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Take a look at those memorials before they become history

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Tallahassee has dozens of historical markers, monuments and memorials. Most of them get good play.

That is, they remain firmly in the public consciousness. It would be hard to drive past the Capitol without noticing the Vietnam Memorial or past the Museum of Florida History without noticing the World War II Memorial or past Campbell Stadium without seeing the Bobby Bowden statue and stained glass.

Yet Tallahassee also has memorials that have slipped into near oblivion, overlooked by the public because of their location or condition. As we close out Thanksgiving weekend, here are six worth a look.

Old Spanish Trail marker: The Old Spanish Trail was a name adopted by early 20th-century tourism officials for a highway linking Florida and California. Encompassing what today are U.S. Highways 80 and 90, it was one of many named highways designed to spur auto travel.

The trail ran through Tallahassee as U.S. Highway 90, which then followed Monroe Street north to Havana before it turned west. A single marker commemorating the highway remains in Tallahassee, at Monroe and Brevard streets. It was erected in 1955 by the Tallahassee chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Though a top medallion, identifying the trail, was removed in the 1990s, the original stone obelisk and explainer plaque remain. Plans are under way for a 2029 centennial celebration of the trail.

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