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### SOME OF THE EARLY HISTORY OF FT. LAUDERDALE AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY

#### BROWARD COUNTY CELEBRATION TODAY—BIG REPRESENTATION FROM ALL PARTS OF THE NEW COUNTY. RAPID GROWTH OF THE CITY IN A FEW YEARS

As this time when the hearts of our people are gladdened by the birth of a new county, this seems an opportune time to give a short history of Fort Lauderdale. Twenty-five years ago this place was the home of the Indians and the fishermen.

It is said to say that January 27, 1890, was the beginning of Fort Lauderdale. On this day Mr. Frank Bradman settled at Coaker hammock, afterwards moving to his present location. He secured and only neighbors were a band of about fifty Johnny Jaegers (Indians) who were camped about three hundred yards distant. This was the first town site of Fort Lauderdale, the postoffice was then located on the beach in a shanty box. The postoffice was afterwards removed into the Venetian style which was located at its present residence site. The first previous to this was carried down the beach by the carrier who kept horses on the several boats to ferry freight across. On one occasion some one having stolen the boat, the

boat, and Mr. Bryan had the contract for ten miles of this work. After the completion of this work, Mr. Bryan bought 125 acres of land about five miles up the river where he lived in the hammock for about two years, raising vegetables and setting out an orange grove. For a long time he brought the produce down in a skiff, there being no bridge on the river at that time. There was no available way of crossing the river, so they were a little party.

About this time A. J. Wallace, and E. T. King open a building and hotel. The hotel was coming in fast. The wonderful possibilities of the Everglades and the draining of this rich land had reached the remote world, people from every state in the union were flocking here, credit was due the famous Broward, as the draining of the glades was his device. Fish, oysters have taken up the beach and had made the work in being done as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Bryan saw the necessity of

improvements being made, where the progressiveness of the people. The city had several very good little hotels of business houses, also the hotels, some rooming houses, racing places, good fishing water, sewerage system, electric lighting facilities, telephonic system, long distance rail road, street, cement sidewalks, two weekly newspapers.

late to see Napoleon B. Howard, he was cheerful in his reaction to his state, and gave to the people an great affection as moral man could give. We have honored his memory in naming it after such a distinguished man.

**BUR BROWARD COUNTY**  
It is with the best wishes to the glades enters Broward County.



View of Ft. Lauderdale 1912

#### COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

##### CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The County Commissioners, appointed by Gov. Park, then met at Broward County, met at the town hall, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, July 25, 1915, at 2 p. m. The following members were present: Commissioners A. S. Lewis, J. J. Joyce, I. I. Hendon, C. E. Ingalls and W. L. Brinkhall. On motion, Com. A. S. Lewis was unanimously elected a temporary chairman.

Minutes were made and seconded that the committee be appointed to see Attorney Bullock Evans in regard to accepting a position as County Attorney for Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

The motion was seconded, which was duly carried, the motion being for a period of one year from October 1st, 1915, was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The motion, which the Board was ordered to prepare a bid of the necessary supplies, books, furniture, etc. for the different offices which would be needed in the Broward County Court House.

A motion, seconded, that the chairman and clerk of the Board act as a committee to get prices and terms from the Yale County School Board on Andrews Avenue, under building for County Court House.

The Clerk on motion was ordered to get estimates and return of all supplies for new law books and make a report at the next meeting.

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Strand Hotel, the first in Ft. Lauderdale

order started to arrive the hotel and a store proceeded to read the local paper.

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a building house, as in 1900, he built what is now called the Andrews and opened a hotel. The people came at that time, a large hotel was necessary. In 1906, the first hotel was built at the Strand Hotel, but now the New River Hotel was built. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan still retain an interest in the hotel. Last summer they built a partial home north of the hotel, where they live a retired, and situated life, and take over the happy days of pioneer life.

The various families kept coming in, the Mannings, Glases, Dr. Kennard, and others. In 1907, the population had reached almost one hundred. In 1911 a great boom was on, the population had then reached several hundred more, the place had now well along, and a mail route was established, with a relay of the site at New River at Bradman's Office.

#### Capt. Harris' burial, one of the first burials on New River

the great, several hundred yards, non-ferrous, heavy, many de-composition, charred, was here. The first public school in the state, good fishing, boating, and bathing, and an ideal climate. Also here to have a gas station.

Approximately 1890, Florida created a Governor, and for whom the county is named, was born in Utah, thirty years ago.

This morning man was left as a victim early in life and without a great amount of money to the highest position in the gift of the people of Florida. His epitaph beyond days and a great part of his married in steam-riding. Starting at the lowest road to sea became furnished all of his life. The first office held by him was sheriff of Duval county, and made a record of which any man might be proud in 1904. He was elected Governor under Robert Davis, Gov. Meyer, and C. M. Brown by a large majority. In advocating the draining of the Everglades in his country was, he carried every-thing before him. His husband, a commander of the three Florida on which he ran the blockade, made many more.

He was a most interesting speaker, when he had the chance of his life had his equal in Florida. He served in the legislature with distinction. In 1911 he was nominated for the United States Senate, but to the people's regret and the state's misfortune, he was not elected. He died before he could serve the people in congress. With his great knowledge of the government and justice, it is a pity that he should have

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