

Fort Myers Cemetery

William Robert Bass possibly buried in Block 12, Lot 8

<http://fl-genweb.org/decole/LEE/fran/research/Fort%20Myers%20Cemetery/index.htm>

Fort Myers Cemetery Lee County, Florida

3200 N. Michigan Ave
Fort Myers FL

Lat: 26° 39' 00"N, Lon: 81° 50' 48"W

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Total records = 5,830.

The Fort Myers Cemetery is located at 3200 N. Michigan Avenue near downtown Fort Myers, Florida.

It was originally privately owned. The cemetery was surveyed and platted by W. E. Loper on Sep 25, 1888. The original blocks 1 through 16 were subdivided and filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court Jan. 23, 1899. The first survey was filed Dec 21, 1915. The second survey was compiled August 3, 1926 by A. S. Mellichamp, keeper. The plat for the First North Addition was filed Aug 13, 1936. The plat for the West Addition was accepted Jan. 6, 1937. The Second North Addition was accepted in 1938.

The cemetery grew in odd ways. The original old section was platted in 1888. In 1899 the original plot #1 was cut into 12 plots. In 1936 the First North Addition was added, in 1937 the West Addition. There is a Second North Addition as well as a Third North Addition and a Second West Addition.

The Garden of Memories was accepted May 9, 1943. The West Additions and Garden of Memories lie west of the original Fort Myers Cemetery. Richard Livingston's map lists Billy Creek. This is actually Brecht's Creek. There are two rather impressive banyan trees in the cemetery. One is at the entrance and the other in Section I, along the canal. The course of the creek was altered to make more burial space available.

When Paul Strickland was in charge of the cemetery, he kept no records of who was buried where .As a result many early occupants are not actually buried where they are said to be buried.

The cemetery was surveyed and recorded between late 1994 through 1995 by Helen Farrell. She started her walk-through using Richard Livingston's map in South Florida Pioneers #2, p. 34a, not realizing that his map was arbitrary and did not correspond with the cemetery's block and lot system.

There are gravel roads between the sections as listed by Livingston and some of the actual blocks and lots fall between Livingston's listings. We would also like to acknowledge the Lee Co Genealogical Society for their assistance and the original survey done by Richard Livingston as published in "South Florida Pioneers, magazine. Transcriptions were done over time by Helen Farrell, Brenda Jones, Kerima Neisig and Terry Hamilton Wollin.

- *SW FL Pioneers Historical Society*

Bass, Leta, no dates, unmarked, 6829, bur. B12 L8 (possibly William and Missouri's daughter Aleta who passed in 1910)

Bass, Will, Mrs., no dates, unmarked, Eng.915, bur. B12 L8

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Bass, Missouri Elizabeth, b. 1893, d. 7 Jan 1911, Mrs. W. K. Bass, Eng. 1026