

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEE.

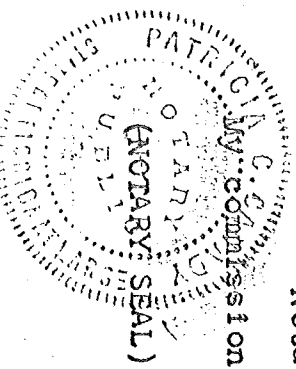
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared,  
LINDSEY W. CRAYTON, to me well known, and who being by me first  
duly sworn, says:

"My name is Lindsey W. Crayton. I live in Naples, Florida, where I have resided for many years. My first trip to Naples was during the year 1901. My late husband, E. W. Crayton, had extensive real estate holdings in and around Naples and, as a consequence, I am quite familiar with the subdivision plat officially called the "Plan of Naples" as it now appears of record in Plat Book 1 at page 8, Public Records of Collier County, Florida. This plat was first filed for record in Lee County, Florida, during the year 1887 when Collier County was a part of Lee County and is commonly referred to as the "Town of Naples" rather than the "Plan of Naples". The recorded plat shows two approximately parallel lines running from the Gulf of Mexico in Block 11, Tier 1, in an irregular Southeasterly direction and terminating at Naples Bay in Block 6, Tier 8. While nothing appears on or near the lines to denote what they were meant to indicate, there is a general legend on the plat which carries, among other things, "Old Canal 50r" and there was an old canal or ditch partly in existence at about the location shown on the plat which I saw on my first trip to Naples. At the Gulf beach end of the ditch it had been filled in and the home of the late Judge E. G. Wilkinson was built over it. He told me his home stood over an old Indian Camp and that he had dug up lots of Indian pottery, ashes and shell. Where the ditch crossed 6th Street there were some wooden planks over the Street and generally about six inches of rain water stood underneath but at no point was the ditch navigable. Since this ditch was obviously in existence in 1887 when the plat was filed, and was even then designated "Old Canal", it must have been there for a long time before 1887. There are two legends about who dug the ditch. One is that it was created by pirates for hiding and escape purposes but the more authentic version, I believe, is that it was dug by Indians before the Seminole Wars. The story goes that there was a powerful Indian Chief who lured people into the area with promises of taking them to a Fountain of Youth but instead of doing this he made prisoners of the people and put them to work digging the ditch. Whatever the origin of the ditch, I know that it never was from 1901 a navigable or public ditch or canal. In the year 1934 the ditch had long since been filled at both the Gulf and Naples Bay ends and was caved in at many places and during that year my husband had the whole ditch completely filled from end to end and it has so remained ever since."

*Lindsey W. Crayton*

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 14th day of January, 1958.

*Patricia L. Kennedy*  
Notary Public



My Commission expires Jan. 6, 1961

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