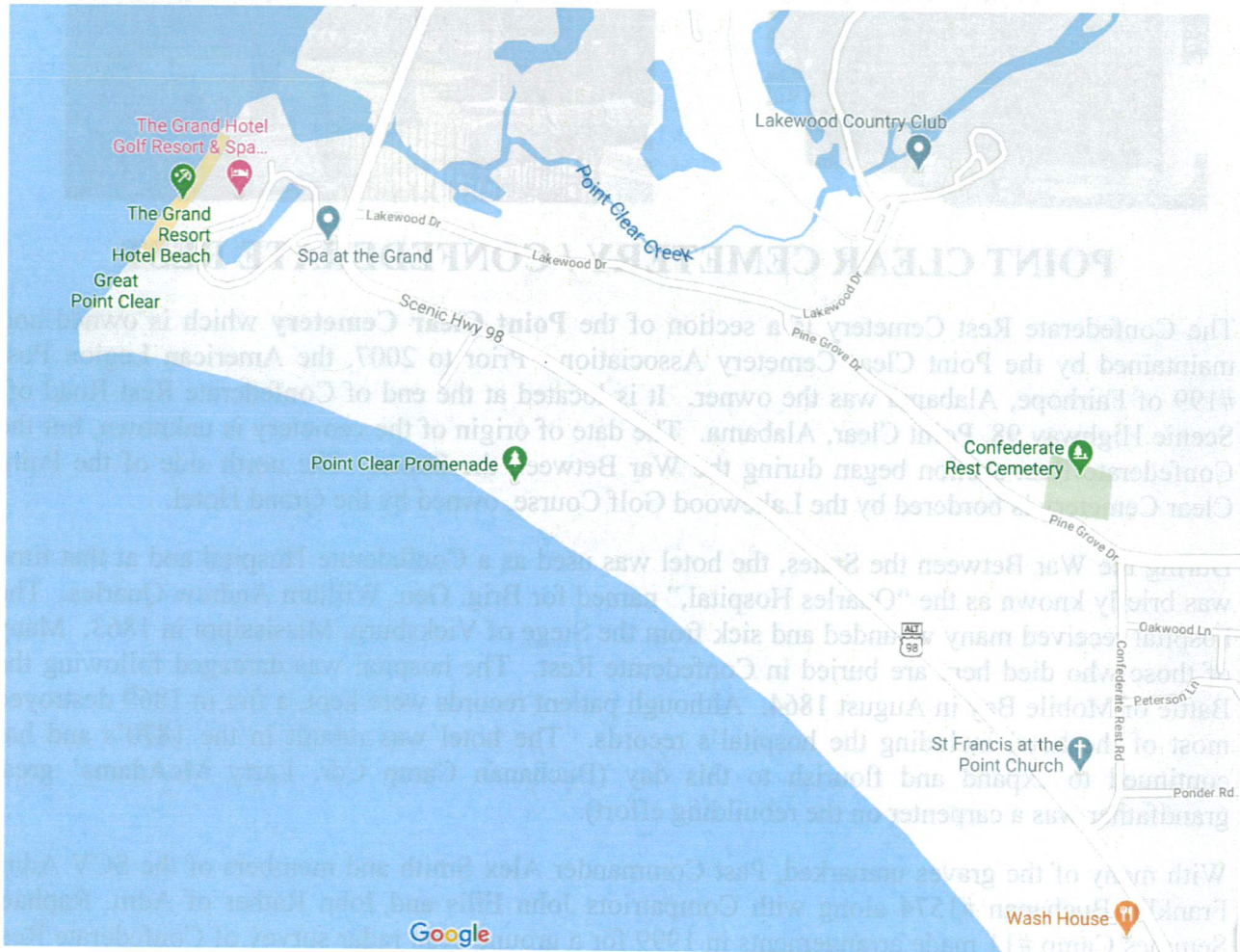


## Historic Confederate Rest Cemetery

Burial home of Confederate soldiers from the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who died at Grand Hotel-turned-hospital in 1863. Identities/records of those soldiers were lost in a bake room fire at the hotel in 1869. Trenches contain the remains of 300 +/- soldiers, located by ground-penetrating radar in the late 1990's. An 1864 cannon is located in the cemetery. Memorial service is held annually in April by the Fort Blakeley Camp #1864.



**Directions from the Grand Hotel:** Exit Grand Hotel – turn right on Scenic Hwy. 98. Go approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile just past St. Francis at the Point Episcopal Church on left to Confederate Rest Road. Turn left on Confederate Rest Road; follow Confederate Rest Road to the left till it intersects with Pine Grove Drive. The cemetery entrance is straight ahead.

**Parking** available around perimeter adjacent to the rail fence.

### The Historic marker reads:

The Grand Hotel and the Gunnison House served as a hospital for wounded Confederate soldiers from the Battle of Vicksburg during the Civil War. The Confederate Rest Cemetery commemorates more than 300 Confederate soldiers who died while in the hospital. The original tract of seven acres included markers erected to the Unknown Confederate Dead. The records of the soldiers were kept in the hotel until a fire in 1869, when the identities of those buried in Confederate Rest were lost.