

Estero

1882: Gustave G. Damkohler, wife and four children - first settlers of Estero Creek, Florida - arrived at Punta Rassa on April 3, 1882.

- Bought 320 acres from the State
- Named the place Estero after the Estero Creek which ran through it
- first child born at Estero: Estero Ostego Damkohler
- 1894 Gustave met Cyrus R. Teed who took all of Gustave's land (320 acres) to create a place for the Koreshan Unity

Mariner's Cove

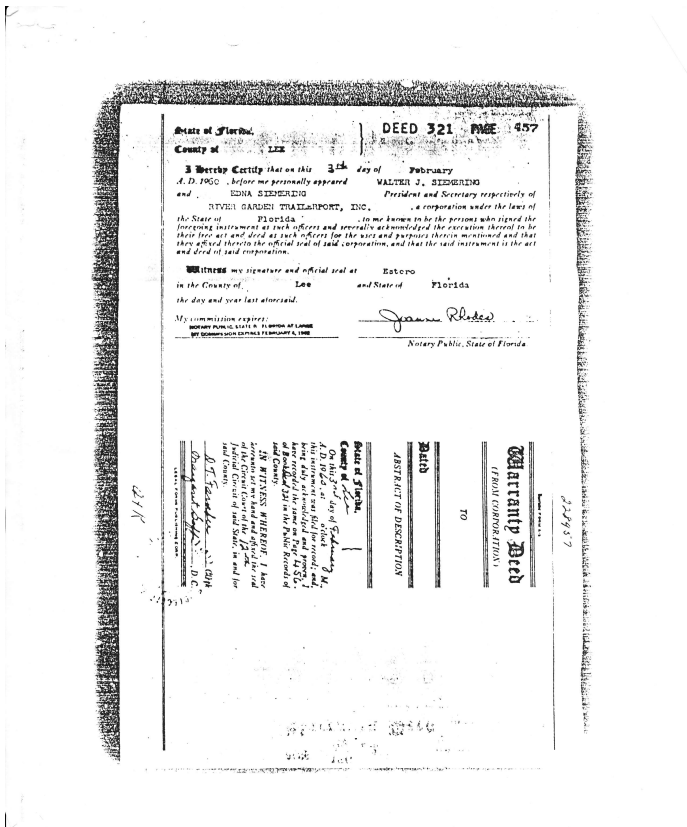
1883: The Mariner's Cove area was first deeded in September 1883, by the Florida Land and Mortgage Company Limited, a company incorporated in England. The first individual owner of record appears to be Sir Edward James Reed and Lady Rosetta Reed of Hextable in the county of Kent, England. Sir Edward James Reed was involved with the purchases of several railroad companies in Florida.

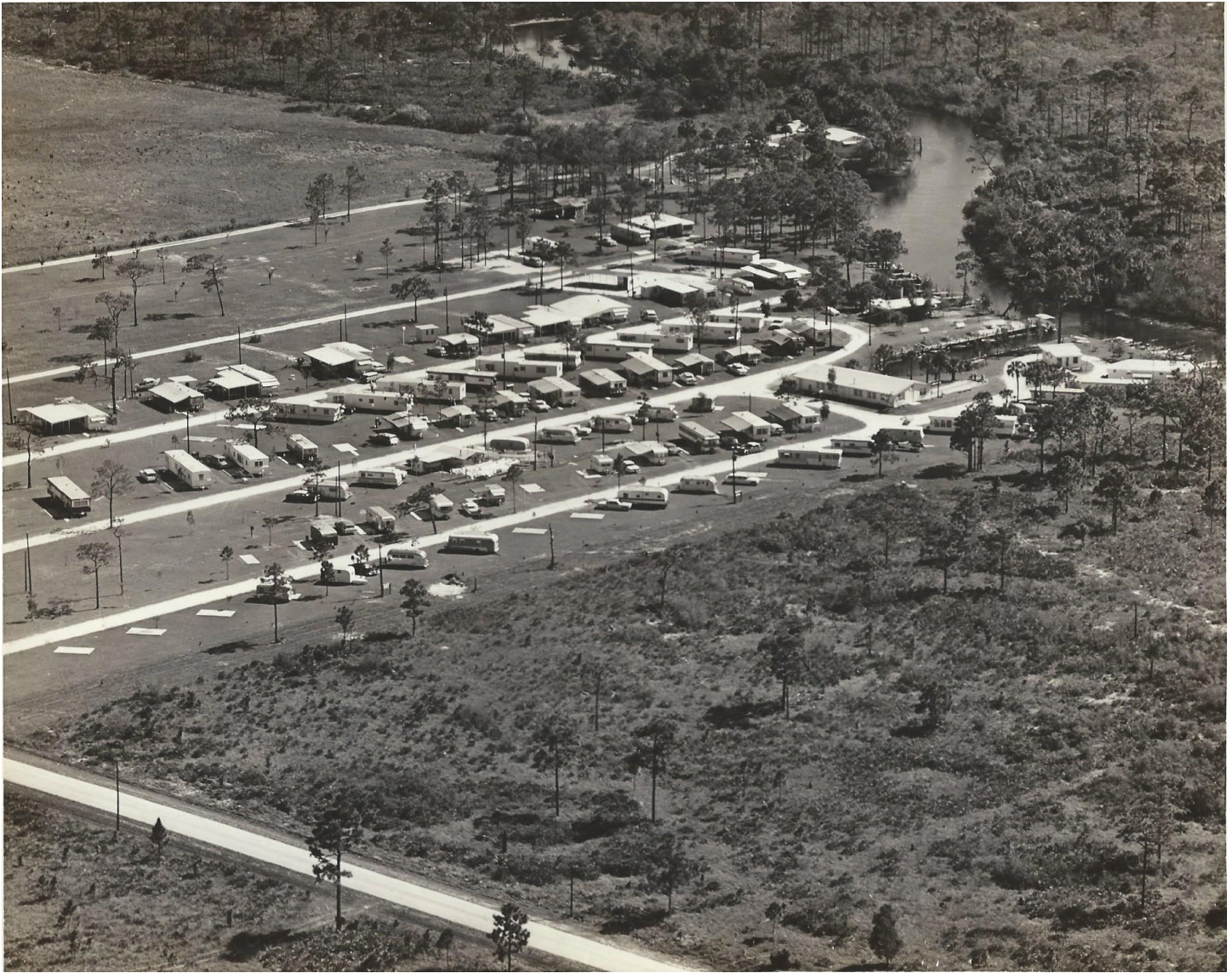
1883 – 1955: Between the years of 1883 and 1955, the land was owned by a number of owners.

1955: Miss Kate L. Jeffcott (realtor) of Fort Myers was the owner of record in 1955.

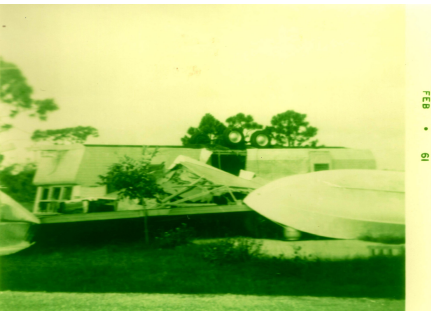
1956-1960: Mary N. Hollenbreak transferred property, named River Garden Trailerport, Inc., to Walter J. and Edna M. Siemerling. The Siemerlings acquired the property, in 1956, although the deed was not recorded until February 3, 1960. They lived in the first mobile home on lot A1 on River Drive.

- Accomplishments: Laid out River Drive, Basin Drive, Anchor Drive, laundry facilities, the recreation hall, sewer lines, built some of the boat docks
- Social and recreational activities: pot luck dinners, pancake breakfasts, shuffleboard, horseshoes, card games, hobby club, and many group activities including bingo





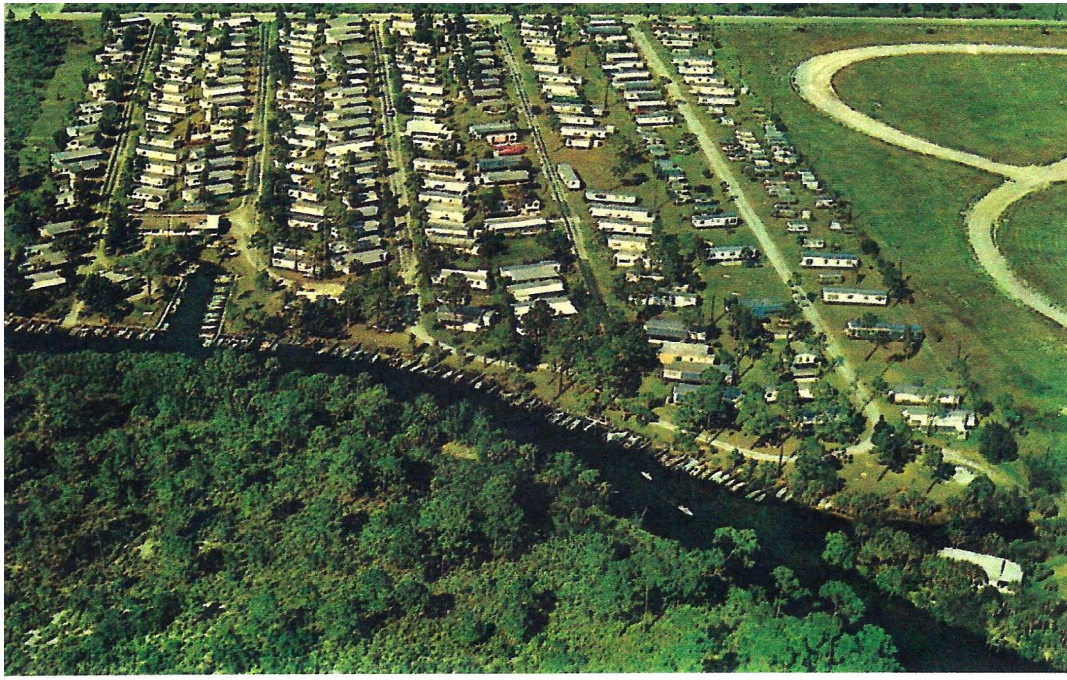
September 10, 1960 (Hurricane Donna): No lives were lost; around twenty mobile homes in the park (6 destroyed, others severely damaged)



1964



1968



August 1970: Park purchased by John E. and Nancy M. Hall for \$475,000

-Professional entertainers

-Changed the name of the park to River Garden Mobile Home Port

-Accomplishments: recreation hall was remodeled, the streets were paved, street lights were installed, and the sewer system was enlarged and improved.

Septic tank

