

Monuments & Memorials at The Rose Hill Cemetery

Observe & Analyze.

Identify three things you see in

Photo 1:

Photo 2:

Photo 3:

Photo 4:

How are the African American & Bahamian communities' connections to sponge diving reflected in the memorials?

The Rose Hill Cemetery

The Rose Hill Cemetery is located in Tarpon Springs, FL. The cemetery was established in the late 1800s and served as the burial ground for the segregated African American and Bahamian community. Many of the burials reflect important cultural traditions to the early Black Hook spongers of Tarpon Springs.

Important questions to consider:

When analyzing the memorials can you identify cultural connections to the environment?

What community memory could these memorials want to share with the present & future?

Many African American cemeteries suffer from neglect and are often forgotten by the larger community. Why would it be important to study African American cemetery memorials? Why don't African American cemeteries receive the same attention as other historic cemeteries?