

Lincoln Park Main Street Pioneer Park Nomination Form

This Nomination Form is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for nominating members from the Lincoln Park Community for the inclusion of their name and life's work in a bronze plaque at Northwest Pioneers Park. The criteria for nomination are explained in the document "Guidelines for Northwest Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques".

Nominator

Name Lincoln Park Main Street

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Nomination

The nominator must answer the following questions and submit form to Lincoln Park Main Street

Name being nominated Albert T. Stone & Julia Stone

If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 317 N. 7th Street, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) March 1968

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1932 – 1967

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic and Business

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) In 1926, Rev. Albert Stone established friendships in Fort Pierce and opened and organized St. John Methodist Church. Rev. Albert Stone worked as writing insurance policies for Afro Life Insurance Company from Vero Beach to Stuart. In 1932, Albert opened Stone Brothers Funeral Home in Fort Pierce and has been a part of the community of Fort Pierce since it's founding at the same location 317 North 7th Street.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3)

1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either significance and/or impact to the community and/or individuals or group of people. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

In 1932, Albert opened Stone Brothers Funeral Home in Fort Pierce. Albert was not a licensed embalmer but a licensed Funeral Director. The State of Florida allowed Albert's Brother Richard to do the embalming. The Stone's owned not only the funeral home but Pine Grove Cemetery and Stone's Restaurant as well and Albert was President of the Lincoln Cab Co., Inc. One of the oldest and continuous operating black owned businesses in Lincoln Park, Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.; 3rd generation in operations.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

Albert was very active in the community, he was affiliated with the Fort Pierce Lodge No. 155, F & M; Cherokee Lodge No 7270, Order of Oddfellows, Silverleaf Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; Camp No. 80, American Woodsmen; Lilly Whites; Eastern Star; Independent Afro Relief Union; United Pallbearers of America, and the Grand United Order of Pallbearers of America and Nassau, Inc. of which he was state President.

Julia Gibbs Stone was co-owner of Stone Brothers Funeral Home, Pine Grove Cemetery and Stone's Restaurant in historic Lincoln Park in Fort Pierce. Julia was a member of the Gibbs family of Plant City, Florida and came to Fort Pierce in the late 1920s with her husband. She was active in the operation of Stone Brothers Funeral Home. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John United Methodist Church, Fort Pierce Federated Women's Club, Naomi Chapter 111, Order of Eastern Star, and Church Women United of St. John United Methodist Church.

In 1941, Albert expanded his services to another community north of Fort Pierce in Indian River County as a second location. The all Black community north of Vero Beach was known as Gifford. A building was built in that community in 1953.

Signature of Nominator _____

