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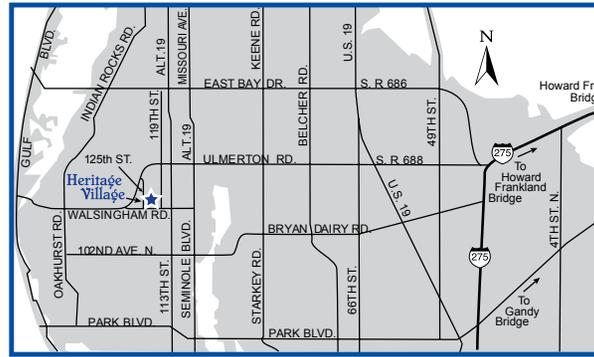


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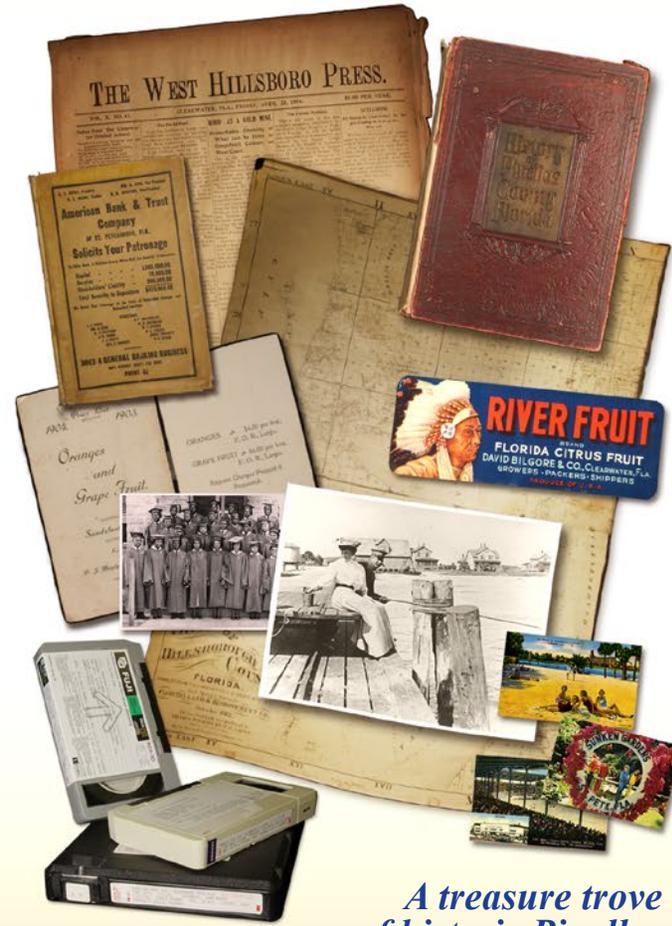
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is the first point on the Pinellas Peninsula to become a community. • 1857 - Tarpon Springs becomes the first incorporated city on the Pinellas Peninsula. • 1887 - The Orange Belt Railroad arrives on the Pinellas Peninsula. Terminating in St. Petersburg in 1888, the railroad is a significant stimulant to growth and economic development in Pinellas. • 1887 - Captain Samuel Hope built his home in Anclote. • 1897 Construction of the Belleview Hotel, later known as the Belleview-Biltmore, completed. The building of many resort hotels, combined with the coming of the railroad and the popularity of the area's climate, signaled an early boom in Pinellas County's tourist industry. • 1900 - to Pass-a-Little Long Key became the first barrier island development. • 1910 containing hotels, beach cottages and a casino. • 1905 - A large number of Greek sponge divers and fishermen arrive in Tarpon Springs changing the face of the industry and the community. • 1912 - Pinellas becomes a county, separate and apart from Hillsborough County.

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