

GULFPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Chronology

Built 1913

Served as Methodist Church 1913-1956

Moved across street 1956

Served as Scout Hall 1956-1964

Served as Red Cross-Air Patrol Building 1964-1975

Served as GEMS Building 1975-1983

Dedicated as Museum Building, Nostalgia Day, 1984

Documents

"Gulfport Historical Museum," by Frances Purdy, text for Story of Gulfport, 1983

"A Tour of Old Gulfport," brochure, May, 1986

Nostalgia Day flyer, April 11, 1987

"Development of the Gulfport Historical Society," by Frances Purdy, August, 1990. 25 pages, typewritten, photocopy

Gulfport Historical Society Sesquicentennial Calendar of Events

The Gulfport Historian, newsletter of the Gulfport Historical society, 1982-98

Designation Report on the Gulfport Historical Society Museum Building, by the City of Gulfport Historic Preservation Committee, May 21, 1996

Scrapbooks of the Gulfport Historical Society assembled by Frances Purdy

In cartons in store room: Before 1989, 1989-1994, 1994-1997

In three-ring notebooks in store room: 1987-89, 7/1999-12/1999, 12/1999-3/2000, 4/2000-8/2000, 10/2000-2/2001, 2/2001-5/2001

Nostalgia Day 2000

Album of *Gulfport Historians*, beginning to 1997

Album chronicling the 1999 renovation of the Museum interior

Invitation to Gulfport's 90th Birthday, October 14, 2000

Newspaper Articles

"Historical Museum Opens," *Gulfport Gabber*, April 19, 1984

"Gulfport council wants abbreviated historical carnival," by Mark Schantz, *St. Petersburg Independent*, undated, 1980s

"Residents call birthday bash a sweet taste of Gulfport's past," by Mike Copeland, *Tampa Tribune*, October 6, 1990

"Art paints a picture of Gulfport history," by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*, undated, 1990s

"85 candles light Gulfport's cake," by Mike Jackson, *St. Petersburg Times*, October 7, 1995

"Historic Restoration," *St. Petersburg Times*, April 14, 1996

"Gulfport celebrates its founding Saturday," by Susan Eastman, *St. Petersburg Times*, October 8, 1997

"Historical society is planning to restore its own piece of past," by Christina Headrick, *St. Petersburg Times*, 1998

Obituaries

With a Tear and a Smile, tribute to Jan Cook

“Catherine Hickman, 65, historical society leader,” by Romaine Kosharsky, *St. Petersburg Times*, December 23, 1994
Atkinson, Mary P., *St. Petersburg Times*, June 29, 2010 and service program

Photos



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Church building in original location



Church building ready to move, 1956



In use as a Red Cross building, c. 1970



Acquired by the Historical Society, 1984



Opening the Museum, Catherine Hickman, Mayor Clymer, Judy Ryerson, three others



At the Millennium



Museum postcard, 1990s

Video