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Frank's Tweets: Glossary

SEPTEMBER 1911 - FEBRUARY 1912

alfalfa - a small plant used primarily as livestock feed

banana eyes - small shoots from the banana used to reproduce new plants

bbls - barrels

bedded up - planted crops in plant "beds"

board - rent a room (with meals provided)

brot - brought

canal - Florida East Coast Canal, now known as the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW)

car - railroad car (not automobile)

cassava - an edible tuberous root crop

chored - did his chores

D. - Deerfield, but sometimes means Delray

Deerfield Park - also know as Horn's Park was a natural area somewhere near the Dixie Highway which apparently served as a tourist attraction in the 1910s

ditched - dug a ditch

dragged - broke up the ground for seeding with a machine such as a harrow

dusted - applied pesticide in dust form

dwarf rape - vine used as a feed crop

egg plants - eggplants

Ex. - express train

fan - sabal palm fronds (shaped like fans) used to cover crops to protect against cold temperatures and frost

fired - set controlled fires to keep crops warm during freezes

freight - freight train

feed - food for livestock

honey house - house for beehives

indian mound - Barnhill Mound, a prehistoric Indian mound located in what is now Boca Raton Marina

inlet - Boca Raton inlet, usually closed due to silting; the pioneers tried to keep it open by digging it out with shovels



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jag - truckload

joint grass - feed grass used as ground stabilizer

Knight's Key - an island in the central Keys, within the city of Marathon

lake - Lake Boca Raton

N. - North as in N. piece or N. shack

packing house - building in which fruits and vegetables are crated for shipment

para grass - forage grass (food for livestock)

patch - pineapple beds

pines - pineapples

rape - vine used as a feed crop

river - Hillsboro River, now the Hillsboro Canal

school ma'am - schoolmarm or teacher

scuffled - hoed

seine - fish net

slips - cuttings or shoots from the pineapples used to reproduce new plants

smoke house - building in which meat is "smoked" or cured

soda - chemical additive used to improve soil for planting

sorghum - a grain used as livestock feed

stumped - removed tree stumps

tilled - created furrows for planting

Yamato - colony of Japanese settlers and others located near Yamato Road and Dixie Highway