Historic Homestead Town Hall Museum finding aid related to:

**Florida Historical Society**

Detroit Florida Collection

[description is from the FHS website]

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| Object NameDescription | Photographs  |
|  | This collection consists of 198 photos donated by descendants of James Benjamin Brown. Brown was the owner of a portable sawmill and cleared the land that would become the town of Detroit in Dade County. The U.S. Post Office declared that the name was confusing and it was changed to Florida City in 1914. The collection includes photos of the Florida East Coast Railroad station as both Detroit and Florida City. The Florida City station was expanded as the town grew. Many of the photos were mounted in an old album and could not be removed without damage. Many of the photos in the collection are family related. Many are of twin sisters Zora and Nora Brown, and their twin sisters Irene and Pauline Brown. Zora and Nora were identical twins. There are a number of images of the early town of Detroit including the portable sawmill, the fruit packing plant, and the first school house. All images are available for research. The collection also includes some early images of Seminole Indians visiting the town.  |
| Date | circa 1908-1915  |
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Related collection: See Jean Taylor slides (Bob Jensen copies), slide show audio tape and transcript for description of some of these photographs.

**Brown Family Photographs Digitized**

 **“Detroit Florida Collection” at**

**The Florida Historical Society**

**Date Range: 1909-1920s**

**Historic Homestead Town Hall Museum**

**41 North Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030**

 **Creator(s):** Brown Family

**Extent:**  208 digital images; 126.4 MB

**Digital Collection**

**Language:** English

**Processed by:** Katherine L. Fleming, December 2021-January 2022, updated March 2025.

**Acquisition Information**:

These digital images were acquired from Ben DiBiase, Director of Educational Resources at the Florida Historical Society, about 2019. The albums come from “descendants of James B. Brown.” The images in the photograph albums were probably taken by several members of the Brown family.

**Cite as:** Detroit Florida Collection, Florida Historical Society

**Biographical and Organizational History:**

Before the development of Detroit, Florida, early residents of the area included J. S. Caves, the Hunters, and one or two others. More families began arriving at Detroit, Florida, about 1910. The town was first settled by people from Detroit, Michigan (*Homestead Enterprise,* March 30, 1923). An October 30, 1914, newspaper article announced, ‘“Florida City” new name for Detroit in So. Dade’ and reported that the name was changed because it was “not in harmony with the climatic conditions of this section or with the geographical location of the town…” The name also “caused considerable confusion in the receipt of mail…” (*Miami Metropolis*, October 30, 1914). The town of Florida City incorporated in 1914 (*Homestead Enterprise* March 30, 1923). This likely occurred in December of that year since the January 7, 1915, issue of the weekly *Homestead Enterprise* apologized for not mentioning the incorporation in their previous issue.

**James Benjamin Brown** was born September 26, 1858, in Sevier County, Tennessee, and died May 21, 1936, in Miami-Dade County, Florida. He is buried at Woodlawn Park North Cemetery and Mausoleum in Miami. He was the son of John Solomon Brown (1833-1912) and Martha Jane Langston (1834-1905) of Sevier (Find-a-grave). On June 9, 1881, James married Sarah Catherine Eslinger in Sevier. The 1910 U.S. Census shows James, Sarah, and their children—Dora, Joseph, Robert, Beulah, Zora, Nora, Irene, and Pauline—in Knoxville, Tennessee, where James Benjamin Brown was the manager of a sawmill. Sarah and Dora are listed as dressmakers and Joseph and Robert are laborers in a railroad shop.

Members of the Brown family moved from Sevier County, Tennessee, to Detroit, Florida, in the early twentieth century. James may have arrived in South Florida in 1909 on a realtor-sponsored excursion (no attribution). His sons Robert, Elihue, and Joe went with him on his return to Florida, probably the following year. His son Elijah Walter was already working at a phosphate mine in central Florida and soon joined them. On August 26, 1911, James claimed a homestead several miles southwest of Detroit, Florida, at the turn of the Ingraham Highway. Taylor reports that Sarah’s grandfather James Robertson was an officer in the United States Army during the Seminole Wars and helped to build the Camp Jack Trail that ran through the Brown homestead (Taylor 208). Brown’s wife Sarah Eslinger Brown and four of their daughters arrived in Detroit in 1912, after visiting married daughter, Bertha Brown Breeding and her husband Albert Breeding who lived in St. Petersburg, Florida (South Florida Banner July 3, 1912, p. 3; Taylor 209). This was also the year James B. Brown’s father died.

James ran a portable sawmill and, in addition to his sons, hired men including Ed Thomas, to work with him. He also worked as a truck farmer (1920 U.S. Census). After Sarah and their daughters arrived, they traded 40 acres of their homestead for an unfinished house in Detroit to make it easier for the children to attend school. (Jean Taylor, *The Villages of South Dade,* page 203, 208-209)

About a year and a half after Sarah’s death in 1922, Brown remarried. The 1930 U.S. Census shows James married to Mary J., who had been born in South Carolina. His son Elihu, age 47, captain of a dredge, and daughter-in-law, Edele, lived with them in Miami. After his second marriage, James sold the Florida City house to Scott Caves, and also sold the remaining 120 acres of his homestead (Taylor 209).

**Sarah Catherine Eslinger** was born on February 24, 1862, in Tennessee and died on January 20, 1922. She is buried in Woodlawn Park North Cemetery and Mausoleum. She was the daughter of James Eslinger and Elizabeth Robertson.

During their early years in Detroit, Sarah and her school aged children lived in town to enable the children to attend the school at the Detroit Town Hall where Octavia Stiling was their first teacher. They later acquired a donkey and cart for transportation. Robert and Elihue Brown left their father’s sawmill to work on the dredge digging canals. Elihue worked on the Detroit Canal, then was captain of the dredge at Flamingo, Tamiami Trail and Key Biscayne.

James and Sarah had five sons (one died as a toddler) and seven daughters including two sets of twins—Zora and Nora, and Pauline and Irene.

1. **Elihue Brown** was born on April 12, 1882, in Tennessee. His 1917-1918 draft registration lists his residence as Florida City and his occupation as dredge boat captain for Megathlen & Clark of West Palm Beach. The 1935 Florida Census lists him as laborer, while the 1945 Florida Census lists him as an Engineer. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Elihue and his wife **Edele J**. living in Miami with his father [J. B. Brown] and step mother, Mary, both age 71. The 1940 U.S. Census, shows him in Hialeah, Florida, with his wife Edele, sons **James B**. and **Ronal**, and daughter **Hilder J. Brown**.

2. **Elijah Walter Brown** was born December 3, 1883, and according to his 1917-1918 draft registration resided in Florida City and was a steam shovel operator for Municipal Construction Co. in Miami Dade. The 1935 Florida Census for Miami describes him as widower and owner of a steam shovel operation. The 1945 Florida Census for Miami shows him living with his son **E. W. Brown, Jr**. and his son’s wife **Nora**.

3. **Bertha Victoria Brown** (July 31, 1885-June 24, 1959) married **Albert Lee** **Breeding** (May 27, 1883-September 8, 1974) when their families lived in Tennessee. Albert is listed as a carpenter in the 1910 U.S. Census for Tennessee. They had four sons: **Avery Lee Breeding** (1908-1994), **Raymond B. Breeding** (1910-1982), **Gilbert Breeding** (1912-1981), and **Robert Anderson Breeding** (1913-1996) and a daughter **Margaret** (b. about 1914). Margaret, Robert, and Gilbert were born in Florida, while Avery and Raymond were born in Tennessee. Bertha, Albert, and their children moved to Florida between 1910 and 1912. By 1930, the family lived in St. Petersburg. The 1940 U.S. Census shows Albert, Bertha, Gilbert, and Robert residing in Miami and notes that in 1935 they had lived in St. Petersburg, Florida. Albert is listed a carpenter in building construction and Gilbert is a painter helper. The 1945 Florida Census shows Albert, who is in government employment, Bertha, Robert, and Gilbert back in St. Petersburg. It is possible that Bertha sent photographs (Series 4, Images 33-37) to her parents or that Sarah and/or her daughters took these images while visiting Bertha and her family in 1912 on route to their new home in Detroit, Florida.

4. **Dora May Brown** (1887-1973) married **Jesse Claudin** **Wayman** (July 1, 1888-August 2, 1966), who served in World War I as a bugler. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Jesse as a school teacher living in Illinois with his father, mother, and siblings. Jesse had five acres in Longview, but Dora wanted to move to Miami. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Jesse, a carpenter, and Dora living in Lemon City, Florida. The 1930 U.S. Census for Miami identifies Jesse as a building contractor living with Dora and their son [**Norman] Jack**. The 1940 U.S. Census lists Jesse, a carpenter who was born in Illinois, Dora, and Jack still living in Miami. The 1945 Florida Census shows son Norman Jack’s residence in Miami but he is serving in the Army.

5. **Joseph Manley Brown** (“Joe,” July 28, 1889-January 15, 1945, in Forsyth, Georgia) married **Ivy Joy McComas** (1901-1981). During part of the 1920s and 1930s they lived in Miami-Dade County. Together they had eight children.

6. **Robert Monroe Brown** (March 15, 1891- December 13, 1962, in Miami-Dade) moved from Tennessee to work in the lumber business with his father and brother (probably Joseph). He married **Juanita Maude Ruble** (1900-1987) and had a child **Margaret Kathleen Brown** (1931-2017).

7. **Sheridan Oran Brown** was born on January 12, 1893 and died on November 1, 1895.

8. **Beulah Francis Brown** (October 1, 1895-August 15, 1993) worked at Bauer’s store and post office in Redland after she arrived in Florida. She went home to her parents on the weekends. When the Miami Land and Development Company set up a branch office in Detroit on November 1, 1912, she became secretary to J. M. Powers. She later went to Miami and worked in Burdines alteration department. She lived in a hotel that was across from an open-air theater. In 1913, she worked at Hardie’s Casino at Miami Beach. On June 20, 1913, in Palm Beach, Florida, she married **William Frank** **Skinner** (b. 1885), who had lived in the hotel and operated the projector at the theater. Frank started the first taxi business in Miami in 1913 with for-hire cars, and later opened a garage (obituary, Miami Daily News, June 15, 1960, p.26). He had a seaplane and a pilot who took people sightseeing. The Skinners returned to Florida City where Frank and Ed Thomas built boats for the Miami Land and Development Company. Frank also owned a jitney service from Florida City to Miami (Taylor, page 209). He is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as a refrigerator mechanic who had been born in Minnesota. Beulah and Frank had four children **Marlow J. Skinner**, **Leon Seth Skinner** (1914-1992), **Evelyn Skinner** (Evelyn Aloma Skinner, 1926-2016), and **William Burr Skinner** (1932-1960). The 1930 US Census shows the couple and three children in Coral Gables where William was working as a foreman for a toy manufacturing company and Beulah was working as a waitress at a restaurant. The 1935 Florida Census for Miami lists William Skinner as owning a cleaning and dying business where his son Leon was an assistant cleaner and dyer. Beulah is listed as a dressmaker. The middle children were in school and the youngest, William, was age 3. Beulah’s sister Pauline Brown Morey, a widow who worked as a nurse, and her son David R. Morey are listed as renters. The 1940 U.S. Census for Miami shows Beulah’s sister, a nurse, and her son still living with the Skinners.

9. **Zora Brown** (May 19, 1899, in Tennessee-1985 in Florida) married **Neal Henderson** **Trent** (August 31, 1895-August 8, 1947), a bookkeeper, who had been born in Tennessee. He served in World War I, and is buried in Oaklawn Cemetery in Jacksonville. Zora is buried at Chapel Hill Gardens, Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. They had a daughter, **Sara Lucinda Trent**, and a son, **Neal Trent, Jr**. In 1935, they lived in Avon Park Lakes, Florida (1935 Florida Census).

10. **Nora Iva Brown** (May 19, 1899, in Tennessee-July 10, 1991, in Florida) married **Ottis Alphonso** **Newson** (1893-1978), a machinist from Jacksonville, on May 12, 1918, in Duval, Florida. They are both buried at Jacksonville’s Evergreen Cemetery. Ottis was born in Florida and is recorded in the 1910 U.S. Census as living in Jacksonville with his brother, his brother’s wife and daughter and the wife’s step children. Ottis and his brother Edward are listed as furniture salesmen. Together Nora and Ottis had three daughters **Zora Newsom** (January 27, 1926-January 16, 2021) who married **Charles Wendell Martin** (November 2, 1923-October 27, 2003), **Jacqueline A. Newson** (July 22,1921-October 7, 2005), and **Shirley Newsom** (August 4, 1923-February 1991) who married **Edwin H. Johnson** (July 24, 1922-June 10, 2018).

11. **Pauline Brown** (b. 1905) married **Albert Morey.** Pauline worked as a nurse and was a widow by 1930. She and her son **David R. Morey** are listed as renters at the home of her sister Beulah Brown Skinner. The 1940 U.S. Census for Miami shows Pauline, a nurse, and her son still living with the Skinners.

12. **Irene Brown** (“Treany,” b. 1905) was living in Florida City with her parents and twin sister Pauline during the 1920 U.S. Census. She married **William C. Hillbauer** on January 25, 1923, in Fort Lauderdale, and died in April 1984. (Obituary of Sarah Brown on Find-a-Grave; Family Search, family tree, Taylor). The 1945 Florida Census lists William C. Hillbauer, a laborer, and his wife, Irene G., and their children **Yvonne I**. age 21, **Violet L**, age 18, **William C., Jr**., age 15, and **Pauline G**., age 13, in Miami. The two older children are clerks. The 1940 U.S. Census lists William as a brick mason.

**Organizational Note:**

The scan numbers used by the FHS appear to be the date on which the scan was made followed by an item number. The Town Hall Museum archivist has put the pages in the order in which they were scanned. Within each page, images are assigned a page scan number followed by an alphabetical designation. In the Town Hall Museum finding aid the scan number is followed by the FHS website catalog number assigned to each image. Some of these catalog numbers are duplicates—two images with the same number—and others have no image on the website.

**Scope and Content:**

Photographic prints in this collection document the lives of settlers during the early years of homesteading and settlement in Detroit/Florida City. They detail the lives of members of the Brown family, their homestead, and sawmill. They also depict local stores, the train depot, churches, schools, stores, packing houses, residences, and other structures in the area, in Miami, and elsewhere. Additionally, they document canal building, Native Americans (Seminoles) and other people.

**Arrangement:**

Series 1-4 are arranged by scan dates. The images are in photograph album(s) that were apparently scanned page by page.

**Subjects:**

Agriculture.

Breeding, Bertha Brown (1885-1959).

Brown, Sarah Eslinger (1862-1922).

Brown, James Benjamin **(**1858-1936).

Detroit—Florida.

Florida City—Florida.

Frontier and pioneer life—Miami-Dade County.

Land settlement.

Newsom, Nora Brown (1899-1991).

Pioneers—Florida—Miami-Dade County.

Trent, Zora Brown (1899-1985)

United States—Florida—Miami-Dade County—Detroit.

United States—Florida—Miami-Dade County—Florida City.

**Related Collections:**

There are copy images of the Brown family photographs in John Fredrick Papers, Album 5. The original uncropped image of the Detroit railway platform, Series 1, Image 3, is in the museum’s Ring Family Photographs. In March 2025, the museum obtained the photograph album of Irene Brown Hillbauer. Some of these images are copies of photographs in the Detroit Florida or James B. Brown photograph albums at the Florida Historical Society.

**Description:**

**Series 1: 20140415**

Series 1, Page 1

Image 1

scan20140415100210\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-600)

Neal H. Trent with his daughter Sara Lucinda Trent in swimming costumes (suits). “Some Leg” written on Neal’s leg, about 1908-1915. 3 x 4 inch B&W.

Image 2

scan20140415100210\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-601)

Neal H. Trent and wife Zora Brown Trent in swimming suits sitting in the water on the beach, about 1908-1915. 4 x3 inch B&W.

Image 3

scan20140415100210\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-602)

“Seminole Indians” (written on image). Seminole Indian man at the railroad station. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 2 [two original images and copies of those images, possibly postcards]

Image 4

scan20140415100210\_101a (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-603)

“Saw mill Florida City” (written in ink on original image). In 1909, the town was called Detroit. “James Benjamin Brown Sawmill 1909 FL City” [written on sticky note placed above the image]. Steam-powered tractor used as a portable sawmill with dense stand of Dade County pine trees in background and large piles of sawdust and lumber in the foreground. Two men visible in image, possibly Joseph Brown, Robert Brown, or their father James Brown. [This image was probably taken in 1909 or more likely 1910 since the 1910 U.S. Census shows the family living in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1910. The inscription was made in or after 1914 when Detroit incorporated as Florida City. The sticky note was added decades later. See Image 5.] 5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 5

scan20140415100210\_101b (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-606)

“Picnic party, Florida City, 1910” (written on image on original image). In 1910, the town was called Detroit. Men, women, and children on wagon being pulled by steam tractor (probably the same one used in Image 4). [The inscription, like the one on Image 4, was added in 1914 or later after Detroit changed its name to Florida City]. 5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 6

scan20140415100210\_101c (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-604)

“Saw mill Florida City” (copy photograph). James Benjamin Brown Sawmill, 1909, Florida City. In 1909, the town was called Detroit. This is a copy image or postcard of Image 4 and includes the same handwritten description as Image 4. 7 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 7

scan20140415100210\_101d (Catalog Number 2014-09-11-605)

“Picnic party, Florida City, 1910” (copy photograph). In 1910, the town was called Detroit. Men, women, and children on wagon being pulled by steam tractor. This is a copy image or postcard of Image 5 and includes the same handwritten description as Image 5. 7 x 5 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 3

Image 8

scan20140415101102\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-609)

Detroit, Florida, school. Students and adults gathered in front of school building (which also served as the Detroit Town Hall and where people held church services), pine trees in background. Probably a postcard or a copy photograph. The structure was built in 1911. This image shows the bell tower, which was added bell tower and bell which were installed in 1912. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 9

scan20140415101102\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-607)

Detroit School (also Detroit city hall/Detroit Town Hall). First school class, 1912-1913. The structure was constructed in 1911 and a bell tower and bell installed in 1912. The image does not appear to show a bell tower, so this may have been taken in 1911-1912. Includes Irene Brown, Pauline Brown, Zora Brown, Nora Brown, and others. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 10

scan20140415101102\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-611)

“June 10/13. West Palm Beach, Fla.” (written on image). Three women standing beside a lion sculpture with “Royal Park” written below. Probably Nora Brown, Zora Brown, and another sister or possibly the wife of their brother Elihue Brown who is listed as working in West Palm Beach as dredge boat captain on his 1917-1918 draft registration. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 11

scan20140415101102\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-610)

“High School, Homestead, Fla., Bliss, Goulds, Fla.” (on image, probably a postcard). Homestead High School. Shows school with students and teachers in front of the building. The image was taken by A. C. Bliss of Goulds, Florida, in early 1914. Structure still standing in 2022 and known as Neva King Cooper School. FHS identifies this as Miss Grawford’s cooking class, December 1, 1914. 5 x 1.5 inch B&W.

Image 12

scan20140415101102\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-608)

Detroit Town Hall with adults and children in front of building. Structure erected in 1911. Shows the bell tower and bell which were installed in 1912. The balding man standing to the left of the front door is said to be the Rev. Joseph A. Kahl, who owned the *South Florida Banner*, the newspaper in Homestead established in March of 1912. FHS identifies this as Detroit city student classes. 5 x 1.5 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 4 [Images 13 and 14 are possibly postcards]

Image 13

scan20140415101857\_001a (missing in Online Catalog)

Dipper dredge with man standing on platform. Possibly a copy image. The man could possibly be Elihue Brown, who was a dredge captain, and/or may show the excavation of the Central Canal that ran from what became Krome Avenue to Biscayne Bay, a distance of 9.5 miles. The canal was completed in January of 1912 by the Miami Land & Development Co., the promoters of Detroit.

Image 14

scan20140415101857\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-612)

Central Canal taken from Orange Street (now Krome Avenue) looking east toward Biscayne Bay. Taken after 1914 when the canal was dredged deep enough to allow ocean-going boats to come up the canal. Ships in foreground. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 15

scan20140415101857\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-614)

“Marion Shovel” with two men standing beside it. To the right of the shovel are railroad tracks and a locomotive. This possibly shows Elijah Walter Brown, who was a steam shovel operator. FHS description notes this is steam shovel “Marion” working on the Detroit canal. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 16

scan20140415101857\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-615; 2014-11-04-725)

Group of fourteen men, many African American, next to Marion Shovel Model 60. Apparently, they are loading fill into large container cars on the tracks. FHS description notes this is steam shovel “Marion” working on Detroit [Florida City] canal. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 5

Image 17

scan20140415102402\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-617)

“Chase & Company” painted on building. Ten men, at least one of whom is African American, and one woman standing in front of the building. The Chase & Company tomato packing house in Florida City, Florida, was located in the Industrial Addition. Foundation pilings are pine logs with the bark attached. FHS notes this was May 1915 in Florida City. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 18

scan20140415102402\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-618)

Interior of Chase & Company packing house with packers including an African American man and a woman packing tomatoes. FHS notes May 1915. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 19

scan20140415102402\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-620)

Several large wagons being pulled by mules and loaded with empty packing crates beside the packing house. Men sitting on crates, African American man standing by mule. White man sitting on a wagon holding the reins and black man next to him. Women and children standing in packing house. FHS notes wagons picking up fruit for Miami. 1915. Florida City. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 20

scan20140415102402\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-619)

Woman and man sitting on crates beside packing house. Some crates labeled “Princeton Bottling Works.” FHS notes two workers. 1915. Florida City. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 21

scan20140415102402\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-09-12-616)

“Chase & Company” painted on building sitting on pilings. Five men sitting and standing outside. FHS notes Chase packing house and packers. May 1915. Florida City. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 6 [Images 23, 24, 25, and 28 possible postcards]

Image 22

scan20140415102958\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-624, this is the same catalog number as Image 25 and is probably incorrect)

Lunch Room, exterior, on the south side of Palm Avenue (now Palm Drive), Detroit/Florida City, Florida, west of the railroad tracks. Sign on building reads “Lunch Room, ice cream, confectioneries, cigars, tobacco.” Pine trees in background. 3.5 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 23

scan20140415102958\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-626)

Florida East Coast Railway tracks looking north from the spur track into the Industrial Addition in Detroit/Florida City. On the far left is a man with a bicycle and a locomotive (water train) pulling flatbed railway cars loaded with wooden water tanks or casks used to haul water to the Keys. In the center of the image to the left of the tracks are two men walking and the Florida City Depot. In the center the tracks carry a railway car. On the right (beside the spur) is a large building, the Simmons Packing House, for which the foundation was laid in January 1915. Pine trees are in the background. 5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 24

scan20140415102958\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-623)

M. L. Williams [Marion L. Williams] bicycle shop (on left), Hotel Detroit (in center), and Lunch Room (on right) on the southside of Palm Avenue, Florida City, Florida. Hotel Detroit was erected by Carl E. Grenzin in early 1911. The bicycle shop was buildt in 1911 by Otis A. Hardin, who established a general store there. Williams was Detroit’s second postmaster (Edward Stiling was the first). 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 25

scan20140415102958\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-624)

Church, Florida City. Community Church (later the First Methodist Episcopal Church) erected in 1916 on Palm Avenue as the first church in Florida City [Homestead Enterprise January 7, 1915, September 2, 1915, March 30, 1923,]. 5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 26

scan20140415102958\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-621)

Steam locomotive with two women and one man on the foot board. According to railway researcher Seth Branson, this is probably 4-6-0 steam locomotive made by the Baldwin Locomotive Works (the number on the plate behind the woman on the left is partly hidden). The woman on the left, Seth says, was identified to him as Nora Brown (although it could be Zora Brown since they were twins). He states that the woman in the center is her mother Sarah C. Brown, but this is an older sister. This woman is too young to be Sarah and her hair is worn in a different style. On the right, is Joseph Brown or Robert Brown. There are pine trees in the background. The image was probably taken near Florida City (Detroit) and may have been the Drake Lumber Company locomotive. The “ties” are round and the track is not well-secured to the ties nor is there ballast between the ties. The Drake Lumber Co., established in 1907, built tracks throughout the Redland District as a means of hauling trees to its sawmill in Princeton. Those tracks were later pulled up.

4.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 27

scan20140415102958\_001f (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-622)

Cave residence, exterior. Cave house. Left to right, in back row: Nora Brown Newsom and Ottis Newsom; in front row: their daughters Zora, Jacqueline, and Shirley Newsom. This was probably the house where Zora, her mother, and three sisters lived in Detroit/Florida City to enable the children to attend school at the town hall. After Sarah died, James sold their house in Florida City to Scott Caves. The 1919 telephone directory shows a J. S. Caves in Florida City and a A. R. Caves and a R. E. Caves in Homestead. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 28

scan20140415102958\_001g (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-625)

Palm Avenue, Florida City, with the Palm Avenue Pharmacy, Model Furniture Company, and [Joseph] Cormack Florida City Mercantile Company on the (right) north side of the street. The town hall is visible farther up the street on the same side. Hotel Detroit (later called Sea Breeze) is visible on the (left) south side of the street. There is a motorcycle in left foreground by the Florida East Coast Railway tracks. Pine trees are visible in the background. Copy photograph, not the complete image. 5 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 29

scan20140415103747\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-630)

Man on left and two women on the right. Florida City. Probably members of the Brown family [out of focus]. 4 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 30

scan20140415103747\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-632)

An arcade or photograph studio image of an unidentified man and woman standing on a fabricated observation platform of train that has a sign “Royal Palm, Chicago-Florida.” 3 x 4 inch B&W.

Image 31

scan20140415103747\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-629)

Three small children playing in the water, deck and building behind, possible slide (slide pond). In background are adults with an automobile. Florida City. The water slide at the Florida City Pavilion which was located on the north bank of the Florida City canal, just east of Orange Street (now Krome Avenue). Dances were regularly held here. 4 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 32

scan20140415103747\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-628)

Seated woman with arms and legs crossed, one of Brown daughters, probably Zora or Nora. Vegetation in background. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 33

scan20140415103747\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-09-13-631)

Fourteen young women (13 dressed in white; possibly a women’s club, church or high school group) in front of a small building, probably the Brown residence on their homestead. Florida City. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 34

scan20140415104142\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-633)

"Far left is my grandmother Sara Catherine Eslinger Brown." Three sisters— Sarah Catherine Brown, Aunt Lindy Blackwell, and Aunt Martha Jane Smith. Florida City. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 35

scan20140415104142\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-634)

Sarah Catherine Eslinger Brown by a banana tree with a bunch of bananas. 3 x 5.5 inch B&W.

Image 36

scan20140415104142\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-641)

Nora Brown in a hat and dress standing in the middle of a lane or road with palms and trees in background. Florida City. 2.5 x 4 inch B&W.

Image 37

scan20140415104142\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-637)

“Zora, Nora Brown” (written on image). Zora Brown and Nora Brown, the twins with their hands touching a bunch of bananas hanging on a tree. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 38

scan20140415104142\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-636)

Sarah Brown with Mrs. McChomers and an unidentified woman (possibly Sarah’s sister Martha Jane Smith) with foliage and building in background. Florida City. 2.5 x 4 inch B&W.

Image 39

scan20140415104142\_001f (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-638)

Nora Brown, age 16, in bathing costume holding on to ladder that is leaning against a building. July 1915. Florida City. 2.5 x 4 inch B&W.

Image 40

scan20140415104142\_001g (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-639)

Dora Brown Wayman sitting on the stairs in front of the porch with two rocking chairs. Florida City. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 41

scan20140415104142\_001h (Catalog Number 2014-09-18-640)

Sarah Eslinger Brown with her twins Irene Brown and Pauline Brown with banana trees. A wooden structure and pine trees in the background. FHS calls Sarah “Grandmother” therefore this image was identified by her grandchild. Florida City. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 42

scan20140415104142\_001i (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-646)

Beulah Brown. Woman in a white dress standing by a dirt road in front of small one-story house. Detroit. 4.5 x 3 inch B&W. Same structure as pictured in Series 3, Image 42. This as the Miami Land and Development Company office on Palm Avenue east of the railroad tracks. Beulah Brown worked for J. M. Powers of the company when they opened on November 1, 1912. She left the next year and worked in Miami and Miami Beach. After getting married, she and her husband returned to Florida City where he built boats for the Miami Land and Development Company among other businesses.

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Image 43

scan20140415104405\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-23-642)

Zora Brown Trent and husband Neal H. Trent, Dora Brown Wayman and husband J. C. Wayman, and Nora Brown Newsom and husband Ottis Newsom. Trees in background. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 44

scan20140415104405\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-649)

Group of women from left to right: Roselyn Becker, Lilly Hunter, Fern Balwin, Jody Lockrie, Flossie Dobbins, Laura Carrol, Alice Dunlop, Nora Brown, Maude Carrol, Margaret Robertson, Helen Turner, Roselyn Garfunkel, and Freda Garfunkel. Florida City. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 45

scan20140415104405\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-648)

Frank Skinner (and other men) and his fleet of five cars. Frank was the husband of Beulah Brown. Frank and his brother-in-law, Walter Brown, operated a jitney business in Miami. Frank began the business in 1915 with two cars, one in Miami and one in Florida City. They traveled back and forth twice a day, at 7 a.m. and later in the afternoon. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 46

scan20140415104405\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-645)

Zora Brown with baby Martha Norwood on the back of J. B. Brown’s donkey hitched to a cart at the Norwood’s homestead with home in background. 1913-1914, Detroit, Florida. 3.5 x 4.5 inch B&W.

This is a cropped oval image probably taken from Series 2, Image 13, scan20140417102558\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-661).

Image 47

scan20140415104405\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-644)

“1913-1914 Norwoods house being built. Zora Brown, [baby] Martha Norwood, [baby] Leon Skinner, Nora Brown, [children] Carolyn Norwood, Raymond, Avery Breeding,” riding on Brown’s donkey and buggy. New house at dairy being built in the background. 3.5 x 4.5 inch B&W. [similar to 2014-10-01-661]

Image 48

scan20140415104405\_001f (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-647)

Sarah Eslinger Brown and James Benjamin Brown at family gathering of about a dozen people. Interior image of people sitting (Sarah in pressback chair, James Benjamin on the right) or standing around a table. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 10 [these images could be reprints or/and postcards]

Image 49

scan20140415104751\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-645)

Florida East Coast Railway train station or depot. Sign on building reads “DETROIT.” The Detroit platform was replaced with a depot by 1912 and a new depot built in late December 1914 or early 1915 (*Miami Herald*, December 12, 1914). The name of the station was changed to Florida City the following year (*Miami Herald*, May 13, 1915). The name was changed to Florida City in October and the town was incorporated in December of 1914. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 50

scan20140415104751\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-646)

Detroit train station or depot showing back and side of train going south. Merging sets of tracks in foreground are spur tracks into the Industrial Addition. Sign on the building reads “DETROIT.” Conductor or crew worker visible on tracks near rear if train. Luxury Florida East Coast Railway passenger strain on tracks. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 51

scan20140415104751\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-647)

Detroit train depot or station, train, horses and wagon, bicycle, people. This is a cropped enlargement of Image 50. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 52

scan20140415104751\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-648)

Florida City train station or depot. Sign on building reads “Florida City.” An addition has been added to the structure visible in Images 50 and 51. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Series 1, Page 11 [these images could be postcards]

Image 53

scan20140415105101\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-650)

Ice plant, exterior. Sign reads “Detroit Ice Co.” The ice plant was erected in 1915 the Detroit Ice, Light & Power Company building fronting on the Industrial basin . [Homestead Enterprise March 30, 1923]. Florida City. Looking north. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 54

scan20140415105101\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-651)

Ice plant, exterior. The ice plant was erected in 1915 [Homestead Enterprise March 30, 1923]. Detroit Ice, Light & Power Company building east side. Men on dock and in building. Stack of packing crates on the dock. Boat at dock has “Florida City” painted on bow. Horse and wagon. Florida City. 5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 55

scan20140415105857\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-652)

Three Seminole Indians and two other men standing on the Detroit platform (“Platform Stop # 395”) by the railroad tracks. Pine trees in background. This is a cropped image from a photograph located in the HHTHM Ring Family Photographs that also shows two children playing at the right side of the image. The back of the Ring image reads “3 Seminole indians. Ed Brooker [the man standing on the left] and Mr. [James B.] Brown [on the right]. Helen Brooker looking in the barrel. Oliver Goldsmith sitting on the railing.” Image taken looking west. 3 x 4 inch B&W.

Image 56

scan20140415105857\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-642)

Two children holding “Jenny” the donkey. Wooden structure in background, pine trees in distance. 3 x 4 inch B&W.

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Image 57

scan20140415112352\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-643)

Double wedding party of Dora Brown and Jesse Wayman and of Gladys Graves and Eric Stirrup. Florida City. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 58

scan20140415112439\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-644)

Painted on the side of the building “Seybold’s Ice Cream is the Best. So say we All.” Large group of men on porch and man and children on the ground beside the building. Florida City. Seybold’s Ice Cream was manufactured in Miami in a plant owned by John W. G. Seybold, an early Miami pioneer, who arrived in the United States from Germany in 1889. A real estate developer and baker, he built the Seybold Building in downtown Miami, sill extant in 2022. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

**Series 2: 20140417** [Images appear to have been removed from several pages]

Series 2, Page 1

Image 1

scan20140417101525\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-649)

Nora Brown in pigtails. Pine trees in background. Florida City/Detroit. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 2

scan20140417101525\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-652)

Zora Brown and Nora Brown in pigtails. Pine trees in background. Florida City/Detroit. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 3

scan20140417101525\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-653)

Zora Brown and Nora Brown in pigtails. Pine trees in background. Florida City/Detroit. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Series 2, Page 2

Image 4

scan20140417101635\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-651)

Martha Norwood, about 2 years old, standing along the side her father’s store painted “…[Nor]wood General Merchandise and Fertilizer.” Florida City/Detroit. 4 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 5

scan20140417101635\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-650)

Nora Brown in the vines, Zora Brown behind the vines, and a child (three years old). There is a structure behind them. This is probably the Brown family home. Florida City/Detroit. 4 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 6

scan20140417102143\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-09-27-654)

Nora Brown. Foliage in background. Florida City/Detroit. See Series 4, Image 25 for similar image. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 7

scan20140417102143\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-658)

Five men on the front of a truck with “E. F. BROOKER CO. OF HOMESTEAD FLA.” on the side. Truck appears to be loaded with packing crates. Edward Franklin Brooker was a truck farmer. He and his brothers, Henry and Thomas Potter Brooker, were early homesteaders. Henry was the first to settle in the area in 1907. Florida City/Detroit. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 8

scan20140417102143\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-03-657)

Unidentified woman holding a dog. Probably a Brown sister. Florida City/Detroit. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 9

scan20140417102143\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-656)

Two unidentified women, probably Sarah Eslinger Brown and either Nora or Zora Brown, with a fence and structure behind them. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 10

scan20140417102143\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-655)

Zora Brown, unidentified woman probably a Brown sister, Nora Brown (on right). 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 11

scan20140417102504\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-660)

Zora Brown and possibly Margaret Breeding. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 12

scan20140417102504\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-659)

[Zora Brown holding a baby and possibly Margaret Breeding (sic)] Probably Beulah Skinner and her children Evelyn Skinner and baby Burr W. Skinner. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

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Image 13

scan20140417102558\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-661)

Zora Brown with baby Martha Norwood on J. B. Brown’s donkey named Jenny hitched to a cart at the Norwood’s homestead with home in background. 1913-1914, Detroit, Florida. 3 x 5 inch B&W.

Same image as cropped oval image Series 1, Image 46, scan20140415104405\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-645)

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Image 14

scan20140417102725\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-662)

Studio portrait of three men in suits one smoking a cigar. These could be Brown brothers or the husbands of the Brown sisters. 3 x 4 inch B&W.

Series 2, Page 7

Image 15

scan20140417102831\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-01-663)

Sarah Brown and her two sets of twins, Zora, Irene, Pauline, and Nora Brown in front of banana tree with bunch of bananas. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 16

scan20140417103106\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-02-664)

Nine people in a truck, two in the cab and seven in the bed, several sitting in pressback chairs. Dressed in suits and most wearing hats. [unable to read what is written on the truck]. According to Taylor, Benjamin Brown took neighbors on picnics. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W. Similar to and taken at the same time as Series 4, Image 24.

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Image 17

scan20140417103430\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-02-667)

Nora Brown with foliage in background. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 18

scan20140417103430\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-670)

Unidentified man with building in background. Probably a Brown brother. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 19

scan20140417103430\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-668 and 2014-10-02-666 duplicate records)

Zora Brown with foliage in background. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 20

scan20140417103430\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-02-665)

James Benjamin Brown and Sarah Brown. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 21

scan20140417103430\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-669)

Three unidentified women sitting on a fence with pine trees in background. Probably Brown sisters. Also see Series 3, Image 23. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 22

scan20140417103646\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-671)

Twins Irene Brown and Pauline Brown in a wagon drawn by a donkey (burro) and two women standing behind. The woman near the twins is their mother Sarah C. Brown and the other woman is either Nora or Zora Brown. There are banana trees and a building, probably their residence, in the background. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Series 2, Page 11

Image 23

scan20140417103845\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-674)

Zora Brown, Nora Brown, and another unidentified young woman with pine trees and a building in the background. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 24

scan20140417103845\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-673)

Sarah Catherine Eslinger Brown, in front of residence. 4 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 25

scan20140417103845\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-672)

Unidentified woman with a motorcycle. [This is Beulah Brown Skinner as identified in Series 3, Image 19]. Pine trees and buildings in background. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 26

scan20140417103845\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-17-676)

Unidentified couple with building, banana trees and pine trees in background. Probably one of the Brown children and spouse. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 27

scan20140417104045\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-22-677)

Sarah Brown and James Benjamin Brown possibly in their orchard [blurry image]. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 28

scan20140417104045\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-22-680)

Unidentified woman and man examining a tree. This is either Nora or Zora Brown and her father James Benjamin Brown. Pine trees and possibly a log structure under construction in the background. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 29

scan20140417104045\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-22-679)

James Benjamin Brown in front of new house still under construction. 3.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 30

scan20140417104045\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-22-678)

Zora Brown and Nora Brown sitting in doorway of empty house. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 31

scan20140417104045\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-10-22-681)

Zora Brown and Nora Brown looking from inside an empty house (same as house as Image 30). 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Series 2, Page 13

Image 32

scan20140417104821\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-682)

“Homestead Ry. Depot” [written on image]. Homestead, Florida, Florida East Coast Railway depot showing luggage wagons and ticket booth. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 33

scan20140417104821\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-681)

“Bathing in Gulf of Mexico. Passa Grille, Fla.” [written on image]. Pass-a-Grille, Florida. Three women and two men in bathing costumes. Appears to be Zora Brown and Nora Brown. 3 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 34

scan20140417104821\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-683)

“Mrs. Ring, Detroit” [written on image]. Clara V. Ring, wife of Elbert H. Ring, standing in orchard with small fruit-bearing tree loaded with citrus fruit. Pine forest in background. See Series 1, Image 55 for a cropped image of a larger photograph found in HHTHM Ring Family Photographs. It is likely that the Ring family gave this cropped image to the Browns because James Benjamin Brown is in the photograph. 4 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 35

scan20140417104945\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-687)

“Mamma, Irene, & Pauline” [written on image]. Sarah Brown with twins Irene Brown and Pauline Brown in front of banana trees with building and pine trees in background. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 36

scan20140417104945\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-686)

“Florida City Bananas” [written on image]. Sarah Brown, twins Irene Brown and Pauline Brown holding dolls, and either Zora Brown or Nora Brown and the twin’s husband standing beside a large bunch of bananas growing on a banana tree. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 37

scan20140417104945\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-684)

Twins Nora and Zora Brown, and twins Irene and Pauline Brown with their older sister Beulah Brown standing in front of a banana tree. Pine trees and building in background. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 38

scan20140417104945\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-688)

Three women in front of a house. The center figure is Sarah Brown probably with two of her daughters. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 39

scan20140417104945\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-10-24-685)

“Irene & Pauline with Pet on Homestead” [written on image]. Irene Brown and Pauline Brown and a pet in front of a fruit tree on the Brown homestead with pine forest in background. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

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Image 40

scan20140417105430\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-689)

Unidentified woman on a beach with a building and water in background. Probably a Brown sister. 2.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 41

scan20140417105430\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-690)

Nora Brown and Zora Brown in pigtails with pine trees in background. 2.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 42

scan20140417105430\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-690)

Unidentified woman with house in background. Probably Zora Brown or Nora Brown. 2.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 43

scan20140417110100\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-695)

Zora Brown and Nora Brown in hats with trees in background. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 44

scan20140417110100\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-694)

Zora Brown with trees in background. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 45

scan20140417110100\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-692)

Four unidentified young men leaning against a building with letters painted on it, “BEST” and “LL” on the side of the Seybold Ice Cream Shop. 4 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 46

scan20140417110100\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-693)

Nora Brown, Zora Brown, and an unidentified woman. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 47

scan20140417112721\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-696)

Two unidentified men standing next to a 0 4 0 " Dinky " narrow gauge locomotive with steam safety valve popping. One man holds an oil can. Possibly not in Dade County. 4 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 48

scan20140417113003\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-697)

James Benjamin Brown portable sawmill. Three men cutting boards with a large stack of lumber in the foreground and pine forest behind. 4 x 3 inch B&W.

**Series 3: 20140418** [some images appear to have been removed from several pages]

Series 3, Page 1

Image 1

scan20140418104441\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-702)

“Papa on homestead” [written on image]. James Benjamin Brown on his homestead with pine forest in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 2

scan20140430101843\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-705)

“Norwood Store Detroit” [written on image]. Painted on building “COLD DRINKS CIGARS TOBACCO HAY GRAIN.” People standing and sitting on porch. 4 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 3

scan20140430101843\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-703)

“Beulah on Beach, Cocoanuts” [written on image]. Beulah Brown [Skinner] on the beach with her lap full of coconuts. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 4

scan20140430101843\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-704)

“Mamma & Irene & Pauline” [written on image]. Sarah Brown with her twins Irene Brown and Pauline Brown in front of a banana tree. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 5

scan20140418104839\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-701)

“Gilbert Breeding” [written on edge of image] as a toddler in front of banana tree. Pine trees in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 6

scan20140418104839\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-700)

“Nora and Gilbert Breeding” [written on edge of image]. Nora Brown and Gilbert, son of Bertha Victoria Brown Breeding, as a toddler in front of banana tree. Pine trees in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 7

scan20140418104839\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-698)

“Bertha’s 3 boys” [written on edge of image]. Bertha Brown Breeding’s three sons Avery, Gilbert, and Raymond Breeding in front of banana tree. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 8

scan20140418104839\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-28-699)

“Avery & Raymond” [written on edge of image]. Bertha Brown Breeding’s sons Avery Breeding and Raymond Breeding in front of banana tree. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Series 3, Page 3

Image 9

scan20140418110402\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-706)

Dora Brown Wayman, formal portrait with hat. 3.5 x 5.5 inch B&W.

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Image 10

scan20140418110625\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-707)

Steam shovel with five men standing on the board at the side of the machine and one on shovel mechanism. They are digging a canal, pine trees in background. Possibly not in Florida, might be a postcard. “BUCYRUS” written on the side of machine. Benjamin and Sarah Brown’s son Walter Brown was a steam shovel operator (and later owner). 4 x 3 inch B&W.

The Bucyrus Foundry and Manufacturing Company of Bucyrus, Ohio, was founded in 1880. It merged with Erie Steam Shovel Company in 1927 to form Bucyrus-Erie. In 1993, the company moved to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1904, Bucyrus supplied 77 of the 102 steam shovels used to dig the Panama Canal. They were operated by a crew of four headed by an engineer and included two firemen to stoke the boiler, and a craneman (Wikipedia).

Series 3, Page 5

Image 11

scan20140418110800\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-708)

Dora Brown Wayman and her husband Jesse Wayman reclining on a bed. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 12

scan20140418110800\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-711)

Beulah Brown Skinner holding a baby. Banana tree and structure in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 13

scan20140418110800\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-710)

Unidentified man with banana trees in background. Probably a husband of one of the Brown sisters. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 14

scan20140418110800\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-709)

Sarah Eslinger Brown with twins Pauline Brown and Irene Brown with wooden structure, banana trees, and pine trees in background. [Not Zora and Nora.] 3 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 15

scan20140418111017\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-722)

Brown family. Five adults and five children. Back row: Bertha Brown Breeding, Nora Brown, Albert Breeding holding Gilbert Breeding, Sarah Brown, and Zora Brown. Front row: Avery Breeding with his head wrapped (perhaps from an injury), Raymond Breeding, and twin girls Irene Brown and Pauline Brown. 4.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 16

scan20140418111017\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-714)

Unidentified baby. Probably one of the Brown sibling’s children. 1.5 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 17

scan20140418111017\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-716)

Twins Irene Brown and Pauline Brown with their new dolls. Banana trees with bananas in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 18

scan20140418111017\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-717)

Unidentified woman, probably one of the James and Sarah Brown’s daughters. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 19

scan20140418111017\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-715)

Beulah Brown Skinner with banana trees in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 20

scan20140418111424\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-713)

Unidentified man and woman sitting in a field with pine forest behind them. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 21

scan20140418111424\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-718)

Three men, four women, and a girl standing next to a shed (packing house) filled with crates. Saw palmetto in foreground. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 22

scan20140418111424\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-720)

Unidentified woman standing in a field, possibly a tomato field. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 23

scan20140418111424\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-719)

Three unidentified women sitting on a fence with pine trees in background. Also see Series 2, Image 21. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Series 3, Page 8

Image 24

scan20140418111617\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-723)

Zora Brown Trent holding her daughter Sara Lucinda Trent with building and rocking chair behind her. 3.5 x 5.5 inch B&W.

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Image 25

scan20140418112141\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-724)

Neal H. Trent, Zora Brown Trent, Jesse Wayman and Dora Brown Wayman in bathing costumes at the beach. The men are holding snakes. 5.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 26

scan20140418112728\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-724)

Twins Zora Brown and Nora Brown. 3.5 x 5.5 inch B&W.

Image 27

scan20140418112728\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-727)

Unidentified woman on a porch. 3.5 x 5.5 inch B&W.

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Image 28

scan20140418113228\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-726)

Two unidentified men holding bananas with banana tree in background. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 29

scan20140418113228\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-723)

Unidentified man with two girls. Probably the man is one of the men in Image 28. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 30

scan20140418113228\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-724)

Twins Zora Brown and Nora Brown pine trees in background. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 31

scan20140418113228\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-728)

Unidentified woman. One of the Brown daughters, probably Zora or Nora Brown with a bunch of bananas. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 32

scan20140418113228\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-729)

A woman and two girls climbing on a tree (probably same girls in Series 3, Image 29). 3 x 4 inch B&W.

Series 3, Page 12

Image 33

scan20140418113349\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-730)

Unidentified woman leaning on the fender of an automobile. Possibly Beulah Brown Skinner and one of her husband’s fleet of automobiles (See Series 1, Image 45). 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 34

scan20140418113349\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-732)

Unidentified woman, possibly Zora Brown or Nora Brown, sitting in the grass. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 35

scan20140418113349\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-736)

Man working on a partially submerged boat or barge possibly at the mouth of the Florida Canal. 4 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 36

scan20140418113349\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-734)

Three women, one feeding a flock of chickens. Wooden structure and pine forest in background. Probably Brown family members on the homestead. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 37

scan20140418113349\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-733)

Three men, four women, and a girl standing next to a shed (packing shed) filled with crates. Saw palmetto in foreground. Probably Brown family members on the homestead. 3 x 2 inch B&W. Same as Image 21, but 0.5 inch cropped from left side.

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Image 38

scan20140418113531\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-738)

Sarah Brown and James Benjamin Brown in back and two unidentified men (probably the Brown’s sons) in front. Benjamin is holding up money or paper. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 39

scan20140418113531\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-742)

Sarah Brown, two unidentified men (probably the Brown’s sons), and James Benjamin Brown. Benjamin is holding up money or paper. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 40

scan20140418113531\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-737)

Three men, James Benjamin Brown is the man on the left (the other two are probably his sons), sitting on lumber (beams and planks) with a structure and pine forest in the background. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 41

scan20140418113531\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-741)

Probably Zora Brown and her father James Brown on either side of a young fruit tree with pine forest in background. See Series 4, Image 6 for identification when tree has grown. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 42

scan20140418113531\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-04-740)

Two men standing beside a wooden building. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

The same structure is seen in Series 1, Image 42 (Catalog Number 2014-09-25-646). One of the men is probably J. M. Powers for whom Beulah Brown worked. The other is probably another man who worked there. The building is the Miami Land and Development Company office on Palm Avenue east of the railroad tracks in Detroit/Florida City. The identity of the building has been confirmed by labeled images in other collections.

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Image 43

scan20140418114433\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-743)

Two unidentified women and a dog in a field (possibly a tomato field). Jeff Blakley believes this was in the East Glades. 1 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 44

scan20140418114433\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-744)

Unidentified girl and a dog standing in a field. 1 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 45

scan20140418114433\_001c (Catalog Number missing from website)

Two unidentified women sitting on edge of field with pine forest in background.

Image 46

scan20140418114433\_001d (Catalog Number missing from website)

Unidentified woman with fence and pine trees in background. Probably a Brown sister.

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Image 47

scan20140418114624\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-747)

Unidentified girl and boy standing and two children at their desks at the school house (on the stage inside the town hall). 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 48

scan20140418114624\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-748)

Unidentified children at their desks in front of a blackboard in school house. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 49

scan20140418114624\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-749)

Unidentified children at their desks and student at the blackboard in school house (on the stage of the town hall). 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 50

scan20140418114624\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-750)

Unidentified adults and children in a classroom at the school house (this was the town hall). Teacher is sitting at a small table with a handbell on the far corner. Probably an event or a play for parents. 3 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 51

scan20140418114624\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-746)

Unidentified boy with baseball glove (mitt) catching a ball. 2.5 x 3.5 inch B&W.

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Image 52

scan20140418114949\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-10-30-722; 2014-11-07-754 same image)

Unidentified man and woman sitting on edge of field. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 53

scan20140418114949\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-751)

Unidentified woman standing near a body of water, possibly a jetty at the mouth of the Florida City canal. 4 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 54

scan20140418114949\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-07-753)

Three Brown sisters. Zora Brown is on the left; Nora Brown is on the right (See Series 2, Images 10 and 17). Same women as in Image 55. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 55

scan20140418114949\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-05-752)

Three Brown sisters. Zora Brown is on the left; Nora Brown is on the right (See Series 2, Images 10 and 17). Same women as in Image 54. 1.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 56

scan20140418114949\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-07-756)

Unidentified man. 2 x 3.5 inch B&W.

 Image 57

scan20140418114949\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-07-759)

Children in school house (town hall) with teacher and other adults looking on (see similar photographs, Images 47-50). Probably an event or a play for parents. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

Image 58

scan20140418114949\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-07-755)

Unidentified woman in a bonnet and man in a swimming costume sitting on boat tied to a post on shore with water in the background (possibly bayfront). 4 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 59

scan20140418114949\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-07-757)

Beulah Brown (Skinner) in front of a banana tree. Wooden structure and pine trees in background. 2 x 3.5 inch B&W.

Image 60

scan20140418114949\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-07-758)

Children at desks and standing on a stage. Other children sitting in front of stage in auditorium seats. Probably an event or a play for parents. Probably the Florida City Hall which was also used as a school house. (see similar photographs, Images 47-50). 3 x 2 inch B&W.

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Image 61

scan20140418120438\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-755)

Two unidentified girls sitting on a fence with houses in the background. 2 x 3 inch B&W. (also see image 64)

Image 62

scan20140418120438\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-754)

James Benjamin Brown sitting on a log with a dog. Pine forest in background. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 63

scan20140418120438\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-753)

Zora Brown in front of young sable palm with a house in the background. 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 64

scan20140418120438\_001d (Catalog Number missing image)

Child with doll in toy carriage or doll stroller. Fence and houses in background (see Image 61). Photograph is faded and damaged. About 3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 65

scan20140418120438\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-756)

Two unidentified young girls in bonnets. Professional portrait. Faded and damaged. 1 x 1 inch B&W.

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Series 4, Page 1

Image 1

scan20140430101843\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-758)

Unidentified man in front of steps and entrance into house. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 2

scan20140430101843\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-759)

Two unidentified men, possibly Robert Brown and one of his brothers.

2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 3

scan20140430102005\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-762)

“Zora” written on image. Zora Brown on her bicycle next to a sisal plant with pine forest and wooden structure in background. Probably taken on the Brown homestead.

2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 4

scan20140430102005\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-763)

“Zora & Pauline” written beside the image. Zora Brown on her bicycle with Pauline Brown on the handlebars. Pine trees in background, probably at the Brown homestead. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 5

scan20140430102005\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-760)

“Mrs. Norwood & children” written on image. Martha “Mittie” Carolyn Cox Norwood with her daughters Carolyn (in front of her) and Martha (beside her mother) standing in front of Norwood General Merchandise and Fertilizer [painted on building]. Martha married William C. Norwood (born January 1881 in LaGrange, Florida) in 1905. Norwood claimed a homestead near Detroit on July 27, 1911. In the summer of 1912, he purchased Ed Brooker’s general store in Florida City. 4 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 6

scan20140430102005\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-764)

“Zora & Papa” written on image. Zora Brown and her father James Brown by a fruit tree with pine forest in background. See Series 3, Image 41 for an image when the tree was younger. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 7

scan20140430102005\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-761)

“Zora” written on image. Zora Brown sitting on a log with pine forest in background. 2.5 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 8

scan20140430102241\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-11-25-766)

“Beulah among palms, Miami Beach” written on image. Beulah Brown Skinner in Miami Beach, Florida. 2 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 9

scan20140430102241\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-11-25-767)

“Burnett B…n” written on image. Probably Burnett Brown, although part of the work “Brown” is missing. Possibly a granddaughter of James and Sarah Brown. 2.3 x 1.5 inch B&W.

Image 10

scan20140430102241\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-11-25-768)

Unidentified man with an umbrella and unidentified woman in a hat. 2.3 x 1.5 inch B&W.

Image 11

scan20140430102241\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-11-20-765)

“Robert Brown” written on image. Robert Brown standing by a banana plant with pine trees in background. 4 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 12

scan20140430102241\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-11-25-769)

“Aunt Bettie” written beside image. Appears to be wearing a long fur coat and hat. Possibly Bertha Victoria Brown Breeding or Belle, a sister of Sarah Eslinger Brown. 1.3 x 4 inch B&W.

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Image 13

scan20140430102534\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-770)

Unidentified woman with a bicycle. Face on image appears to have been scratched out. Pine forest in background. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 14

scan20140430102534\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-775)

Group of more than a dozen people standing and sitting on a porch. 4.3 x 3 inch B&W.

Image 15

scan20140430102534\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-771)

Unidentified woman, probably a Brown daughter, with banana tree with bunch of bananas. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 16

scan20140430102534\_001d (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-772)

Two unidentified Brown daughters, probably one of each set of twins by a banana tree. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 17

scan20140430102534\_001e (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-773)

FHS identified as Sarah Brown [but too young to be Sarah C. Brown] and others on doorless public transportation. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 18

scan20140430102534\_001f (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-774)

“Nora Brown” (written on a sticky note placed by the image) standing in front of a banana tree with pine trees in background. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

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Image 19

scan20140430102644\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-770)

Two unidentified women on either side of Sarah Brown in front of a house. 2.3 x 3.3 inch B&W.

Image 20

scan20140430102644\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-778)

“Bertha, Zora, James B. [sic], Sarah, Nora, Irene & Pauline, 2 boys are Bertha’s” written on a “sticky note.” Brown family. Five adults and four children. Back row: Bertha Brown Breeding, Nora Brown, Albert Breeding holding Gilbert Breeding, Sarah Brown, and Zora Brown. In front: children Raymond Breeding, and twin girls Irene Brown and Pauline Brown. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W. This is a similar image to Series 3, Image 15 and taken at the same time.

Image 21

scan20140430102644\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-777)

Probably Nora Brown (or Zora Brown) in the vines with wooden structure in background. 4 x 3.3 inch B&W. Similar to Series 2, Image 5

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Image 22

scan20140430102824\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-780)

 Unidentified man’s face on a hobo cartoon body walking along the railroad tracks [an arcade photograph or postcard]. 3.5 x 5 inch B&W.

Image 23

scan20140430102824\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-12-11-779)

Unidentified woman and man in front of bunch of bananas on banana tree.

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Image 24

scan20140430104248\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-781)

Group of nine people, most on chairs in bed of a truck, one woman in the cab and two men behind the truck. Dressed in suits and most wearing hats. 5 x 3 inch B&W. Similar to and taken at the same time as Series 2, Image 16.

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Image 25

scan20140430104406\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-782)

Unidentified woman in front of banana tree, wooden structure and pine trees in background. Zora Brown. See Series 2, Image 6 for similar image. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 26

scan20140430104406\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-784)

Unidentified man in front of packing house or shed on Brown homestead. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 27

scan20140430104406\_001c (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-778)

Zora Brown standing by sugarcane. Same woman in Series 3, Image 54 and Image 55. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

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Image 28

scan20140430104532\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-785)

Group of boats in harbor. 5 x 3 inch B&W.

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Image 29

scan20140430104644\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-782)

Nora Brown standing in front of a tree. Maybe Zora. See Series 2, Image 6 and Image 44. 2 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 30

scan20140430104644\_001b (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-787)

Two unidentified men possibly holding two children. 3 x 2 inch B&W.

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Image 31

scan2014043015004\_001a (Catalog Number 2014-12-17-788)

Nora Brown and Zora Brown. 4.5 x 2.5 inch B&W.

Image 32

scan2014043015004\_001a (Not Cataloged)

Blurred image.

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[Possibly some postcards. These images may have been taken by a family member during a visit to Bertha Brown Breeding and her family in St. Petersburg, Florida, or sent by Bertha to her family in Florida City. Sarah Brown visited Bertha in 1912 when she was on her way to her new home in Detroit, Florida.]

Image 33

scan2014043015742\_001a (Not Cataloged)

Tampa Fire Department Headquarters. Old Fire Station No. 7, built in 1911. Now the Tampa Firefighters Museum.

Image 34

scan2014043015742\_001b (Not Cataloged)

Probably taken next to a fountain at Plant Park, Tampa, Florida.

Image 35

scan2014043015742\_001c (Not Cataloged)

People swimming and walking at a beach, perhaps in or near Tampa, Florida.

Image 36

scan2014043015742\_001d (Not Cataloged)

Hillsborough County Courthouse constructed in 1892 and demolished in 1953.

Image 37

scan2014043015742\_001e (Not Cataloged)

U.S. Courthouse Building and Downtown Postal Station; U.S. Post Office, Courthouse and Custom House. Built from 1902-1905 in the Beaux-arts architectural style. Now the Le Méridien Hotel.