

Archives of Gulfport People

Anderson, Alphonse L. (“Andy”) 1889-1980

See City Officials

Gulfport mayor 1955-58, built a house on Luana Lane, which he named

Newspaper Article: “Public servant put his stamp on the county,” by Scott Taylor Hartzell, *St. Petersburg Times*, March 12, 2003

Photos:



A. L. Anderson announcing he will run again for County Commissioner. February 10, 1962. Standing at left, Robert Caldwell.

Anderson, Harold (1905-1997) and Frances (1912-1988)

Newspaper Article: “Frances Anderson, 76, expert gardener,” obituary in *St. Petersburg Times*, February 18, 1988

“City pioneer likens history to his garden,” by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*, September 11, 1988

“Early days of a growing city,” by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*, 1993

“Builder, merchant known for wilderness garden dies,” obituary in *St. Petersburg Times*, September 9, 1997

Documents: Excerpt from Harold Anderson Interview of May 13, 1983 by Frances Purdy
Full text of Helen Ross interview, 10 typewritten pages
Handwritten notes signed by H. Anderson, April 9, 1983

Photo



Object: small gardening tool “to cultivate your friendship” Anderson Lumber Co., Inc.

**Anthony family, See Webb
See House Files, 2313 Beach Boulevard**

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Photos:



George Anthony



Frank Anthony at drugstore



Frank Anthony



Gwen Anthony

Arnold family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Artille, See Redhead

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Arms, Phebe (1890-1991)

Newspaper Article: Obituary in *St. Petersburg Times*, September 23, 1991

Documents: Text of interview taped with Phebe Arms at her home, 2816 56th Street
South August 5, 1983, by Frances Purdy.

Typed excerpts from “a chat with Phebe Arms and her daughter Grace, August 17, 1983,
by Frances Purdy

Ayres, see Mann

Aylesworth family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also **Laurie**

Newspaper Articles:

“They’re Hooked On Seafood Trade,” by Ruth Gray, *St. Petersburg Times*, February 6,
1972 (about Mrs. Ralph (Kitty) Aylesworth)

“This fish story has lasted six decades,” by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*,
January 17, 1994 (photo of Sonny)

Obituary, **Ralph M. Aylesworth** (1921-1988)

Obituary, Katherine “Kitty” Aylesworth (1922-1988)

Obituary, **Myron M. “Sonny” Aylesworth** (1916-2007) September 27, 2007

“His uncanny knack for fishing landed many prizes,” obituary (Myron) by Nicole
Hutcheson, *St. Petersburg Times*, September 30, 2007

Obituary, **Grace Laurie Aylesworth** (1921-2008)

Barnett family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also **Arnold, Slaughter**

Newspaper Articles:

“Gulfport Receives a Pioneer Award,” *Gulfport Gabber*, August 6, 1987

“A Quiet Place for the Ages,” by Roger Turner, *Gulfport Gabber*, October 12-16, 2000

“This Old Homestead,” Part I, by Robert Turner and Emmett Walsh, *Gulfport Gabber*, February 1-7, 2001

Documents:

Donnelly, Ralph, “Service Records of Confederate Enlisted Marines” page 5, photocopy

Photocopies of James Barnett’s service records:

As Sick Prisoner of War January 15, 1865

As Prisoner of War April 6-June 23, 1866

Oath of Allegiance to U.S. June 23, 1865

Roster of Coast Guards: Lieutenant Able Miranda’s Detachment, photocopy

Roster of Florida Volunteer Coast Guards: Captain Henry Mulrenan, photocopy

Company Muster Rolls of Co. K, 7 Florida Infantry, photocopy

Typewritten genealogy Barnett-Sawyer’ Family Group Sheet genealogy, Barnetts

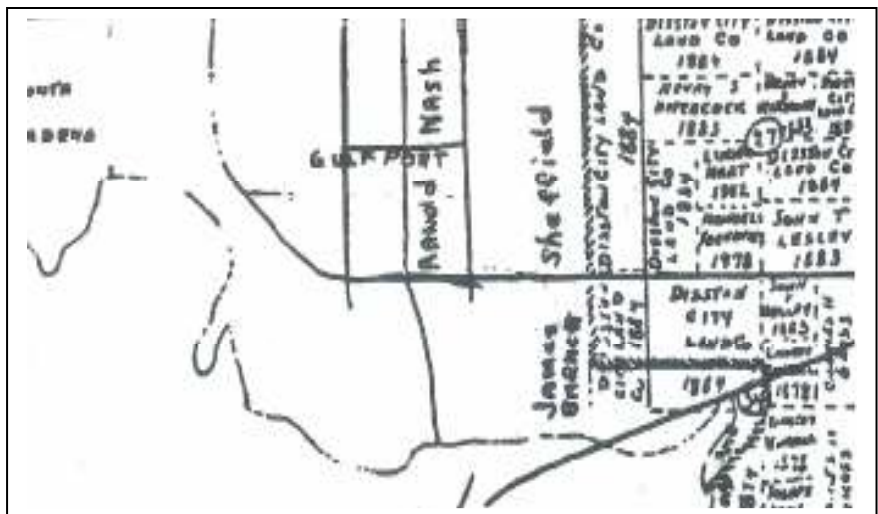
Handwritten genealogy, continuing down to Sawyer family

The First Settlers of Gulfport: James Barnett and Rebecca Arnold Slaughter Barnett, typewritten, 2 versions, one probably by Claudette Renney

Letter requesting transfer to C.S.S. Savannah, signed by James Barnett, and letter approving request by Secretary of the Navy, photocopy



Map of Barnett
homestead



Rebecca's application for widow's pension, September 25, 1899



Marriage license of Rebecca Slaughter and James Barnett



Marriage license of Julia Barnett and Tom Sawyer



Photos:

C.S.S. Savannah



Supposed picture of Rebecca Arnold Slaughter Barnett



Headstones of James and Rebecca Barnett



Plus several other photos taken January 1985

Photocopy of photo of James Barnett Jr.

Photocopy of Marriage license of Mary Barnett and Tom Sawyer

Correspondence:

Emails from Elizabeth Neilly, January 8, 1999; Linda Fussell February 28, 1999; and Theresa Davids, August 10, 2000

Barrs, Merton and Betty
See also City Officials,
House files, 5130 28th Avenue South

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
under Girard and Schoenfeld

Newspaper Articles:

“Barrs, Merton Francis,” obituary, October 11, 2005

Photos:



Betty Jane Montigney before her marriage to Merton Barrs



Photocopy of newspaper photo of Beverly Ann Barrs’s second birthday, 1943

Bearrows family

**GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
see Hagelbarger**

Photos:

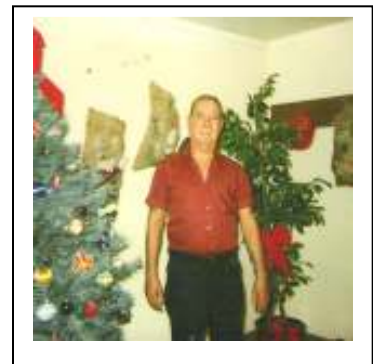
Eunice Hagelbarger Bearrows, b. 1911



John Bearrows, b. 1908
with Floyd, b. 1932



Floyd, age 12



Floyd Bearrows

Benn Family

**GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
under Barnett, Redhead**

Berls Family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Berry Family

**GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
under Gaskins, Nash, White**

Bethell Family

**GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
see also Roberts, Young**

Newspaper Articles:

“Primal Promise of Big Bayou lured fisherman, postmaster,” by Scott Taylor Hartzell, *St. Petersburg Times* in Leonardy file

Boette, Conrad C.

Documents:

Typed text of interview with Conrad C. Boette, June 24, 1983

Bowen family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
see Whitworth

Bozeman family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
see also Barnett, Sawyer, White

Documents:

Typed text of interview with Richard E. Bozeman, October 5, 1983

Excerpts from that interview

Glossary written by Richard E. Bozeman

Handwritten descriptions of early settlers, possibly written by Bozeman

Brantley family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also City Officials

Brooks (Walter O.) family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also City Officials

See House Files, 5118 29th Avenue South and 5444 30th Avenue South, 3000 and 3014 Beach Boulevard

Newspaper Articles:

“1915: Dad’s Post Office in Gulfport,” by Mack O. Brooks, *St. Petersburg Times*,
February 9, 1958

Collection of articles from December 1979 re the death of Mandi Todsén from Reyes
Syndrome

“Mrs. Sydney Brooks,” by Jim Loveland, *Gulfport Gabber*, June 22, 1989

“Gulfport chief chased fires – before birth,” by Rob Shaw, *Tampa Tribune*, 1991

Collection of articles from April 1994 re the death of Walter M. Brooks

Documents:

Photocopy of Teachers Certificate awarded to Mrs. F. Weihman (Margaret Brooks’
grandmother?) on June 10, 1896

Typewritten text of interview with Mrs. Sydney Brooks by Helen Ross, July 7, 1983

Typed questions, answers and excerpts from that interview

Text of eulogy to Walter M. Brooks by Nathan White, April 12, 1994

Photos:

Walter Brooks, Nathan White, Tim McCarthy



Brooks family

Plus photocopy of photo of Mrs. Walter O. (Virginia) Brooks taken in 1950

Walter Brzozowski

Documents:

Typed transcription of interview with Walter Brzozowski by Helen Ross, June 28, 1983

Bryan, Bart and Marie
See House Files, 2616 48th Street South

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Cady Family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
see Folger

Caldwell, Robert W. and Family
See also City Officials

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
see Jarrell

Newspaper Articles:

Photo of Robert W. Caldwell, Jr., April and Bill, 1955

“Bob Caldwell, Jr., “Gulfport Gabber, 1989

“Longtime builder ‘sketched out Gulfport,’” by Andrew Meacham, *St. Petersburg Times*,
July 9, 2009

“Gulfport Icon, R.W. ‘Bob’ Caldwell, Dies,” *Gulfport Gabber*, July 9-15, 2009

R.W. Caldwell, Jr. obituary in *St. Petersburg Times*

Adele Caldwell obituary, *Gulfport Gabber*

Documents:

“Three Families for Five Generations,” handwritten and typewritten by Poul Hornsleth,
June 17, 1985

Photos:



Caldwell's office on Shore Blvd.



Caldwell's office on Gulfport Blvd.



Photo taken by R.W. Caldwell, Jr., in 1940



April's Girl Scout Troop, 1950s

The Camp Family
See also **City Officials, Boca Ciega Inn**

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
See **Kuder, Wilson**

Documents:

Obituary for Franklin Ellis Camp, *Gulfport Gabber*, 1971

Photos:



Dinner at the Boca Ciega Inn with Paul and Bessie Camp

See Wilson file for photos of Colleen Wilson Slaughter Perry Camp

Chase, John F.
See also **Parks, Chase Park**

Newspaper Articles:

“Colorful Pioneer of City Once Invented Helicopter,” by C. Winn Upchurch, May 14, 1956, photocopy

“In April of 1905 Veteran City, Now Gulfport, was Born Before Its Time,” by Don Warne, *St. Petersburg Times*, c. 1961-63, photocopy

“Open Air School Attracts Pupils From Around World,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, June 5, 1957, photocopy

“Civil War veteran was a resourceful resident,” by Bette Smith, *St. Petersburg Times*, August 4, 1983

“This woman was one of city’s early entrepreneurs,” by Bette Smith, *St. Petersburg Times*, August 4, 1983

“Bernette Beatty, business woman,” obituary by Craig Basse, *St. Petersburg Times*, August, 1993

“We re-enact to speak for those who can’t,” by Peter Wallsten, *St. Petersburg Times*, May 31, 1994

“Memorial day Ceremony Honors Gulfport Pioneer,” by Anne L. Hall, *Gulfport Gabber*, May 29, 1997, photocopy

“Merrill A. Merrell, member of pioneer Pinellas family, dies,” obituary of John F. Chase’s granddaughter Merrill Aikin Merrell, *St. Petersburg Times*, March 18, 1998

“Medal winner played big role in city’s history,” by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*, photocopy

Packet of photocopies of newspaper articles

Documents:

War records for John F. Chase, photocopies

Death Certificate for John F. Chase, November, 1914, photocopy

Genealogy Chart for John F. Chase

Excerpt from “Deeds of Valor: The Congressional Medal of Honor,” about John F. Chase

Handwritten letter from Bernette Aiken Beatty, granddaughter of John F. Chase

Typewritten biography of Capt. Chase by Willard Simonds, October 22, 1984

Photos:



Probable identities: Back 1. Bernette Chase Kemp, 2. Maude Chase Aikin, 3. Grant Aikin (first city attorney of St. Petersburg), 4. Lena Chase, 5. Frank Chase. Front 1. Maria Merrill Chase, 2. John F. Chase, 3. Beulah Chase. Children’s names: Carol Aiken Hall, King Chase, Carlisle Aiken, Edgar Chase, and Merrill Aiken.

John F. Chase



Maria M. Chase



Clausen, Philip and Martha (“Mattie”) Renney **GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL**
See House Files, 5137 28th Avenue South **See Renney**
and 5143 28th Avenue South

Newspaper Articles:

“All-Steel \$110,000 Dredge Readied in Tampa For Delivery to Local Firm,” *St. Petersburg Times*, April 29, 1947

“Philip Clausen, 82; Resident Since 1902,” obituary, 1970

“Mrs. Mattie Clausen, active on Gulf Beaches,” obituary, 1975

Photo:



The Clausen Dredge

Clymer, Jay and Naomi
City Councilmember 1963-1972, Mayor 1973-1985
See Also City Officials

Newspaper Articles:

“At 86, Gulfport’s Mayor Clymer is as durable as his city,” by Marty Clear, *St. Petersburg Times*, 1982

“After 21 years of public service, Gulfport mayor has decided to retire,” by David Finkel, *St. Petersburg Times*, February 10, 1985

Documents:

Political flyers for election of November 9, 1965 and March 17, 1970
Program for Dedication Ceremony in memory of Naomi Clymer, Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center, October 11, 1983
Program from memorial service, February 11, 1988

Photos:

The Clymers



Mayor Clymer and Chief McCarthy, 1976



Plus three others small portraits like this

Coppins, Frank L.

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also City Officials

Newspaper Articles:

“The warmth of Christmas past,” by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*, December 23, 1991, in Girard file

Crawley family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See Leneave

Cronkhite family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also City Officials

See Sackrider, Overheul

See House Files 2813 56th Street South

Newspaper Articles:

“Cronkhite, Famed For Thunderbird Flight, Home From Africa,” by Betty V. Dean,
photocopy
“John Cronkhite is in Florida,” photocopy
“How the 10 Dead Men Came Home,” by Ernie Pyle, photocopy
“You’re Right! It Was Cronkhite Who Brought That Bomber Home,” by Ernie Pyle,
photocopy
article in the Gulfport tribune, September 10, 1943, photocopy
“Gulfport Pilot Promoted to Captain,” photocopy

Documents

Letter from St. Petersburg Industry Board to Walter Fuller re John Cronkhite’s bulb
business, August 24, 1931
Music to “Comin’ in on a Wing and a Pray’r”
Letter to Frances Purdy from John Cronkhite, Jr., February 24, 1992
Summary of excerpts from newspaper reports, typewritten, LB

Cusson family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See also Gulfport Businesses, Cusson’s Store
See House Files, 2938 Beach Boulevard

Newspaper Articles:

“All-Steel \$110,000 Dredge Readied in Tampa For Delivery to Local Firm,” *St. Petersburg Times*, April 29, 1947

Daniels, Captain James

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
See also Thomes, Webb

Davids family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Davis, Catherine

Documents:

Typewritten text of interview with Catherine Davis and Helen Ross, March 11, 1983 and
May 2, 1983
Typewritten question and answer, based on above interview

Davis, Frank A.

Newspaper Articles:

“Former publisher’s vision lit up St. Petersburg,” by Susan Eastman, *St. Petersburg Times*
“F.A. Davis Company, 1879-1979,” published 1979

Dearmin family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Photos:



Polly Nash, Joyce Dearmin, Anna May White



Alice Joyce Dearmin, Engagement announcement, 1947

Deidrick family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See House Files, 5619 31st Avenue South

Newspaper Articles:

“James Deidrick, Merchant marine, On Casualty List,” undated, photocopy

“Gulfport Daughter Visits from Alaska,” undated, photocopy

Disston, Hamilton

See also Boats: Mary Disston and maps

Newspaper Articles:

“Monologue By A Millionaire,” by Walter P. Fuller, *St. Petersburg Independent*, July 20, 1958

“The peak of Pinellas tied to man who saved state,” by Betty Jean Miller, *St. Petersburg Times*

“Gulfport, Tarpon Springs founder died in despair,” by Scott Taylor Hartzell, *St. Petersburg Times*

“Get-rich-quick schemes make, break Gulfport,” by Susan Eastman, *St. Petersburg Times*, October 28, 1997

“Hamilton Disston and ‘Gulfport’”

Documents:

“Henry Disston (1819-1878) Pioneer Industrialist Inventor and Good Citizen,” text of address at a Newcomen Society dinner, January 17, 1950

two photocopies of photos of Disston

Photocopy of Indenture between Joseph Torres and Hamilton Disston, March 12, 1884 plus photocopy of Torres property and waterfront lots

Driskell, Nancy Snell

See House Files, 2723 56th Street South

Documents:

Letter from Nancy Snell Driskell to Frances Purdy, February 9, 1992 plus typewritten text

Easters family

**See House Files, 5730 28th Avenue South
and 2402 52nd Street South**

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

See Mann

Scrapbook belonging to Virginia Easters

Ellis family

Photos:



Plus other assorted copies of photos of Bill and Eddie Ellis

Emery, E.W.

1927 Correspondence with an investor

Evans, Marion

Documents:

Typewritten text of interview with Frances Purdy, September 22, 1983

Faurot, Mary Lou and family, see Gray
See House Files, 3013 50th Street South

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Folger, J. Butler
Councilmember 1933; See City Officials
See House Files, 2205 52nd Street South

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Forgue family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
See also Redhead, Hudson

Fox family

Harold “Bob” Fox, City Councilmember 1951, Mayor 1952-55;
See City Officials
See House Files, 926 60th Street South

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Newspaper Articles:

“Bob’ Fox Former Gulfport Mayor,” obituary, *Gulfport Gabber*, October 15, 1980

Photos:

See attached sheet

Fulford family, See Barnett

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Fussell family, See Roberts

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Newspaper Articles:

“Sixth Generation Gulfporter Arrived,” *Gulfport Gabber*, 1989

“Flo’ Fussell, descendant of local settlers,” obituary by Craig Basse, *St. Petersburg Times*, April 8, 2003

Documents:

“Some Wonderful Memories about Early Settlers,” typewritten

Typewritten text of interview with Flo Fussell, Cecil Slaughter, and John Sjustrom with Helen Ross, April 16, 1983

Hourglass tree for Florence Martha Roberts Fussell

Photo:



Flo Fussell and Frances Osgood at the
Historical Museum



Fussell family at dedication of
sun clock, October, 2010

Futch family

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
See Arnold, Slaughter

Documents:

Marriage License of William H. Futch and Emma McCarty, April 8, 1892