

THE *Deerfield Beach* HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESERVING TOMORROW'S HISTORY TODAY



The Deerfield Beach Historical Society was founded in 1973, with a directive to identify, preserve and maintain historical sites in the Deerfield Beach area. The first order was to preserve the Pioneer House, a 1930's era cottage representative of housing and vacation cottages of that time. The Society then banded together in 1976 to prevent demolition of the old 2-room school house, which also served as the town's City Hall for many years.

The Butler House, home of pioneers, James D. and Alice Butler was bequeathed to the Society in 1977 following Mrs. Butler's passing and is now our permanent home. We are proud to have been instrumental in placing four local structures on the National Register. We continue to acquire artifacts, written data and verbal histories and make them accessible to the public.

- 1920 Deerfield School
- 1923 Butler House
- 1926 Deerfield Train Station
- 1926 Deerfield Beach Elementary School



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The Deerfield Beach Historical Society is a non-profit 501(c) (3) educational organization open to the public for school tours, group and individual tours. We offer monthly activities for our membership and the community.

Membership is open to the public. Corporate and Professional sponsorships are also available. Donations are most welcome and tax deductible.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday 9am - 4pm
Saturday tours available by appointment.
Closed Sunday.

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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Individual \$40

Family \$50

Professional \$100

Corporate Sponsorships available

Memorial Brick \$100

To Read: _____

YES, I/WE WANT TO JOIN the Deerfield Beach Historical Society to help leave a lasting footprint in the sands of time; Deerfield's legacy.

Membership includes admission to all historical sites, History at High Noon lecture series, discounts to various events throughout the year and our quarterly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities are available!

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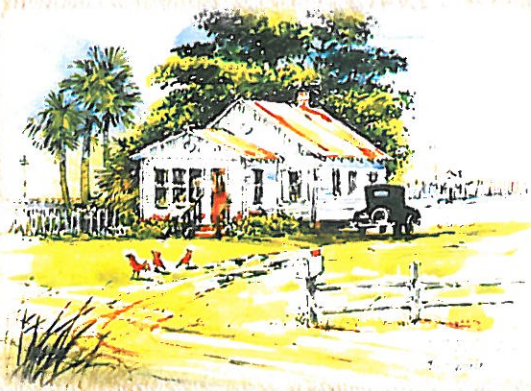
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THE PIONEER HOUSE

The Pioneer House, built by William L. Kester is located on the Butler House property. It is a two-bedroom cottage and houses furniture from Deerfield's first mayor, George E. Butler. Mr. Kester began building these cottages in 1937 as vacation cottages between Deerfield Beach and Pompano Beach. Five remain in Deerfield today.



THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

During the bicentennial year, 1976, the Society saved the Old School House, circa 1920, from demolition. The two-room masonry building has original interior windows, flooring and period furnishings representative of that era. The school was used from 1920 until 1926 when the population out grew the two room school. Deerfield Beach Elementary was built in 1926 and is still in use today.

JAMES D. AND ALICE BUTLER HOUSE AND MUSEUM

The James D. and Alice Butler House, circa 1923 was bequeathed to the Deerfield Beach Historical Society in 1977 and houses the society's office and archives. The home was built in 1923 from plans Mrs. Butler ordered from *The Ladies Home Journal* magazine. The home is a two-story Mediterranean Revival style built of hollow clay tile and plaster on lath inside. At a cost of \$10,000 to build, it was equipped with the most modern of conveniences. Original furnishings, flooring and trim resonate the warmth and charm of another era.

The Butlers came from Texas to Deerfield in 1910 for a visit and stayed to become Deerfield's most popular and public spirited citizens. Mr. Butler served on the first school board, both county and city commissions and together with his wife assisted in the establishment of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Butler helped found the Women's Club. The home was designated a Florida State Historic Site in 1974 and placed on the National Register in 1995.



THE SEABOARD AIRLINE RAILROAD STATION

The Seaboard Airline Railroad Station, circa 1926 is listed on the National Register and is utilized by Amtrak and Tri-Rail. The old train station is also home to the Deerfield Beach Railroad Museum. The museum chronicles the history of South Florida as related to the railroads that brought commerce and development to the area and educates the general population. They are also qualified to instruct the "Operation Lifesaver" program, making rail crossing safer.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to identify, preserve and maintain historical sites in the Deerfield Beach area; to acquire artifacts and data and make historical resources accessible to the public, to educate and encourage awareness of local history.

We depend on our members, volunteers and sponsors to continue our vision. Help us keep our rich history alive. You are our most valuable asset.