

Ichepuckesassa
aka
Plant City,
Florida
incorporated
1885

Where we came from

And ...

Where we are

And ...

Where will we go next?



HENRY B PLANT, the Connecticut railroad magnate, who brought his railroad across the state of Florida from the east coast to the west coast in 1883. This change opened up the opportunity for the community citizens to move their homes and businesses closer to the railroad, rename their town to Plant City, and incorporate it in 1885.

TOWN OF PLANT CITY

Incorporated January 10, 1885

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Area one square mile with the center three blocks west of this point. The town plat covered land originally owned by pioneer John G. Thomas; 55 acres platted for Judge Henry L. Mitchell and 65 acres platted for Simon Peter Thomas, son of the pioneer. Mitchell became the 16th Governor of Florida; Thomas became Plant City alderman.

MARKER ERECTED JANUARY 10TH IN THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF 1985



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COLLINS STREET LOOKING NORTH

♣ July 7, 1910

PICKING STRAWBERRIES.

⚡ Farming was a family life, and Plant City's communities observed a different school year calendar at their "Strawberry Schools," where the students went to school during the summer and were off during the strawberry harvesting season to work on the farms.



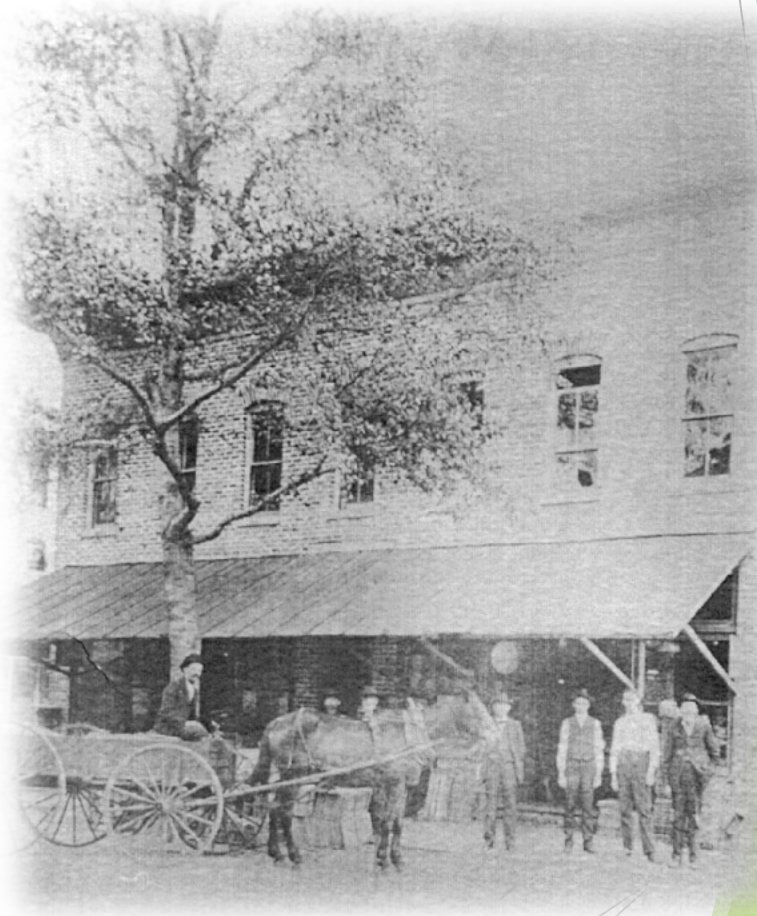


Plant City, Fla.—7



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The early community, known as Ichepucklesassa or Hickipucksassa, included farmers and merchants. When Plant City was incorporated in 1885, land sold for \$10-\$75 per acre. Cotton and lumber had joined vegetables, fruits, and cattle as the principal shipments, which were now moved by rail.

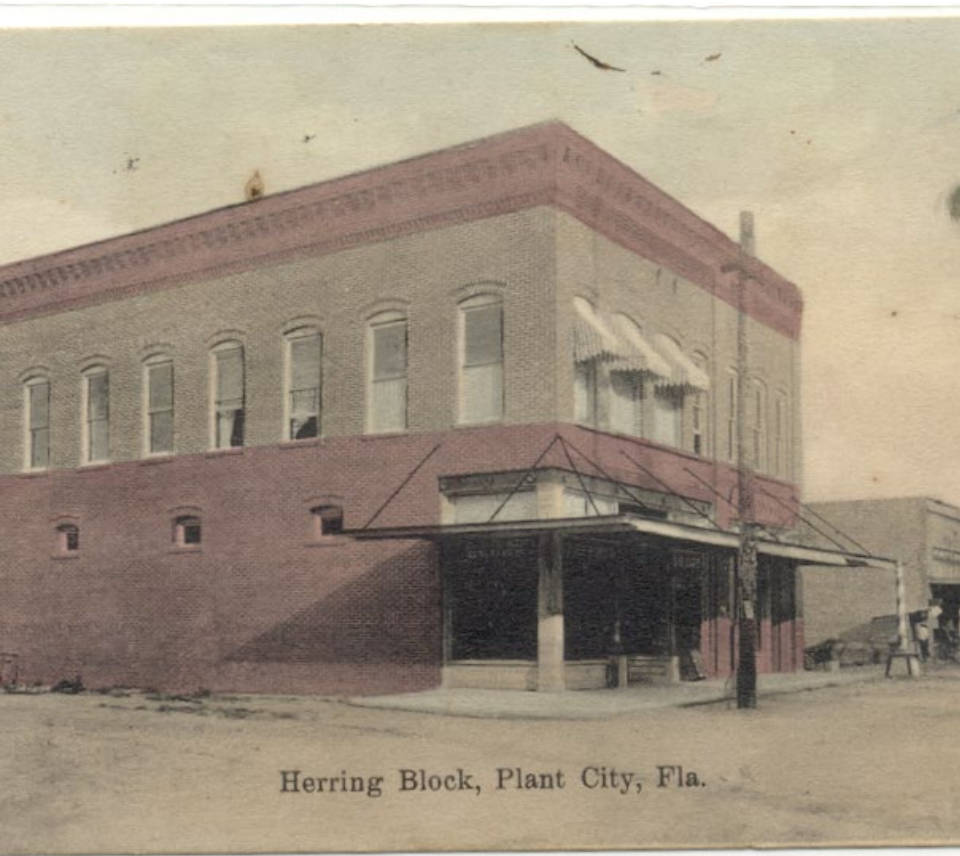




Work was the way of life.
Groceries were delivered almost daily.



Plant City Growers Exchange



Herring Block, Plant City, Fla.

The Herring Building, located just south of the railroad tracks on South Collins, had a drugstore downstairs, a doctor's office, and a hospital upstairs.



Hotel Plant, built in 1926, cost \$500,000.00. Its grand opening hosted 5,000 visitors and guests. The building was demolished in the 1960s to make way for a new bank building.



Earlier City Hall, built in the Georgian style, also housed the fire department. The building was demolished in the 1980s, and the site is now a parking lot.



1914 Plant City High School, built at a cost of \$40,000.00. This modified Georgian Revival-style building is a three-story red-brick structure with decorative blond-brick trim from Macon, Georgia. The 1914 building served as the town's high school until 1955, then as a junior high until 1972. Shortly thereafter, it became a community center owned by the City of Plant City, which formed a partnership with the East Hillsborough Historical Society, whose museums, archives, and events have provided community forums for its patrons and guests.



Reynolds Street - First Presbyterian Church (old building)



First United Methodist Church and parsonage(left, demolished for an addition to the church's educational and chapel areas.)



John Chapman's 1910 home on North Collins Street.
(private residence)



Allen-Lowry Home on South Drane Street(demolished)

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Plant City is well known for
its dedication to family and
community service.



World War I soldiers.

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**Miss Charlotte Rosenberg,
First Strawberry Festival Queen, 1930.**



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Downtown train viewing platform.

- ⌘ South of the Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum Society at the Union Station Depot, on South Palmer Street.
- ⌘ We are glad you came to visit. Come back again!



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