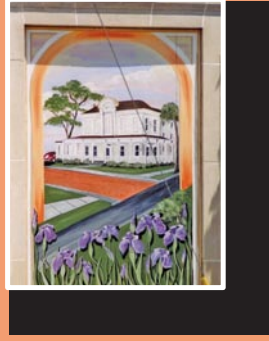


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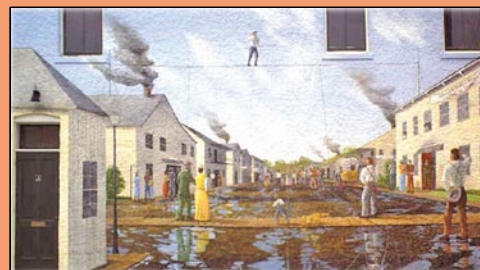
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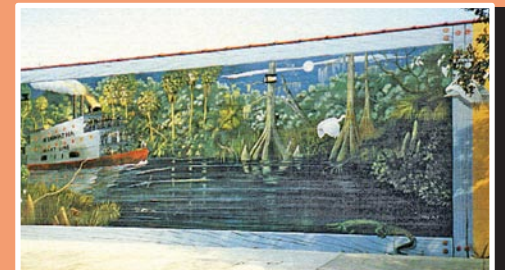
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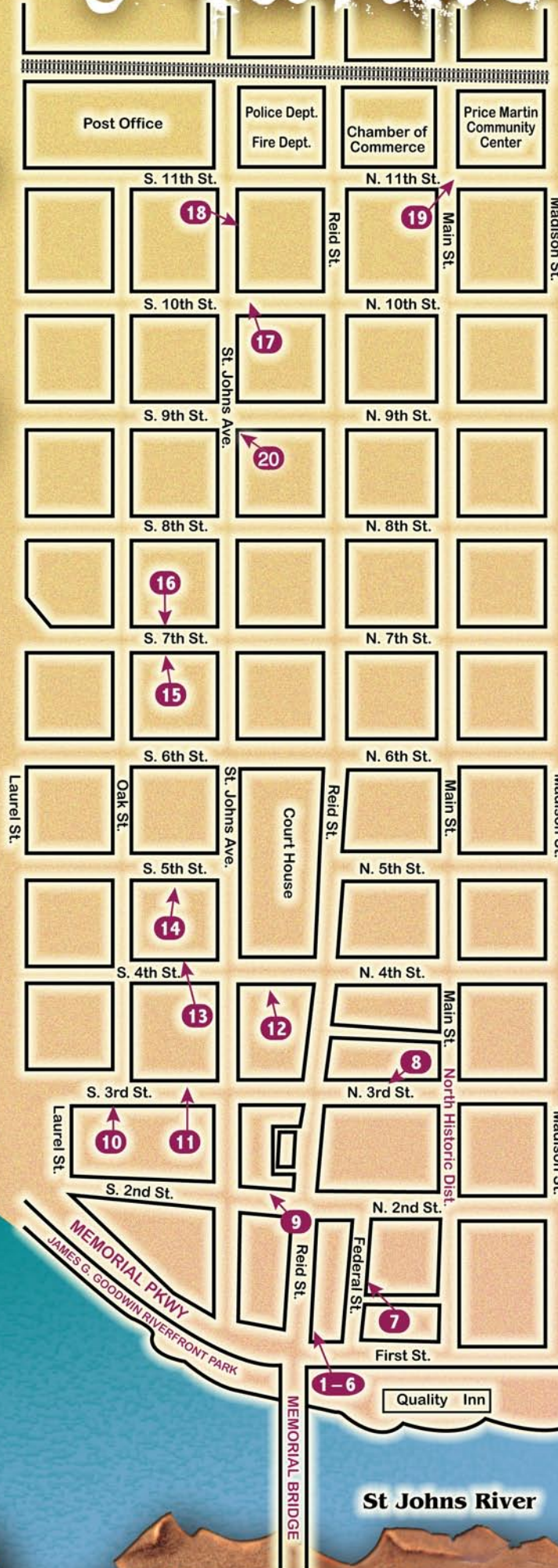
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Map Legend

1. Putnam County Jail, Circa 1880

City Hall, Reid Street at North Second Street.

Who says crime doesn't pay? A cell with a river view, a lovely Victorian home with a lawn, and three meals home-cooked by the sheriff's wife every day!

2. Putnam County Courthouse, Circa 1909

City Hall, Reid Street at North Second Street

Sitting on land donated to the county by Judge Isaac Bronson in 1855, this courthouse building has been in continuous use since 1909.

3. Bronson-Mulholland House, Circa 1854

City Hall, Reid Street at North Second Street

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located on Madison Street between Second and Third Streets, this home is now owned by the City of Palatka and maintained by the Putnam County Historical Society. Guided tours are conducted several days each week.

4. Palatka City Hall, Circa 1905

City Hall, Reid Street at North Second Street

This municipal building not only provided space for the conduct of City business but also housed Palatka's only fire station and the small public library. The library, located upstairs, was reached by climbing squeaky wooden stairs.

5. Old J T & K Railway Station, Circa 1886

City Hall, Reid Street at North Second Street

This Victorian two-and-a-half story frame building was located approximately where the present CSX Railway Station is today. The cupola at the top was used as a watchtower for the station manager.

6. Old Palatka Waterworks, Circa 1886-87

City Hall, Reid Street at North Second Street

These spring-fed waterworks were operated by steam-driven pumps heated by a wood furnace. They provided all the water for Palatka and were in operation until 1986.

7. Heartbeat of Palatka, Circa 1890, 1909, 1916

205 North Second Street

This mural combines the Old City Hall (left) and the Federal Building, or Old Post Office (right), the present City Hall at Reid Street and North Second Street. Torn down in 1963, the Old City Hall also housed the fire station. Be sure to look for the coins in the fountain.

8. Mug Race

Reid Street at North Third Street

Celebrated the first weekend of May every year, the longest inland-waterway sailboat race in the country begins here in Palatka and runs north to the Rudder Club in Jacksonville.

9. The Putnam House, Circa 1891

North Second Street at St. Johns Avenue

This mural is painted on the site of the original building. The elegant, prestigious hotel once encompassed the entire city block.

10. Battle at Horse Landing, May 23, 1864

South Third Street at St. Johns Avenue

Commemorating the Civil War battle between a Union gunboat and a force of dismounted Confederate cavalry, this mural hosts several "moving" features. Most notable is the dock, which changes perspective as you walk by.

11. Putnam County Wildflowers

South Third Street at St. Johns Avenue

This mural, a collaboration between the Conlee-Snyder Mural Committee and the Palatka Art League, showcases the wildflowers of Putnam County. A work in progress, the background is being added and the mural is being extended the whole length of the building.

12. Night Passage, Circa 1884

North Fourth Street at St. Johns Avenue

Traveling up the Ocklawaha River at night on the way to Silver Springs, the captain navigated his steamboat by the light of a bonfire on the upper deck. A favorite sport was shooting at the birds, alligators, and other animals along the river.

13. To God Be the Glory, 1937-38

South Fourth Street at St. Johns Avenue

The Billy Graham story starts here in Putnam County with his baptism in Silver Lake and his first pulpit at Peniel Baptist Church.

14. Bygone Days, Circa 1880

South Fifth Street at St. Johns Avenue

An excellent example of "faux" painting, the only real architectural elements in this mural are the windows and the doorway on the left covered by an awning.

15. Putnam Treasures

South Seventh Street at St. Johns Avenue

These vignettes depict birds (anhinga, sand hill crane, and swallow-tail kite) and animals (Florida panther, whitetail deer, and black bear) native to Putnam County.

16. High Time in Palatka, Circa 1872

South Seventh Street at St. Johns Avenue

Remembering such entertainment as the circus, greased pig wrestling, and other amusements, this mural of the circus high-wire act shows one of many activities enjoyed by our residents.

17. Cattle Drive to Paynes Prairie, Circa 1930

North Tenth Street at St. Johns Avenue

Until 1910, cattlemen swam their cattle from Hart's Point in East Palatka across the river into Palatka then drove them on to Paynes Prairie (near Gainesville) in the winter to fatten them for market.

18. Senator B. C. Pearce – Agricultural Mural

St. Johns Avenue between North Tenth and Eleventh Streets

Representing Putnam County, Sen. B. C. Pearce was instrumental in passing legislation which helped local farmers. Cabbages and potatoes are primary crops of this area.

19. Seats of Learning, Circa 1923

Reid Street at North Eleventh Street (Price-Martin Community Center)

Segregation was evidenced by the first two high schools in Palatka, Central Academy and Putnam High School. In 1923, Central Academy became the first fully accredited black high school in Florida. The black and white high schools integrated in 1969.

20. Mary Lawson Hospital

Ninth and St. Johns

The hospital opened in 1918, first as a facility for African-Americans. Owned and operated by an African-American family, the Lawsons, this hospital was soon integrated. Both black and white patients were cared for by doctors and nurses of both races.

21. Harlem Nights in Palatka – In Progress

The Belton Society Syncopates, comprised of Putnam County musicians, made it big in Harlem at the height of the Jazz Age. They often returned to Palatka on tour and brought with them many other big names of the age.