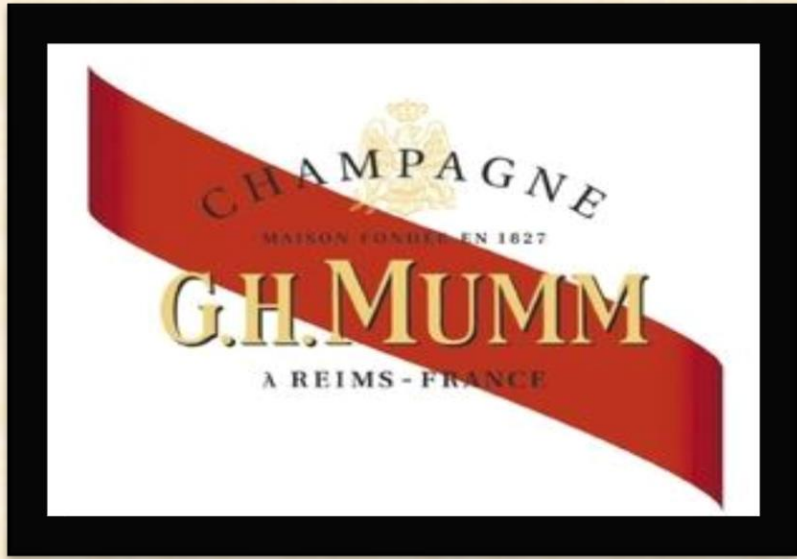


*DeBary Hall Historic Site*  
*1871*

History is alive here at DeBary Hall Historic Site.  
The site is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and is the  
oldest intact building in southwest Volusia county.





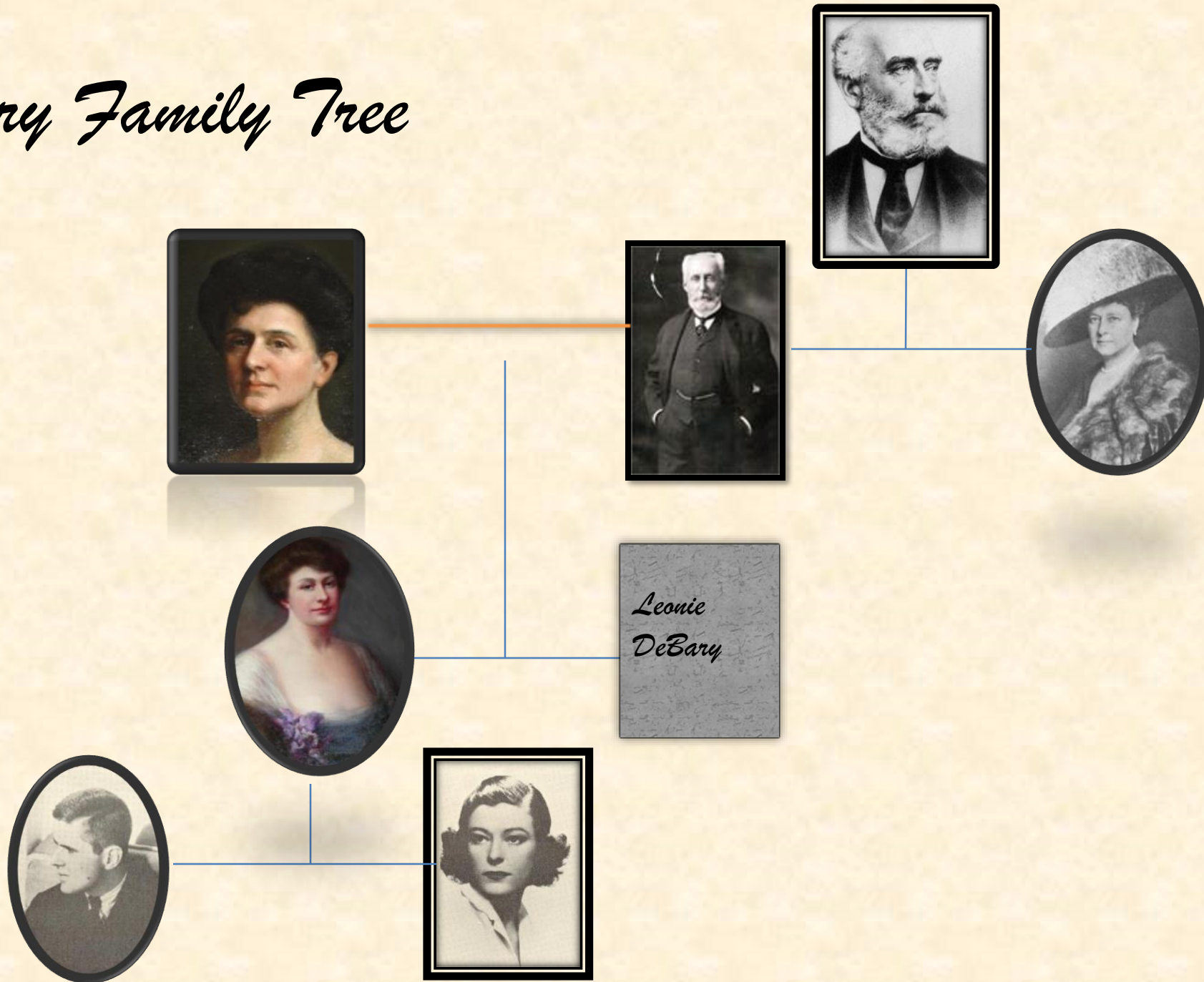
Built in 1871, DeBary Hall was the winter retreat of a European-born champagne importer who chose the St. Johns River country for his hunting estate. Frederick deBary tried his hand at orange growing and commercial steamboating, but his Florida estate became a center of sport hunting and hospitality.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, some of the country's wealthiest people visited DeBary Hall to spend the winters hunting, fishing, and swimming in the nearby spring. DeBary reportedly entertained Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Grover Cleveland; the Astors, Goulds, and Vanderbilts; William Tecumseh Sherman and the Prince of Wales, who went on to become King Edward VII.





# *deBary Family Tree*





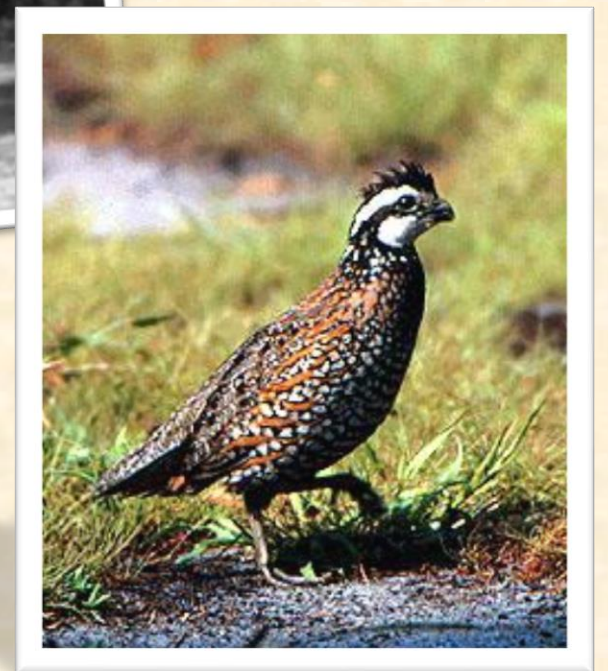


# *Current DeBary Hall*



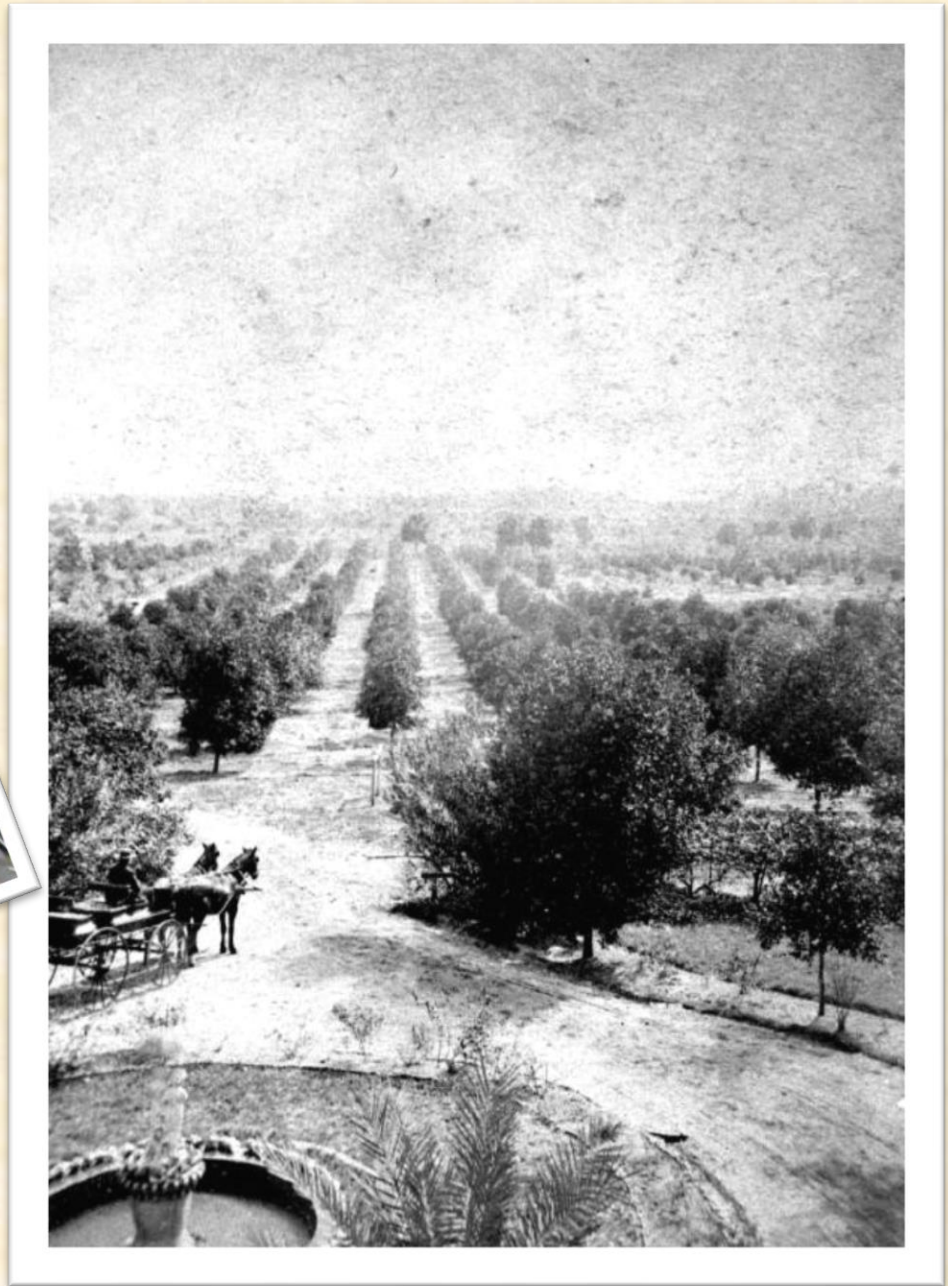
Today's historic site covers 10 acres and includes the 8,000-square-foot hunting lodge, stables, a tenant house, and a care-takers cottage.



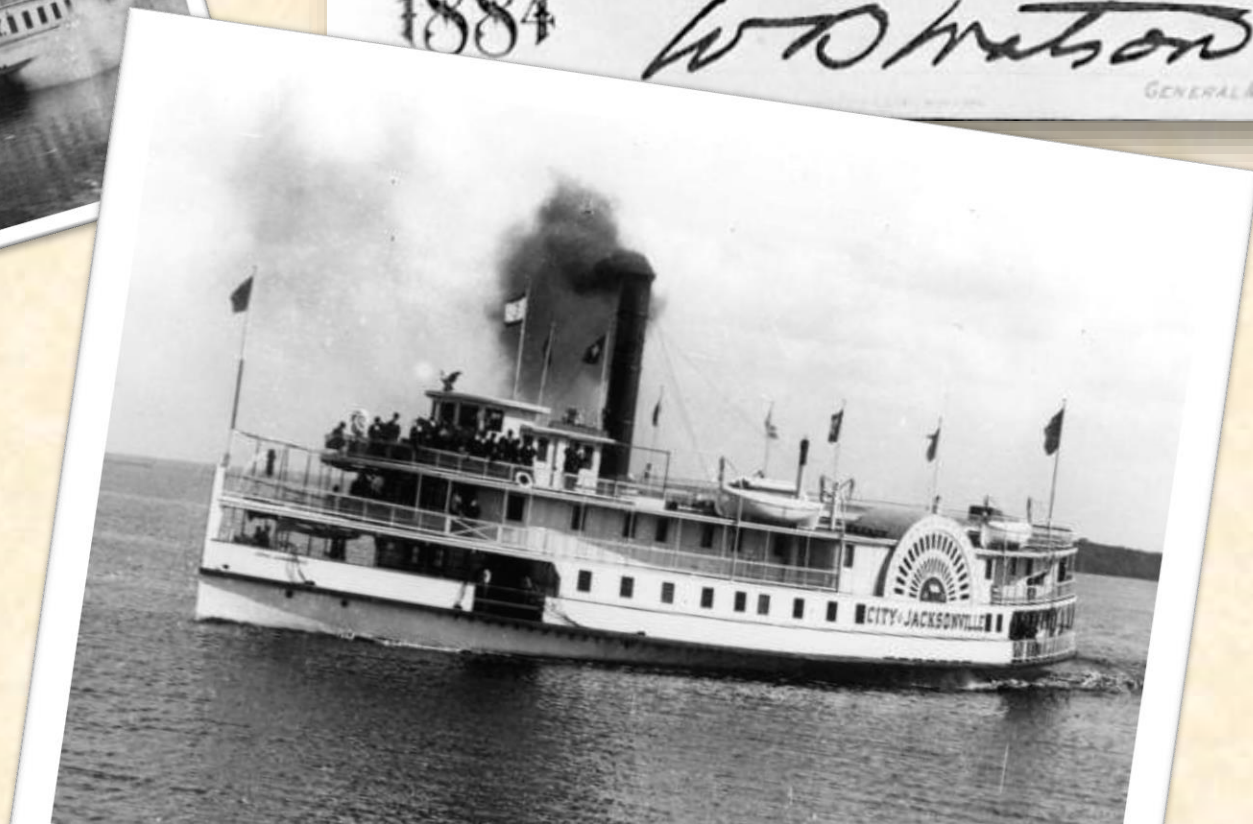




*December 1894,  
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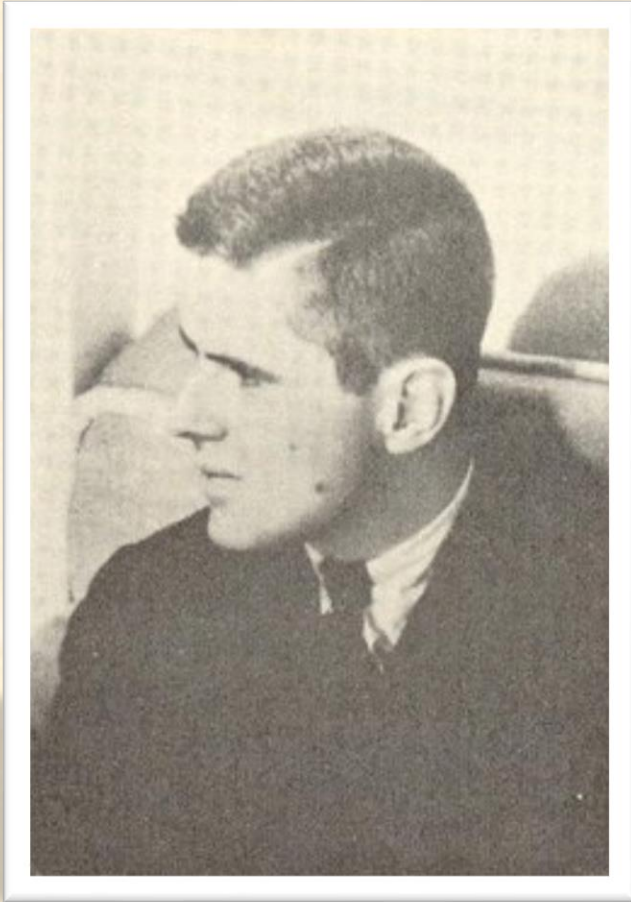
## *Interesting facts about the hall:*

- ❖ Built in 1871
- ❖ Built in the Southern Colonial style.
- ❖ The house is made of cypress and the floors are made of heart of pine.
- ❖ It is 8,000 sq. ft.
- ❖ There are 10 rooms and 10 bedrooms.
- ❖ There are 64 windows and 56 doors.
- ❖ The home has 15 fireplaces and 4 chimneys.
- ❖ Carbide gas lines were run through the for lighting.
- ❖ Ceilings are 12'7 downstairs and 11'6 upstairs.
- ❖ There are 24 steps in the stairway in the main hall.
- ❖ The property includes an ice house.
- ❖ It was built with an elevator and lightning rod system.
- ❖ The home has an Annunciator Box system with buzzers located in every room.



# *The Last American Heir*

## *Leonnie deBary- Brewster*



*Adolf Lyon- Killed by a  
car at age 24*



*Leonnie Lyon-Brewster killed in plane  
crash at age 31*





DeBary Mansion — The Community Club House

*Folks approaching and beyond middle age have their problems today...*



Lake Scene in The Florida Highlands

The younger generation will later face these same problems for which they too, should make preparations now. While Plantation Estates appeals to young and old as a place for summer and winter vacations our message in this brochure is not a mere vacation message. We have solved a serious economic problem that faces millions of Northern people who have RETIREMENT in view for the immediate, or near future. If you are facing retirement on a modest income or pension every word of this message is of vital importance to you. With living costs soaring how are you going to live up here on that modest income or pension? Try to figure it out. You are due to live longer than your parents or grand-parents because medical science has increased the span of life about fifteen years. And if you want to live still longer, according to the statements of famous physicians, you should get away from the rigors of Northern winters which are a definite strain on the heart and lungs and take an alarming toll among people over fifty.

If you live in the turmoil of a big city or in an industrial area, you are always under a mental and physical strain that certainly will not add years to your life.

These are the problems that we can help you solve at beautiful Plantation Estates in the Highlands of Florida where it is summer in winter and where summers too are delightful. Living costs are much lower in this land of palms and sunshine where extreme cold or extreme heat are unknown. Here you can have your own orange trees, fresh vegetables in your back yard and flowers in full bloom when the north is blanketed with snow and ice. You can catch all the fish you can eat and go boating and bathing twelve months of the year. At Plantation Estates, DeBary, Florida, you will live among desirable neighbors in your own cozy low cost, tax exempt home. Our incomparable climate and our glorious Florida sunshine will add happy years to your life. PLANTATION ESTATES is indeed the key to your health, happiness and security. Hundreds of Northern families have already found this key and have decided upon Plantation Estates as the perfect solution of their problem of how to live comfortably amidst ideal surroundings on an income that would keep them scrimping and worrying up here in the north.



Cozy, Low Cost Home



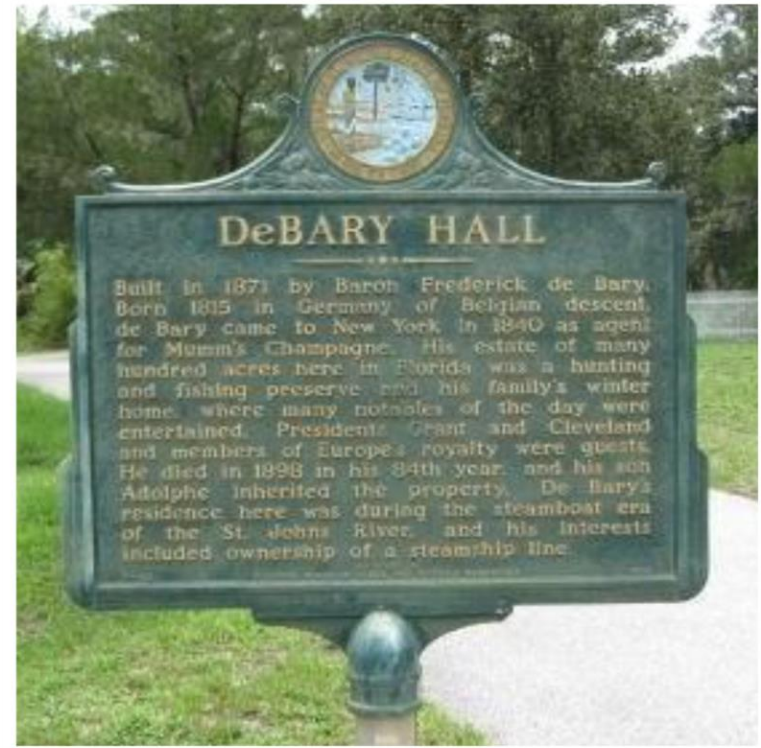
One of the Lovely Homes at Plantation Estates



Bass Caught in Lake Monroe

In 1947 the property and land owned by Fredrick DeBary was sold to a developer and became the clubhouse for "Plantation Estates", a small home community.





DeBary Hall eventually passed to the seniors in the community and at 70 years old was in disrepair. The new owners were in search of an owner who could restore the Hall. In 1959, the Florida Federation of Art purchased the hall, the surrounding buildings, the tennis court, the pool, and a 5 acre portion of the area for the total sum of \$1.00.



The State of Florida purchased DeBary Hall in 1967 and began leasing it to the Federation of the Arts and that is when the site acquired the bronze plaque in the front lawn. Within time, the Federation moved their headquarters and once again the Hall was abandoned.



In the 1990s, as a result of the efforts of so many in the community a massive restoration project began and the County of Volusia began leasing the property from the State of Florida and it became a historic house museum.



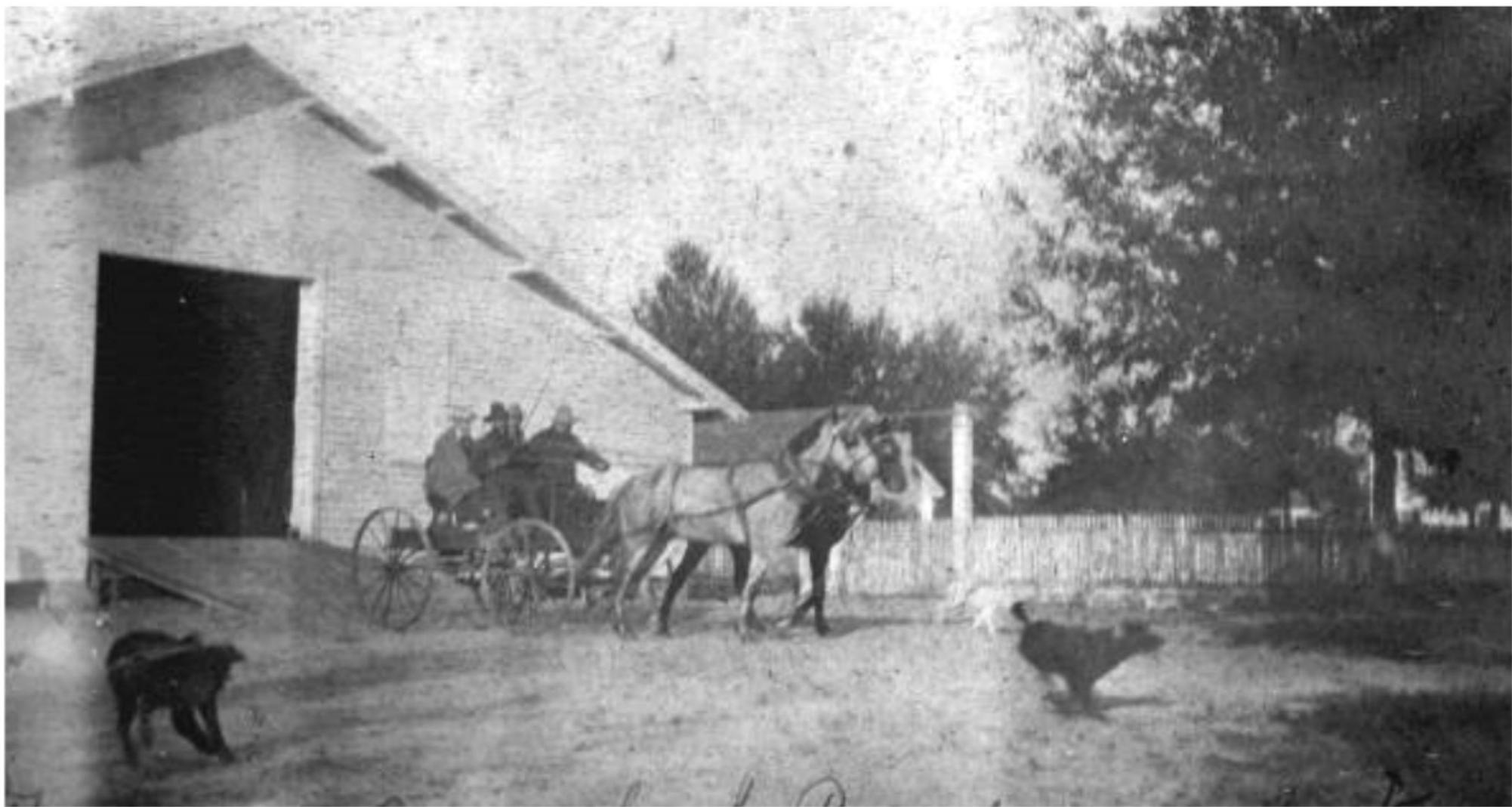


*The estate's equipment shed, 1930s. DeBary Hall Historic Site Collection.*















*The tenant (or workers') house, 1942. DeBary Hall Historic Site Collection.*







# *Open to the public for tours*



- *Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.*
- *Adults: \$5.00, Seniors: \$4.00, and children ages 3-12: \$2.00*