A History Of
Brandon

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Brandon was a royal town and colonial borough that played a key role in the development of the province of New Brunswick. The town was founded in 1832 by the British government to serve as a military post and a supply center for the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway. However, the town's location and infrastructure did not meet the needs of the railway, and it was eventually abandoned in 1854.

In 1873, the town was reincorporated as a borough and served as the administrative center of the County of Victoria. The town continued to grow and develop, and by the early 20th century, it had become a major urban center in the province.

The town's history is rich with stories of its early settlers, its role in the development of the railway, and its contributions to the growth of the province. Today, Brandon is known for its vibrant arts and culture scene, its beautiful parks and beaches, and its long history as a center of commerce and industry.

Brandon General Cemetery

This cemetery is the final resting place of many of Brandon's early settlers, and it serves as a testament to the town's rich history. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of town, and it is open to the public.

If you are interested in learning more about Brandon's history, be sure to visit the town's historical society and museum. The museum is located in an old schoolhouse and offers exhibits on the town's early history and its role in the development of the province.
This map represents the master plan for Crossgates. There may be modifications and refinements to the plan.
TIMBERS II OF CROSSGATES

Timbers II townhouses are located fifteen minutes from downtown Jackson, only a short drive from I-20 East and conveniently near I-55 and U. S. 49. You may now enjoy country estate living which is near Jackson and easily accessible.

developed by
J. W. Underwood & Company
Jackson's foremost townhouse developer.
Crossgates Information Center
Located on Stonegate Drive at the west entrance to Crossgates is the Information Center which contains exhibit material about the area. Hostess Doris Robbins welcomes the opportunity to be of assistance to new and prospective residents. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

Dorris Robbins
Hostess
TERRAPIN HILL—Tree-lined streets with custom homes for families requiring the very best. Terrapin Hill, the ultimate in prestige living...where nature's unspoiled beauty enhances every homesite.

GROVE PARK—A special kind of place...careful layout of large lots takes full advantage of trees and rolling hills...a perfect blend of comfortable suburban living.

HUNTER'S WOODS—The so-right setting for your family. In this popular area, tree-covered home sites are on neighborhood loop roads or cul-de-sacs and away from through streets.

TIMBERS II OF CROSSGATES—Timber II is a luxury townhouse neighborhood where each home owner can enjoy the pleasures of country living. Each home gives you privacy through sound control construction, your own private courtyard, double enclosed garage, fully equipped kitchen, quality carpeting and decorator

Residential Areas

The creators of Crossgates, the folks at J. W. Underwood & Company, realize that just as no two individuals are alike, a community of homes must be equally unique. In planning Crossgates, variety became the keynote for different and distinctive neighborhoods created to suit personal taste as well as present and future needs. Crossgates is a planned community of neighborhoods that cater to individual differences.
in just 21 months...

Isn't it amazing... how time flies when exciting things are happening?

It's hard to believe that it has been only twenty-one months ago that the first family moved into the Crossgates community. And at this summer season just two short years ago Crossgates was simply 1,000 acres of budding woods and green pasture.

As I write this, there are sixty-nine families who have moved into Crossgates. In addition, there are thirty-seven homes now in various stages of construction, most of them with families waiting for completion to move in.

I would be something less than truthful if I did not admit to a strong feeling of pride at the reception Crossgates has received and its general acceptance as an exceptional place to have a home. My firm has been engaged in land development in many areas of Mississippi for almost a quarter of a century and has produced some fine residential communities, but there has been nothing in our experience to compare with Crossgates.

Of course, much credit must go to those professionals who helped guide us through the three years of advanced planning that was done before the first shovel full of dirt was ever moved... landscape architects, land planners, engineers and architectural designers who joined our own staff members in traveling about the nation viewing the most environmentally pleasing communities in many states and gleaning the very best ideas for each.

Next came the men and machines to create Crossgates Lake out of a former pasture, the gatehouse, gazebos, unusual street markers, walkways, winding streets and, of course, beautiful lots. We communicated to those workmen the absolute necessity of preserving the natural beauty, and their enthusiasm grew to match our own as work progressed.

With every idea and suggestion considered carefully, we arrived at the general concept of the overall plan for Crossgates to include eventually every facet of complete community life... homes, townhouses, apartments, recreational areas, churches, schools, hospital and other medical facilities, retail shopping and other business centers.

Arriving at this total plan and transferring its beginning stages properly from paper to actual construction on the ground might be referred to as Phase I of our efforts. In this phase, we have been primarily concerned with the matter of getting Crossgates "off the ground" so to speak. Success here has been most gratifying. While Crossgates Lake was being built, the Rankin County General Hospital was under construction and opened its doors for service in March, 1969. Soon thereafter, Crossgates Nursing Home began operation and joined the hospital as important citizens of Crossgates. Within the past few weeks, the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce has opened its new offices in Crossgates Business Park.

With an acceleration of sales by Underwood Homes as well as by the other outstanding builders, we will be creating another 114 single-family lots during the summer and fall months of this year. Rankin General Hospital is proceeding to add service to what is already a most modern and up-to-date facility.

Crossgates is now entering into what we call Phase II of our planning and development. During the coming summer months, our staff, along with land planners, landscape architects and engineers, will become rather heavily involved in developing more detailed plans for townhouses, apartments, shopping and other business and professional services. We will be visiting Crossgates-type communities in other states that are farther along and analyzing the total facilities which they are utilizing.

In closing, I want to stress that our goal is to continue the development of Crossgates as a complete community, beautifully laid out, with stores, shops, restaurant, offices, medical facilities and everything else a "city" should have. We sincerely appreciate your interest and pride in Crossgates, and I want you to know that I am equally as proud of the wonderful people who now call Crossgates "home".

Sincerely,

J. W. Underwood, President
J. W. Underwood & Company
Chamber of Commerce builds for the future

As the first structure to be completed in Crossgates, Rankin General Hospital in only two years has become a vital community asset matched by few similar institutions anywhere in the nation, and those usually much larger. Responsive to community needs since opening its doors in March of 1969 on a 10-acre Crossgates site, the $1.200,000 hospital serves not only Rankin County but much of suburban Jackson. It boasts a medical staff of some 70 physicians and dentists, most of whom are just a short drive away in Jackson.

The hospital's success in serving its area is evidenced by the step up from the original 30 beds planned to the present 60 beds far ahead of schedule. Today, only two years after its birth, the hospital's Board of Trustees is already laying plans for eventual expansion, not only in number of beds, but also in the scope of services offered.

The Administrator of Rankin General Hospital is Robert D. O'Connor, Jr., a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a BS Degree in Psychology and Sociology and an MS Degree in Administrative Personnel and Psychology. He formerly served as Assistant Administrator at Hinds General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi.

This spring marks the official opening of the new $60,000 home for the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce located on Highway 80 across from Crossgates Lake. This splendid new building is located in the newly established Crossgates Business Park and will serve as a center of activity for the Rankin County business community.

The building's rustic design utilizes mostly native woods sawed in Rankin County and was designed by J.W. Underwood & Company to follow the overall architectural design plan for Crossgates. Individuals and firms who are Chamber members donated much of the materials and labor required to construct the community center building.

Bill Orr serves as Executive Manager of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce.

Crossgates Manor, at 355 Crossgates Boulevard, is a 50-bed skilled nursing home offering nursing care in home-like surroundings. Future plans call for an expansion with an additional 60-bed nursing unit. The home is completely staffed to meet all requirements of the State Board of Health.

The Administrator is Mrs. Gwen Harper who has served in this capacity since the home accepted its first patient on September 8, 1969.
Pictured on the right are the home builders who have helped create the marvelous character and style of Crossgates' residential areas. Each of them has taken care to see that the quality of Crossgates living is enhanced by each new house built.

**Hunter's Woods**

By mid-May, a total of 110 lots have been developed in this area of homes from about $23,000 up. Families have actually moved into 51 of the homes that have been built and 32 homes are in various stages of construction, practically all with families waiting to move in. An additional 94 lots are being readied for use this summer just north of the area currently in use. A portion of this new area will include that formerly set aside for an elementary school following the advice of planning experts to incorporate all of the schools in one general area, thereby moving the elementary school grounds to join that marked for junior-senior high school use.

**Grove Park**

Of the 49 lots developed in Grove Park, families have moved into homes completed on 14 with homes being rushed to completion for 6 additional families. Homes in this area are from $29,000 up. A total of 6 lots have been kept off the sales market to maintain an open spaciousness near the lake and all available lots have been purchased with the exception of 4. Plans call for an additional 16 lots to be completed by mid-summer.

**Terrapin Hill**

An area of lovely custom homes, 3 have been occupied thus far and 2 are under construction now with several more in the planning stages. Upon final completion of the entire Crossgates development, there will be only 87 Terrapin Hill homes with values ranging up from $40,000.
CROSSGATES VILLAGE - Conveniently located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 80 E. and Woodgate Dr., this modern shopping plaza was opened in June, 1981. It has 115,000 sq. ft. of shopping space and is valued at 4.5 million dollars. It was built by the Mitchell Co. of Mobile, Alabama. Included within the center is a large supermarket, a discount department store, and many smaller shops. This complex offers a wide variety of services to Brandon residents including shopping, banking and dining.