The area now known as Cascade was mostly rural farmland throughout the 19th century. Today, it is home to many notable residents, including former Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin, baseball legend Hank Aaron, and former UN Ambassador Andrew Young.

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Cascade Mural Key

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, minister, educator, sociologist, and activist, served as president of Morehouse College from 1940 to 1967. A high school and boulevard in Atlanta’s Cascade neighborhood are named in his honor.

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Mount Gilead Campground near Ben Hill, c. 1954. The revival camp meetings held here from 1835 until 1989 drew thousands from all denominations to southwest Atlanta.

Map of Atlanta and vicinity, prepared for the Western and Atlantic R.R. Co., 1887.

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Advertisement for Wells Fargo express money orders, c. 1889.

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