

(Feb 24, 2022)

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**TIMELINE for William Robert Bass (1865 (possibly 1864)-1922 (56)) (Carpenter) (D: Age 56 from Apoplexy/Stroke) (Likely referred to as Will Bass)**

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/GS12-3F7>

1862, Sep 16 – William’s step-brother Mann Mizell (later Mann Bass then Walter Mann Bass) born to Priscilla Ivey.

**1865, Oct 23** – **William R. Bass born Lee County, FL** (Father Crawford H Bass (1839-1904), Mother Cornelia Johns (x-1865) (died during childbirth per Ernest R. Bass Jr’s notes).

1886, Jan 10 – Crawford Marriage to Priscilla Ivey in Orlando, FL (per familysearch.org).

**1867, Oct** – **Missouri Elizabeth (Ward) Nobles (future wife of William) born in Florida.**

1867, Nov 25 – Half-brother Oscar Renneford (or Rull) Bass born.

1869, Oct 18 – Half-brother Thomas Bass born. Note: This is Captain Thomas Archibald Bass who died in 1935 in Pahokee, see below.

**1870, July** – William R. Bass missing from family Census but reappears in 1880 Census.

1871, Nov 11 – Half-brother Time Quinn Bass born. (Died January 4, 1908)

1880 – Census for Orange Co, Precinct 4, shows William as age 15, “Helper on Farm”.

1885, April 26 – William R. Bass marries Missouri Elizabeth Nobles in Orange County, Florida. (Ernest Jr’s research) (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/GS12-3F7>)

Pictured below (in the middle rear) are Missouri’s sister Amanda Catherine Nobles and Missouri’s mother (Ernest Bass Jr’s maternal great-grandmother) **Emaline (Williams) Nobles** (front right).



1884 – Son H. Bass born. (died after age 1)

1885 – Census for Orange Co, District 9, shows William (age 23) with M. Bass (wife Missouri) as 20 and Son H. Bass as age 1. Note: H. Bass must have died young as he is not found in later census.

1887, Feb 1 – Daughter Nuna B. Bass born in Florida. (Died 1936) Note: Nuna married Walter Thomas. Article on her road trip below. She died Dec 26, 1936 in Sanford, North Carolina. Note: Nuna had a daughter, Ruth Thomas born on 7 May 1922 and died on 22 Feb 1923.

1890, Apr – Daughter Pearl May Bass born in Florida. (Died Dec 27, 1913) (Married John P. Thomas ~1908). Pearl died shortly after this 1913 Photo. Also pictured are husband John Preston Thomas, Leona age 4 and Vivian age 3.



(1913 Photo from <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/K2WM-6Y9>)

1892, Feb – Daughter Emma Cornelius Bass born in Florida. (Died Oct 27, 1971) (note: William’s mothers name was Cornelia Johns. Cornelia Johns’ father was Cornelius Johns. Emma’s first name was presumably from her maternal grandmother, Emaline Nobles. Emma Bass was a nurse who went into the Everglades to help people (per Ernest Bass Jr (1924-2012).

1894, Sep – Son Donnie/Donald Crawford Bass born in Florida. (Died 1943) (note: William’s father was Crawford Bass)

Nov 1897 – Son Clell Jackson Bass born in Florida. (Died 1971)

1900 – Census for Osceola Co, Kissimmee, FL, Dist 0125 Lists William (age 35) (Farmer) with wife Missouri R. (age 32). Kids Nuna (13), Pearl (10), Emma (8), Donnie (5) and Clell (2)

June 29, 1901 – Daughter Fursie Bass born in Florida. (Died ~1950)

Mar 28 1904 – Ernest R. Bass Sr born in Kissimmee, Florida. (Died 1973)

1910 – Daughter Eleta Bass born. (Died 1911, same year her mother died)

1910 – Census for Lee Co, Ft. Myers District 0079, Lists William (age 46) (Carpenter in House Industry and an “Employer”), with Missouri (43), Walter Thomas (Step-son, age 31, not in previous census), and Kids Nuna (23), Pearl (18), Don (15), Clell (13), Fursie (9), Ernest (6), Eleta (9 months). Granddaughters (Daughters of Nuna and her husband Walter) Mabel Thomas (3) and Bessie Thomas (1) included. *Note: Emma no longer listed as she was 18.*

STATE Florida DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CEN  
 COUNTY Lee THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910  
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Princeton No 4 NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Fort Myers  
 NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_ ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 21

STREET ADDRESS	LOCATION.		NAME	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.						NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.		Whether able to speak or give language	
	Block number	House number			Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Whether married, widowed, divorced, or separated	Number of previous marriages	Name her new husband	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person	Year of immigration to United States	Whether naturalized or alien		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Wm. E. Bass	Head	M	W	46	M	2			Florida	Georgia	Georgia			English
			Missouri R. Bass	Wife	F	W	43	M	2	8		Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Thomas Walter	Step-son	M	W	31	M	4	2		Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Nuna	Daughter	F	W	23	M	4	2		Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Pearl	Daughter	F	W	18	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Don	Son	M	W	15	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Clell	Son	M	W	13	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Fursie	Daughter	F	W	9	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Ernest	Son	M	W	6	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Eleta	Daughter	F	W	9	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Thomas Mabel	Granddaughter	F	W	3	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Bessie	Granddaughter	F	W	1	S				Florida	Florida	Florida			English
			Wm. E. Bass	Head	M	W	40	M	4			Michigan	Ohio	Ohio			English
			Missouri R. Bass	Wife	F	W	30	M	4			Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts			English

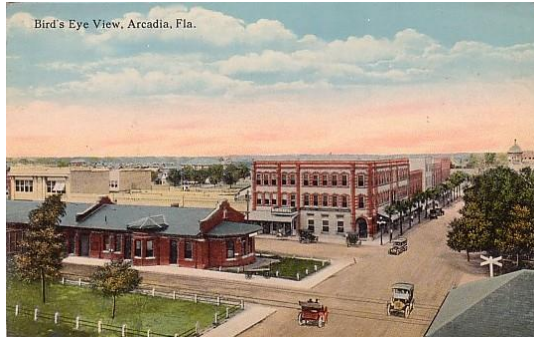
1911, Jan 7 – Missouri E. (Noble) Bass, died at home in East Ft. Myers, FL.

1913, Dec 27 – Daughter Pearl Bass died in Okeechobee, Florida.

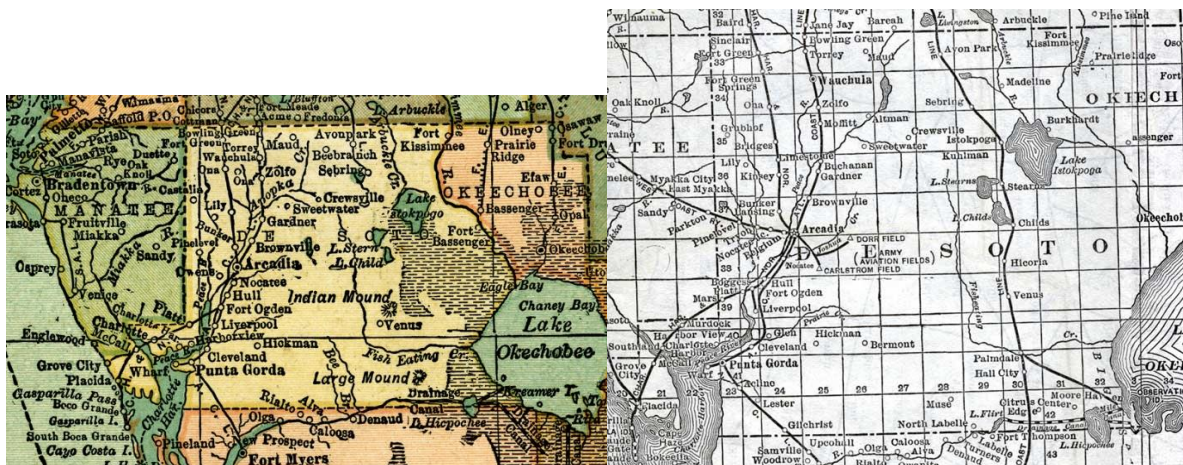
1922, Aug 31 – **William R. Bass** Died in Gardner, De Soto County (Hardee County after 1923), Florida. Cause: Apoplexy/Stroke. He was about 56 years old.

1922, Sept 1 – **William**'s funeral was held in Fort Myers. His body had been moved on the Atlantic Coast Railroad from Gardner, Florida, through Arcadia and finally stopping in Fort Myers.

Post Card of Arcadia Train Station. William's body was transported via train. That train would have stopped in Arcadia, Florida en route Fort Myers. The 1911 train station still stands today where Williams body past by.



1920 map of Desoto County showing rail line from Gardner to Fort Myers via Arcadia and Punta Gorda.



Note: The scanned record of Williams Obituary in the 02 Sept 1922, The Fort Myers Press, is torn across the text but what is legible states:

**BODY BURIED HERE**

**William R. Bass Father of Mrs.... (Walt...) (aka Nuna)**

**ter Thomas Dies at Gardner...**

The body of William Bass...

Years old, of Gardner, the ...

Mrs. Walter Thomas of...

Myers, was buried in the ....

Cemetery yesterday after...

Arrived here on the ....

Train from Arcadia...

Prepared for burial ...

Paralysis.

Funeral services...

The burial...

ed in genuine hand buffet leather and equipped with a powerful motor and Pullman shock absorbers.

The car, as fine as money can buy, will be made by the Meteor Motor Car Co., of Piqua, O. It will be here by November 1st, Mr. Engelhardt said.

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**BODY BURIED HERE**

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**William R. Bass, Father of Mrs. Walter Thomas Dies at Gardner**

The body of William Bass, years old, of Gardner, the Mrs. Walter Thomas of Myers, was buried in the cemetery yesterday after arriving here on the train from Arcadia prepared for burial paralysis.

Funeral services for the burial at 3:00 P. M. /ALO/ 7:30 A. M.

**Tide & LAND**

2:00 P. M. 7:30 A. M.

points. Railroad in our steamers. Ask for Automobile Sales... license.

FREE sent on receipt of fee.

# THE FORT MYERS PRESS

TWELFTH YEAR—NO. 348 FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 2, 1922

### TO REVIEW MANY APPEALS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(Special) The American Federation of Labor has its general strike review in progress. Several thousand delegates from all over the country are gathered at the convention to discuss the general strike and to review the appeals for a general strike.

### ROUND-UP OF RADICALS IS ON

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## Florida Furnishes Three Young People As Missionaries To Foreign Fields



Three young people, missionaries, in a boat on water.

### NEW MINISTER TO ASSUME DUTIES HERE OCTOBER 1

The new minister to the United States, Mr. J. A. Smith, will assume his duties here on October 1.

### BONUS BILL IS IN CONFERENCE

The House has today taken up the bonus bill for conference with the Senate.

### LABOR DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN FITTING MANNER

The city will observe Labor Day in a fitting manner with various activities.

### Subscription List of Fort Myers Press is Growing Steadily

The subscription list of the Fort Myers Press is growing steadily, showing the interest of the community in local news.

### Virginia Finds There's No Sport Like Tarpon Fishing

Virginia anglers find that there is no sport like tarpon fishing in the state's waters.

### Gwynne High To Have Very Good Football Eleven

The Gwynne high school football team is expected to have a very good season.

### Cabinet Member Favors Water To Bathe In

A cabinet member has expressed a strong preference for bathing in the water.

### Deep Lake Grove Is Coming Back In Great Shape

Deep Lake Grove is being restored and is expected to be in great shape soon.

### No Paper Labor Day?

Some people wonder if there will be a paper on Labor Day.

### The Weather

The weather forecast for the week ahead is generally favorable.

### Portrait of a Man

A portrait of a man, likely a local figure, is featured in the article.

### Various News Items

A collection of various news items from the community.

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Continuation of various news items.

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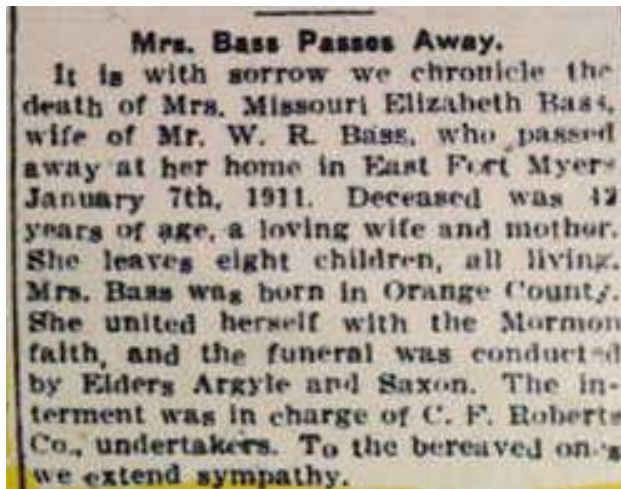
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Both are possibly buried in Fort Myers Cemetery but can't confirm. (possibly in Block 12, Lot 8). Eleta possibly buried in Block 12, Lot 8, plot 6829)

Note (from Brian Bass): *William Bass* seems to have had a pretty rough life. He was born 6 months after the end of the Civil War and his mother, *Cornelia Johns* died giving birth to him in 1864. He does not appear to have lived with his father early on. I cannot find where he lived as

a child, perhaps with grandparents or other family members. Needham and Elizabeth? *William Robert Bass* does not show up in his father's household until the 1880 census where he is 15 years old. *William's* first born son *H. Bass* died at age 1 and his daughter *Aleta* was born ~1910 and died around 1911. His wife, *Missouri* also died in 1911 at age 44 leaving him with 9 children though his daughter *Nuna* was 23 and married and *Pearl* was 18, both living at home in 1910. His daughter *Pearl* died in 1913 leaving behind a husband and two young children. *William* died in 1922 at the age of about 57. His son *Ernest Ralph Bass (Sr)* was about 18 years old at the time.



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

## 1887 Kissimmee Directory

Transcribed by Lisa K. Slaski, Genealogy Club of Osceola County, member

Source: "*Richards Orange County Gazetteer*, 1887," Jno. R. Richards & Co., Jacksonville, FL transcribed from the online [Central Florida Memory Collection](#) (Orange County Library)

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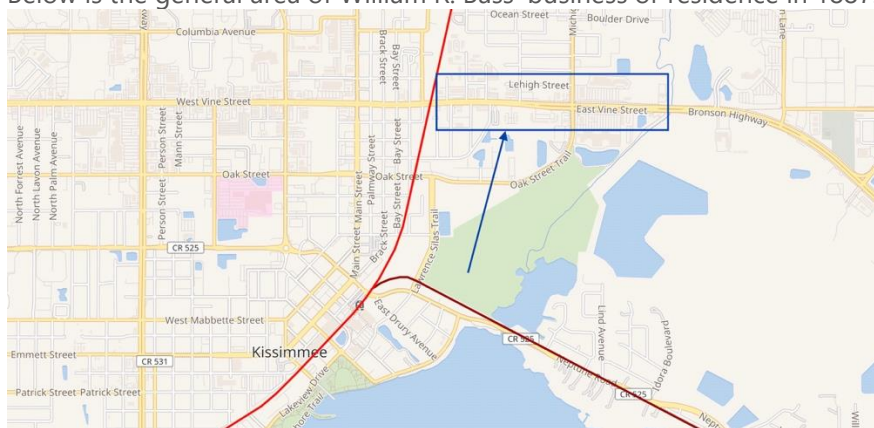
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**Kissimmee Directory**  
**1887**  
**Population 1,425**

The city of Kissimmee is situated on the line of the South Florida Railroad, 18 miles south of Orlando, the county seat, and 75 miles northeast of Tampa. The city is beautifully located on the head waters of Lake Tohopekaliga, which, together with the Kissimmee river, Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee river, forms a navigable outlet to the Gulf coast waters, where teamers are now constantly employed carrying freight and passengers. At this city all the dredges, snagboats and steamers of the Disston Drainage Company are built, and a vast system of inland navigation and engineering is conducted from this point. The principal shipments are lumber, fruits and vegetables. manufacturing and mercantile business are the chief pursuits. Much tact, enterprise and energy is to be noted among the inhabitants of this little city. The physical features of the country surrounding this city present a very favorable appearance, its lands being of good quality and very productive. The combined advantages to be had here places Kissimmee among the most prosperous towns in this section of Florida.

- Bass Bros. (Walter and Thomas A. Bass), butchers, ss Emmett, 2d e of Orlando ave
- Bass David (Bass & Co.), r country
- Bass George W., carpenter, r Oak, ne cor Main ave
- Bass George C., Jr., carpenter, r Brack, se cor Oak
- Bass John T. (T. Johnson & Co.), r Verona, ne cor Rose ave
- Bass Nedum F., mechanic, r Oak, sw cor Royal
- Bass Robert, whol and ret groceries, and grain, Broadway, se cor Darlington ave, r country
- Bass Robinson, boarding, r Lake, nw cor Royal
- Bass Sheppard C., clk R. Bass, r country
- Bass Thomas A. (Bass Bros.), r ss Emmett, 2d c of Orlando ave
- Bass Walter (Bass Bros.), r country
- Bass Walter C., shoemkr, r Oak, ne cor Main ave
- Bass William, carpenter, r east end Vine, e of S. F. R. R.**
- Bass Zachary W., barkpr T. Johnson & Co., r Lake, nw cor Royal
- Bass & Co. (D. Bass and J. J. Ward), livery, feed and sale stable, Stewart, nw cor Bryan

Below is the general area of William R. Bass' business or residence in 1887.





William Robert Bass' Death Certificate:

STATE OF FLORIDA  
**BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS**  
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

File No. **9639**

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County **Hardee**      CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ (Write name, not number)      Registration District No. **58157**  
 or Inc. Town **Gardner Fla.**      Primary Registration Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 or City \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_)      St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

2 FULL NAME **William R. Bass**

(a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds.      How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <b>Male</b>	4 COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <b>Married</b>	16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) <b>Aug, 31-22, 1923</b>	17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, that I last saw him alive on <b>8-30, 1923</b> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <b>4:15 pm</b>
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of _____ (or) WIFE of _____			The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <b>apoplexy</b>	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <b>Oct. 23 1865</b> (Month) (Day) (Year)			CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) _____	
7 AGE <b>56 yrs. 10 mos. 23 ds.</b>			18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____	
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <b>Carpenter.</b> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____ (c) Name of employer _____			Did an operation precede death? _____ Date of _____	
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <b>Florida.</b> (State or country)			Was there an autopsy? _____	
10 NAME OF FATHER <b>Crofford Bass.</b> (City or Town) _____			What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signed) <b>D. McSwain</b> M. D. 9/1-23      10 (Address) <b>Woodville, Fla.</b>	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER _____ (State or country)			*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.) <b>74A</b>	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <b>Unknown.</b>			19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or Removal <b>St. Myers Fla, Cem.</b>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER _____ (State or country)			Date of Burial or Removal <b>9/1-23 19</b>	
14 Informant <b>Dr. W. L. Thomas.</b> (Address) <b>St. Myers Fla.</b>			20 UNDERTAKER <b>W. Boyatt</b>	
15 Filled <b>9/1-23</b> Form V. S. No. 4      192. _____ Registrar			ADDRESS <b>Woodville</b>	

N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN MUST BE MADE FOR EACH, and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

### Missouri Nobles' parents:

Jackman Nobles (1820-1906) and Emaline Williams (1837-1918) are buried in the East Lake (aka Boggy Creek Cemetery in Kissimmee, FL)



<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/33927301/emaline-nobles>

Nuna Bass Thomas:

Nuna (Bass) Thomas: William's daughter was still living in Fort Myers at the time of William's death in Gardner in 1922. In the 1918/1919 Fort Myers City Directory, she is living on "Madison nr Polk, E Ft Myers".

( <https://archive.org/details/fortmyersflorida2191hack/page/164/mode/2up> )

In 1921, Nuna and husband (Walter Thomas) are living on "Lee Co Blvd E Ft Myers". Same in 1922/3

( <https://archive.org/details/polksftmyerscity1921rlpo/page/130/mode/2up> )

William Robert Bass does not appear to be living in Fort Myers at the time. Perhaps he is residing at Lake Okeechobee or possibly in Gardner (Hardee County) where he died in 1922. (note: Hardee County was created on April 23, 1923 from part of DeSoto County.)

Nuna Bass (Thomas) Road trip newspaper Article:

## MRS. WALTER THOMAS DECLARES FORT MYERS LOOKS GOOD TO HER

In an interview Saturday with Mrs. Walter Thomas, of East Fort Myers, regarding the long motor trip which she and her husband and Miss Johnson have just concluded, she said:

"I want to say a few things about our interesting trip, my Baby Overland car—and Fisk tires.

"We went through sixteen states and across Canada from Port Huron to Niagara Falls on our motor trip. We drove from Fort Myers to Comins, Mich., near the north end of Lake Huron, a distance of 2,312 miles, in just twelve days. My car averaged about 22 miles to the gallon of gasoline. On our way back we left Comins, 250 miles north of Detroit, making the distance of 2,840 miles in 14 days.

"I want to say to the people of Lee County, through your paper, that we had SOME trip.

"We visited Henry Ford's factory in Detroit and saw Niagara Falls. In New York we went through the Hudson tubes and to the top of the Woolworth building. We visited Washington and Mount Vernon. We saw many other wonderful sights which I will not mention now.

"I made all this trip without any accident to speak of and I have the same tires on my car that I had when we started.

"I do not know whether this is a record for a lady or not, but I want to say that it takes nerve and a lot of it to cover the cities we covered and to cross the mountains we crossed.

"I am satisfied for this Summer. But why should anyone wonder why we made such a record when I had an old man to follow driving an old green Essex car?

"But I will have to say that nothing ever looked so good to me as does Fort Myers. It's good enough for me."

Nuna's Death Certificate:

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
N. H. — WHITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THEN IN A PERMANENT RECORD. Carry item of info. to be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain, unambiguous, and concise terms. Exact statement of OCCUPATION in very pertinent. See instructions on back of certificate.

### STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Lee Registration District No. 53-60 Certificate No. 124  
 Township \_\_\_\_\_ or Village \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Sanford No. \_\_\_\_\_ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Nuna B. Thomas 20  
 (a) Residence: No. Sanford, N.C. St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_ (If non-resident give city or town and State)

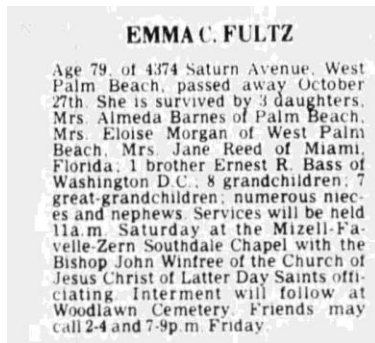
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write in words) <u>Widowed</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Dec. 26</u> , 19 <u>36</u>	
6. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND or (or) WIFE of _____				22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Sept 24</u> 19 <u>36</u> to <u>Dec 26</u> 19 <u>36</u> I last saw <u>h.s.</u> alive on <u>Dec 26</u> , 19 <u>36</u> death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>3 p.</u> m.	
7. AGE Years <u>49</u> Months <u>10</u> Days <u>3</u> IF LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. _____ min.				The proximal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: <u>Chronic heart disease</u> Date of onset _____ <u>Chronic nephritis</u> _____	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Retired</u>				Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:	
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.				Name of operation <u>None</u> date of _____ What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>None</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>	
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)				23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.	
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation				Manner of injury _____ Nature of injury _____	
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Fla.</u> (State or country)				24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? If so, specify _____ (Signed) <u>Hayden L. Lott</u> M. D. (Address) <u>Sanford</u>	
13. NAME <u>Will Bass</u>					
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Fla.</u> (State or country)					
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Don't know</u>					
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country)					
17. INFORMANT <u>R. W. Tedder</u> (Address) <u>Sanford, N.C.</u>					
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Shallow Well</u> Date <u>Dec. 28</u> , 19 <u>36</u>					
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Chas. P. Rogers</u> (Address) <u>Sanford, N.C.</u>					
20. FILED <u>1-4-1937</u> <u>B. L. Campfield</u> Registrar					

Emma Cornelia (Bass) Fultz (Dec 16, 1892 – Oct 27, 1971)

Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Block 10, Lot 166 (South Section) in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Emma's husband, John A. Fultz was a Mail Carrier in 1930 in Palm Beach, Florida. By 1940, she was divorced. Per Ernest Jr's notes, she was a nurse who went into the Everglades to help people. Children included: J.A. Fultz, Alta Jane Fultz, Almeda Fultz and Eloise Fultz.

Obituary from the Oct 29, 1971 Palm Beach Post:



William R. Bass' half-brother Thomas Bass: (*More information on Thomas is located in William Crawford Harris Bass' Timeline.*)

When Captain Thomas Archibald Bass was born on October 18, 1869, in Kissimmee, Florida, his father, William (Crawford), was 30 and his mother, Priscilla, was 27. He married Lucia Matella Yates and they had four children together. He then married Bertha Louise Henderson and they had one daughter together. **He died on January 27, 1935, in Pahokee, Florida,** at the age of 65, and was buried in West Palm Beach, Florida.



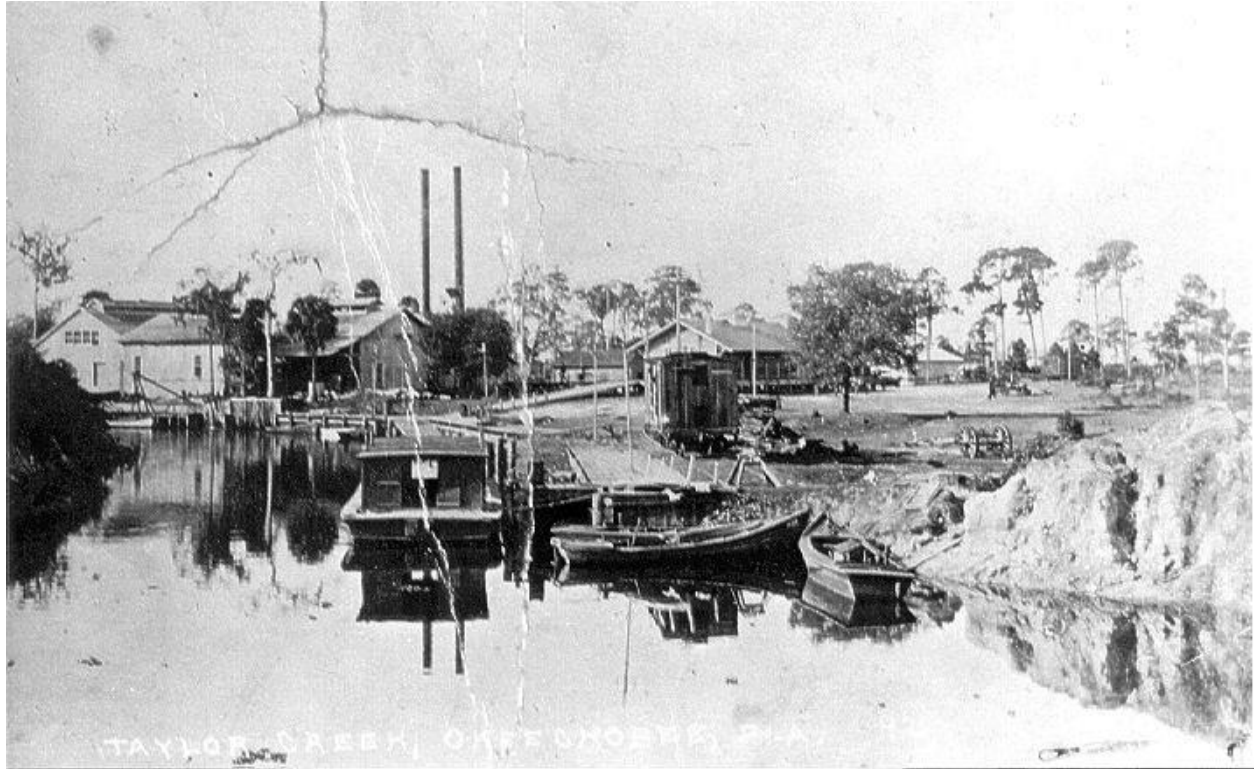
According to Lawrence E. Will's "A Cracker History of Okeechobee" (1977): "The Ft. Myers News Press on December 8, 1905 announced 'Captain T. A. Bass of Kissimmee was here to arrange to ship fish the first of the year. He has invested \$9,000 in boats, nets, etc., and expects to employ 150 men. He has purchased the steamer FOUR HUNDRED from H. E. Heitman (the steamer actually was the ISTOKPOGA) and has launched a new boat in Kissimmee.' This new boat was the 56 foot steamer SUCCESS which held two fish boxes, one for cats and one for scale fish. Her captain was Edward H. Hall, son of Captain Ben. No sooner was the SUCCESS completed than she sailed for the lake with **Captain Tom, his brother Will and their families.** (*This would be our **William R. Bass**, it is possible he is one of the people pictured above*) Other passengers were Aaron Bronson, nephew of the backer of the company, Bill Saunders the builder of the boat, and Hugh Cochran, who stayed to fish as long as seining was allowed, and who still lives in Okeechobee City."

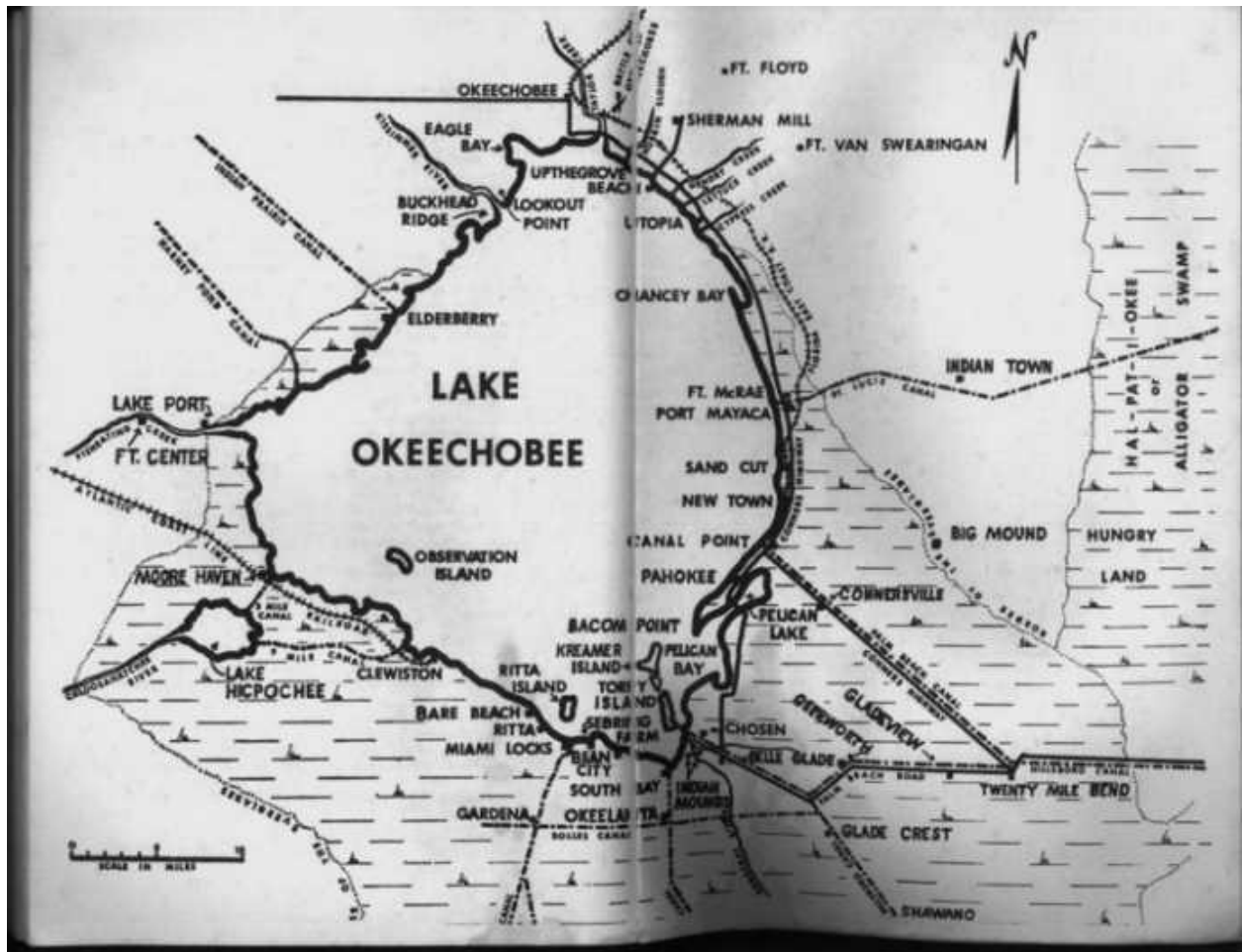
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Captain T. A. Bass began large-scale development of the catfish industry on Lake Okeechobee in 1906. His steamer, the *Success*, carried 6,000 pounds of fish from the lake on its first haul. Fishing camps began to grow along the lake shore.

With the arrival of the railroad in Okeechobee, the catfish industry centered its activities there. No longer would it be necessary to send the fish down the New River Canal to Fort Lauderdale where they would be loaded on northbound trains. The T. A. Bass Fisheries Company moved its headquarters from Fort Lauderdale to Okeechobee in April 1915 and built a large packing house.





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