

PLANT CITY AFRICAN AMERICAN SELFIE TOUR



HISTORIC WHO'S WHO

Attorney Theodore Taylor- He was the first African American from Plant City to obtain his law degree and the first African American to acquire space in downtown Plant City and restore a historic building.

Mr. Earl Sykes- Served as principal of Marshall High School and was the first African American to integrate at Plant City High School. Currently lives across from Marshall Middle School and can often be found heading out to fish on weekends. When asked who was his most challenging student; he just smiles.

Ms. Leola McDonald- She is the oldest living descendant of a Confederate Soldier and Slave romance. She is also the oldest living teacher that has taught in Plant City. She lives in Bealsville, near Springhead.

Mr. Willie Thomas - First African American Reporter to be employed by a Plant City Newspaper (Courier). He lives in Riverview but can be caught on Facebook under (Plant City Past and Present) and is often hanging around in Plant City. You can catch him by cell phone (813) 293-1778. Hey need a selfie!

Mr. Reaves of Reaves Barbershop- One of the last and remaining African American Barbers that still cuts hair 50 years later. He also owned a grocery store during the 1930s to 1960s. His barbershop and store front are on MLK near the Railroad Museum. Just across the railroad tracks.

Mr. Terry Thomas Sr.- Plant City oldest surviving baseball player who played in the Negro Baseball League. He doesn't mind the calls to catch up with him to get a selfie between 10am and 4pm. 813-716-4120.

Mr. Bennie Paul Coffee- Part of PCHS first integrated football squad and championship, FAMU Football Championship and Defensive Player of the Year NFL Detroit Lions. He can be found via social media.

CURRENT WHO'S WHO

Ms. Zee owner of Top Shelf Bar & Grill- Currently the only African American Millennial who owns a business in the heart of downtown & Main Street Plant City.

Law Offices of Williams & Moore - Catch either one of these attorneys practicing law out of their office across from the Hospital. They were mentored by Attorney Theodore Taylor.

Pastor Pee Wee Callins- A dynamic and well known pastor of Greater New Hope Church. One of the youngest spiritual leaders ever, has done gospel tours with the likes of Shirley Caesar, held services at the Strawberry Festival and serves as chaplain for Plant City High School sporting teams. You can catch him on the sidelines at PCHS basketball games.

(813-293-1778 cell or 813-677-5210)

Sam Miller of Sam Miller Productions- Sam is the most successful DJ to come out of Plant City. This humble man has provided technical support for nearly every venue in Plant City and surrounding area to include cruise ships. He plays a number of instruments. You can catch him driving the iconic red & white monster truck.

Ms. Ginger Forte- Recently had her jersey retired from Plant City High School as the leading female scorer whose records are yet to be broken.

Horace Broadnax- Recently had his jersey retired from Plant City High School as having the most successful career. Currently Head Coach for Savannah State but can be caught on facebook.

Russell Evans- Recently had his jersey retired from Plant City High School as the ALL TIME leading scorer in both basketball and football in Hillsborough County. His records have “yet” to be broken. He lives in Plant City and is often at Plant City High School Gym working with players.

Derrick Gainer-FAMU Football Running Back and 2 Time Super Bowl Champ with Dallas Cowboys.

Kenny Kelly-University of Miami, Major League Baseball and drafted by Devil Rays. Get a selfie posing with a baseball or baseball bat.

Ms. Chevelle Hallback- Female Pro Boxing Champ. You can find her on social media. Get a selfie with her with your fist pumped or pose with her boxing gloves. “I am the greatest!!!”

*Please note that all of these individuals have given permission and approved to be captured by selfie!

HISTORIC PLACES

Bing House Museum built in 1921

Marshall Middle School Gym (outside), built in 1948

MLK Recreation Center built 1950s

Marie B. Ellis Park named after a famous photographer. Once served as baseball field

Snowden Park

Sam Cooper Park/Lake named after a longtime NAACP leader

Plant City Photo Archives & History Center in downtown has over 100,000 pictures

Glover School in Bealsville was founded in 1868

Bealsville Recreation Center (historic marker) notes the founding of this community

Holloman Midwife House – now this one is off road and a bit difficult to find (Horton Road)

Ruby Lee's Fruit and Art Stand –directly on State Road 60. Her paintings are in the Smithsonian

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church founded in 1884- See the historic bell

Owner Pocket Change Beauty Supply – near Feltons Meat & Produce

Felton's Meat & Produce- The late Felton Williams provided the best cuts of meat and produce to the African American Businesses that once thrived on Laura Street and spoke out against segregation.

HISTORIC CHURCHES

Bethel MBC

Allen Chapel

Mt. Olive, Ball Street

Mt. Moriah

St. Mary's Church

St. Luke's Church

St. Luke Independent Church

Laura Street Church of Christ

St. Mark Church, former Coronet Housing Church

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY SELFIES????

Now you can ask to be friends with the Plant City Bing House facebook page and post your selfies OR post via Instagram #PlantCityMLK.

The first 3 to obtain the most if not all the selfies listed wins a cash prize (\$50.00 visa gift card).

Bing House Museum hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am to 5pm; and Saturday 10am to 3pm.

Be Plant City!!!

Improvement League of Plant City, CDC

Host of the Annual Plant City MLK Festival

www.plantcitymlkfestival.com

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