



Maude Mooney, always a performer. Her stone proclaims, "Final Curtain".



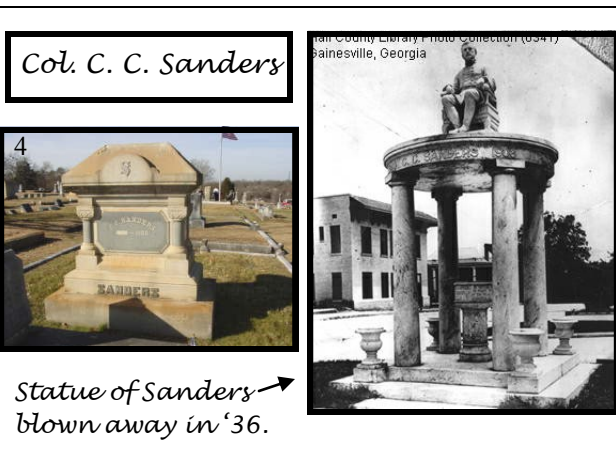
Luther B. Bridgers, noted song writer and evangelist. Wrote the song "He Keeps Me Singing."



Dr. Butler was the first black member of the Gainesville Board of Education in 1950.



Reportedly Hand Carved in Italy



Col. C. C. Sanders



Statue of Sanders blown away in '36.



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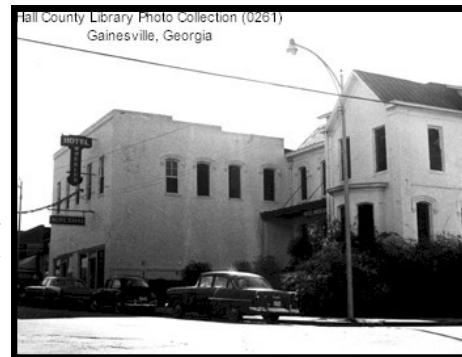


Two former Georgia Governors and the son of a third Georgia Governor are buried in Alta Vista Cemetery.



In 1925, James H. Hunt was considered to be the largest taxpayer in Hall County.

The Wheeler Hotel, built around 1931. It began operation as a hotel and coffee shop.



The Brown Family Cemetery was moved from just off the downtown square to make way for the construction of The Wheeler Hotel.

A WALKING TOUR GUIDE TO ALTA VISTA CEMETERY

Alta Vista is owned and operated by the City of Gainesville. It is a historic cemetery that has been in continuous operation since its establishment over 150 years ago.

This brochure has been created to assist visitors to Alta Vista.

For prices on lots, or mausoleum spaces please call the Cemetery Office which is open Mondays—Fridays. Phone: 770 535.6883



Lt. General James Longstreet

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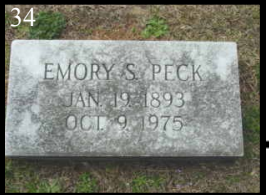


Sign located on Jesse Jewell Parkway honoring The Poultry Pioneer.

Capt. Venable was reportedly in possession of a 200 year old family trunk that had been brought from England loaded with gold.

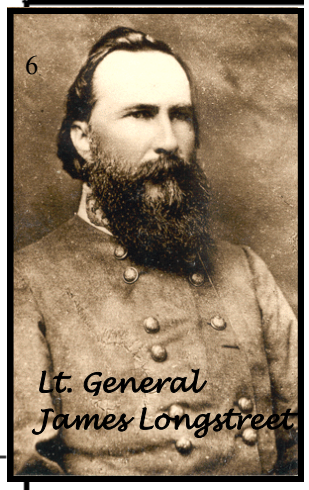
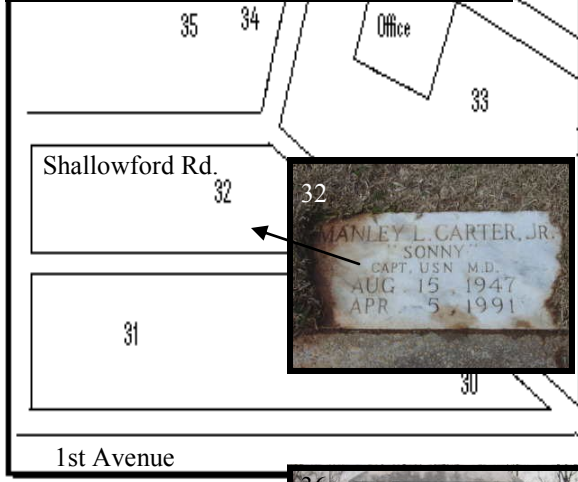


1st Mayor of Gainesville



WALKING TOUR STOPS

- Jesse Jewell– Led Gainesville to become “The Poultry Capital Of The World.”
- Susie Roberts– One of the “Ladies of the Lake.”
- William Kittrell– Gainesville Police Chief killed in the line of duty.
- Col. C. C. Sanders– Confederate soldier, and banker. Statue of Col. Sanders was blown away by “The Tornado of ‘36.”
- Harold W. Telford– His memorial stone simply states “Lost in the Alps.”
- Lt. Gen. James Longstreet– Confederate soldier.
- Daniel Boone– No, not the famous frontiersman.
- Capt. John Venable– Confederate soldier.
- Governor James M. Smith– Georgia Governor.
- Governor Allen D. Candler– Georgia Governor.
- Gen Richard Venable– One of our older graves.
- Estes’ Lot– A monument reportedly hand carved in Italy.
- Della Parker Young– One of the “Ladies of the Lake.”
- Crippled Jim Smith– A chair maker.
- Dr. Richard Banks– The Georgia Legislature honored Dr. Banks by naming Banks County in his name.
- Pickrell Lot– Col. Pickrell may have been one of the earlier residents of Green Street. The family was from Nantucket and one on this lot is thought to have been killed by a whale.
- Joe McDonald Vandiver– Stone says “Lost at Sea.” Also on this lot is Bedney J. McDonald son of Georgia Governor Charles J. McDonald.
- William Pugh Smith– First Mayor of Gainesville. Mayor Smith’s son (Robert H. Smith) was Gainesville’s first paid Fire Chief.
- Pearce Lot– Haywood J. Pearce was the first student to enroll at Riverside Military Academy. Haywood Pearce became President of Brenau College until his death in 1943.



Lt. General James Longstreet



Other notable stops will be included in a later edition.

- Dr. E. E. Butler– Noted Gainesville physician.
- Mattie Moon– Education leader of Gainesville and Hall County.
- Luther B. Bridgers– Composer of the famous Christian Hymn “He Keeps Me Singing.”
- American Legion Lot– Veteran’s Area. A flag pole was placed here by the Chicopee Legion Post. The flag pole lasted around 75 years before being replaced in 2000.
- James H. Hunt– Gainesville businessman.
- David T. Harris– Confederate soldier and member of “The Immortal 600.”
- Pruitt / Barrett Mausoleum– Mr. Barrett, a local businessman, was killed in “The Tornado of ‘36.”
- Boring / Koerber Mausoleum– No information but it is a beautiful Mausoleum.
- Gen. Sandy Beaver– President of Riverside Military Academy in 1913. Became sole owner in 1915.
- D.A.R. Lot– Graves of two soldiers from the American Revolution.
- Tornado of ‘36 Victims– Unknown Dead.
- Minor W. Brown - A family plot relocated from the downtown Gainesville Square. The Hall County Library Headquarters now occupies this site.
- Manley Lanier “Sonny” Carter– Astronaut. Flew Space Shuttle Mission STS-33. Carter had 160 carrier landings.
- Maude Mooney– Circus trapeze performer.
- Emory Peck– Music Professor at Brenau College. Composer of the song “Sing And Be Happy.”
- B.P. Byrd– Railroad employee His stone has the likeness of an old steam engine.
- Merritt J. Cofer– Confederate soldier. 14th Georgia Regiment.