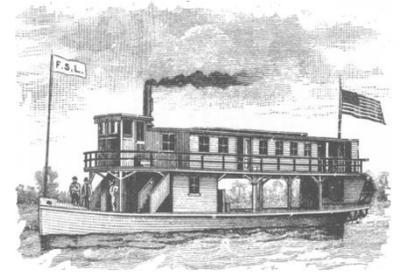


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25 October, 2020

Dear members and friends of Historic Melrose, Inc.

1. **Speaker program, Sunday, November 15, 2020, 2:00 – 3:15 pm, Homemakers' Club, outside in garden.** Topic: Pleistocene history of Northeast Florida by Dick Franz, retired from the UF Ordway-Swisher station. Come see the fascinating charts and fossils. Chairs provided but we suggest bringing your own comfy lawn chair. Corner of Centre and Park streets. Free of charge and light refreshments provided. For more information, check out <http://prehistoricflorida.org/>

Copies of *Melrose, Florida: An Illustrated History* by Rosemary Daurer and Kevin McCarthy will be available for \$12 each.

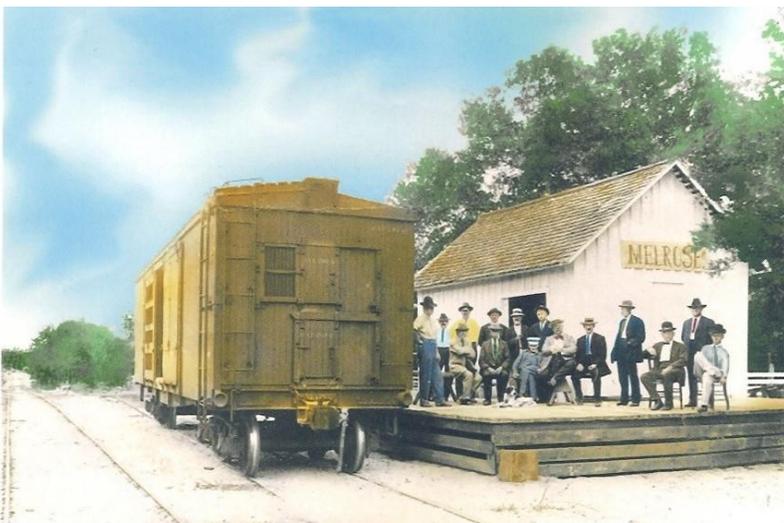
2. **Melrose signs.** We thank all of the volunteers who helped create the historic marker at Trinity Episcopal Church. Kathi Warren, Jean Giesel, and Jean Marshall authored the text and submitted the application. The Division of Historical Resources of the Florida Department of State reviewed and edited the marker text. When a date is determined, we'll have an unveiling ceremony in 2021.

The letter-sign in Heritage Park was also restored using a high-tech laser printing on acrylic. Please visit the park and see it! Thanks to Clyde Pfeiffer and the Gainesville Trophy shop for donating this cool picture of the *Alert*.

The Farmer's Market folks rescued and repurposed a sign from Hawthorne and it is a wonderful addition. We thank Bob Bird for managing the market, too. The Q.I. Roberts history and archaeology club is busy working on the historic marker for Banana, FL. Stay tuned.

3. At printing time, we do not know the outcome of the historic statue in Palatka. According to Commissioner Harvey, the three options are to leave it in place, relocate it to Heritage Park, or relocate it to Veteran's Park in East Palatka...though there is some effort to create a new Putnam County museum and it could perhaps display the Confederate statue.

4. **Archiving project.** Historic Melrose has started a significant project by organizing, arranging, and cataloging over 2,000 photos and documents from Rosemary Daurer's estate. As Dr. Barrow says, "this is a major deal." We thank Jean Marshall for collaborating with professional archivist Laura Nemmers on this important work. More volunteers will be requested for this multi-phase enterprise. If you are curious about the amazing photos in this collection, check out the picture calendars that are posted online at [HistoricMelroseFlorida.org](http://HistoricMelroseFlorida.org) and click the "Historical Homes" tab.



Melrose Train Station – early 1900's

Daurer Collection



Historic Melrose, Inc. depends on volunteers at Heritage Park, St. John's Cemetery in Earleton, Grist Mill at Banana, and the Homemaker's Club. Thanks to all who keep this great organization going.

We have arranged with Whitton Roofing for a new, period-appropriate roof for the Daurer Center. We are very grateful for our 18-year partnership with Putnam County for Heritage Park. Please contact us to arrange a tour of Banana, Earleton Cemetery, Homemaker's Club, and the Daurer Center.

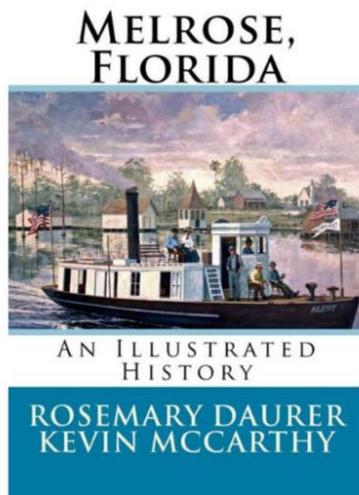


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*Melrose Town Square on the NE corner of Bellamy Road and Hampton, in the early 1900's.*

*The Vogelbach Drugstore, center back left, now used for the Homemakers Club, was the only drugstore in Melrose for sixty years.*

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Key dates:

- a. 15 Nov, 2pm, Speaker program at the Homemaker's Club
- b. 12 Dec, Christmas parade sponsored by MBCA
- c. TBD in 2021, Trinity Episcopal Church historic marker dedication
- d. 16 Jan 2021, Banana mill site clean up
- e. 24 Jan 2021, HMI annual membership meeting
- f. TBD in March 2021, spring historic field trip