

934 South Ridgewood Avenue

A Historic Daytona Landmark

Connected to the Legacy of Thomas Oyama Dayton



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Then & Now

A visual journey through more than a century of history.



The Legacy of Thomas Oyama Dayton

Thomas Oyama Dayton (1877–1948) was one of the most influential early real estate developers in Daytona. A graduate of Stetson University, he helped shape the growth of the city through residential and commercial development. The residence at 934 South Ridgewood Avenue, constructed circa 1910, is believed to have been one of his early projects and remains a surviving link to Daytona's formative years. Over the decades the property served as a private residence, Villa Tea Room, community gathering place, nursing home, Fair Knoll, Oak Ridge Hall, and Rastelle Manor. Today it stands as one of Daytona Beach's most fascinating historic properties.

Historic Timeline

- 1877 – Thomas Oyama born
- Early 1900s – Arrives in Daytona area
- Circa 1910 – Residence constructed
- 1930s – Villa Tea Room era
- 1945 – Sold to Walter J. Baker
- 1950s – Operated as a nursing home
- 1972 – Fair Knoll / Oak Ridge Hall / Rastelle Manor
- Today – Restored historic landmark