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Frank's Tweets: Who's Who

Aleck (Alex Hughes): Frank Chesebro's longtime employee who arrived ca. 1912. Alex was also the first property owner in Pearl City, the town's African American neighborhood, and Hughes Park is named for him.

Anderson - John or A.J. Anderson, one of Frank's African American employees

Ashley (John Ashley) - leader of the notorious Ashley Gang

Audra - (Audrey Purdom) a daughter of a pioneer family who came to Boca Raton ca. 1905

Baker - Sheriff George B. Baker, first Palm Beach county sheriff

Bell, Joe - Esther Chesebro's husband; Frank's son in law.

Birch, Hugh Taylor - Early Fort Lauderdale property owner. Today his properties comprise Birch State Park and Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale.

Braley (Bradley) - Bradley's Beach Club was a famous casino in Palm Beach.

Branning, Mrs. - Catherine Branning, an African American Deerfield resident working for Chesebro.

Brenk Family - arrived in Boca Raton 1917.

Brooks, John - unknown Chesebro employee

Bryan, F.A. - Franklin Americus Bryan (Frank Bryan) was a Fort Lauderdale pioneer who served as a Dade County Commissioner (before Broward was created). The extensive Bryan family was always interested in real estate investments in region.

Butler - James Butler of Deerfield

Butlers - J.D. and Alice Butler came to Deerfield in 1910

C. - Clare, Frank's brother who lived in Michigan

Catts - Florida Governor Sidney Johnston Catts **Cason,**

Clare & Hattie - Frank Chesebro's brother and sister-in-law.

Dr. - Dr. John Cason, pioneer Delray doctor

Chaplin, Charlie - silent movie star famous for his character called "The Little Tramp".

Chesebro, J.H. - probably Jack Chesebro, Frank's brother

Chesebro, John - Jack Chesebro, Frank's brother? **Combs** - Burch Combs, Boca Raton farmer

Combs, Birch & Pinta: Farmers who worked their own land

Commers - possibly Henry Kamiya Sakai's brother



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Demery - William (Will Demery), one of Chesebro's African American employees. Mr. Demery and his wife Belle moved to Boca Raton with their family in 1912, becoming two of Boca's earliest African American pioneers.

Denis - possibly Isaac Dennis, an African American farm laborer from Deerfield.

DuBois family - Jupiter pioneers who had a big honey business

E. - Timothy Edgecomb *or* Emory Brooks one of Chesebro's African American employees

Emory - Emory Brooks, one of Chesebro's African American employees

Eula and Charlie - Eula Purdom (Raulerson) and Charlie Raulerson married July 15, 1913

Flood, Joe - Floods were local family who Chesebro did business with

Gortons - Vermonters who lived on the Intracoastal where Silver Palm Park is today

Gould, Laurence - Young schoolteacher from Michigan who taught at Boca Raton School 1914-1917. Later became famous polar explorer and college president.

H. - Harry Chesebro, Frank's son

Hall, Henry - a "mulatto" according to the census, or person of mixed race, from Deerfield

Hassell - possibly John Hassall of Delray

Hattie - Hatty Long, George Long's daughter

Hector - a family owned farm supply business founded in Miami in 1912 and remained in the family for 70 years. The company grew to five branches in southeast Florida consisting of a fertilizer and dairy feed mixing plant (Hector Supply Co.) and a turf and garden supply business (Hector Turf and Garden).

Henry - one of Chesebro's African American employees

Hicks, Allen - neighboring farmer

Horne, Jack - Deerfield resident

Horner, Blanche - Deerfield pioneer

Hortt & Dye - M.A. Hortt and R.E. Dye are the developers of Idlewyld in Ft Lauderdale, the first of the Las Olas islands

Jack - Jack Chesebro, Frank's brother

Jim - James Huntley, one of Chesebro's African American employees

Johnson - possibly Miss Maude Johnson of Deerfield



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Lena - a worker who became Mrs. Chesbro's aid and a member of the family

Lewis - Boca Raton pioneer T.M. Rickards' absentee partner who owned land in Boca Raton

Lib - Libby Chesebro Everts, Frank's sister

Lib & Elmon - Libby Chesebro Everts, Frank's sister, and her husband Elmon Everts

Lockett, Jeff - Hugh Taylor Birch's grounds keeper and a Fort Lauderdale African American pioneer

Longs - George Long family, Boca Raton pioneer family

Luff, Theodore and Harriet - pioneers who came to Boca Raton from East Orange, New Jersey

Lyons - H.L. Bud" Lyons, Pompano farmer and land owner for whom Lyons Road in southern Palm Beach

Maguires - E.J. Maguire family, owned property on Intracoastal

Metcalf, Guy - Owner of the Biscayne Bay Stage Line. Built stage line road from Lantana to Lemon City (Miami). Hired Frank Stranahan (cousin) to oversee stage line's over night camp at New River (Ft.Lauderdale).

Mit - one of Frank's relatives, possibly another brother

Mrs. Day - friend of Chesebro family

Mose Brown - unknown Chesebro employee

N. - Nettie, Frank's wife (N. also used as abbreviation for "North")

Old Mr. Raulerson - William T. Raulerson who came with his family in 1911

Ollie - Ollie Brown, one of Chesebro's African American employees

Pete - Pete Williams, one of Chesebro's African American employees

Purdoms - pioneer family who came to Boca Raton ca. 1905

R. - Probably William J. Reed, one of Chesebro's African American employees

Raulerson - Probably Charlie Raulerson, Burt Raulerson's nephew who arrived in 1911

Richard - one of Chesebro's African American employees

Rickards, Captain Thomas - "Captain" Rickards was the first known permanent white settler in Boca Raton; he surveyed the future town for the Florida East Coast Railway in 1896 and helped established the town. He moved to North Carolina in 1906 but continued to own land in Boca Raton.

Ross - Mr. Ross is a "distant relative" of Frank Chesebro



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Sakai, Jo - leader of the Yamato Colony

Sally - could be Sallie James from Pearl City

Schunks - Boca Raton pioneer family

Sistrunk family - early pioneer family in Boca Raton

Smith - unknown resident of Yamato colony. Some black and white pioneers resided with the Japanese there

Snyder, S. P. - Fort Lauderdale pioneer roadbuilder

Sundy, John Shaw - a Delray (Beach) pioneer. Sundy worked as a construction supervisor for Florida East Coast Railway. He often used mules to get the FEC work done.

Sutters - family friends from Michigan with property in Boca Raton

T, Mrs. - probably Mrs. Townsend

TenBrook, D.G. - Fort Lauderdale pioneer realtor

Townsend, William: early Boca Raton resident who would serve as first bridge tender on the Palmetto Park

Wilson - president Woodrow Wilson, served 1913-1921. He was first elected in the November 1912 election.

Wm Demery - William (Will Demery), one of Chesebro's African American employees.

Yager - farmer who arrived in Boca Raton ca. 1910