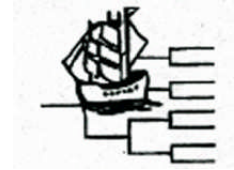




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## A Message From Our President,

Our society continues to add new members and to present interesting and varied programs. We hope you are taking advantage of our offerings. Please consult our very informative website and our newsletter for the latest information about what we are doing as well as the activities of nearby societies.

We want to express our appreciation to everyone who makes our organization a success. We appreciate the work of the officers, board members and various committee chairs. Those who provide our refreshments each month are greatly appreciated as well. Gus O'Dell does a great job of helping visitors to the genealogical room begin genealogical research and also helps those who have been researching for a period of time and need some extra direction. Our collection of books and other materials is growing and would be of help to you if you would allot some time to come to the library and do some research. Finding that extra time is not always an easy task.

We would like to thank Ralph Field for serving as editor of our newsletter in the past. The Fields have moved to the Plant City area and are no longer able to attend meetings on a monthly basis, but have promised to come back and visit for our special events. Replacing Ralph is David Boyett. David has some ideas to make our newsletter even better than it already is. Be sure to provide David with any information you may have that would be of interest to our membership. David, thank you for taking on this great responsibility.

Many of our members have been experiencing sickness and other problems. Our treasurer, Linda Soloski, recently lost her husband after a long and

difficult illness. Our sympathy and kind thoughts are extended to her and their family.

Try to participate in some of the day-long seminars/workshops that are periodically offered by some of the genealogical societies in the area as they become available. These are very informative and well worth your time. Attending the state genealogical conference which takes place over several days is a wonderful experience.

As I am writing this, we are working on plans to have an exceptional program on Italian/Sicilian genealogical research with a distinguished panel coming to us from the Italian Club of Tampa and the Ybor City State Museum. Please encourage anyone of Italian background to watch for our announcement of this special program. A specific date has not yet been set.

Happy researching,

Scott L. Peeler, Jr., President  
Brandon Area Genealogical and Historical Society

## Membership Report By: Sandra Troublefield, Membership Chair

I am pleased to report four new memberships for the Society.

Carl and Shelia Zornow are researching the following surnames from AL and FL (Stanford, Barnes, Buzbee, Jones and Cole).

Madeleine Gonzalez is researching family in Culpeper Co VA, Spencer Co KY and PA. Her surnames of interest are Covington, Tutt, Martin, McKinley and Graves.

Mary Ann Metz is researching the following families in Allegheny Co PA and Cullen Co VA (Cavanaugh/Cavanagh, Metz, Voith, Hinnebusch, Haberkonn, Goller and Switzer.

Rita Sandberg is researching families from County Mayo and County Cavan in Ireland. Surnames include McGuiaie, Bohan, Freeley and McGuiaie.

## History of Brandon, FL est 1890 By: David Boyett

Most people in Hillsborough County know that Brandon is named after the Brandon family and much has been written over time concerning how the town was established. This article will add some census information, recent photos and includes an excellent article written by Hillsborough County in 1998.

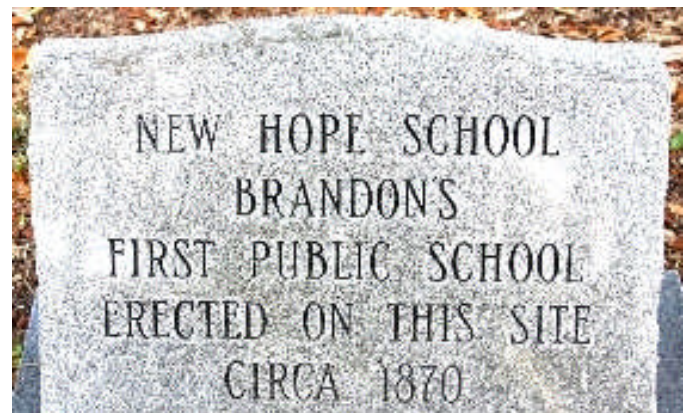
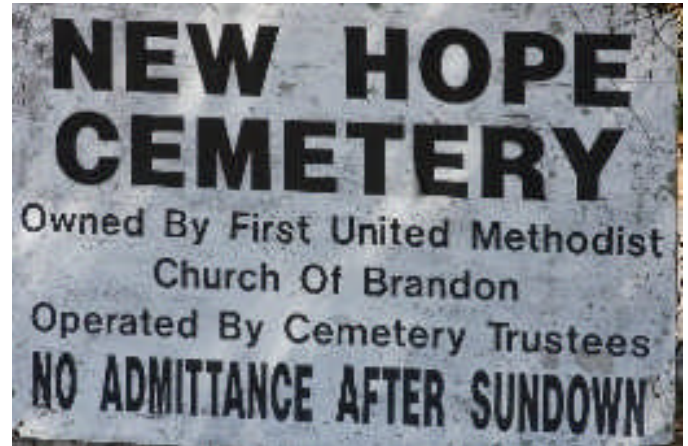
My research on the Brandon family started with the 1840 and 1850 Census in Marshall County MS where John Brandon lived next to his in-laws Robert and Susan Carson. The 1850 Census list John Brandon age 42, his wife Martha age 35, and six children ranging from 1 to 14. Martha's parents, living next door listed Robert Carson age 60, his wife Susan age 57 and two sons age 16 and 19.

In 1860 the Brandon family was living in Tampa as reflected in the US Federal Census:

Name: J B Brandon  
Age in 1860: 51  
Birth Year: abt 1809  
Birthplace: Alabama  
Home in 1860: Hillsborough, Florida  
Gender: Male  
Post Office: Tampa  
Household Members: Name Age  
J B Brandon 51 AL  
Martha Brandon 47 TN  
Samuel Brandon 14 MS  
Franklin Brandon 13 MS  
Washington Brandon 9 KY  
Isaac Brandon 4 MS  
Robert Causens 81 TN (Carson)

Next I took a trip to the New Hope Cemetery located just north of the railroad tracks and east of Parsons. This was the area that the Brandon family settled prior to 1870 after first arriving in Ft. Brooke in 1857 and farming in Seffner. The

cemetery has a marker showing the location of the New Hope School and a small mockup of the original New Hope Church. In the older section of the cemetery is a section marked BRANDON where John Brandon's son Franklin D Brandon and his relatives are buried. Franklin has two head stones, the newest is marked Co B 1 FLA CAV CSA Sep 4 1848 Oct 26 1883 and the older original stone is marked Franklin D Son of John and Martha Brandon.



From New Hope I traveled back south on Parsons to Brandon Blvd and a few blocks east to the Brandon Family Cemetery located on the S.W. corner of Lithia-Pinecrest Road and Brandon Blvd. The oldest headstone in the cemetery is that of Susan Carson, John's mother-in-law who died in 1857. John's wife Martha Carson Brandon is buried here with the dates of 1813-1867 marked on the headstone. Also in this cemetery is John Brandon b. Oct 26, 1809 died May 18, 1886 and John's second wife Victoria who was born in 1843 and died in 1926. Victoria remarried and the headstone is marked Victoria M. Brandon Sherrill.



floor reference desk.

The book contains a family tree of John and Martha Brandon and gave me some insight as to why they traveled the 700 miles by wagon to Ft. Brooke and how the references to being related to Kit Carson came about. As it turns out, the book indicates that John was interested in the new lands in Florida and his father-in-law, Robert Carson made the trip to check out the land and upon his return and positive report the families made the decision to move to Florida. The only mention to Robert Carson being related to Kit Carson comes many years later from John Brandon's son Isaac, who told someone that Robert Carson was the second cousin to Kit Carson. Kit Carson's family line is not an easy one to follow as Kit is one of 15 brothers/half-brothers and sisters/half-sisters. This book is a must read for any serious Brandon family researcher.

The real story about the Town of Brandon starts after the death of John Brandon and begins about 1890 with agreements between Victoria Brandon and railroad engineer Charles S. Noble who platted 40 acres of land between Parsons, Brandon Blvd, Kings Ave and south of Lake Meade. In this agreement the new railroad town was to be named Brandon after Victoria's late husband John Brandon. The train depot was built at Victoria Street and Moon Ave. As you drive around this area you will note streets named after the Brandon family members and even one street name after the railroad engineer which is Noble Ave now located on the north side of the tracks near the depot.

From reading the attached article "Brandon (New Hope)" from the Hillsborough County Historic Resources Survey Report I noticed a reference to a book by Hanna, "The Brandon Family of Southwest Florida" and I went to the Brandon Library in search of this 1968 book. The catalog number is 929.2 and it was found at the second

Family Information from Hanna:

- John Brandon b. England
- Jarrett Brandon b. 1786 England d. 1848 m. 12 Jan 1890 Carrol Co KY Jane Smith b. 1789 d. 1848
- Unverified report that John and two sons, Jarrett and William, left England in 1802.
- John Brandon b. 26 Oct 1809 AL d. 1886 m. 25 Nov 1832 Martha Brown Carson (dau of Robert b. 1792 and Susan b. 19 Jun 1813 Carson)
- 1. Louise Cumi Brandon 1833-1836
- 2. Jarrett Wesley Brandon 1836-1893 m Nancy
- 3. Robert Marion Brandon 1838-1863
- 4. James Henry Brandon 1841-1903 m Johanna
- 5. Samuel Fletcher Brandon 1844-1861
- 6. Franklin Davis Brandon 1848-1863 m Idella

7. John Harvey Clark Brandon 1850-1851
8. Doc Washington Brandon 1582-1871
9. Isaac Milner Brandon 1855-1948 m Emma
10. John Leroy Brandon 1869-1934 m Mary
11. Mark Z Brandon 1872-1954 m Eliz
12. Lovic Pearce Brandon 1874-1937 m Angie
13. Sadie Ellen Brandon 1876-1944 m Robert
14. Albert Jordan Brandon 1876-1944 m Jessie

Wife 2: Victoria Seward 1843-1926

Interesting research note: James Henry Brandon's granddaughter, Barbara Joice Brandon, married a Boyette in Pasco Co.

## Epiphany Celebration by Monique Groulx

I was born in the Province of Quebec and raised in Montréal, Canada. As a child, I remember fondly one custom we, the French Canadians, celebrated each year as a family, on January 6 or Epiphany Day, since in that era Epiphany was a holiday. My mother would make a cake and hide a hard bean in the batter. For dessert that day, each of us would get a piece of cake and when the word to dig in was given, we eagerly looked to see if the bean was in our serving. Oh, the joy of finding the lucky bean! The winner of the bean would be assured of good blessings throughout the year and perhaps get a crown and a small gift.

In France and several other countries, the cake is actually called "galette" or dessert bread made into the form of a crown and a token is hidden inside the batter. It could be a porcelain figurine of Baby Jesus or a coin. For the Greek youths, the custom takes another facet: each year on January 6, the 18 year old Greek males in Tarpon Springs, Florida, jump into the icy water of the bayou to find a cross which is thrown-in by the bishop. The young man who finds the cross is blessed for the year. It is quite an honor! The custom of finding something hidden goes back further in time. To the three Wise Man who were looking for Baby Jesus following the star which would lead them to their blessing.

This year, at the Brandon Genealogical Society's monthly meeting at the Bloomingdale Regional Library, the twenty-five persons who were present at the February 10th meeting, experienced the Canadian custom, when Monique Groulx baked cupcakes with a hidden bean inside one of the cupcakes. Each person received a cupcake and the lucky winner of the bean was David Boyett. A

burger King Crown was placed on his head and he received a special gift: a genealogical book entitled "The Unpuzzling your Past Workbook" and of course David is blessed for the year! Also attending the meeting was my cousin, Marcel Auger. His mother and my mother are sisters.

An interesting note to add to this story is the fact that David Boyett, my cousin Marcel, and I share a common female ancestor in our maternal line since we have identical markers in our mtDNA. That in itself is a blessing! Though, we have, as of yet, to find that ancestor.



## Library News by Gus O'Dell

The Genealogy room now has over a thousand books! The count to be exact is 1,081 including three new books that arrived in March.

The new books include DNA and Genealogy, The Basics of Genealogy Reference by Jack Simpson and The Family Tree Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors.

The collection includes the D.A.R. and Mayflower Society records. You can drop by the Genealogy room any Tuesday from 4-6 PM and find Gus who can assist you with the collection.

The Genealogy room is a service of the Hillsborough County Library System and funding is based on use as indicated from the sign-in sheet. As the saying goes, use it or lose it, so let's take a trip to the library and review some of the thousand books in the Genealogy room and don't forget to sign the log.

## Upcoming Events by Noreta Wells

The Florida Genealogical Society Tampa will be holding their annual seminar on September 26, 2009 so be sure and save this date. The speaker will be Elizabeth Shown Mills.

If you missed our recent program on DNA, you can attend the Pasco County Meeting on Saturday, April 11 in Dade City. David Boyett will be the guest speaker. The meeting starts at 10 AM at the LDS Church, 9016 Fort King Rd.

For additional events and schedule changes see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flbaghs/meetings.htm>

## Secretary's Report by Annette Lee

Past programs included a January presentation on the War of 1812 by Col. Harold W. Youmans, U.S. Army Retired of Riverview. Col. Youmans has one of the most extensive private collections of books and maps on the War of 1812. Contact Information: [The1812archive@gmail.com](mailto:The1812archive@gmail.com)

In February the Society was pleased to welcome back Pattie Schultz and Pam Treme who made a presentation on Internet Research. The program included Google, Cyndi's List and use of Web Crawler. Pattie and Pam have a webpage at <http://www.technology-tamers.com>

The program for March was by one of our society members and committee chairs, Kent Akselsen who gave a presentation on photo restoration. Kent has been a photographer for about 12 years and demonstrated how to restore photographs using Adobe Photoshop. For members who can't afford the professional CS4 version, Kent recommends the more affordable Adobe Photoshop Elements that can be found under a hundred dollars. For a free trial: <http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshopelwin/>

## Research Corner by Anna Jean Springer

One of the most interesting research adventures I have had was in May, 1998 when my daughter and I drove into Salisbury, Rowan County, N.C. to do some research on my Dickey family. By 1749, this area was an "Irish Settlement" and knowing that my Dickeys had come from Ulster in Ireland to

Pennsylvania, then on down the Great Wagon Road to travel the Wilderness Road into Kentucky, I had good reasons to believe that some of the Dickeys living in Rowan County in the 1700's and 1800's were related to my Dickey ancestors. I had located census records showing my Dickeys in Mercer Co., KY and other Dickeys, born in Rowan Co., N.C., who were living near each other in Mercer Co.

While looking for the Salisbury Library we followed a sign for the Tourist Information Center on Main Street. When we didn't see the sign again after driving several blocks, on an impulse we made a quick stop at a small travel agency "Travel Time of Salisbury." A kind lady there, Mrs. Purdy, told us how to find the library and that she was also interested in genealogy.

When I asked her if she knew of any Dickey families still living in the area, she said that she could remember talking with her mother or grandmother about some of the Dickeys they knew long ago in Rowan Co. I mentioned a George Niblock of Rowan Co., N.C. whose name I had seen in connection with my Dickey family on some legal documents. She said "Oh, George Niblock was my Great Grandfather!" Then she said "wait, I have some books!" She had personally worked extracting information to compile books from Rowan and Iredell County records: "Iredell Co., N.C. Deed Abstracts, Vol. 1 1788-1797" and "Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Iredell Co., N.C. 1789-1800."

Both books were loaded with Dickey names.

I asked if I would find the same books at the library to copy some pages and she said "you can have those, I have some later ones." I felt we were meant to not find the Tourist Information Center and to stop suddenly at this remote little travel agency instead. Eleven years later I am still trying to unscramble this puzzle but I have found other Dickey researchers who believe as I do that our Kentucky Dickeys are definitely connected to those in Rowan Co., N.C.

See below the Brandon (New Hope) article from Hillsborough County, 1998. Additional Brandon photographs can be found at:

<http://www.pbase.com/daveb/brandon>

1876 Homestead of James Henry Brandon (son of John Brandon) located at 401 W. Brandon Blvd.



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#### **Note from the editor:**

We are looking for articles from our members and welcome suggestions for our next April-June newsletter. Please contact David Boyett by email [davidboyett@aol.com](mailto:davidboyett@aol.com) or discuss articles with him at our monthly meetings.

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**Buckhorn Creek**

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The following is an excerpt from:  
**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT**

Submitted to:  
**Florida Department of State  
Bureau of Historic Preservation**

**October 1998**

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\* These excerpts have been taken from the Historic Resources Survey Report with permission given by the Hillsborough County Historic Resources Review Board on December 15, 2003. The intention is to help provide targeted historical information on the water bodies in Hillsborough County.

### *Brandon (New Hope)*

John William Brandon, along with his wife, their seven sons, and their seven slaves, arrived in Fort Brooke from Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on January 20, 1857. Shortly thereafter they moved to what today is Seffner, and within a year they relocated to New Hope, the community that would eventually bear his family name. Other early residents of this locality were Israel Gardner, Jimmie Hendricks, Dan Kelley, William Parker, and Walter Stanford. The family homesteaded on 160 acres where Mr. Brandon built a large log house near present day Lithia-Pinecrest Road and State Road 60. The family raised cattle and pigs and grew corn, cotton, sugar cane, and sweet potatoes.<sup>i</sup>

After the death of John's wife, Martha (Carson) Brandon, on April 14, 1867, the Brandons moved to Bartow, Florida, where he married Victoria M. Varn, on September 17, 1868. Within a year they relocated to a farm east of Fort Meade, where he also operated a grist mill and a general store. Losing his entire life's savings when someone broke into the store, John Brandon was forced to sell his property, store, and gristmill. Consequently, in 1874, John Brandon moved back to his homestead in New Hope, purchased an additional 500 acres, and began raising cattle, hogs, and sheep, as well as venturing into citrus growing. Shortly after resettling in New Hope, John Brandon donated the land for a school which served the community until the early 20th century. In 1878 he also donated the land and building for the Methodist Church and parsonage and the New Hope cemetery. Eight years later on May 18, 1886, Mr. Brandon passed away.<sup>ii</sup>

The Brandon family's involvement in community affairs did not stop with Mr. Brandon's death. In the early 1890's the community prospered when the Florida Central and peninsular Railroad completed a line through New Hope connecting Plant City and Tampa. New Hope's population totaled 451 settlers in 1890. Because of the railroad, Victoria Brandon contracted with Charles S. Noble, a Florida Central and Peninsula Railroad engineer, to plat approximately forty acres of land north of present day State Road 60, South of Lake Meade, east of Kings Avenue, and west to Parsons Avenue. Filed on April 24, 1890, the surveyor named the community in honor of John Brandon and Noble Street for himself. King Street was named after for John R. King, an early resident who moved to the area from New Albany, Mississippi, in 1881. Victoria Street was named for Victoria Brandon while Sadie Street was named for Sadie Brandon, daughter of Victoria and John Brandon. Following in the tradition her husband had set, Mrs. Brandon donated the street right-of-ways to the county. Along with platting the town, Mrs. Brandon established a post office for Brandon in her home on September 15, 1890, becoming Brandon's first postmaster.<sup>iii</sup>

On May 22, 1890, the *Tampa Tribune* provided a picturesque view of Brandon when it wrote:

The new city of Brandon is located ten miles east of Tampa on the F.C.&P.R.R. The site is on a beautiful, level tract of high pine land, on the south side of the railroad track, while on the north side of the track is

situated the beautiful orange grove of Mrs. Victoria Brandon, which nestling between the city and the beautiful circular lake and deep hammock, on the north-east, is indeed a beautiful picture. The land for the city, as platted, is of the most fertile pine lands of Florida, with tall, aged, immense pines rearing their lofty heads to heaven, with here and there a cluster of beautiful oaks grouped beneath the immense monarchs of the forest. These deep, cool, shady bowers are truly inviting to the lovers of nature... .The city at present has only a side-track and platforms for receiving freight, but a depot is promised at an early date. With their present facilities for shipping, large quantities of vegetables are being shipped from that point, every week and are constantly increasing. The passenger trains stop for the accommodation of the traveling public. The first start toward the building of a city is the erection of a commodious store house for Messrs. Cone & Johnson's stock of general merchandise, and Mr. Coe is transferring his saw mill to the new city. A number of parties have engaged lots for the erection of residences, as it is a delightful locality, and if proper rates can be secured over the F.C.&P....it will eventually become a popular locality for the residences of parties doing business at Tampa in as much as with the present schedule the trains come into the city early in the morning and go out at night, affording an opportunity for persons to attend to a day's work and return at night. But aside from this latter consideration it is a lovely and healthy place to reside and is surrounded by a very fertile country which is dotted with large bearing orange groves and quite a number of young groves, all of which are in a most prosperous condition. Notwithstanding the freezes during the past winter the timber and the waters of the lake have protected the fruit so that even now the lemon and orange trees are laden with the half grown fruit in quite an abundance. We predict for the young city a bright future.<sup>iv</sup>

The railroad planted the seeds of change for Brandon. Prior to the 1890s, residents had to travel along sandy or muddy roads to Plant City or Tampa for supplies that they could not make themselves. When the F.C.&P. decided not to erect a railroad depot, the Brandon community built one and located it on the northwest corner of Victoria Street and Moon Ave. After the railroad was completed and the depot built the poor roads could be avoided. More importantly though, businesses were started in Brandon. Because of the train, Bloomingdale resident Daniel J. Galvin moved to Brandon, establishing a general store and becoming postmaster. Combined with Messrs. Cone and Johnson's enterprise, local businesses diminished the need to travel to Tampa and Plant City for many goods. By 1911 P.H. Varn operated Brandon's general store and served as the area's postmaster. Telephones also reached the area by the second decade of the 20th century. During the height of Florida's land boom, Brandon businesses also prospered. While no longer serving as postmaster, Varn had moved into the fruit packing industry by 1925. Ralph McIntosh became postmaster in 1922 and stayed in the position until he retired in 1958. The postmaster did not receive a salary, but was paid from a portion of revenues collected. Fueled by the timber industry around Brandon, Mr. Coe continued to operate

his sawmill where families could go and procure wood to expand or build homes. Residents could also get their hair cut by C.M Hogan; have their plumbing fixed by J.L. Brooker; get their cars repaired by W.L. Hone; shop at C.N. Morgan's general store, Ralph McIntosh's butcher shop, or W.H. Brown's grocer and feed store; and purchase land from G.W. Stevens, Brandon's real estate agent.<sup>v</sup>

Possibly because Brandon did not incorporate all of the older community of New Hope, Brandon's population in 1900 was 317. By 1910, however, Brandon's population grew to 573. This growth may in part be attributed to Mr. Galvin being elected county commissioner, during which time the commission improved roads around Brandon. Most of the residents were farmers. Land in the area sold for approximately \$15 or \$16 an acre during this era. The typical farm consisted of a few acres of oranges which served families as a cash crop, a small plot of sugar cane which was turned into syrup and a portion for candy, and a vegetable garden for home use. Chicken and hogs were raised, and the family usually kept at least one cow for milk. Other cash crops included peaches and grapes.<sup>vi</sup>

While the New Hope school continued to operate until it burned down during the 1890s, other schools opened that serviced the general area, including Limona School, Valrico School, and Williamson School. A Brandon School was first mentioned in the July 3, 1894, school board minutes. In August, 1901, voters established Brandon Special School Tax District No. 11, and elected Isaac M. Brandon, J.R. Brooker, and D.W. Yancy as trustees. Three months later, James H. Brandon donated one square acre of land to the trustees for the erection of a school. This school has generally been referred to as "Brandon's first school." Following this, in 1914, the county erected the first of the "Twin Towers" building on present day McLane Middle School at 306 Knights Avenue. The second building was erected in 1917, with the first serving as an elementary school while high school students attend classes in the second structure. Other schools in the general vicinity were closed and consolidated into the Brandon school. As the institution grew during the following decades it became a focal point for the Brandon community where plays, dances, and even movies were shown.<sup>vii</sup>

In 1920, 492 people called Brandon home, including Victoria Brandon. Besides having served as postmaster and having Brandon platted, Mrs. Brandon also raised her children and tended her farm. On October 4, 1900 she married Charles C. Sherrill. Mr. Sherrill passed away on June 20, 1917, and Mrs. Brandon died on December 4, 1926. Mrs. Brandon's community had a population of 1063 in 1930, consisting of 537 males and 526 females, 1041 Whites, and 22 Blacks, with the majority of Whites being U.S. born.<sup>viii</sup> The reason for the small number of African Americans within Brandon might be revealed in a 1930s description of the community:

This thriving little community [of Brandon] impresses the visitor with its cleanliness and good repair of homes. It has long been noted as a locality in which negroes are forbidden to settle.

The first home in this town was built in 1856 by John Brandon, for whom the town was named. In later years Brandon was settled to a great extent by Northerners.

There is a large district or consolidated school here with a student body of 600, drawn from surrounding territory.<sup>ix</sup>

During the mid-1950s, Hopewell Road (today's State Road 60) was connected to Adamo Drive. Two additional lanes were added to State Road 60 through Brandon in 1958. This connection and expansion caused the community to boom, with 5000 people residing in Brandon in 1957 and 8000 three years later. While the *Tampa Tribune's* 1890 prediction of Brandon becoming a bedroom community of Tampa came true, it just took 70 years longer than expected and the transformation occurred because of automobiles and not the train. Brandon's population in 1975 was estimated to be about 45,000, second in growth to the area surrounding the University of South Florida. Neighborhoods sprung up north and south of State Road 60, and in the process Brandon swallowed up such communities as Bloomingdale, Dover, Durant, Lithia, Limona, Mango, Seffner, and Valrico. This greater Brandon area included 106,000 residents, supporting over 150 churches, and more than 5000 businesses. With such growth, people began to grumble about traffic along State Road 60 during the 1970s, and the grumbling (for good reason) continues to this day. x

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