

At Home in Melrose

2005





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**Bonnie Mount** as seen on Seminole Ridge Road, above, and from the lake, below.

William Bonney and his brother were living in the farmhouse they built on this site when Melrose was surveyed in 1877. The oldest house in the vicinity, "Bonney Place" later became "Bonnie View" and more recently "Bonnie Mount." See *Country Living*, May 1990.



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## January 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Остину		•				1
						New Year's Day
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



Jackson House - In 1877 Greenberry Jackson, a blacksmith, built the first house in the newly platted town of Melrose.

Jackson's son married the granddaughter of Alex Goodson, founder of Melrose. Members of the Jackson family have occupied it continuously.

### February 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



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Lee House – William Lee, the builder of a number of other Melrose Homes, built this one for himself in 1879. He enlarged it as his family grew. The house was operated as a boarding house by his wife, Sarah Alice, in the 1920s and '30s. Lee family members occupied the house for over 102 years.

### March 2005

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				St. Patrick's Day		
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First Day of Spring						
27	28	29	30	31		
Easter					1	



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#### Mizell-Craig House c. 1911

John T. Mizell built this house on land he bought in the southern part of the new town in March 1880. Storekeeper Alexander W. Craig and his wife, Janie, the daughter of Melrose pioneer, Dr. Frank McRae, bought the house in 1910.



# April 2005

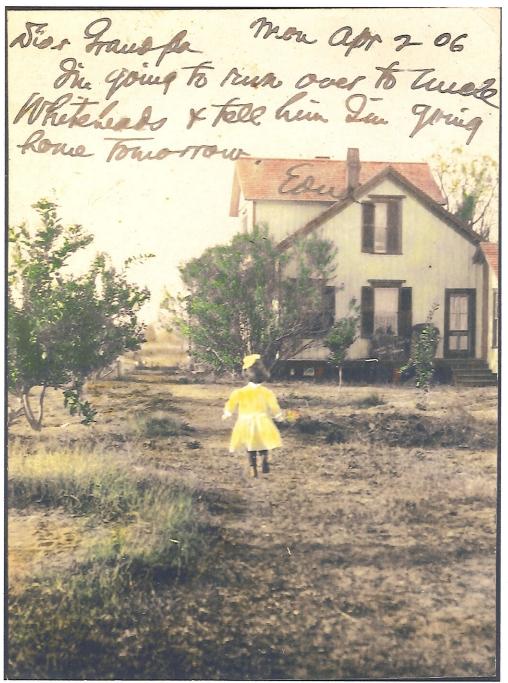
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					April Fool's Day	
3  Daylight Savings	4	5	6	7	8	9
Time Begins 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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#### Whitehead House

Emory J. Whitehead, an attorney from New York, purchased property in 1883 and built a winter cottage facing Grove Street. The second story was added in 1903. Later the entrance was changed to face the bay.



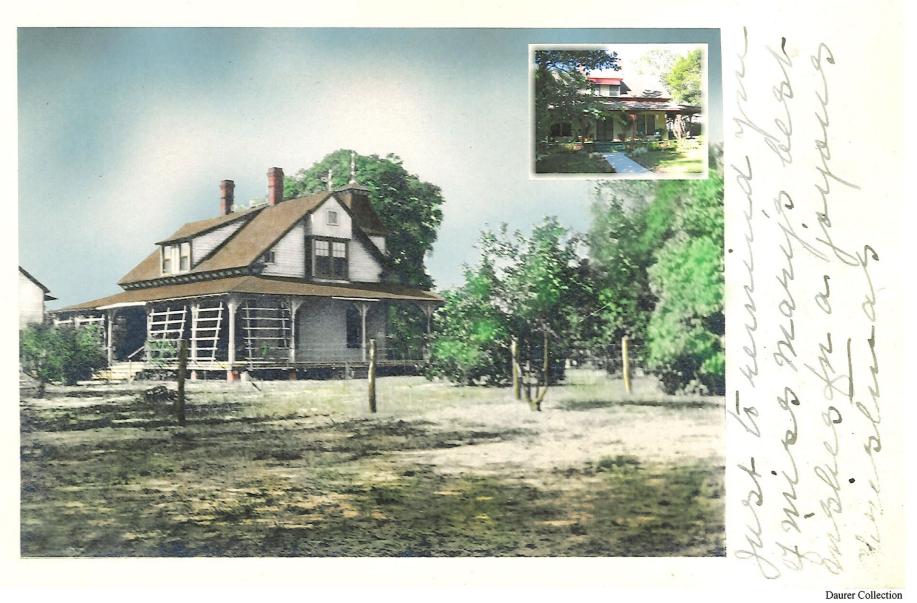
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## May 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				



#### **Darlington House**

William Lee built this stately Victorian house in 1885 as a winter home for F.J. Darlington. Ornamental iron points skyward between elaborate twin chimneys. The wooden trellises were still on the house in 1945 with morning glories growing on them. Descendants of Oscar and Susan Baldwin Whitcomb own the house now.

### June 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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19 Father's Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25
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#### **Sandiford-Grimes House**

In 1886 J.E. Sandiford built this large house with a view of the lake for the purpose of taking in boarders. In 1887 the house sold for \$480. H.S. Grimes, Captain of the *Alert*, acquired the house in 1896.

It originally had a twostory front porch, top photo, which was remodeled in later years with more ornate columns and balustrade, as seen in the bottom left photo.

During recent remodeling and restoration, the current owners discovered an interior doorway that had been covered over, and old tree trunks that had been used as an early method of supporting the building.



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Mrs. Grimes in her

dining room.



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# July 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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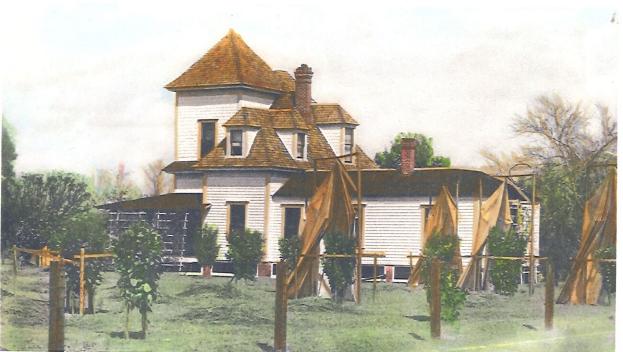
**Home Acre** Daurer Collection

In 1887 Nathanial Orr, an engraver from New Jersey, and his wife, Elizabeth Holmes Orr, bought a small board and batten house and converted it to a pleasant winter cottage. The letters of Elizabeth, a poet and author, provide a lively description of life in Melrose between 1886 and 1909. The Orr's daughter, Effie, married Walter Hamlyn.

# August 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### Caldwell House

Known as "Rughven Lodge," this accurately restored Queen Anne-style home has one of the most complex and pleasing rooflines in the area. Nathanial Priest built it in 1890 for Charles E. and Melissa Caldwell of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Notice the coverings for the trees in the bottom photograph.

# September 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24
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#### **Huffman House**

Newton Priest began construction of the house known as the "Abbie" for Miss A.L. Hill in 1890. In an 1895-96 brochure, "the Abbey" was described by owner C.P. Huffman as a boarding house on the bay. At times it was known as the Melrose Hotel. The two-story structure once had decorated side porches and a corner tower.



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### October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	Columbus Day Observed	11	12	13	14	15
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#### **Chamberlin House**

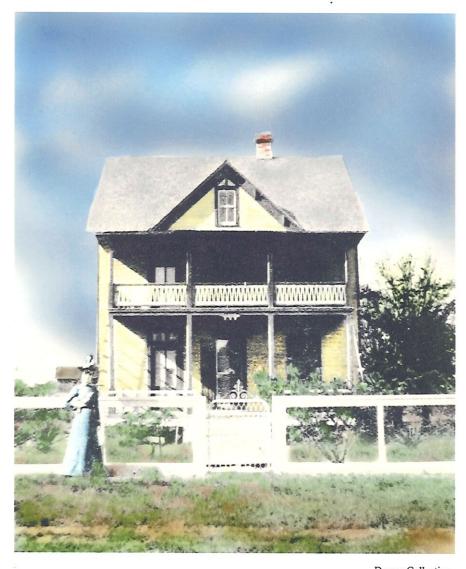
This frame house was built in the 1890's for B.A. Chamberlin. It is on some of the highest ground in Melrose, which may well have been the site of even earlier dwellings. There have been later additions and alterations to the house.

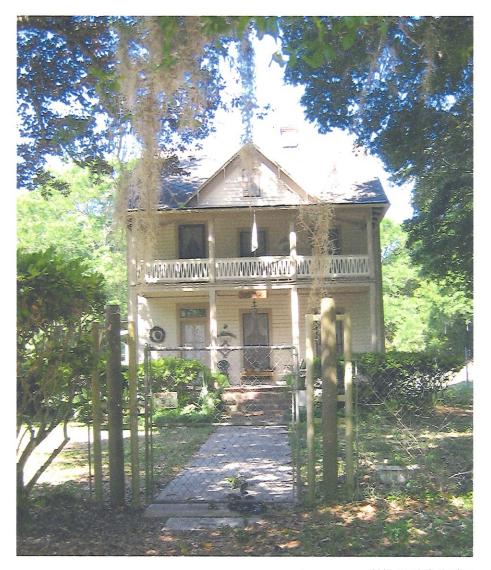


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### November 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### H. B. Tolles House

Harrison and Alice Tuttle Tolles of Ansonia, Connecticut built the house in 1894 and called it "Oakhurst." Harrison was the oldest brother of F. W. Tolles; Alice is believed to have been the sister of Franklin B. Tuttle. Note the fine sawcut balustrade on the two-tiered porch.

### December 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas	First Day Hanukkah					

### 2005

### Historic Melrose Calendar

Historic Melrose, Inc., a non-profit volunteer organization created in 1988, has been instrumental in raising the awareness and appreciation of the area's past. Their members, with the help of the community, have identified and researched historically significant structures, published an Architectural and Historical survey, produced the history videotapes, helped prepare a Melrose historic tour guide, produced historical displays, and donated genealogies of local families to the Melrose Library. They maintain the Melrose Museum of Photographic History, renamed the Daurer History Center in 2002, and conduct tours of local historic Places. In 1990, after receiving a grant to help prepare the proposal, the Melrose Historic District, including some 72 sites, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Recently HMI has purchased property on the old Bellamy Avenue in the Historic District to be used as a Heritage Park.

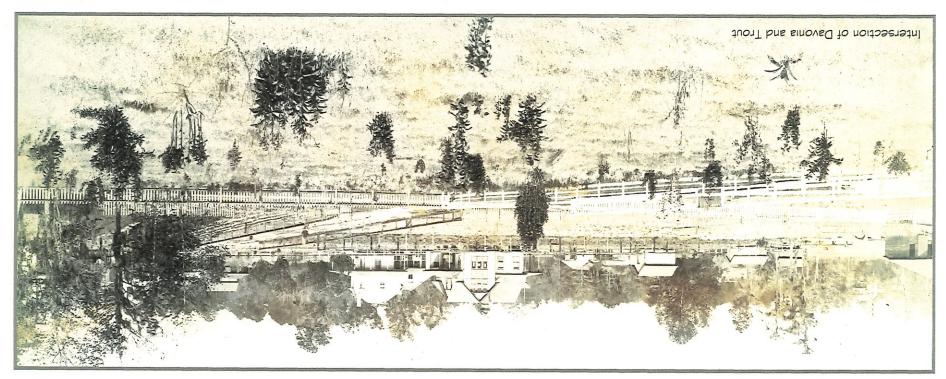
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Hamlyn House, center left, and Home Acre, center right – In 1887 Nathanial Orr and his wife, Elizabeth Holmes Orr, bought a small board and batten house that became known as Home Acre. The Orr's daughter, Effie, was married to Walter Hamlyn, an Englishman from Devon, who purchased the bayfront property next to Home Acre in 1894. This led to the opening of Devonia Street. This photograph, with the lake in the background on the left, illustrates how the vegetation has changed over the last 100 years.