

**A HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S SENATE SECRETARIES
1839–PRESENT**

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Terms of Office</i> | <i>Home Town</i> | <i>Appointed/Elected</i> | <i>Other Service</i> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| James S. Robinson | 1839-1842 | | Elected | Legislative Council, Chief Clerk—1838 |
| Thomas T. Long | 1843 | Columbia County | Elected | Constitutional Convention—1865 |
| Thomas Brown | 1844 | Tallahassee | Elected | Legislative Council—1829, 1838-President, (House)-1845 House—1845 Governor—1849-1853 |
| Thomas F. King | 1845 | | Elected | |
| Hugh Archer | 1846 | South Carolina | Elected | |
| Charles W. Downing | 1847-1848 | Duval County | Elected | Secretary of State—1849-1853 |
| Neill McPherson | 1850 | Walton County | Elected | |
| William H. Mitchell | 1852 | Gadsden County | Elected | |
| D. G. Livingston | 1854 | Madison County | Elected | Constitutional Convention—1865 |
| John S. Purviance | 1855 | Hamilton County | Elected | |
| Samuel J. Perry | 1856 | Madison County | Elected | |
| James E. Bowden | 1858-1859 (adj.) | Hillsborough County | Elected | |
| B. F. Parker | 1860 | Jackson County | Elected | |
| John B. Whitehurst | 1861 | Jackson County | Elected | House—1854,1855 |
| E. J. Judah | 1862 | Escambia County | Elected | |
| John B. Whitehurst | 1863 | Jackson County | Elected | House—1854,1855 |
| Fred L. Villepigue | 1864 | | Elected | Secretary of State—1853-1863 |
| Bolling Baker | 1865 (resigned 12/28; Fred L. Villipgue, Vice Sec.) | Gadsden County | Elected | House—1850 |
| Fred L. Villepigue | 1865-1866 | | Elected | |
| William Lee Apthorp | 1868 | Hillsborough County | Elected | |
| Charles Munde | 1869-1870 | | Elected | |
| Joseph Bowes | 1871 | | Elected | |
| Samuel B. McLin | 1872 (resigned 2/12/72) | | Elected | Secretary of State—1873-1877 Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction—1874 |
| LeRoy D. Ball | 1872 (elected 2/17/72) | | Elected | House—1874 |
| Charles R. King | 1873 | Lake City | Elected | |
| Hugh A. Corley | 1874 | Sumter County | Elected | House—1875 |
| Joseph Bowes | 1875 | | Elected | |
| Robert Gamble | 1877 | Pioneer | Elected | Secession Convention—1861 Comptroller—1868-1873 |
| James G. Gibbes | 1879 | | Elected | |
| W. H. Babcock | 1881-1883 | | Elected | |
| William MacWilliams | 1885 | St. Augustine | Elected | |
| Charles A. Finley | 1889-1893 | Columbia County | Elected | House—1879 |
| T. J. Appleyard | 1895-1905 | Orange County | Elected | |

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| Charles A. Finley | 1907-1927 | Columbia County | Elected | House—1879 |
| Robert W. Davis, Jr. | 1929-1943 | Gainesville | Elected | |
| Hazel Seymour | 1945 | | Elected | |
| Robert W. Davis, Jr. | 1947-1963 | Gainesville | Elected | |
| Edwin G. Fraser | 1965-1970 | Macclenny | Elected | House—Baker-1937,1939 Senate—District 29-1945-1948, 1952-1956, 1960-1963 |
| Elmer O. Friday | 1970-1974 | Fort Myers | Elected | Senate—District 24-1962-1966 District 34-1967-1970 |
| Joe Brown | 1974-1996 | Bristol | Elected | |
| Faye W. Blanton | 1996-2008 | Tallahassee | Elected | |
| Philip Twogood | 2008-8/5/11 | Tallahassee | Elected | Resigned 8/5/11 to head OPPAGA |
| Debbie Brown | 8/8/11-1/10/12 1/10/12-present | Hosford | Appointed Interim Elected | |

30 Secretaries in the 1800's:

3 served multiple terms: John B. Whitehurst, 1861, returned in 1863;
Fred L. Villepigue, 1864, returned in 1866;
Joseph Bowes, 1871, returned in 1875

9 Secretaries in the 1900's:

1 served in both centuries: T.J. Appleyard;
1 returned from 1800's: Charles A. Finley returned 1907-1927
1 served multiple terms: Robert W. Davis, 1929-43, returned 1947-63

3 Secretaries in the 2000's:

1 served in both centuries: Faye W. Blanton

Pursuant to the State Constitution, all Secretaries are elected.