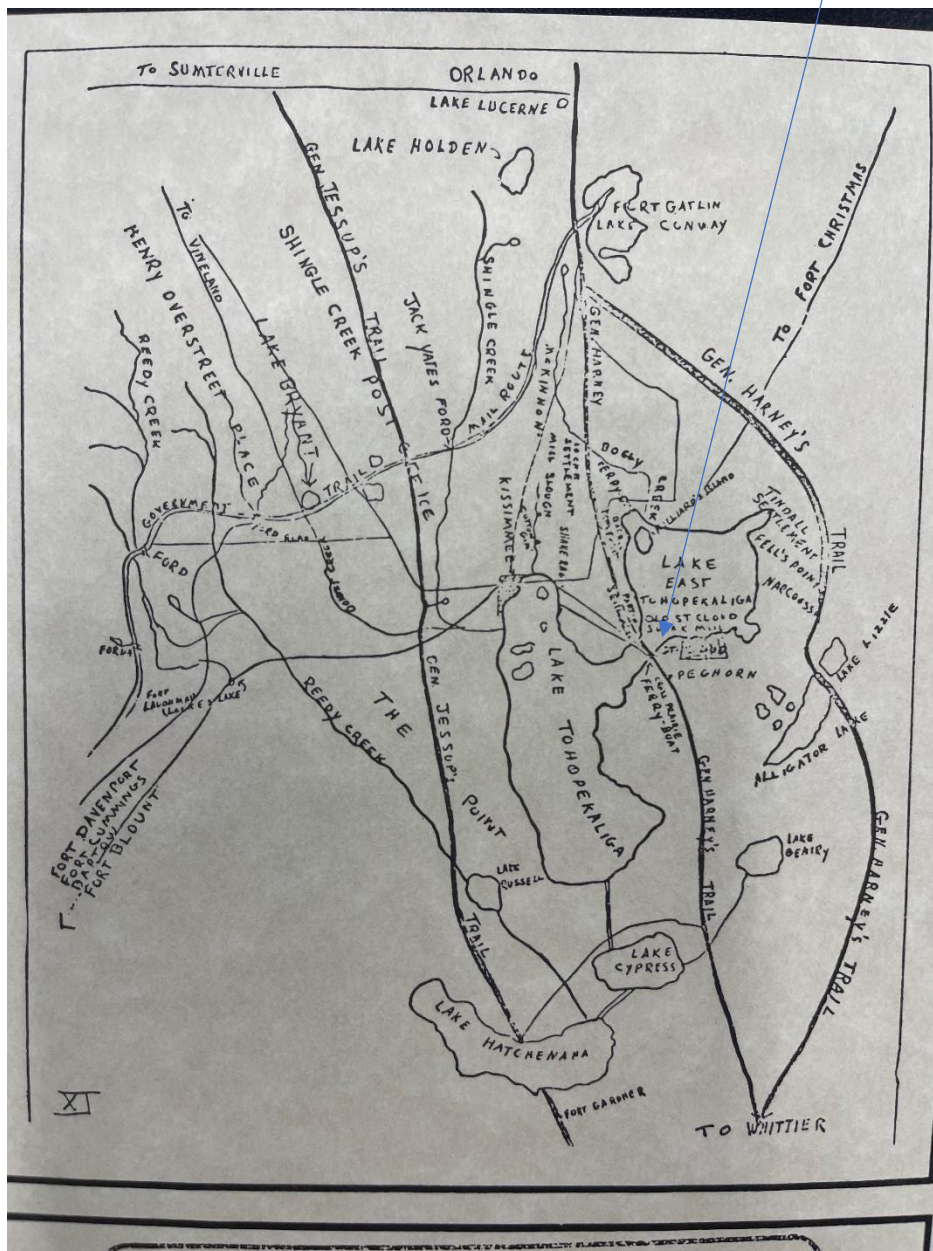
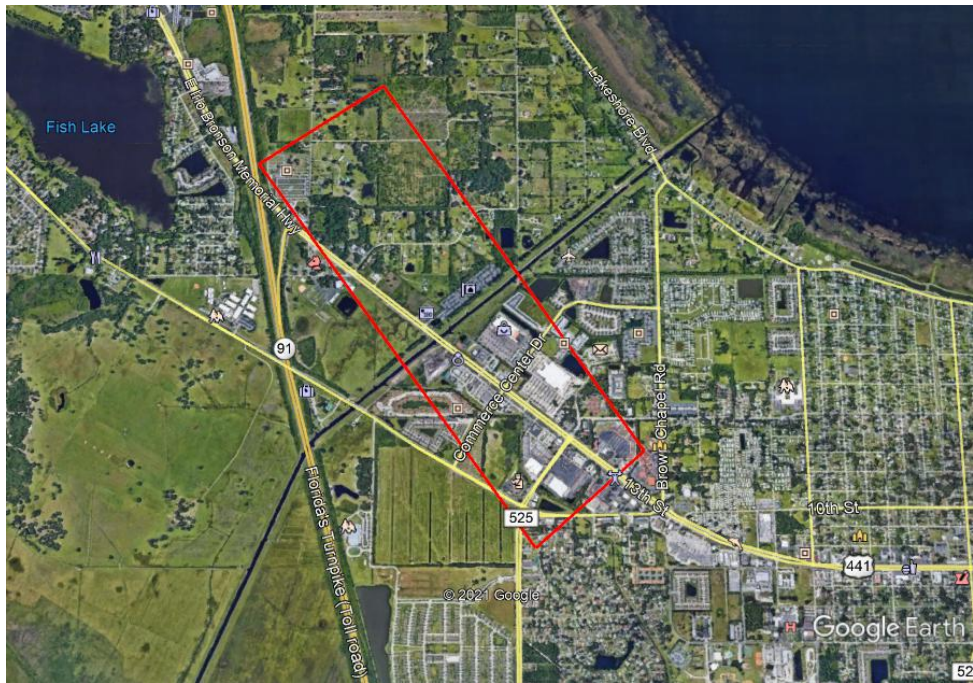


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Inside Cover: Shows location of Cross Prairie Ferry, operated by Needham Bass circa 1860s.

Needham's Cross Prairie Ferry





Page 10 (*Note: Needham and Family moved to Marion County Florida in 1850*)

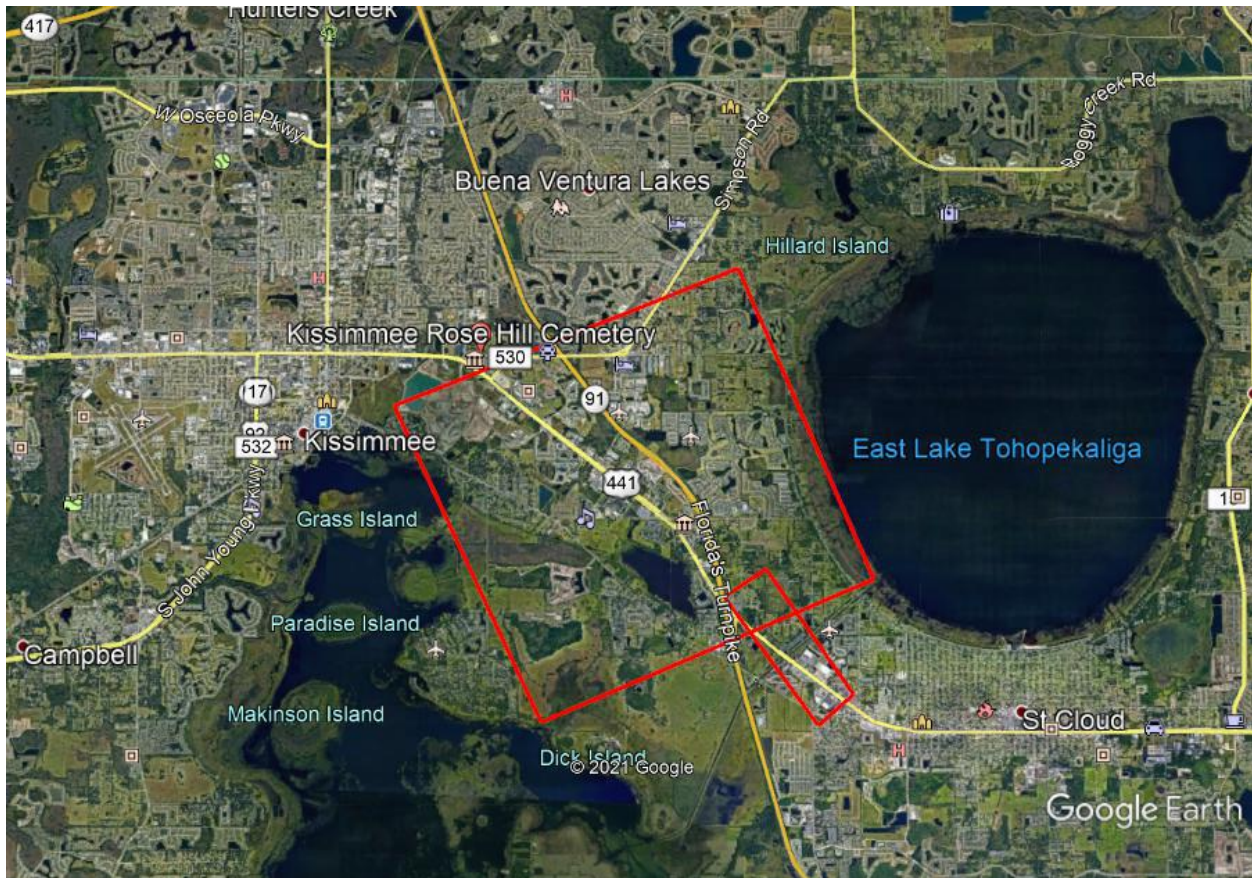
“The Seminoles did not keep their treaty with the whites. Instead of staying in their territory south of Peace Creek, they were scattered all about through the interior of the state. In 1849 they broke out in warfare, and the settlers in Central Florida again took refuge in the forts. Peace was restored the following year in the vicinity of Fort Gatlin, but it was several years later before it was safe for settlers in the extreme southern part of the state. The Indians were scattered through the Kissimmee Valley section till the 1880’s.

On September 28, 1850, an act of Congress donated all the swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the United States to the state for the purpose of being reclaimed. After the sale of the Alachua Grant for partition in 1849, the population began to increase in Columbia, Alachua, and Marion Counties, but the lack of transportation impeded the settlement of the interior of the peninsula.

Page 17 (First train into Orlando) (Narrow Gauge)

Page 24 (Mose Barber Land then Crawford Bass' homestead)

"Then we find him (Mose Barber) living on what was later known as Sigsbee Hill, now the property of Ed Newton, on the New Melbourne Highway at the edge of the marsh east of Kissimmee. He farmed the land which is now Rose Hill Cemetery, and it is said that he had many slaves to do the work there and to tend his large herds of cattle. He built a fence from Tohopekaliga Lake to a point southwest of Hilliard's Island on East Tohopekaliga Lake, and his pasture extended to the muddy stream at Cross Prairie. After his disappearance the land was homesteaded by Crawford Bass..."



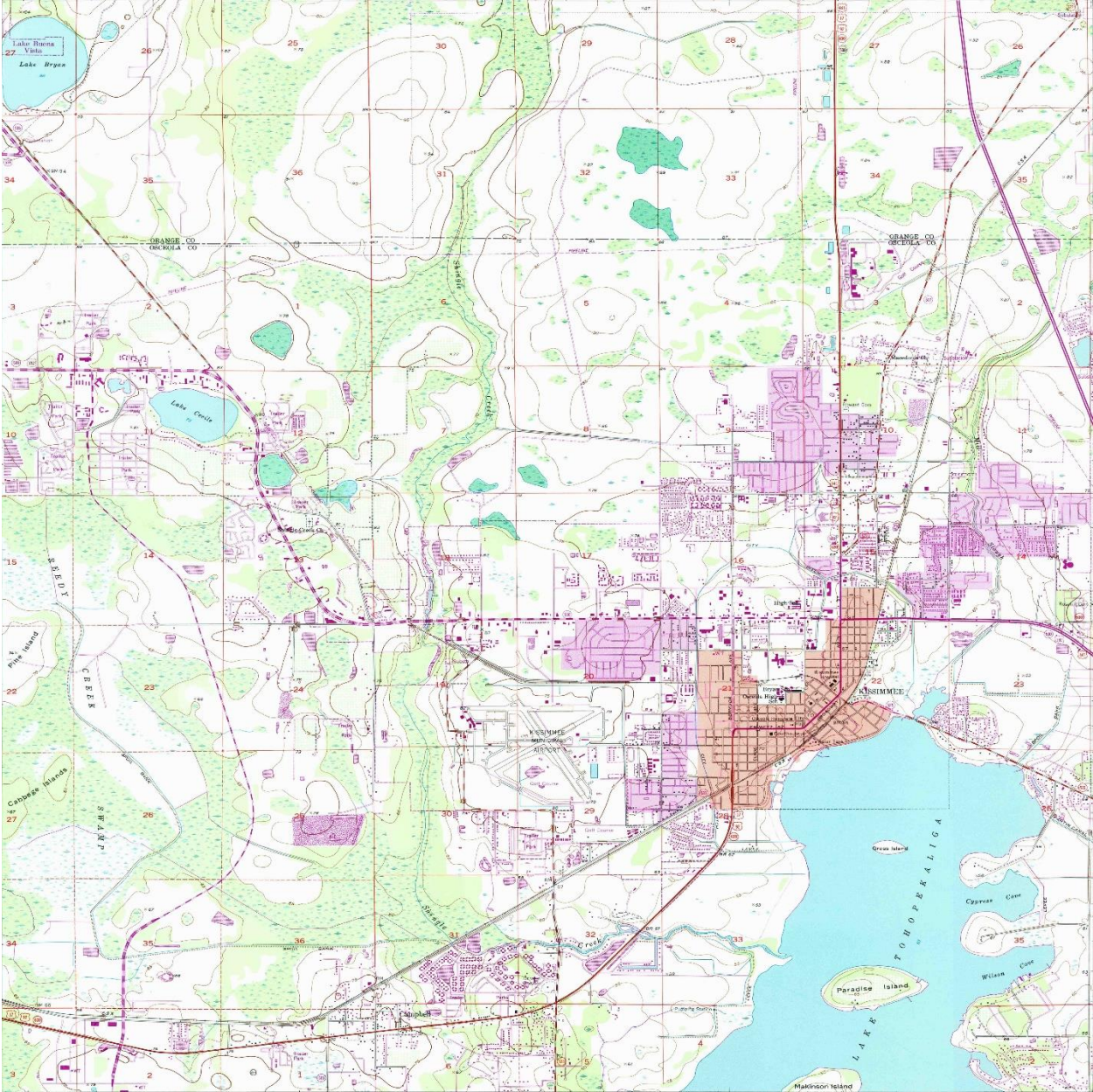
Page 24 (Needham's Ferry)

"It was probably in the early 1860's that Needham Bass followed the General Harney Trail down to Cross Prairie where he built and operated the ferry. He was also assisted at different times by his sons Quinn and Rob. Quinn Bass at one time operated a store on the south side of Boggy Creek Ford and west of the General Harney Trail."

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"After the Hamilton Disston drainage, the ferry boat was left to rot where it was last used, and before long it will be impossible to discern its last resting place. The Cross Prairie ferry met a like fate a few miles to the southward, and the early settlers, no doubt, appreciated the convenience of driving their teams across hitherto impassable territory."

Rob Bass (probably Needham's son James Robert Bass (1821)) homesteaded north Kissimmee and built a house at the location of the property now known as the Jim Miller place, just outside of the northern city limits. On the homestead he grew fine long-staple cotton. He operated a cotton gin and grist mill by the waters of Mill Slough, northeast of the new Stock Market and used oxen for baling the cotton. I haven't the exact date of these operations, but it is evident It was in the early 1870's."



Possible location of Rob Bass' Grist Mill on Mill Slough



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List of names “familiar to old timers” list: Charlie Bass, Needham Bass, Crawford Bass, Rob Bass (many more listed on page 36).


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Shows Crawford’s younger brother George W. Bass in a family photo.

Note: George W. Bass is who picked up Crawford when he became sick with Typhoid Pneumonia during the beginning of the civil war.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/tng/getperson.php?personID=124&tree=Bass15>

Name	George Washington Bass	
Born	1 Jan 1844	Smithville, Sumter County, Georgia

Gender	Male	
_UID	191BB42BA20A494AA59A12ED9DF664C047EF	
Died	26 Aug 1914	Osceola County, Florida 
Notes	<p>1850 Federal Census of Fourth District, Marion County, Florida (December 3, 1850) Needham Bass - 52 - Male - North Carolina - Laborer Elizabeth - 42 - Female - North Carolina Charles E. - 13 - Male - Georgia Wm H.C. - 12 - Male - Georgia Sylvana - 8 - Female - Georgia Almira - 3 - Female - Georgia George L.T. - 2 - Male - Georgia Living nearby: 1850 Federal Census of Fourth District, Marion County, Florida (December 3, 1850) Quincey Bass - 18 - Male - Georgia - Laborer Jane - 16 - Female - Georgia</p>	
Person ID	I24	Bass15 Andrew Bass of NC & Georgia
Last Modified	4 Apr 2019	

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Father	Needham Bass , b. Abt 1790, d. 1870 (Age ~ 80 years)	
Mother	Elizabeth Peterson , b. Abt 1808, North Carolina  , d. 1836 (Age ~ 28 years)	
Family ID	F5	Group Sheet Family Chart

• Below are the wife and children of George W. Bass (Needham's son and Crawford's brother)

Family	Susanna Sansbury , b. Abt 1846, d. 1933 (Age ~ 87 years)	
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 1. Walter Corydon Bass, Sr., b. 16 Mar 1869, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida , d. 1923, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida  (Age 53 years) + 2. Morgan Joseph Bass, b. 12 Apr 1872, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida , d. 24 May 1929, Polk County, Florida  (Age 57 years) 3. Ella Drucilla Bass, b. Abt 1874, d. 1946 (Age ~ 72 years) 4. Lula Vermelle Bass, b. Abt 1876, d. 1904 (Age ~ 28 years) 5. Cladius Edward Bass, b. Abt 1879, d. 1880 (Age ~ 1 years) + 6. George Fulwood Bass, Sr., b. 27 Jan 1882, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida , d. 13 Mar 1962, Orange County, Florida  (Age 80 years) 7. Mamie Arsula Bass, b. Abt 1885, Florida  	

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Discussion of Needham's Cross Prairie Ferry and a sketch of Needham's Ferry Boat.