



With Multiple Requests for Information on 1950s Baytree Road Homes and Addresses, the Searching included Temple Israel and brought the Jewish War Veterans, Irving Cohen Post No. 544, to our Attention.

At Left: Irving Cohen. While serving as a navigator with a bomber group flying from England, WWII, he was lost in action while on a flight over German-occupied Europe July 26, 1943. His father operated a popular men's shop in downtown Valdosta, named Irvin's. They opened the store in September 1939. The portrait was kept with a successor owner, Ivey's the Man's Shop, until donated to the museum by Ivey and Linda Plair, Acquisition [ACQ] # 2019-075-55. Stuart Scruggs was also a successor owner. (See Veteran photographs pages 2 and 3)

Baytree Road (Below) 300, 400 and 500 blocks

Recently the museum has begun getting requests on the history of homes of the mid-century modern/ranch architectural style. BAYTREE Road has been an emphasis. Early called Remerton Road it began westward at Sustella. The road was not extended eastward to Oak Street until ca. 1941. With I-75 in the 1960s the main approach to the college changed from Patterson St. to the Baytree/ Oak area.

(Below & next) These blocks of Baytree Road may have a higher percentage of demolition than N. Patterson Street houses.

Baytree EVEN ADDRESSES— north side of road

North Oak Street

*300 Apartments, then VSU offices, now event parking
304 Ed & Martha Barham, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Boone Drive

*310 Frost family, Robert Dinkins, now apartments

Azalea Road

*400 George Nichols, SAE house and with 406 & 410, now apartments

*406 Sidney Pearlman, George Saliba, Pi Kappa Phi House

*410 Wm. Pearlman, Bill Cribbs, Catholics on Campus, fraternities

414 Botie Quinn Chitty, Earl Chitty

416 Chris Blane, Property and rental offices

500 Messiah Lutheran Church and campus, then **McLeod Road**

Baytree ODD ADDRESSES— south side of road North Oak Street

Wetland area that became VSU Education building, practice field and tennis courts

*401 Nelson Warlick, J.T. & Cile Griffin

405 C.C. Varnedoe (Moved)

*407 Emory Bass, Andrew Crosby

*409 Olan H. Luke (see page 2)

Sustella Avenue

503 Frank George

507 V. Blackburn, Eugene Peacock

509 Temple Israel, built 1960/61, Joe Bright architect

*** Designates demolished house/structure**

The museum archives could use photographs of some of these structures. (research.lchs@gmail.com)

The photo *below* is from the publication, **Dedication of Temple Israel, July 30, 1961, Valdosta Hebrew Congregation, Valdosta, Georgia**. Jewish War Veterans [JWV] Irving Cohen Post No. 544. The 1961 Officers are listed as **Front Row:** Solomon Feinberg, Commander; Irving Dinnerman, Judge Advocate; William Landey, Quartermaster. **Back Row:** Sam Steigman, Senior Vice-Commander; Melvin Rainbow, Junior Vice-Commander; Richard Lazarus, Adjutant; Sol Miller, Chaplain.



The Brick were made from Marble Dust

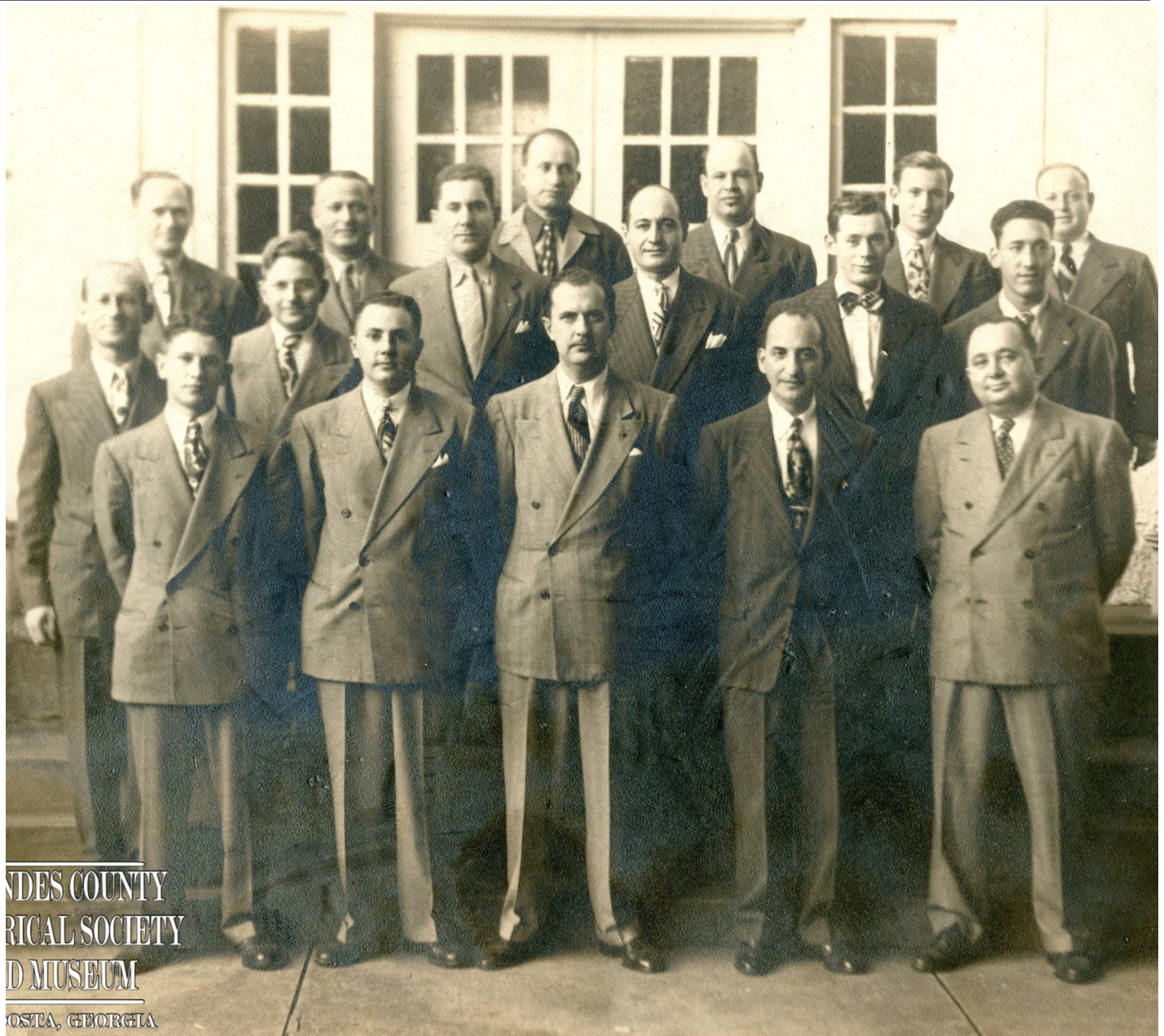
Unidentified in our Archives, below confirmed by Michael Luke as the 409 Baytree Olan Luke house.

The photo is from numerous 1950s color slides used in Valdosta presentations, Chamber of Commerce Collection

"Yes, it is our house at 409 Baytree Road. It was built in 1951 and designed by Lloyd Greer. It was built using marble dust brick from Ellijay, GA which were discontinued very shortly after the house was built. One acre lot on the corner of Baytree Road and Sustella Ave. As a lad I thoroughly disliked having to mow the grass but Dad always paid well for the effort. When we moved in '51 Baytree was a gravel and tar paved road and Sustella was still a dirt street. At that time we were on the very fringe of the city with forests and scrubland past our house to the west."



Jewish War Veterans in Valdosta established the Irving Cohen Post No. 544. This photo of veterans was taken at the Smithland Place Synagogue, ACQ # 2022-026. Row 1: Bill Pearlman, Mel Gigges, Myer Rhodes, no ID Adel, Leon Levine. Row 2: Abe Taylor, no ID, William Landey, no ID, no ID, Harold Cohen. Row 3: Martin Esterman, Harry Karlip, Mendel Lazarus, Mel Rainbow, Sam Steigman, Wm. Lazarus.



When the 1961 photograph, *page opposite*, of the War Veterans came to our attention Dr. Louis Schmier was contacted for possible further information and images. He was certain he remembered an early image, searched the Temple files and supplied this photograph. He circulated this photo and got many of the men identified. Oddly, one of the unidentified could be Samuel L. Cohen, father of Irving. Research showed that Samuel who died in 1966 and his wife Theresa who died in 1988, age 95, were buried in the Temple Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee, along with her Lowenstein family. So with them leaving Valdosta, Samuel may be in this photo but not yet identified. 204 E. Park Avenue was one Cohen home address, then 1200 Lake Drive.

The Cohen's had a daughter, Bredell, who in 1944 married Frederic Lawrence Putnam, Jr., Lieutenant, US Army Air Force, who was stationed at Moody Field. Thus, another Moody Bride can be added to the museum list. Putman was from Newton, Massachusetts. They had children. Bredell shows marrying Robert Arey of Florida in 1977.

The 1939 and subsequent telephone books list Irvin's at 122 N. Patterson Street, and then 127 N. Patterson. The business would move into a new building at 306 N. Patterson. This address is given in the 1951 telephone directory, which is the current location of 306 N Restaurant. This was a portion of the lot containing the Albert Converse, Jr. home.

Irving Cohen, 1921-1943 was buried at Ardennes Cemetery, Neauville-en-Condroz, Belgium, Block B, Row 11, Grave 7, Star of David. A clipping in our archives reports the 1950 State Convention of JWV was held in Valdosta. Current area posts of JWV show being in Atlanta, Savannah and The Villages, Florida.

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Valdosta State Archives

"The future of Museums: Their Exhibits, Galleries and Archives"

Deborah Davis is retiring in December. We have very much enjoyed having such an asset nearby. Along with her program she will share her plans to work with South Georgia area historical societies, that their collections can be scanned and preserved at VSU Archives, thus making them available for research via the Georgia Archives which is now a part of the University System of Georgia. **Call 229-247-4780 or email research.lchs@gmail.com**

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May..... National Historic Preservation Month

May 13.....Open House & Registration, VHF Lloyd Greer Tour of Homes

May 17...Feature article in VDT by LCHS on its History of Marking History

May 23..... Museum program and meeting, The McKey and The McKeys

Independence Day..... Closed July 4 only

Labor Day Closed Sept. 4

September 21, 4 p.m.....Society Meeting & Program

Feature speaker... Deborah Davis of Valdosta State Archives

Nov. 11, 11 a.m. Saturday.....Armistice Day "Bells of Peace"

Recognizing... Jessie Ragan local WWI US Army Field Nurse

Nov. 16VSU Public History Students Dr. Nowak

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