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**alfalfa** - a small plant used primarily as livestock feed

**alligator pear** - avocado

**amber cane** – variety of sorghum (black amber sorghum cane) feed crop for livestock

**Arch Creek** - early Dade County community, now part of city of North Miami

**Australian pines** - non native pine like trees now common along South Florida waterways; it is now considered to be an invasive species

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

**bbls** - barrels

**Beach** - with capital letter B, seems to refer to West Palm Beach; with small letter b, usually means Boca Raton’s beach

**bedded up** - planted crops in plant “beds”

**Blue Vitriol** - copper sulfate pentahydrate, used as a fungicide

**board** - rent a room (with meals provided)

**brot** - brought

**camp meeting** - religious revival meeting usually held outdoors under a large tent

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

**car** - railroad car (not automobile)

**cassava** - an edible tuberous root crop

**Cereus** - type of cactus

**Ceriman** - fruit of the Monstera deliciosa, a large leaf tropical vine commonly used as a landscape plant today

**Chinese giant** - pepper variety

**chored** - did his chores

**Colohatchee** - community located in what is today east Oakland Park and Wilton Manors in Broward County

**Cutler** - Dade County community now part of the Village of Palmetto Bay

**D.** - Deerfield, but sometimes means Delray

**Dasheen** - taro root

**Darkey** - term for African American

**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
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dicker - bargain or barter.
ditched - dug a ditch
dragged - broke up the ground for seeding with a machine such as a harrow
dry - refers to the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages.
dusted - applied pesticide in dust form
dwarf rape - vine used as a feed crop
egg plants - eggplants

**Emancipation Day** - May 20th; celebration in remembrance of the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Florida in 1865. Chesebro’s African American workers took this day off.

Ex. - express train

fan - sabal palm fronds (shaped like fans) used to cover crops to protect against cold temperatures and frost
feed - food for livestock
feterita - a sorghum variety
Ficus infectoria - a variety of non native strangler fig
fired - set controlled fires to keep crops warm during freezes
freight - freight train

**Haywood Wreck** - *Harry T. Hayward* was a schooner that wrecked off Boca Raton during a storm October 18, 1910. It was loaded with gravel bound for the FEC railway extension. Three men died but others were rescued due to the heroic efforts of local citizens. This incident was investigated by the Carnegie Hero Fund which still today recognizes individuals who risk their lives for others from every state each year. The Hayward heroes were not recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund, apparently.

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.
jag - truckload
joint grass - feed grass used as ground stabilizer
kainite - mineral salt used as fertilizer.

Knight’s Key - an island in the central Keys, within the city of Marathon
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Lainhart Grove - orange grove west of Jupiter
lake - Lake Boca Raton
Lake Ida - lake in Delray Beach
lath - a thin strip of wood
lighter - barge
lime - calcium oxide used as fertilizer component
Mam - mammoth as in Mammoth Ruby King, pepper variety
mammoth ruby - pepper variety
Mascotte - a very old hotel in San Juan de los Remedios in Cuba.
meal - bone meal, a type of fertilizer
Musa Isle - Seminole Indian attraction on Miami River
N. - North as in N. piece or N. shack
N of soda - nitrate of soda fertilizer
ornamentals: decorative shrubs or plants
packing house - building in which fruits and vegetables are crated for shipment
para grass - forage grass (food for livestock)
patch - pineapple beds
pines - pineapples
phonograph - record player
prohibition - Law to make the sale of alcoholic beverages illegal; many local counties voted themselves “dry,” that is, enacted their own prohibition ordinances, long before national prohibition was adopted.
punch up - fight or confrontation
rape - vine used as a feed crop
red rock - cabbage variety
red Vincent - pepper variety
rhodes grass - feed crop for livestock
river - Hillsboro River, now the Hillsboro Canal
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**Ruby King** - pepper variety  
S.H. - South Haven, Michigan, the Chesebro’s home town.  
SS - Sunday School  
S. potatoes - sweet potatoes  
School ma’am - schoolmarm or teacher  
Scuffled - hoed  
Seine - fish net  
Slacked lime - slaked lime. Calcium carbonate with water, a soil amendment  
Sleepy Staggers - disease of horses, associated with ingestion of moldy hay  
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  
Spanish - pepper variety  
Stumped - removed tree stumps  
Sulphur - chemical used in fertilizer  
Sun Dance - also known as the Seminole Sun Dance, was a three day festival held in West Palm Beach from 1916 through 1923 to attract tourism to the area.  
Tankage - residue from tanks in which animal carcasses have been rendered, or had the fat removed; used as livestock feed or fertilizer  
Tilled - created furrows for planting  
Tobacco Dust - used as an organic pesticide.  
"Took" - may refer to having a photograph taken or “picture took;” Harry Chesebro owned a camera  
Topped - cut the tops off to replant  
Wheel - bicycle  
Yam bean - a tuber, native to tropical South America as well as Southeast Asia. Known as a sweet turnip, or by its Mexican name, jicama (hee-kama).
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Yamato - colony of Japanese settlers and others located near Yamato Road and Dixie Highway