

## HISTORY OF TITUSVILLE

Founded in 1867 by Confederate Col. Henry Theodore Titus, the area originally known as Sand Point became Titusville in 1873. Titus and his wife built the first hotel, "The Titus House;" donated land for the first courthouse and four churches; and laid out many of the town's streets. The extension of the railway to Titusville made a significant economic impact on the area by allowing for expedited shipment of citrus as well as giving patrons easier access to and from the City.



Col. Henry Theodore Titus

The City suffered several severe freezes in the late 1890s that greatly impacted the citrus industry, but by the early 1900s the community had rebuilt itself in time for the Florida Boom in the mid-1920s. During this time of economic prosperity, many buildings constructed were Spanish, Spanish Colonial, Italian, or an eclectic style mixture. The land boom of the 1920s pushed development outside the traditional town center.

The 1950s and early 1960s were a period of steady growth as the City began consolidating towns surrounding the area. With the arrival of the Kennedy Space Center and the Space Program, the accompanying boom produced the first motels, the first multi-rise apartment building, a public hospital, shopping centers, new golf courses, churches, and subdivisions. Today, the City of Titusville is a harmonious mixture of both past and present.



WASHINGTON AVENUE, TITUSVILLE, FLA.

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## BENEFITS OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION

### Economic:

- Stabilizes and improves property values in historic areas
- Eligibility for property tax abatement programs
- Reduces the cost of construction through the reuse of existing structures

### Cultural:

- Fosters civic pride
- Combats urban decay
- Retains the history and authenticity of a neighborhood by:
  - Commemorating the past
  - Preserving the texture, craftsmanship and style of bygone eras
  - Creating pedestrian and visitor appeal
  - Enables community to identify specific buildings for protection/preservation

### Environmental:

- Energy is saved by reusing existing structures and existing materials
- Retention of existing material reduces:
  - Hazardous waste and demolition debris
  - Need for new material

### For more information

Visit or call the City of Titusville's Community Development Department:

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## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN



# TITUSVILLE WALKING TOUR



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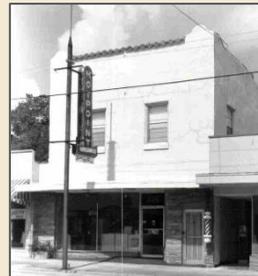
## 1 424 South Washington Avenue *The Historic Pritchard House*

The Pritchard House is a fine example of "Queen Anne" style architecture, built of heart pine in 1891 by Pleasant J. Hall. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. Pritchard family members continuously lived in the house until it was purchased for historic preservation by Brevard County in 2005. The house was restored to its original grandeur, preserving the original woodwork, doors, windows, shutters, flooring and hardware and opened to the public in 2011. It is completely furnished with period furniture and amenities, along with collections of vintage clothing and accessories, china, glassware, silverware, linens, toys and books and more. The historic Pritchard House is open as a history museum, public meeting place, exhibit hall, and library.



## 2 324-326 South Washington Avenue *Hotpoint*

The Spanish style Hotpoint building was built circa 1910. Around 1925, an addition was built to the rear of the building and a stairway was added to the north side. Other alterations include the removal of the coursed ashlar from the storefront and aluminum sash replacement windows in the second story. In 1926, the first floor of the building was used by the Florida Power & Light Company for the sale of electrical supplies. The second floor was the Vernon Hotel and Café. Wendell Sease bought the property in the 1950s and opened the Hotpoint Appliance Store, which he had for many years. The building currently houses a retail shop on the ground floor (326 S. Washington Ave.) and an apartment above (324 S. Washington Ave.). The current owners have recently refurbished the original Hotpoint sign.



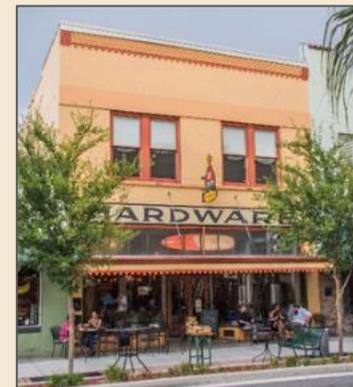
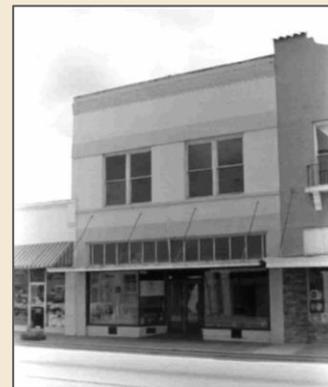
## 3 300-310 South Washington Avenue *Caffé Chocolat*

Built circa 1924 by owner George R. Walker of Miami, the Walker Apartments building (also known previously as the Walker Hotel and the Washington Hotel) was built to accommodate the influx of tourists into the city. Designed by architect Martin L. Hampton, this 3-story Mission-style building housed apartments and hotel space on the upper stories and commercial space below. With the decline of the downtown area in the 1950s, the hotel fell into despair. It was recently renovated and now houses Pistilli's Bistro & Pizzeria, Expressions Hair Salon and Caffé Chocolat on the ground floor. The upper floors are currently vacant.



## 4 305 South Washington Avenue *Playalinda Brewery Company*

The Titusville Hardware Store, a two-story masonry vernacular building, was built circa 1913 and functioned as a hardware store until the early 1980s. The building still has the original storefront, tin ceiling, heart pine flooring, and built-in display shelves with a sliding ladder to reach the upper shelves. The building was recently rehabilitated and now houses the Playalinda Brewery Company.



## 5 106 Main Street *Quam's Schoolhouse Burgers*

Built in 1913, this Masonry Vernacular building was originally Stewart's Cash Store. According to the most recent Florida Master Site File (BR00429), the building maintains its historic form and character and is a contributing resource in The Downtown Titusville Commercial District. The structure was recently rehabilitated and now houses a restaurant, Quam's Schoolhouse Burgers and Grinders.

