

Oscar Thiede and the Thiede Cemetery By Susan Anstead

Our longest neighbors in residence (well sort of) are most likely the Thiedes.

In case you haven't ventured into our neighborhood cemetery on Park Place across from "The Cove", you may want to pay it a visit.

It is a beautiful little plot surrounded by a tabby wall. There are 3 graves there, Carl, Caroline, and Oscar Thiede's. Carl and Caroline were Oscar's parents. This area was formerly known as Heath's Point.

The Thiedes lived in this area for many years and farmed right here where we live. Their neighbors were the Heaths, the Barnwells and the O'Neills (O'Neal), to name a few. Do the names sound familiar?

Carl was born in Prussia, Hanover Germany, in 1837 and immigrated to the US about 1860. He lived in NY until about 1870. Carl died in 1911 in Nassau County, FL.

Carl was in the Civil War in N.Y.'s 54th Infantry Regiment, Company D. He was stationed in Fairfax, VA, for a while in what is now an historical site known as "**The Blenheim House**". He wrote his name on the wall there and it is still there today.

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/civil-war-interpretive-center>

Oscar Thiede was born in 1869 in New York. He died in 1954 in Nassau County, FL. According to his obituary, he was a steamship engineer from Savannah to St. John's River. He was also on staff at the local quarantine station (north of Old Town) and an engineer for the U.S. Public Health Station there.

Oscar also owned a bar downtown. You may have even visited it. It is now the home of **Fantastic Fudge**, on the corner of Centre and S. 3rd. <http://www.fantasticfudge.com/>

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