs. Burnett's sister, Mrs. Covington, until she died in 1958. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett continued to occupy the home until their deaths, he in 1968, and she in 1971.

Dr. and Mrs. Young purchased the house in 1972 and added a large screened back porch in 1977. Dr. Young is a professor of political science at the University of Central Florida.



LOCATION: 456 South Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. J. Wes Evans  
 DATE BUILT: About 1885  
 BUILDER: Mr. Isaacs



his one story eight room frame house was originally on the corner of Hillcrest Drive and South Central Avenue. Reverend R.W. Lawton purchased the house in 1902 as a wedding gift for his son, W.J. Lawton and his bride, Lillian Lee Lawton. They lived in it until 1913 when they sold it and it was moved across the street to its present location.

Mr. Jim McGowan purchased it in 1920 adding a kitchen and dining-room. After several years Mr. and Mrs. McGowan moved to Zellwood and their son, Jimmy and his wife lived in the house for a year or two. Ruth Davidson and her father occupied the house in 1947 and 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. John Evans purchased the house in 1949 remodeling it by adding a bathroom and two bedrooms. In 1954 a multi-purpose Florida room was built as a party room, for house guests, and for use by Cub Scouts. The Evans and their four boys were involved in scouting for many years. Another major remodeling in 1958 changed the roof line and rebuilt the porches. A tennis court was built adjacent to the house in 1962.

A large rose bed and garden with flowering trees annuals make this backyard a spectacular attraction at all seasons of the year.

In 1980 Mr. and Mrs. Wes Evans purchase the house and are currently residing there.



LOCATION: 340 South Lake Jessup Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Evans  
 DATE BUILT: 1927  
 BUILDERS: Kiehl and Stevens of Orlando



n 1901 Mr. B.F. Wheeler, Sr., bought the ten acre orange grove with a two-story white frame house from his uncle, Mr. R.J. Lawton, as a home for himself and his mother. In 1908 he was married to Miss George Lee. Later purchases added more grove acreage to the original property.

In 1927 the house was moved to a nearby location on Clark Street in the manner of that time with mules pulling it down the hill on large wooden logs and along the dirt road to its new location — a fascinating procedure for the three children of the family to watch. The Wheelers lived in the Tingley house across the street while the present Georgian-Colonial home was under construction. The two story brick house with columned entry and classic proportions was landscaped soon after it was finished.

The camellia trees near the front entry were planted at that time. The rose garden was added in 1950, and has been redesigned several times.

When the Oviedo Woman's Club sponsored a civic beautification program in 1967, Mrs. Wheeler and her neighbors, the Tedfords, developed a mini park near the railroad at the foot of the hill. It was another expression of the sense of civic responsibility and hospitality which was a hallmark of the longtime citizens of the town.

Mr. Wheeler who served on the city council from 1925 to 1931, died in 1954 and Mrs. Wheeler continued to live here until her death at the age of ninety-five in June 1980.

A daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Sr., who now live in this home, have remodeled the kitchen and added a loggia connecting the back entry to the garage and have redesigned the plantings in that area.

Mr. Evans served on the Seminole County School Board from 1961 to 1969 at the time that many new schools, including Oviedo High School, were built and others remodeled. He also helped plan and build the Seminole County Hospital while serving for 23 years on the Hospital Board.

LOCATION: 343 Lake Jessup Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Ward  
 DATE BUILT: 1960  
 BUILDER: Mr. George Jakubcin



This property was owned for many years by Mr. Fred Tingley of Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, who brought his family down to spend the winters in a house built before the 1895 freeze. Mr. Tingley increased the size of the original orange grove and when Mr. Ben Ward bought the property he planted still more citrus acreage, part of which his sons have now developed as Windmeadows subdivision.

The original house, rented at times, once to Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Clonts in 1926 and 27, was torn down in 1960 by Mr. Bob Ward who had acquired it from his father, and the present eight room brick ranch style home was built. In 1970 a master bedroom, a garage wing with bedroom and playroom, and a swimming pool off the family room were added to supply the needs of a growing family with five children.

Mr. Robert Ward served on the city council from 1964 to 1967.



LOCATION: 469 South Central Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. David Evans  
 DATE BUILT: 1927-28  
 BUILDER: Mr. Smith, Orlando



This one story Spanish design stucco home is typical of many houses built in Florida in the twenties and early thirties. The original owner was Mr. W.J. Varn whose family lived in the house until it was sold to Mr. Ben Ward about 1936.

Mr. Ward had a solid copper roof put on the house and lived there with his family until they moved from Oviedo. Mr. and Mrs. Stalnick resided there until they sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holloway about 1972. They enclosed the garage making it into a family room and removed the wall between the breakfast room and the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. David Evans purchased the house from the Holloways in 1975. The Evans landscaped the yard and redecorated and refurbished the interior and exterior, adding awnings, a rear deck and installed central heating and air conditioning.

Mr. David Evans served on the city council from 1976 to 1980.





LOCATION: 28 Hillcrest Drive  
OWNERS: Mr. W.J. Lawton, Jr. and Miss Kathryn Lawton  
BUILT: 1913



Mr. and Mrs. Winborn Joseph Lawton, both native Oviedians and life-long residents, built this wooden home in 1913 and reared their four children here. This was the first house built in Oviedo since before the big freeze of 1895.

Original house on the property was a small one story frame residence, given to them by Mr. Lawton's father, Reverend R.W. Lawton, as a wedding gift in 1902. Before the present house was constructed, the small house was moved across the street.

The property, at the corner of Hillcrest Drive and Central Avenue, is covered with large trees, including citrus trees, flowering trees, shrubs, ferns, and flowers.

The house is built of seasoned pine. It has high ceilings, wood floors, wide baseboards and picture moldings. There are eight rooms and two baths. Several years ago the parlor was converted into a downstairs bedroom and bath.

The screen doors have original decorative frames, while all the wood doors, inside and outside, have molded panelings. The front door has a plate glass panel and is flanked by side panels of glass. The porches across the front and east side were originally open and are now screened. There are four fireplaces, two with decorative ceramic tile, which were used until 1939 when central heat was installed.

Mr. Lawton, who is credited with being largely instrumental in getting Oviedo incorporated in 1925, served on the first town council along with C.L. West, B.F. Wheeler, L.E. Jordan, and Tom Hollingsworth.



LOCATION: 145 Hillcrest Drive  
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Helliard  
DATE BUILT: 1948  
BUILDER: Mr. Paul Campbell



Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Martin built a two bedroom home of twelve-inch Tampa siding with wooden floors on this lot given to them by her father, Mr. B.F. Wheeler, who had bought the property from Mr. Haig. In 1953 a bedroom, bath, sewing room, dining room and large living room were added.

The first home swimming pool in Oviedo was built behind the house in 1962. This large screened area, including landscaped patio and dressing rooms, was an ideal setting for many parties given by the Martins and their daughter and son. The oak shaded grounds feature azaleas, camellias, various shrubs, separate storage building and a green-house, as well as a large rose garden.

Mr. Martin served on the city council for twelve years and while president of the council in 1968, worked diligently toward the installation of the city water system.

The property was sold by the Martins in July of 1981 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Helliard who reside here with their son and daughter. Mr. Helliard, a native Australian, has been in this country only a few years.



LOCATION: 146 Hillcrest Drive  
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. W. Rex Clonts  
DATE BUILT: 1951



Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Kimble and their three daughters lived in an old wooden house that burned completely in the 1920's on this property, lots 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 of Block C of Andrew Aulin's addition to Oviedo. Mr. Kimble sold the land to Mrs. Essie Mae Clonts who in turn sold to her son in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Clonts built their one story block home in two sections, using the family and dining rooms of the first section built in 1951 as bedrooms until the second section, containing four bedrooms and two baths, was built in 1954. With the help of his uncle, Boyd Clonts, Rex Clonts built the second addition himself, contracting only the plumbing, tiling and final roof. Here they reared their two sons and three daughters.

The property contains several oak trees and dogwoods, has a broad lawn, and is landscaped with azaleas, with a tangerine grove in the back.

Mr. Rex Clonts served on the city council from 1956 to 1968.



LOCATION: 92 Wood Street  
OWNERS: Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Whipper  
DATE BUILT: 1914



This attractive bungalow containing two bedrooms, bath, kitchen and large livingroom, has hardwood floors, with the livingroom paneled chair-rail height.

The house is the original Oviedo Woman's Club House, bought by the Whippers in 1958 and moved to its present location from downtown Oviedo by Henry McAlister of Sanford on a house-mover. The original brick foundation was used. Partitions were put in for all rooms except the kitchen which was retained intact. The front porch has been replaced with the east end being screened and a back porch added. Plaster cracked and fell during the house moving, necessitating the sheetrock ceiling and walls.

The Club House was constructed in 1914 at a cost of \$1,500.00 when Mrs. M.M. King gave the property on which it was built. His son-in-law, Mr. Zack Spinks, gave the shingles for exterior walls and roof. It was located on South Central Avenue on lots 3 and 6 in Aulin's Plan, north of the old Seaboard Railroad station. Mrs. H.B. McCall was president, Mrs. W.J. Lawton, secretary and Mrs. B.F. Wheeler, treasurer. Mrs. Theodore Meade donated bookcases and the first books for a library. She was the first librarian, keeping the library open only on Saturday afternoons. Mrs. W.P. Carter was later librarian for many years, with the library open five days a week.

The Oviedo Woman's Club began as a magazine exchange group in 1906 with a membership of ten ladies with Mrs. McCall president. It met weekly, grew rapidly, and became the present Oviedo Woman's Club, a service organization that has been involved in most of the civic improvements in town for seventy-five years. The Club property was sold in 1961 when a new club house was built on King Street.





LOCATION: 101 Hillcrest Drive  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Teague  
 DATE BUILT: 1950  
 BUILDER: Huggins Brothers



Mr. Allison, a section foreman on the Seaboard Railroad, his wife and three daughters lived in a two story wooden house that once stood on this property (and the neighboring 1 1/2 lots). It burned down in the 20's. Mr. Haig, a northerner, sold the property to B.F. Wheeler who sold to C.R. Clonts who deeded the land to his son. C.R. Clonts, Jr. sold the lot to Mr. and Mrs. Teague who built this five room, block home in 1950 and reared their son here. The yard is beautifully landscaped with towering oaks, magnolias, citrus trees and flower beds. A greenhouse in the back yard features several hundred orchids.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Teague were with the Seminole County School System until retirement. Mr. Teague served as principal of the local school in the forties and early fifties. For the last twenty-two of his forty-one years of service he was the County Assistant Superintendent in charge of Finance. Katherine Teague taught the third grade.



LOCATION: 118 Hillcrest Drive  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. John Ridenour  
 DATE BUILT: 1947 and 1951  
 ARCHITECT: E.J. Moughton  
 BUILDER: Mr. Paul Campbell



one-story frame house, built high off the ground before 1895, once stood on this lot. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leinhart and their three small children rented the house from about 1898 to 1903. According to Mary Leinhart Wright, Steen Nelson's family lived here before her family did. In the early years of this century, possibly from 1903 to 1913, Mr. Tom Dean, a section foreman for the railroad, lived here with his wife and daughter, Jewel, and rented a room to a Miss Hansel, the local school teacher from Pinecastle. The W.J. Lawton family lived here for six months in 1913 while their new house was being built.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Sauer, Sr. bought the house in 1921, the year they moved to Oviedo, and reared their son, A.D., Jr., here. After Mrs. Sauer's death, Mr. Sauer sold the house to Mrs. Essie Mae Clonts in the late 1930's and she, in turn, sold it to her son in 1946. They rented the house to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Teague from 1943 to 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roy Clonts, Jr. built a small house to the rear of the lot in 1947 with blocks that Mr. Clonts had made himself as a partner in the short lived Clonts and Staley Block Company. In 1951 the old wooden house was torn down and the three bedroom, block house was built, joining the small structure built earlier. Roy Clonts died in 1952. Sparks Lee Clonts later married John Ridenour, and they reared her son and his three daughters here.

A brick patio enclosed by a three foot tall block wall has an array of crotons and other plants grouped around a central citrus tree. A greenhouse in the back yard shelters orchids and various other tender plants. The attractively planted front yard is highlighted with thirteen huge old live oak trees in two groups.



LOCATION: 117 Hillcrest Drive  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mikler  
 DATE BUILT: 1957  
 BUILDERS: Mr. Bill Jenkins  
 Mr. Jack Jenkins



In the early part of this century a Mr. Allison, a section foreman for the Seaboard Railroad, lived with his wife and three daughters in a two-story wood house on this property (with the adjoining 1½ lots). After it burned, a northerner, Mr. Haig, sold the property to B.F. Wheeler who in turn sold the east half to C.R. Clonts who deeded the land to his son. C.R. Clonts, Jr. sold the lot to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mikler who built the one-story block home in 1957 and reared their four children there.

In 1959 an extension of a "Grandmother's Apartment" was completed which contained a bedroom, bath and kitchenette.

The sloping yard has huge shade oaks and a carpet-like lawn with flower gardens and a landscaped, brick patio.

Mr. Paul Mikler, a native of Slavia, received his first twelve years of schooling in the local school. Except for three years in the army, he taught social studies and coached at Oviedo High School from 1941 until his retirement in 1978. Mrs. Virginia Mikler taught in the local high school from 1941-43 and later served as librarian for 20 years until her retirement.



LOCATION: 62 Hillcrest Drive  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Clonts  
 DATE BUILT: 1890



Reverend R.W. Lawton was an early minister of the First Baptist Church and was also a citrus grower. He and his wife built this house and reared their five children here.

The house was sold in 1927 to Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Clonts by Robert Lawton, Jr., son of the original owner.

This stately old home is a two story wooden structure with ten rooms. There are four fireplaces. The living room features a large bay window on the north side of the house. Original open porches on both the north and east sides are still in use.

The home was designed for running water inside although a cistern was utilized outside. A Delco system furnished light before electricity became available in Oviedo in 1925.

The stately grounds, with towering oaks, well trimmed shrubs, a wide variety of camellias, azaleas and other flowers, make this one of the most attractive homesites in Oviedo. At the entrance to the front walk where an original hitching post with a snap chain used to be, one can still see the old attachment.

Mrs. Clonts china and oil paintings are displayed throughout the house.

Mr. Clonts served on the city council from 1930 to 1933 and served as a local school trustee through the 1930's and into the 40's.



LOCATION: 626 South Lake Jessup Avenue  
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Conley  
 DATE BUILT: 1887  
 BUILDERS: South Florida Railroad,  
 Plant System



his depot was built on the corner of Broadway and Station in downtown Oviedo in 1887. Captain William Browning was the first conductor of the old Plant System railroad that eventually became part of the Seaboard Coastline. Mr. C.D. Crutchfield was the first stationmaster.

The following excerpts describe the depot in the 19th century:  
 From "The South's Publishing Company's" Florida State Gazetteer and Business Directory, Volume I - 1886-87

Oviedo — Orange County

Pop. 48 — Andrew Aulin, postmaster. First settled in 1879. Situated on Sanford and Indian River Division of the South Florida Railroad, 16 miles northeast of Orlando, the county seat (nearest bank, express, and telegraph station). Had a hotel, two stores, steam saw and planing mill, Methodist, Baptist and Union churches; mails daily except Sunday. Oranges and vegetables are the principal shipments. The place will be a regular station on the above line of road. A depot is being constructed. Lands sell at \$25 to \$3,000 per acre.

From "Gate City" Rte. South Florida Railroad, Plant System 1887:

After we come around Jessup we skip into a flat of smoky pools and then a quiet old fashioned country road pokes out in a bo-peep fashion and goes swaggering across the rails to hide on the "bay head" beyond. As the eye turns from following, it flushes a rambling rail fence and raw clearing, and then a cabbage patch; respectable burgher-like cabbage too, broad in the girth, solid in the base; then the blank end of a church and belfry, neat offices and cottages. A street comes lilting down the hillside from a "sightly", i.e. picturesque dwelling on its crown. It is peaked and porticoed in a feather of vines and foliage and orange groves, kitchen gardens, stabling. Why yes, it is a town — Oviedo.

The old depot was moved in 1969 to the property of Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Conley on South Lake Jessup Avenue. The Seaboard Coastline was building a new station elsewhere and Nelson and Company was expanding and needed the property the station was on. The Conleys hope to have this old depot registered as an historic landmark, restore it and preserve it. Mr. Conley served on the city council from 1971 to 1973.

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