

THE BOOK OF STREETS 44TH STREET SOUTH

Within Gulfport's city limits, 44th Street South runs only one block, from 26th Avenue to Clam Bayou. Its original name was **Palm Street**. Though not within Gulfport's boundaries, the following addresses belonged to Gulfport citizens: **1734**, Castell Sawyer, 1944-1945; **1744**, Clarence Stefanski, 1939; Elmer Morrison, 1944; **1926**, Ernest White, 1945 and Chris Hansen, 1945-1947; **2035**, Lawrence Nash, 1938-9; **2120**, Frank Moulton, 1929-1947; **2211**, Percy Roberts, 1935-6; and **2317**, Henry Leonardi, 1935-6

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2645, **2649**, and **2658** demolished

2650 demolished

2651 (early address 2437 44th Street South)

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45TH STREET SOUTH

Though not within Gulfport's borders, **1702** was the home of Walter Williams in 1930.

46TH STREET SOUTH

46th Street runs from 26th Avenue South to 29th Avenue South; its original name was Grove Avenue

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47TH STREET SOUTH

47th Street runs from 26th Avenue South to 29th Avenue South; its original name was Florida Avenue. Of interest, though not within Gulfport's borders is **3715**, in 1930 the home of Roland Girard.

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2626 Picture *Gulfport Tribune* January 28, 1949

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48TH STREET SOUTH

Within Gulfport's boundaries, 48th Street South runs from 26th Avenue South to 29th Avenue South; its original name was Bedford Avenue.

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2616 (original address, 320 Bedford Avenue)

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49TH STREET SOUTH

The original name of 49th Street South was Disston Avenue, and for awhile it was known as Disston Boulevard. From the Gulfport border at 7th Avenue South to Gulfport Boulevard, it is today primarily commercial property, and there are few buildings remaining from the historic period. The Whitted family lived at about 11th Avenue at the turn of the 20th century. In 1915 the home of farmer Charles Pirrington was listed as **west side of Disston near Tangerine, one lot south of 10th Street**. In this area were also the homes of John and Jane Daniels (the castle) and Henry and Georgia DeBarry. In 1916, other people living in this vicinity were the Coppinses, the Ermatingers, and Pearl George.

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901 (moved)
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1801

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1938
2148**

South of Gulfport Boulevard 49th Street becomes more residential. South of 26th Avenue, both sides of the street are within Gulfport's borders. In the 1915 directory, the home of Ephraim and Nancy Cooper is listed as **west side of Disston two lots north of 27th Avenue**. Also in 1915, the homes of Lawrence Renney, the town marshal, and Henry Webb were listed as **east side of Disston near 27th**. Henry and Mary Slaughter, John and Grace Morrison, and Walter and Maggie Roberts were listed as **west side of Disston near 27th**.

2201 (4902 Gulfport Boulevard)

2301

2321

2309

2231/2321?

2417 (original address, west side of Disston Boulevard, 2 north of 6th Street)

2421 (original address, west side of Disston Boulevard, one north of 6th Street; also two lots north of Harding)

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2702

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2719 (moved)

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2800

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2902 (no longer listed)

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50TH STREET SOUTH

This street runs in bits and pieces: from 8th to 9th Avenues, from 25th to 26th Avenues, and from 27th to 31st and the Bay. The latter segment was originally known as Palm Avenue. The 1928 home of Sam and Clara Thompson was given as **west side of Palm, one lot south of 2nd Street.**

830 (changed to 4930 8th Avenue South)

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1849

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2808

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2825/2831(changed to 5019 29th Avenue South)

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2915-1/2 (changed to 5030 29th Avenue)

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3002 letter and *Gulfport Tribune* article (June 30, 1944) on Stoddard family

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3013 (original address, west side of Palm Avenue, three/four north of 1st Street)

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3031 (sometimes given as 3025) Picture *Gulfport Tribune* November 26, 1943

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51ST STREET SOUTH

This street runs from 8th Avenue to just below 9th, jogs east, then south again to 26th Avenue, and appears again between 29th and 31st Avenues. From 11th to 23rd it was originally known as Palmetto Avenue, and from 29th to 31st, Live Oak Avenue. The Waldorf Hotel was said to be at the foot of 51st Street. From 29th to the Bay, 51st Street was the original main street of the town. In 1915 the following people were said to live on Palmetto near Tangerine: Leben and Mary Gray (west side); Benjamin and Elizabeth Sands (west side); Taylor and Lida Slaughter (at the "end" of Palmetto); Courtney and Inez Sawyer (at the "end" of Palmetto) (see **2407**)

1508

1620 (original address east side of Palmetto Avenue, one north of 10th Street; demolished)

1715
1835
1840
1846
1861
1920
2107 (burned 1945)
2218
2225 (sometimes also given as 2215) No longer existing
2222
2303
2401 (original address west side of Palmetto Avenue, two north of 6th Street)(sometimes given as 2405)
2402
2405
2415
2406 (original address east side of Palmetto Avenue, three north of 6th Street)
2406-1/2 (may be 2408)
2408
2407 (could be either 2401 or 2405 in the above listings)
2824 51st Street (how can this number exist?)
2855
2920 (original address, east side of Live Oak, two north of Oak)
2926 (original address, east side of Live Oak, six lots north of 1st Street)
3000 (original address, northeast corner of Live Oak and Oak)
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3012
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51st WAY SOUTH

This little street appears between 17th and 18th Avenues and again north of 26th Avenue. One or two houses on it, **1715** and **1725**, appear in the 1947 directories only. County tax records show 1715 as having a date of 1938. Reese Whitworth lived at **1715** 51st Way South 1950-1958

52ND STREET SOUTH

This is one of the oldest and most important streets in Gulfport. It runs the length of the city, from 7th Avenue to the Bay, and was originally known as Pinellas Avenue. In the 1915 directory, two families are listed as living on the **east side of Pinellas near Tangerine**: Jasper and Julia Nash and Ephraim and Anna Brown. First paved from Lakeview to 29th Avenue in 1939. In 1940, landowners from 29th to the water were charged an assessment of \$15 per 50 foot frontage for further paving.

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52nd Street South
1601
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1623 photos, Baker file
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1836 (sometimes given as 1856)
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1851
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1859
1900

These houses were probably demolished with the expansion of Gulfport Elementary in 2002: **1901, 1906, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1918**

1902
1902-1/2
1925

Note: The address of Gulfport Elementary changed about 1940 from **2002** to **2014**.

2007
2108
2113
2114
2120
2200
2201
2205
2213 52nd Street South (original address, west side of Pinellas Avenue, three north of 7th Street; address also sometimes given as 2209)
2224
2228 (before mid 1930s, 2224)
2230
2306
2401 1999 and 2004 House Tour booklets. Roebuck
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2406
2411 1999 and 2004 House Tour booklets. Roebuck
2418 (or 2413)
2506
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2510 (early address: 554 Pinellas Avenue)
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2524
2525 (original address, east side of Pinellas Avenue, three north of 5th Street)
2530 (before the mid 1930s, 2526)
2602-1/2
2609

2614
2617 (before the mid 1930s, 2621)
2627 (original address, west side of Pinellas Avenue, one north of 4th Street) Picture *Gulfport Tribune* October 15, 1943
2707
2714 (original address, east side of Pinellas Avenue, one south of 4th Street)
2716 (2718 in listings before late 1930s)
2718
2719
2721
2809
2810
2819 (original address west side of Pinellas, two lots south of 3rd Street)
2825
2902 (original address southeast corner of Pinellas and 2nd Street)
2905
2920 (also 2912)
3002
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3008
3013
3014
3019
3026 (original address, east side of Pinellas Avenue, two north of 1st Street) Picture *Gulfport Tribune* May 18, 1951
3032 mentioned in an article in the *Gulfport Tribune* March 24, 1950
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3048
3102 Several newspaper articles; photos both early and modern; 1999 House Tour booklet.

53RD STREET SOUTH

53rd Street runs, with some deviations, from the railroad track (trail) at about 6th Avenue, to 7th Avenue, and then directory to 31st Avenue. Before the name changes of 1928, it was known as Lee Avenue. The intersection of 53rd Street and 25th Avenue, known in 1927 as Lee and 6th Street, was the home at that time of Blaine and Ida Spray, who lived on the northeast corner.

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1438
1507
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1601
1613 (original address, west side of Lee, two lots north of 10th Street)
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1914
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2012
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2222
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2301 - Gulfport City Hall
2306 (original address, east side of Lee Avenue, one north of 6th Street)
Photo in aerials file
2307
2310
2314 (original address, 658 Lee)
2400
2404 (2406 in early 1930s)
2408 (also known as 2440 in the 1930s)
2517
2521
2525
2702
2720 (original address, east side of Lee Avenue, one north of 3rd Street)
2732 Early address of the Methodist Church (now 2728) Photos, documents
2802 53rd Street South
2810 53rd Street South
2811
2838
2911
2913 (today 2915) Photo in calendar
2920 (original address, east side of Lee, two lots north of Curtis Place)
Newspaper articles, photos. 1999 and 2004 Tour of Homes Booklets.
2925 (also 2927)
2931 Advertisement, *Gulfport Tribune*, February 29, 1949
2932 (original address, northeast corner of Lee Avenue and Curtis Place)
3002 (original address, southeast corner of Lee and Curtis Place)
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3008 Story *Gulfport Tribune* May 9, 1947; Picture *Gulfport Tribune* January
6, 1950
3111 Picture *Gulfport Tribune*, June 1, 1951
3014

54TH STREET SOUTH

54th Street runs all the way from a bit beyond 7th Avenue to the Bay. Its original name was Grant Avenue. Photo, 54th and Shore: See Streets File

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903

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1708

1902

2007

2015

2019

2207

2219 (original address, west side of Grant Avenue, two south of Lakeview)

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2301

2401

2413 (original address, northwest corner of Grant and 6th Street)

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2507 (original address, west side of Grant Avenue, four north of 5th Street)

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2523

2526 (original address, east side of Grant Avenue, two north of 5th Street)

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2608 (almost certainly originally 2644 54th) Article *Gulfport Tribune*, June 2, 1944

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2620 Presbyterian Church, later **2624**

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2713-15 (original address, west side of Grant Avenue, 3 north of 3rd Street)

2725 (original address, west side of Grant Avenue, one north of 3rd Street)

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2802 Picture *Gulfport Tribune* October 31, 1947

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2914
2915 1948 correspondence and documents re taxes
2926 photo, *Gulfport Tribune* New York World's Fair Souvenir Edition
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3002-1/2
3008 (original address, east side of Grant Avenue, opposite Bon Air Avenue; the rear had the designation 162 Grant Avenue) Photos, White family file
3009 (original address, southwest corner of Grant Avenue and Bon Air Avenue; also 137 Grant Avenue) see 2926 for photo
3011 (original address, west side of Grant Avenue, 1 south of Bon Air; also 135 Grant Avenue)
3026 The Boca Ceiga Inn (original address corner of Grant Avenue and 1st Street); became 3126 in the mid 1930s, only to revert to 3026 from 1944 on.
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3031 (apparently no longer in existence; replaced by a 6-unit apartment building)(sometimes also given as 3131)
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55TH STREET SOUTH

55th Street South runs only from a little north of 10th Avenue to Gulfport Boulevard, where it becomes Beach Boulevard. Originally it was an extension of Davis Boulevard.

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1401
1514
1921
2019
2905

56TH STREET SOUTH

56th Street South runs from 11th Avenue to 28th Avenue; offset then slightly to the east, it continues to Shore Boulevard. Its original name was Sunset Avenue.

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1843
1908
1914
1922 *Picture Gulfport Tribune* November 14, 1947
2001
2019
2025
2233
2400
2406 (original address, northeast corner of 6th Street and Sunset Avenue)
2412
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2502
2508
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2522
2531
2532
2602
2614 (original address, east side of Sunset Avenue, one north of 4th Street)
2004 House Tour booklet
2626
2714
2720
2723 Letter, photos
2802
2805 (original address, southeast corner of Sunset Avenue and 3rd Street)
(also given in 1930s as 2808)
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2813 (early address, 270 Sunset Avenue) Newspaper articles, Cronkhite
material
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2826 (original address, east side of Sunset Avenue, four south of 3rd Street;
also 247 Sunset Avenue)
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2837
2901
2902
2907 (original address west side of Sunset Avenue, two south of 2nd Street;
also 191 Sunset) Correspondence and tax documents in 56th Street
File
2908
2913
2914
2919/2925 (2919 original address, west side of Sunset Avenue, four south
of 2nd Street; 2925 original address, west side of Sunset Avenue, five
south of 2nd Street; also 167 Sunset Avenue)
2920
2931/2937 (2937 early address southwest corner of Sunset Avenue and Bon
Air)

3000
3001
3012/3019
3014
3015
3020 (original address, east side of Sunset Avenue, one north of 1st Street)
3022 (also sometimes given as 3026)
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3054/3058
3102
3107 (original address, west side of Sunset Avenue, one south of 1st Street)
photos in 56th Street File
3108
3114
3120 Correspondence re taxes and dog tag in 56th Street File
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57TH STREET SOUTH

57th Street South runs from 11th Avenue South to 28th Avenue South, where it jogs slightly left and then continues on to Shore Boulevard. Its original name for this entire length was Egmont Avenue.

2201 See 2301
2213
2225 Same as 5701 23rd Avenue)
2301
2305
2309
2524 (original address northeast corner of Egmont Avenue and 5th Street)
2620
2807 (original address 289 Edgemont)
2808
2813 (original address west side of Egmont Avenue, one south of 3rd Street)
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2824 (original address, east side of Egmont Avenue, one south of 3rd Street)

2825 (original address, west side of Egmont Avenue, two south of 3rd Street; also 245 Edgemont)
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3019 (3049?)

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3031 and 3031-1/2
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58TH STREET SOUTH

Originally called DeSoto Avenue, 58th Street runs from 7th Avenue South to Shore Boulevard. (It was opened from Central to 7th in June 1937)

1102
1113 58th Street South (1928 address: west side of 58th Street near 11th Avenue)
1114
1123
1211 58th Street South. 1933 Newspaper ad
1413
1600
1604
1726
1826
1844
2002
2301
2307
2414
2416
2501
2520
2602
2610 (original address, east side of DeSoto, one lot south of 5th Street; also 468 DeSoto)
2614
2620 (original address, DeSoto Avenue, three south of 5th Street also 452-1/2 DeSoto)
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2702
2707
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59TH STREET SOUTH

59th Street South runs from 7th Avenue South to Gulfport Boulevard, and then takes a curving path to 27th Avenue South, where it becomes Skimmer Point Drive The

curved route was originally the termination of Lakeview Avenue, as far as 26th Avenue South. Beyond that the road briefly had the name Buhinia Drive.

956 59th Street South (early house number: 928) Photo, material in Potter file

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2314**

60TH STREET SOUTH

60th Street South runs from 7th Avenue South to Gulfport Boulevard at about 20th Avenue South. Its original name was Casaurina Drive.

**919
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926 Letter by owner, photos and other material in Fox file

**1001
1008
1101
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1126
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1201 Merry Sunshine School for retarded children
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1414 (original address, east side of Casuarina, one lot north of 17th Street)
1507**

61ST STREET SOUTH

61st Street South runs from 7th Avenue South to Gulfport Boulevard at about 17th Avenue South. Its original designation was 62nd Street.

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908

1108

1120

1205

1614 (early address, 6049 17th Avenue South) Photos, 2005 House Tour booklet

62ND STREET SOUTH

This street runs from 7th Avenue South to about 16th Avenue South. Its original designation was 63rd Street

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1401 (1) the Rolyat Hotel; (2) Florida Military Academy; and (3) Stetson University College of Law. Material and photos in all three files

63RD STREET SOUTH

63rd Street South runs from 7th Avenue South to 13th Avenue South. Its original designation was 64th Street

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