



The Olds family continued to operate Olds Hall after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom E. Olds until 1971, when they deeded the property to The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.

Today, Olds Hall serves as an apartment community for retirees and is on the state and national registries of historic places. The building still stands as a testament of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Olds' foresight and benevolence. The campus has expanded since it's original existence to service residents in need of skilled nursing, acute rehabilitation and therapy, memory care and assisted living.



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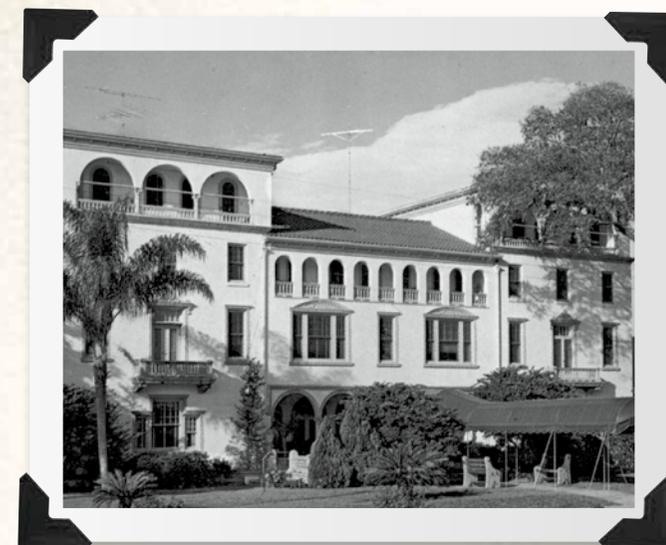
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Historic Olds Hall

A HISTORY *of caring* Since 1922



From Arroyo Gardens Hotel to Olds Hall

In the early 1920s, Dr. and Mrs. Julian A. Arroyo built the Arroyo Gardens Hotel (currently known as Olds Hall) at 340 South Ridgewood Ave. in Daytona Beach, FL. The hotel was built with Spanish-style architecture and constructed with expensive terra cotta trim. The U-shaped building enclosed a large patio containing a fish pool and many flowering shrubs. The building originally contained 123 rooms, spacious lobby and parlor. The Arroyo Gardens Hotel was a seasonal hotel, and distinguished guests and visitors were common, including John D. Rockefeller.

It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stevens, who remodeled the building for use as an apartment hotel and renamed it the Daytona Terrace Hotel. The hotel remained in the possession of the Stevenses for a short period. Ransom E. Olds, inventor of the Oldsmobile, was looking for a place



Dr. & Mrs. Julian A. Arroyo

where he and his wife could realize their dream of providing a residence for retired ministers and missionaries. Olds heard that the Daytona Terrace Hotel was for sale and bought it in April 1942. With some small changes, Mr. and Mrs. Olds made it ready for immediate occupancy. They renamed it Olds Hall.



The Daytona Terrace Hotel

The Olds Legacy

Born in 1864 in Geneva, Ohio, Ransom Eli Olds was the creator of the Oldsmobile brand automobile. He built his first automobile, a three-wheel steam-driven vehicle, in 1886. In 1894 he produced the first gasoline automobile with four wheels. In 1900 Olds, struggling to find a name for his company, ran a “name-that-car” newspaper contest and later adopted the name Oldsmobile. Olds retired from Oldsmobile in 1904 and formed many other well-known companies, including the REO Motor Vehicle Company and the Ideal Power Lawnmower Company.

Olds and his wife, Metta Ursula Woodward, whom he married in 1888, purchased more than 37,000 acres of land north of Tampa Bay. They named the area R.E. Olds-On-The-Bay and intended it to be a community where ministers from all denominations could retire. The location was later renamed Oldsmar and is now a thriving part of the Tampa Bay area.

They purchased a winter home in Daytona Beach in the 1940s, as Olds was attracted to the hard-packed sand. Other inventors joined him and soon Speedweek in Daytona was born.

R.E. Olds passed away on Aug. 26, 1950. So close was the bond between them that Mrs. Olds passed away just one week later, both at the age of 86.



Mr. & Mrs. Eli Olds

The History Of Olds Hall

1864

Ransom E. Olds, creator of the Oldsmobile-brand automobile, was born.

1894

Olds produced first gasoline car with four wheels.

1920

Dr. & Mrs. Arroyo built the Arroyo Gardens Hotel (known now as Olds Hall).

1940

Arroyo Gardens Hotel bought by Mr. & Mrs. Stevens and renamed Daytona Terrace Hotel.

1942

Mr. & Mrs. Olds purchased the Daytona Terrace Hotel and renamed it Olds Hall Estate.

1950

Mr. & Mrs. Olds passed away. The Olds family continued to operate the facility.

1972

Olds Hall was deeded to The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.