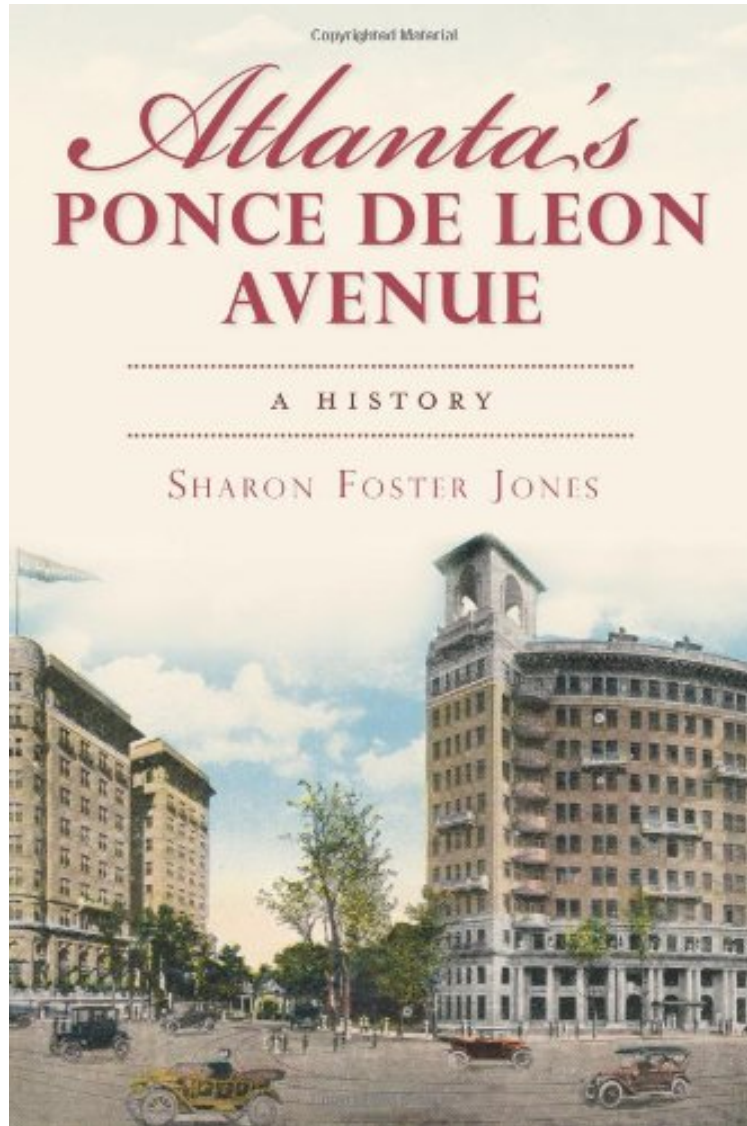


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Sharon Foster Jones : Atlanta's Ponce de Leon Avenue: A History (Brief History) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atlanta's Ponce de Leon Avenue: A History (Brief History):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. DREAM ALONG WITH MEBy richard e whitelockBoy, was it fun to go back in time and view through old photographs what Atlanta really looked like beginning with the Civil War. Let me remind you that it wasn't much, especially when the town was names "Terminus." And when the Yankees finished burning it to the ground with the exception of one square mile that Sherman spared, what was left for picking was

plucked by the carpetbaggers. And everything seemed to emanate along Ponce De Leon Avenue, Piedmont and Peachtree Avenues. I was raised in Atlanta between 1948 and 1954 before I returned to Athens Town for the world's finest education at The University of Georgia. I knew where the Atlanta Crackers played baseball, where the fine Georgia Tech teams spent their time on beautiful Atlanta fall afternoons, I could find the Varsity just by following my nose, and Rich's was always my store of choice for purchasing anything at any time that could be bought. The Fox was a standout in my mind, the trolley bus service in all directions, the Brookwood Train Station at the intersection of the Expressway and Peachtree Street yet much of the materials discussed and photographs presented on Atlanta Ponce De Leon Avenue had long past into the memory of what was once the Ole South. I'm proud to own and have read this book. It gives my memory roots and allows me to remember all those happy times I spent as a youth in Atlanta, GA along Ponce De Leon Avenue. I can still see the train tracks running across center field where the Crackers Played and the Shriners' Parade on Thanksgiving Day when the Georgia Bullpups would square off against the Baby Yellow Jackets. I remember pulling Coach Bobby Dodd's golf clubs at the Ansley Country Club and a wonderful steak at Bill Daley's Red Barn. And to think that it all began in and around Atlanta's Ponce De Leon Avenue. I can believe that.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ponce de Leon Avenue - Just Like the Phoenix Bird of Atlanta Itself By Marilyn This particular book has delighted me. I grew up in this neighborhood and the author has researched her subject well and presents the information in a very interesting way. This particular neighborhood of Atlanta Georgia is experiencing a rapid transformation with exciting new projects such as the beltline for walkers and bikers that goes completely around Atlanta and passes the revitalization of the old Sear's building into shops, a restaurant court and apartments. The book provides a fascinating well documented history of this area of the city of Atlanta that rises again like the Phoenix bird that is its symbol. It makes a good read even for those not familiar with the city itself.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting history book of a small section of Atlanta By Jane in Atlanta Wonderful book for a native Atlantan. If you have family history here or have lived in the city for a long time, this is a perfect book to add to your collection of Atlanta books. It has a great history of a small (but important) area of the city. I enjoyed reading it.

Named for the famous Spanish explorer who was said to have discovered the Fountain of Youth, Atlanta's Ponce de Leon Avenue began as a simple country road that conveyed visitors to the healing springs that once bubbled along it. Now, few motorists realize that the avenue, one of Atlanta's major commuter thoroughfares, was a prestigious residential street in Victorian Atlanta, home to mayors and millionaires. An economic turn in the twentieth century transformed the avenue into a crime-ridden commercial corridor, but in recent years, Atlantans have rediscovered the streets venerable architecture and storied history. Join local historian Sharon Foster Jones on a vivid tour of the avenue from picnics by the springs in hoopskirts and Atlanta Crackers baseball to the Fox Theatre and the days when Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable and Al Capone lodged in the esteemed hotels lining this magnificent avenue.

"This book, loaded with historical details of Ponce's magnificence and images from the many years, does a great job of promoting awareness of a major feature of our local heritage. The book takes you on a journey from the discovery of a spring on the site of today's Ponce City Market, a couple plantations that existed in the area, the emergence of neighborhoods along Ponce, its rise as a prime address, its tragic decay starting with the great conflagration of 1917 and continuing through suburbanization that afflicted most cities starting in the 1950s, and on to the revitalization and re-establishment that will continue for a long time to come. We would go as far as saying this book belongs in every Midtown home and library." --Midtown Ponce Security Alliance

About the Author Atlanta native Sharon Foster Jones, a former divorce lawyer, has found her true calling in researching and gathering local history. She lives in Atlanta's historic Inman Park with her husband, three sons, two Shetland sheepdogs, a once-feral cat and a turtle that won't die. This is the third Atlanta history book she has written.