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ANDREW WILES

PUBLIC SERVICE IN GREEN COVE SPRINGS

Tax Assessor • City Council Member • Gardener • Minister

PUBLIC OFFICES

Tax Assessor
1886–1887

City Council
1891–1893

A LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Andrew Wiles was born in Florida in 1852. The historical record identifies him as a gardener and minister who became involved in the civic life of Green Cove Springs during the late nineteenth century.

Wiles served as tax assessor from 1886 to 1887 and later served on the Green Cove Springs City Council from 1891 to 1893. The source material also notes his presence in Green Cove Springs in the 1890 Census.

SERVICE AS TAX ASSESSOR

From 1886 to 1887, Andrew Wiles served as tax assessor for the City of Green Cove Springs. His service placed him among the African American public officials who participated in municipal government during the decades following the Civil War.

SERVICE ON THE CITY COUNCIL

Wiles later served on the Green Cove Springs City Council from 1891 to 1893. His service in more than one municipal role reflects sustained participation in the civic affairs of Green Cove Springs.

OCCUPATION, MINISTRY & COMMUNITY

In addition to his public service, the historical information identifies Wiles as a gardener and minister. These roles place his civic service within a broader story of work, faith, and community leadership among African Americans in nineteenth-century Green Cove Springs.

A LEGACY OF CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Andrew Wiles's service as both tax assessor and city council member preserves an important record of African American participation in the government and civic life of Green Cove Springs.

ARCHIVAL NOTE

The submitted material contained one reference to the "1990 Census" and a second reference to the "1890 Census." Because the dates of Wiles's life and public service align with the latter reference, this profile uses "1890 Census"; the original source should be consulted for final verification.

SOURCES

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