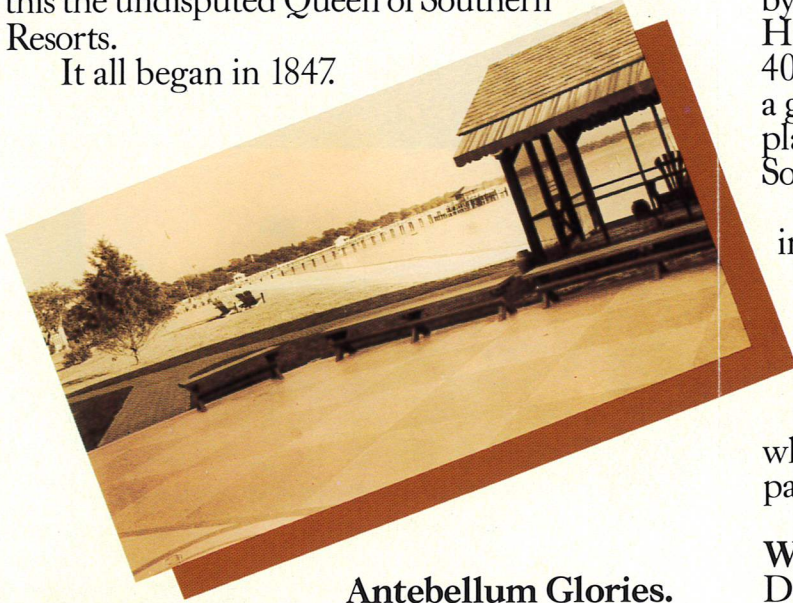


Join in The Glamorous History of The Grand.

Guests at Marriott's Grand Hotel very rightly feel that they are the latest participants in a long and glamorous history that has crowned this the undisputed Queen of Southern Resorts.

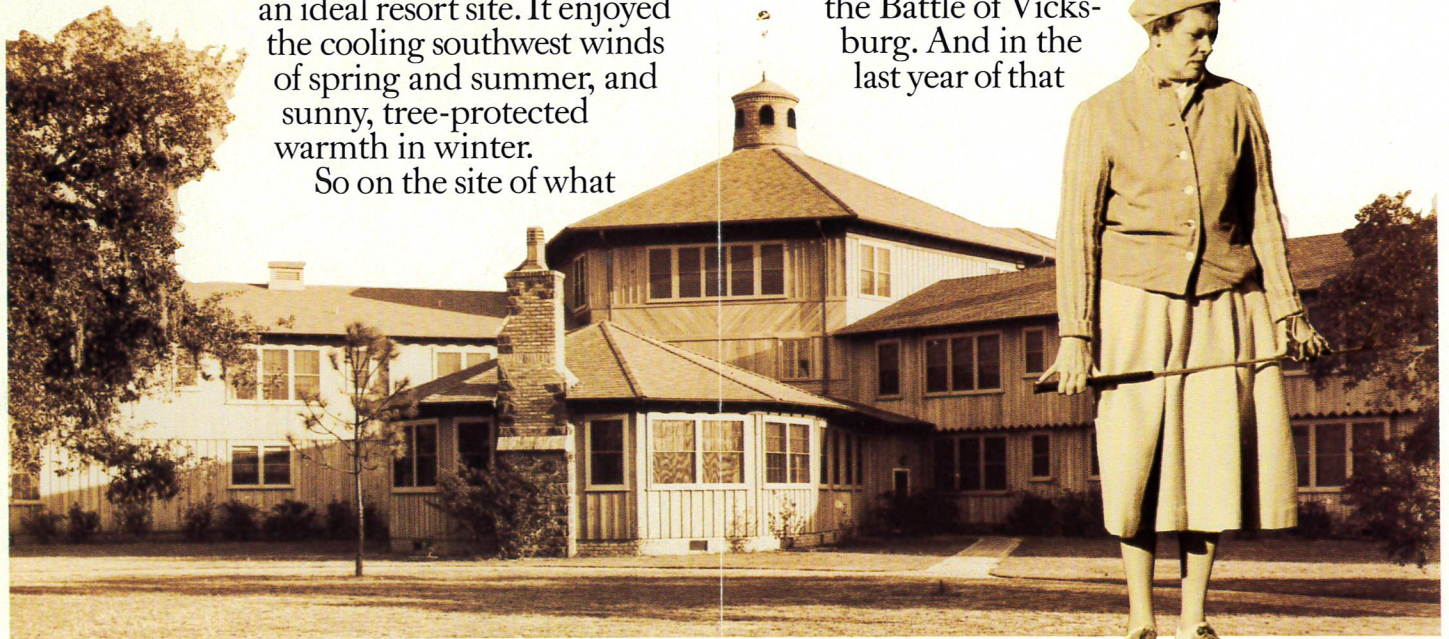
It all began in 1847.



Antebellum Glories.

A judicious gentleman named F.H. Chamberlain noted that the beautiful Point Clear peninsula, jutting out from the eastern shore into the sparkling waters of Mobile Bay, was an ideal resort site. It enjoyed the cooling southwest winds of spring and summer, and sunny, tree-protected warmth in winter.

So on the site of what



is now The Grand, Mr. Chamberlain in 1847 built the Point Clear Hotel with lumber brought over by boat from Mobile. His hotel had about 40 rooms and was a glittering gathering place for antebellum Southern society.



Among the resort's most popular features in those days were a bar called The Texas because it was set apart in its own building; and the separate men's and women's bathing wharves which maintained the proprieties required for swimming; and the nearby Gunnison House, built in the early 1850's, which was the site of fabled antebellum balls, parties and high-stakes card games.

War and Peace.

Despite a shell-hole inflicted by a Yankee ship after the Battle of Mobile Bay, the Gunnison House served during The War Between the States as a hospital for Confederate wounded from the Battle of Vicksburg. And in the last year of that