

Present Needs

The newly acquired and deeded .57-acre parcel located at 5th Avenue and Mathis Ferry will serve as a passive park. The park's development and construction must satisfy the community's agreed upon conservation clause. Therefore, accommodating design plans, labor, monetary and in-kind donations are being sought to accomplish this task.

Funding and Resources

Fund Raisers

Remembrance Wall

Monetary Donations

Service or In-Kind Donations

The East Cooper Civic Club would like to solicit your support to complete the John L Scanlon Memorial Park. Donations can be sent to East Cooper Civic Club.

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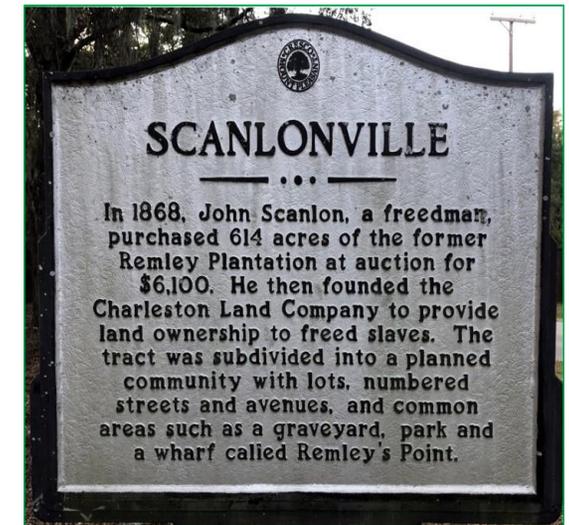
East Cooper Civic Club Mission Statement

*To promote racial harmony, health,
education and civic improvements in
the Scanlonville/ Mount Pleasant,
South Carolina area*

*The East Cooper Civic
Club is an IRS 501c3 tax
exempt, non-profit,
charitable organization*



John L. Scanlon Memorial Park



*East Cooper Civic Club
Mount Pleasant S.C.*

History

The community...

Scanlonville is an African American Community created after the Civil War in Charleston County as a voluntary association of freedmen seeking to own their own land.

The founder...

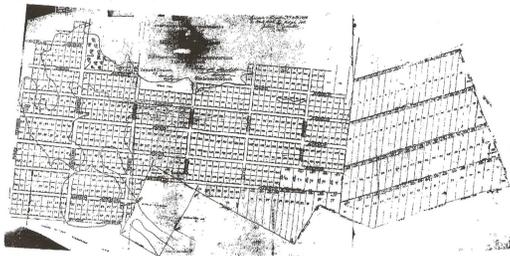
John Scanlon, a freed man, purchased the 614-acre Remley Plantation in 1868 at an auction, in trust, for the Charleston Land Company.

The Land...

Lots were sold as town lots and farm lots. Scanlonville also had common tracts viewed as amenities. The Park and the Graveyard were made available to lot owners.

Community Design

Of the 614 acres, that were not common tracts, contained a series of streets, avenues and alleyways. The blocks were formed by avenues that ran east-west and streets that ran north-south. Most blocks contained 18 lots that were 100 x 200 feet, the farm lots were significantly larger. The roads were 60 feet wide and the alleyways were approximately 20 feet wide.



Social, Educational, Business and Religious Sites

The Scanlonville community housed many places for its land owner to socialize, shop, learn and do business. Some of the more notable establishments were, Riverside Beach, a School House, Base Ball Park, Ruke's Fruit Stand, Jim Snipe (Plue) Grocery/Club, Chitter Chatter, Tippin In Motel, Starlight Lounge, The Flamingo, Whites Paradise, The Wharf, Hunk Store, David Simmons Memorial Park Pier. Good Shepherd Holiness Church, Atonement Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity AME Church.

Past Accomplishments

Community Organization

The East Cooper Civic Club was formed in 1969. A distinctive and relevant instrument committed to keeping the community vital, informed and organized.

Community Cemetery...

The cemetery was sold in 1999 and after threats to move the graves, a 3-year legal battle ensued. All rights to use the graveyard was restored to the community in 2005. The property was deeded back to the community in 2015.



Seminars...

ECCC's has an ongoing commitment to address topics that are vital to the success of the community such as Heirs Property, Health Care and Disparities, Gentrification, and Voter Registration.

5th Avenue and Mathis Ferry ...

Scanlonville lost ownership of an essential parcel of land at 5th Avenue and Mathis Ferry. After steadfast pursuit and judicious communication, it was deeded back to the community in October 2018.



Future and strategic planning

Community needs...

As the community grows, with buildings on most of its lots, there is a logical and reasonable demand for additional fire hydrants, sidewalks, speed humps, street and common area lighting and the development of the John L. Scanlon Memorial Park.