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Thursday, March 23, 2017 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, Florida
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from menu 7:00 – 8:00 Program 8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting.
Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December.
Male descendants of men who served the Confederacy, their wives and others interested in the War for Southern Independence are invited to attend.

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Greetings,

Thanks to Larry Thornton for the February presentation on the Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC). Larry will continue with part two on the KGC in March.

Camp 1387 was in attendance for Confederate Flag Day ceremony in Tampa at Confederate Memorial Park. There were two speakers from Camp 1387, Don Young and Rev. Ray Parker. The weather was perfect and the event went off without a negative incident.

Camp 1387 participated in the Melbourne St. Patricks' Day Parade. It was a beautiful day with much enthusiasm from the attendees. The crowd was large and response was positive. It's always heartwarming to see the military veterans stand and salute while the crowd claps and cheers us on. This makes all the volunteer work very satisfying.

The Camp is still in need of volunteers for several positions. Please help in any capacity you can to make our Camp great.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

God Bless the South!
Cmdr. Marc Thornton

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

1. March 23, 2017 - Next Monthly Meeting –
 - a. We will have a display set up at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne during the month of April. 2nd Lt. Nick Nichols has requested that anyone having items worthy of this display (memorabilia, etc.) bring them to this meeting and loan them to him. They will be returned to you after this display has been completed.
2. March 24-26, 2017 – 24th annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill, FL.
 - a. Education day on Friday the 24th. Admission for students/chaperones is \$5.00 per person, lunch included.
 - b. Ample grandstand viewing of the battle
 - c. Spectator admission is: \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 children 5-12, Children under 5 free.
 - d. Location: 4700 Chisholm Park Trail, St. Cloud, FL 34771
 - e. Website: www.battleatnarcoosseemill.com
3. March 28, 2017 – Camp 1387 Anniversary
 - a. On this date in 1981, this camp was officially chartered.
 - b. 36 years ago today!!!
 - c. Happy Anniversary Camp 1387!!!
4. April 1, 2017 - The first Saturday of each month
 - a. Cleanup at Lawndale – Williams House in Rockledge, FL
 - b. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
5. April 8, 2017 – Spring Officer’s Call
 - a. Fellsmere, FL
 - b. Marsh Landing Restaurant, arrive by 7:30 am to order breakfast.
 - c. bring camp reports of past events and upcoming events or any ideas you may have to share
 - d. everyone is welcome to attend, but only Officers can Vote
6. April 10 – 14, 2017 – FYI - Brevard County Public Schools Spring Break
7. April 13, 2017 - Next E-Board Meeting
8. April 15, 2017 - The third Saturday of each month
 - a. Cleanup at Sharpes Cemetery
 - b. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
9. April 22-23, 2017 – Camp Milton, FL Living History

- a. Camp Milton Historic Preserve. The original three miles of earthworks were ordered to be constructed in March, 1864.
 - b. Recreate the Union attack in June 1864 on these earthworks.
 - c. Saturday skirmish will be at 2:00 PM.
 - d. Sunday skirmish is scheduled for 1:00 PM.
 - e. Location: 1175 Halsema Road North Jacksonville, FL
 - f. For More Info: <http://www.floridareenactorsonline.com/Events.pdf>
10. April 26, 2017 – Confederate Memorial Day.
- a. Location: Melbourne Cemetery.
 - b. Time: tbd
 - c. See attached Maps of event locations around our area.
11. May 19-21, 2017 – Battle of Resaca, Georgia – Part of Sherman’s Atlanta Campaign.
- a. Battle Reenactment at 2:00 PM both Sat and Sun.
 - b. Event Coordinator: battleofresaca@gmail.com
 - c. GPS Location: N34deg36.8298 min/ W084deg56.5698min)
 - d. Location: Chitwood Farms, Chitwood Road NE, Resaca, GA.
 - i. I-75N exit 320;
 - ii. Drive east approx. 3/10 mile to US Hwy 41.
 - iii. Turn left, and go north approx. 3 miles then
 - iv. Turn right onto Chitwood Road.

PROGRAM

The March program will be by Larry Thornton continuing his very interesting and insightful discussion on the **Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC)**. A little talked about but very important part of our Confederate Heritage.

➤ **SCV Pledge to the Flag of the Confederate States of America**

I salute the **Confederate** flag
with affection, reverence, and undying devotion
to the Cause for which it stands.

➤ **Facts from the War for Southern Independence:**

- a. In his inaugural address on March 4, 1861, here is what newly elected President Abraham Lincoln states that he **will not** do with respect to the South:
 - i. "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so."
- b. Later in his inaugural address, here is what Lincoln states that he **will** do with respect to the South:
 - i. "The power confided to me will be used to hold, occupy, and possess the property and places belonging to the Government and to collect the duties and imposts; but beyond what may be necessary for these objects, there will be no invasion, no using of force against or among the people anywhere."
- c. Source: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=25818> (Press "control" along with mouse left click over the link to automatically open this link in your web browser.)
- d. It all speaks for itself. Knowing that the Morrill Tariff is about to be passed into law and knowing the industrialized North cannot function without the excessive tariff's to be imposed by the Morrill Tariff on Southern exports, Lincoln and the North cannot let go of their own profitable "milch cow", (the South and its agrarian exports).

➤ **It Happened During this month (March) in 1861:**

Following the secession of 2 more states in February, 1861 (Total now at 7)

- By Seceding, the South gives up all rights to use, claim, etc. of the new and expanding western territories. Slavery COULD NOT be expanded Westward even if the South wanted to!
- Jefferson Davis is President of the Provisional CSA; Alexander Stephens, Vice Pres.

- Provisional Confederate Capital is located in Montgomery. Alabama
- Birth of the 1st Confederate National flag - 7-star version - 3/4/1861
- CSA President Jefferson Davis' 3 men ambassadors still in Washington trying (ultimately unsuccessfully) to negotiate friendly relations with new incoming President Lincoln
- Morrill Tariff passes Congress – 3/2/1861
- Corwin (13th) Amendment passed by Congress and sent to states for ratification.
- Incoming US President Abraham Lincoln – Rep – is inaugurated 3/4/1861.
- The Sovereign Southern Confederate States Provisional Constitution Presented – 3/11/1861
- Already seceded Mississippi ratifies Confederate Constitution – 3/29/1861
- Lincoln states of his intention to evacuate the US Army at Fort Sumter. Even US commander at Fort Sumter believes that he will receive orders to evacuate soon.
 - Meanwhile, Lincoln begins assembling the US Navy to reinforce Ft Sumter (SC) and Ft Pickens (FL) (both silent acts of aggression as a ploy to provoke the CSA to fire the first shot as an active act of aggression)
 - It is no secret that this naval reinforcement plan is underway and the CSA is aware of it.
- Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Kansas and Illinois begin coming under Union military district rule.

➤ **Good Reference Reading Books for this Month:**

1. Must Reads:

- a. **The Gray Book** by the Gray Book Committee, SCV. ©2000. Available only through the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
- b. **When in the Course of Human Events** by Charles Adams. ©2000; ISBN-10: 0847697223, ISBN-13: 978-0847697229
- c. **The South Was Right!** by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy. ©March 31, 1994. ISBN:
- d. **Punished with Poverty, The Suffering South, Prosperity to Poverty & the Continuing Struggle** by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy. ©2016. ISBN-13:978-0997939347; ISBN-10: 0997939346

- e. **To Live and Die in Dixie, The Struggle Continues...** by Seventeen Southerners, presented by R. Michael Givens, edited by Frank Powell III, ©2014 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc., Columbia, TN
2. If you have read any good “Southern point of view” books and feel that others would benefit from reading them, please submit them to Steve Smith at smsmith3@bellsouth.net for inclusion in our ever expanding camp book list. Also, if you would like your own copy of our entire camp suggested reading list, please contact me and I will gladly email you the latest version.



3-4-17 new flag raised in Tampa on Confederate Flag Day. New member sworn into SCV at Tampa the same day.



3-4-17 continued work at Lawndale.

➤ **Current events concerning Confederacy News:**

I think they are proud of their Confederate Veteran!!!

An African-American Confederate veteran with ties to Aiken County (SC) was recently recognized by the South Carolina Senate after her family discovered what they describe as a remarkable story.

The Senate presented a resolution on Feb. 21 to the family of Lavinia Corley Thompson, of Salley, to honor Thompson, who served in the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Thompson is the only known female African-American Confederate veteran in the state of South Carolina at this time, said Tonya Guy, with the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society.

Guy conducted the research on Thompson in collaboration with Betsey R. Bloomer. It was nearly 10 years ago when researchers discovered Thompson, she said.

Later, one of her relatives, Dr. Walter Curry, of Columbia, also was conducting research on her. Guy said she then turned over the information to him.

"I sat on it for a while, for a couple of years until something came to me and said well, we need to kind of get her recognized," Curry said.

Thompson is Curry's great-great-great-grandmother, who he calls "Grandma Viney." He said after learning more about her life, he thought her story was remarkable.

Curry began speaking to descendants and family members, who agreed she needed recognition, as well. He then sent the information to Sen. Nikki Setzler, D-Lexington, who represents the Wagener-Salley area. He said Setzler presented the resolution, which has been approved by the body.

Thompson was born June 3, 1844 to Robert Staley and Phillis Corley, according to information provided by Guy from the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society.

Thompson served as a cook for the Confederacy under Sam Webb, who was in Company A, 1st Regiment of the Reserves. Curry said she served continuously from Sept. 1, 1863 to the end of the war in 1865.

Thompson would have been wherever Webb went, Guy said.

"Even if she was in camp, it could have been treacherous because they could've been overrun by a cannon, fire coming over," she said. "It was treacherous to be in camp. They were just as much in the line of fire as if they were on the battlefield."

Though she is the only known female African-American Confederate veteran in the state, according to Guy, there were a number of African-American males who served in South Carolina.

Both enslaved and free African-Americans served in the Confederacy, she said. Some were body servants and cooks. When Charleston was under siege, Guy said African-Americans helped to build embankments.

"We're actively collecting information about all of the African-Americans we can find that served in the war in any capacity, because we consider them to be Confederate veterans," she said. "We have all these fabulous stories that come out of the war. It is an unsung part of our heritage that we would really like to explore and make known that these people are heroes in our eyes."

She added there were African-Americans who later received Confederate pensions but some could have died before that could happen. An exact number of how many black people served for the Confederacy is unknown.

Thompson, whose occupation was in farming, applied for a Confederate pension in 1923 and the pension was approved, Curry said.

"I can tell you, she was a sharecropper and her being a sharecropper in the South during that time, money was very scarce and so for her to apply for that pension and the state approved it, I mean that money was used to help the family," he said.

"People back then weren't just getting pensions just to be getting them," Curry continued. "They had to show some courage. They had to show some valor. They had to show a commitment. So, the state probably saw she was committed to the Confederacy and served honorably."

Thompson had several children. One of them was Curry's great-great-grandfather, Oscar Thompson.

"He had my great-grandmother, three outside children, and then got married and had 10 kids. He was also a landowner. He owned over 100 acres of land that we still have in our family today," Curry said.

He said he can infer that he may have received some of Thompson's pension money and used it to purchase land for his family.

Thompson died at the age of 84 on June 4, 1928 in Aiken County, Tabernacle Township and was buried at an unmarked grave at Smyrna Baptist Church in the same community. Guy said there are efforts to get a Confederate tombstone on her grave.

Curry calls his Grandma Viney's courage a legacy to the Thompson family. He and several family members and supporters joined him at the Statehouse for her recognition.

The South Carolina divisions of The Sons and Daughters of Confederate Veterans supported the resolution along with the S.C. African-American Chamber of Commerce, he added. The Chamber's President Stephen Gilchrist also supported the resolution.

Christina Cleveland is the county government reporter at the Aiken Standard.

- a. If you want to read some of the **ignorant** comments in response to this article go to the following website and scroll down below the article to the comments: http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/family-of-african-american-confederate-veteran-of-salley-accepts-statehouse/article_56060e74-fa11-11e6-8923-0ba00a5347b5.html (Press "control" along with mouse left click over the link to automatically open this link in your web browser.)

Another Battle in Hollywood, FL:

Brief Background

Black Lives Matters and other activist groups have teamed up with whiny New York transplant, Ben Israel, to agitate the Hollywood (Florida) City Commission to change the names of three streets: Lee Street, Forrest Street and Hood Street. The change would affect thousands of residents, very few who want the names changed.

The City's ordinances requires approval of 2/3 of the residents of any street to re-name it. It also requires a bond be placed by those seeking the change. Obviously, the haters have asked for a waiver of the bond, because the street names are 'slavery symbols'.

Our efforts last year gave the sitting commission the political will NOT to cave in to the

complainers and their FAKE History.

But the newly-elected mayor has proposed a change to the ordinance taking away the decision from the street's residents which is on the agenda for consideration on Wednesday, March 15.

SSH FL has hosted Robert E. Lee re-enactor Al Stone and HK Edgerton to speak to the Commission but Mayor Levy is listening to the LOUD voices of the complainers. Let's make some noise ourselves to keep the street name.

The new Mayor of Hollywood has signaled he is for changing three street names.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2017 he will ask the City Commission to change the street naming ordinance to make it easier to do so (he wants to eliminate the 2/3 resident approval provision).

Help us send a message to Mayor Josh Levy to keep his 'hands off' the street names!

**Currently (as of Thursday, March 16, 2017
this call to action has already passed so no calls
or emails are needed. Awaiting word of the outcome.)**

Save Southern Heritage - FL is executing a three-part plan that we believe will stop the Mayor's initiative and will result in a win for Southern Heritage -

BUT TIME IS THE ENEMY!

Can you help TODAY?

1. Call Mayor Josh Levy at 954-921-3321

Tell him it is disgraceful to put Florida's military heroes on trial 100 years after they died and to **KEEP THE STREET NAMES**

**2. Send an email to the City Commission members & the Mayor -
Ask them not to waive their rules to change the street names.**

Here is a link to email them all here.

Mayor Josh Levy - jlevy@hollywoodfl.org

Commissioner Dist 1 Debra Case - dcase@hollywoodfl.org

Commissioner Peter Hernandez - phernandez@hollywoodfl.org

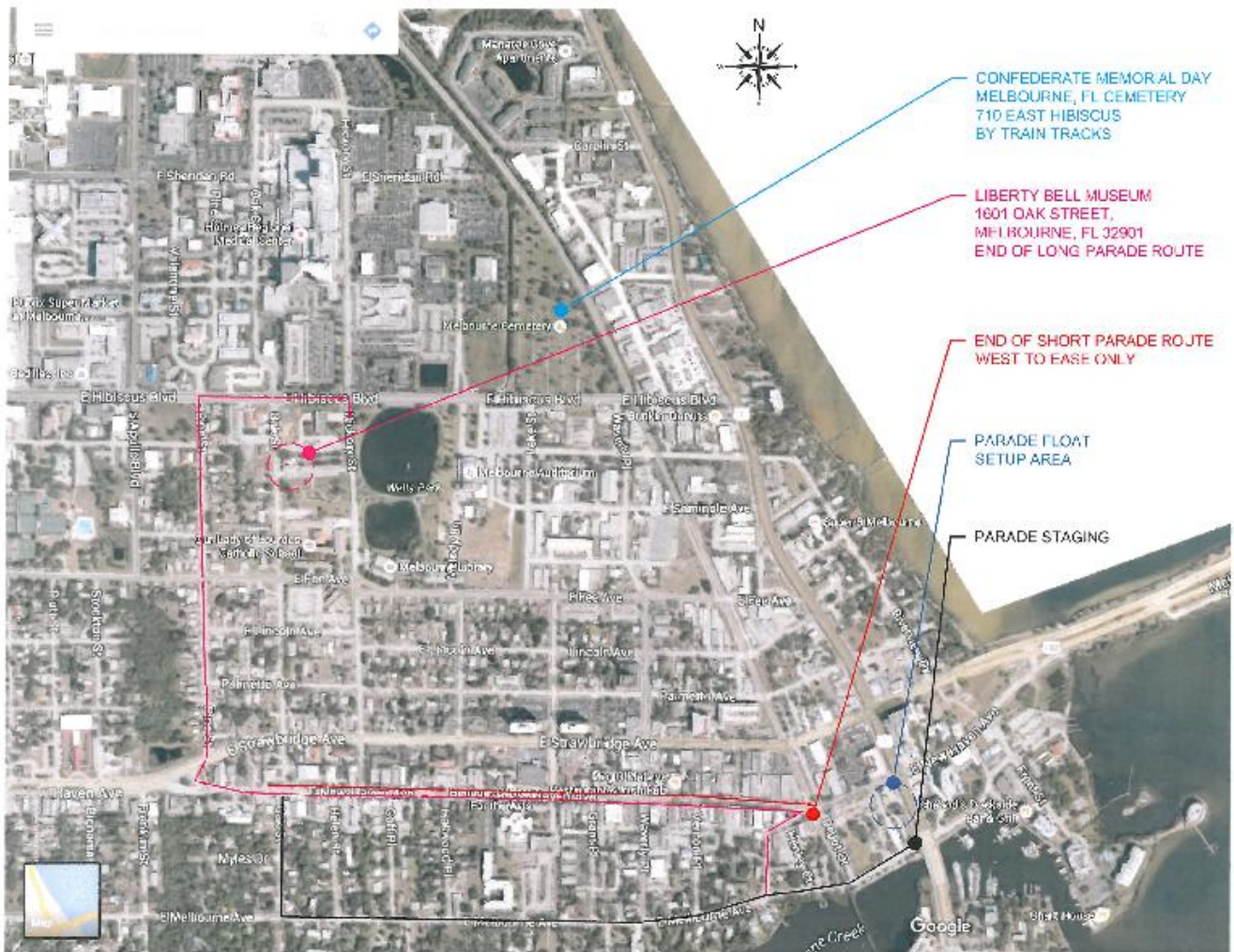
Commissioner Traci Callari - tcallari@hollywoodfl.org

Commissioner Richard Blattner - rblattner@hollywoodfl.org

Commissioner Kevin Biederman - kbiederman@hollywoodfl.org

Commissioner Linda Sherwood - lsherwood@hollywoodfl.org

Again, be polite, all emails go into the public record.



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY
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MELBOURNE, FL 32901
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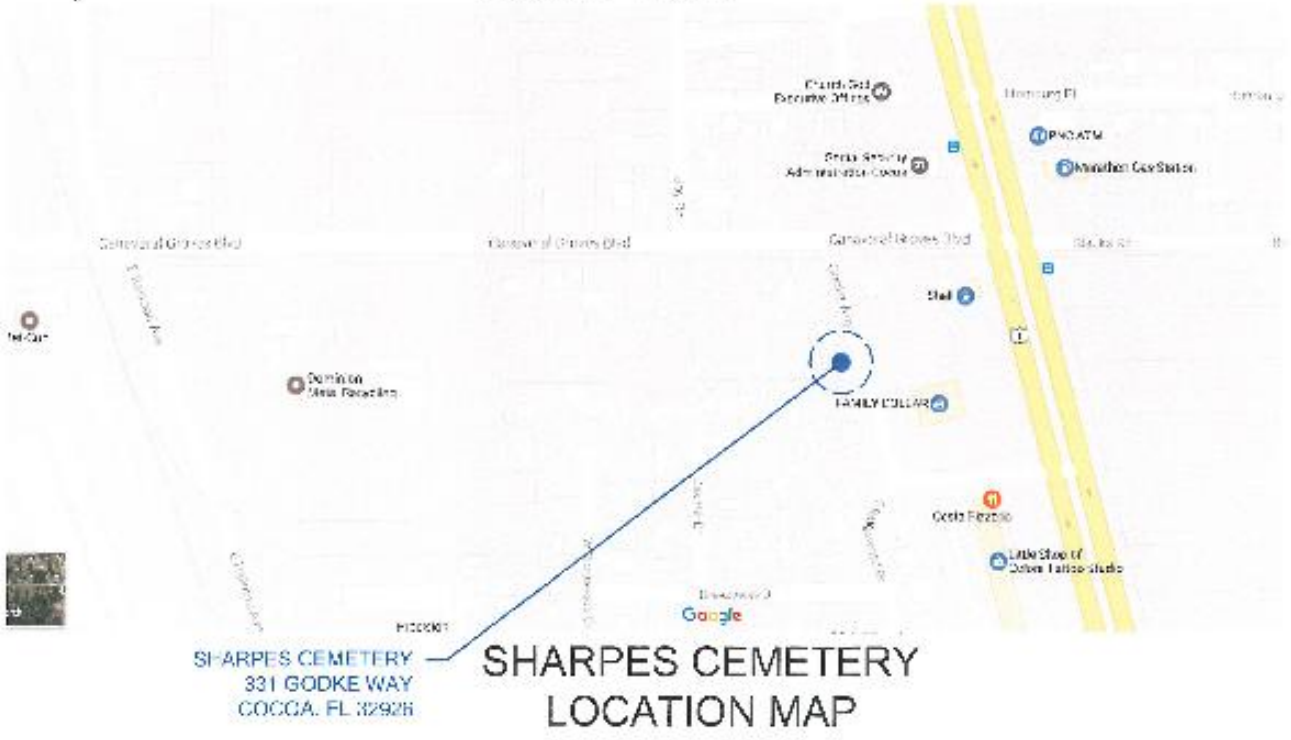
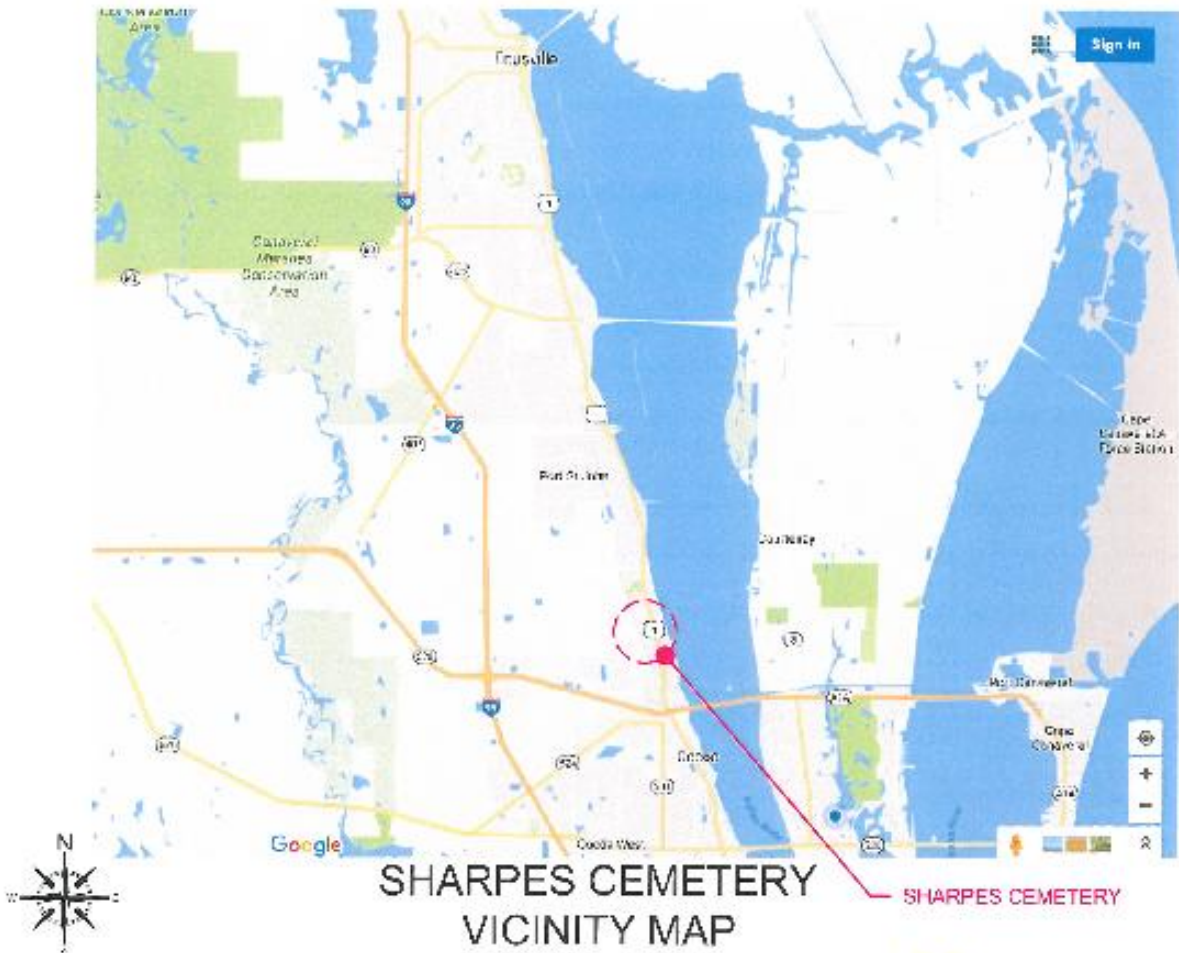
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