

Among The Farmers

Introduction by Howard Kleinberg

Charles G. Featherly's 1898 trek through a largely undeveloped Dade County to locate and report on all its farmers was twofold. In addition to the reporting he was doing for his brother Wesley's *Miami Metropolis*, he was selling subscriptions to the newspaper.

In the first two weeks of his census-like effort, Featherly covered the areas immediately around the Miami River and down to Coconut Grove (*Tequesta* XLVIII - 1988). Then he moved on to areas such as Alapattah Prairie, Lemon City, Little River and Biscayne.

As a preface to the article about the aforementioned, he boasted that he had received a flattering reception from those he met "in the nature of many new subscribers in each section visited, one half day spent in Alapattah Prairie resulting in the addition of twelve subscribers in three hours' work."

The Alapattah Prairie, as it then was spelled by white people (all-a-pa-taw is the Seminole word for alligator), was located between the Miami River and Wagner Creek, a narrow body of water that still flows from the river at Northwest Seventh Avenue past the Civic Center.

Immediately nearby were the Tuttle and Wagner Prairies.

In this report, his third, Featherly made contact with some of the area's premier pioneer families, including the son, daughter, and half-brother of Julia Tuttle, all of whom lived on contiguous pieces of property at Biscayne, which centered in the general vicinity of today's Northeast 103rd Street near the Bay. (It was here that Julia Tuttle's father Ephraim Sturtevant first settled and where she stayed when she first came to Florida for a visit in 1875.)

Featherly also visited the forty acre farm of William Wagner, first settled a half-century earlier on Wagner Creek.

Needless to say, the trek was arduous considering the physical state of 1898 Dade County.

His voluminous reports covered several pages of the *Metropolis* for five weeks.

Featherly arrived in Miami in the third week of October 1898 aboard the ship *Algonquin*. His journey began in Michigan. His

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brother, Wesley Featherly, had taken control of the *Metropolis* several months earlier. Charles Featherly immediately embarked on his exhaustive and substantive journeys from Fort Lauderdale on the New River to past Cutler in South Dade.

He reported that in the first three weeks of his travels throughout the area, he had visited 248 homes. In subsequent articles, Featherly reported that he had been "engaged for five weeks in the various sections securing the data."

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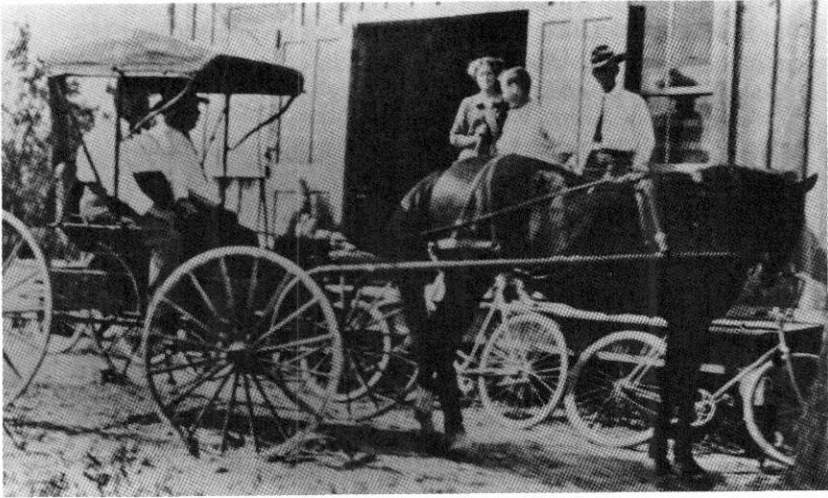
**The Metropolis Scribe Interviews
Many of Them**

**IN THE ALAPATTAH PRAIRIE, LEMON CITY
LITTLE RIVER AND BISCAYNE SECTIONS**

**Amazing Increase of Acreage This Year
Over Last Year**

The METROPOLIS continues this week its interviews with the truckers and fruit-growers of the Alapattah Prairie, Lemon City, Little River, and Biscayne Sections. What we have found we tell in the several columns which follow. We are proud to state that the METROPOLIS representative has been cordially greeted and has met with a flattering reception at the hands of truckers and fruit growers in the nature of many new subscribers in each section visited, one-half day spent in the Alapattah Prairie resulting in the addition of twelve subscribers in three hours work. We have received a number of letters from farmers expressing their appreciation of the METROPOLIS'S enterprise and those from sections not yet visited urge us not to miss them.

Again we urge truckers and fruit growers whom we have missed by any chance to write us what they are doing. The field of work is so large that it is reasonable to suppose we must miss some.



Z.T. Merritt (left) and Peter Merritt in the carriage in front of Charles Montgomery's packing house in Buena Vista. On the platform are Helen Conrad, A.D.H. Fossey and Charles Montgomery.

Z. T. & F.W. MERRITT

Have a very commodious home on the Bay front at Buena Vista. They will cultivate on Merritt's Island two and one-half acres of tomatoes, one acre of Irish potatoes, one acre of peppers and one-half acre of onion.

J. W. WEATHERFORD.

Last week in our review of the section of the country north of Miami we overlooked the home of J.W. Weatherford a mile north of the city. Mr. Weatherford has four acres set to citrus and tropical fruits and will this year cultivate one and one-half acres of peppers.

W. B. VORHEES

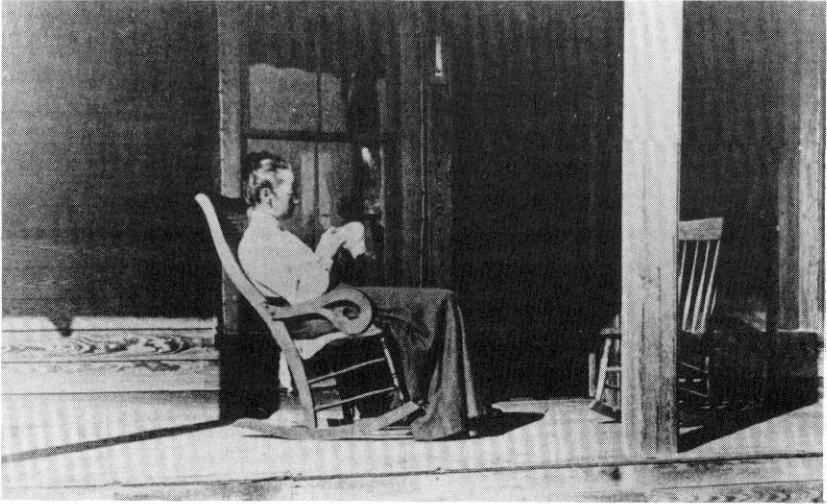
Has 80 acres, nearly all prairie, just north of Buena Vista, on which he will cultivate 10 acres of tomatoes.

H. L. GRIFFIN

Will move his family to Buena Vista from Michigan in the near future and will cultivate two acres of tomatoes on prairie land of W.B. Vorhees.

W. J. GREEN

Lives at Lemon City and is making a crop of four acres of tomatoes on prairie land of Geo. Olson just south of Lemon City and one-quarter acre of eggplants on pine land of his own.



Dr. Henrietta Martens relaxes on her front porch of nine-acre prairie land developed by her husband in Lemon City.

H. E. MARTENS

Has nine acres of prairie land just south of Lemon City upon which he moved about a year ago from West Florida. He will cultivate this winter three acres of tomatoes. Mrs. Martens is a practicing physician in the Lemon City section.

W. S. MAYBERRY

Just came to the Lemon City section from Gainesville in April and located in Lemon City. He is making the following crop on land belonging to Mrs. L.W. Pierce: Eight acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of cucumbers and one-quarter acre of peppers.

MRS. L. W. PIERCE

Has about 300 acres of land just at the south end of Lemon City, running down to the Bay and composed to some extent of prairie land. A large tract of Mrs. Pierce's land is platted into village plots. She has a neat, commodious and comfortable home, surrounded by some 60 fine

bearing orange trees, 400 lime trees, and guavas, sugar apples and all kinds of tropical fruits in abundance. There will be cultivated upon Mrs. Pierce's land 12 acres of tomatoes, six acres of eggplant and six acres of peppers.

D. B. KNIGHT,

Merchant at Lemon City, has 40 acres at Snake Creek upon which he will make a crop of 15 acres of tomatoes and seven acres of okra.

C. H. BILLINGS,

Living at Lemon City, has six acres of hammock land at Little River upon which he will cultivate two acres of tomatoes, one acre of eggplants, three-fourths acres of okra and one-fourth acre of peppers.

MRS. KEYS'S

Home on the Bay front at Lemon City is certainly a beautiful place with a grand growth of cocoanut trees in the foreground. The view of the Bay is perfect and the breeze from the bay is here enjoyed to its fullest extent the year round. Mrs. Keys has 840 acres of land at Cutler, the points concerning which we will give with our Cutler matter.

W. T. PENT

Also has a magnificent Bay front house shaded by a grand old growth of cocoanut trees. Mr. Pent, in company with his brother Charles, will cultivate three acres of tomatoes just south of Little River.

S. K. BROWN & SON

Came from Washington, D.C., about one year ago and bought six acres of Bay front property of which they are making an ideal home. These gentlemen are business men at Washington and came to the Bay section purely for its climactic conditions, and to make themselves a tropical home in this land of perpetual warmth. They have about three acres of pineapples and 500 buds of citrus fruits, all doing nicely; besides mangoes, guavas, alligator pears, sugar apples and numerous other tropical fruits. They have in operation and extensive irrigating plant supplied by an aermotor, which also supplies their dwelling with a complete water system. They will cultivate one and one-half acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of eggplants.

C. WATSON AND CHAS. MAYBERRY

Will cultivate six acres of tomatoes and four acres of lettuce one and one-half miles up Little River.

MAYBERRY BROS.,

Who live at Lemon City, will cultivate six acres of tomatoes and three acres of cucumbers on land of Mrs. Pierce at Lemon City.

JOHN CAREY

Owens seven acres two miles west of Lemon City, which is all cleared, upon which are growing all kinds of fruits and a nice pineapple field of about three acres. He will cultivate five acres of tomatoes at Little River.

COOK & WEST

Have a tract of 16 acres of fine rich land at Little River, which they are fast clearing up. They will make a crop of six acres of tomatoes themselves and M.P. Whidby will cultivate three acres of tomatoes.

W.B. MORSE

One-fourth mile west of Lemon City, has five acres of Pine Land with a nice clearing and some nice buds of grapefruit started. He will put out one-half acre of eggplants and one-half acre of peppers. Mr. Morse also has 20 acres one-half mile further west which he will set out to an orange grove.

E. T. BYINGTON

Has 10 acres adjoining that of Mr. Morse, with a clearing of five acres, on which he will cultivate four acres of tomatoes and one acre of eggplants.

CHAS JORDAN,

Merchant at Lemon City, has nine acres one mile west of Lemon City on which he has five acres of nice pineapples and will set the balance to oranges.

A.L. INGESON,

One-half mile west of Lemon City, has a fine little place of five acres on which he has grown eight and three-quarters acres of pineapples, and

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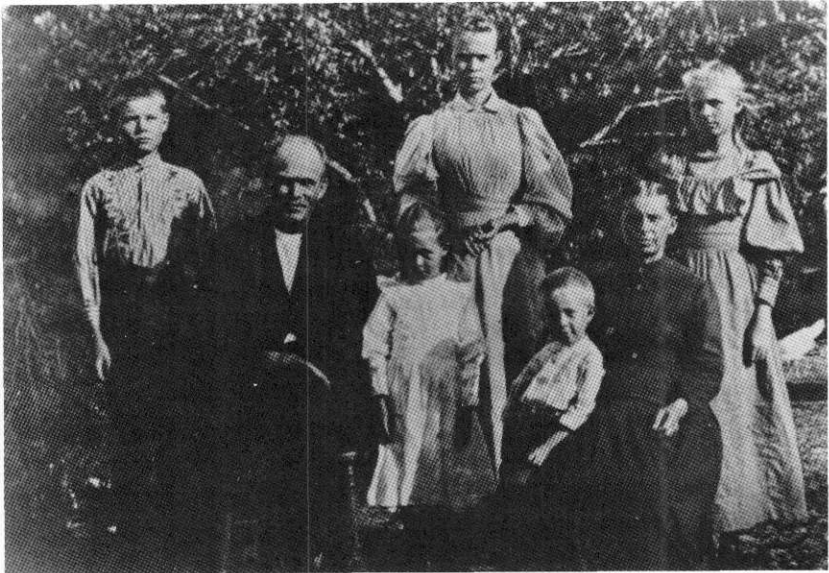
is also putting out 200 orange and grapefruit trees.

A.W. CROMARTIE

Lives just west of Lemon City and is preparing to cultivate three acres of tomatoes on land belonging to Mrs. Pierce at that place.

THOS. RUSSELL

Has a neat little home of 20 acres just north-west of Lemon City with a clearing of seven acres. He has growing some nice citrus fruits and alligator pears, and mangoes, etc., and will make a crop of one and one-quarter acres of tomatoes and one acre of eggplants.



The Freeman family posed for this 1897 photograph. From left: George Freeman, William Freeman, Ethel, Rebecca, Edison and Mrs. Adaline Freeman.

B. C. DUPONT

Has 18 acres of pine land just south of Little River, 120 acres just west, and 15 acres of prairie, which will be put into tomatoes. Mr. Dupont has some nice pineapples growing and has about 800 trees of tropical fruits of different kinds.

CHAS. E. ROBERTS

Has 62 acres just south of Little River prairie with a clearing of three

acres which is set out to fruit trees and pineapples. He will prepare for market two and one-half acres of tomatoes.

LITTLE RIVER PRAIRIE.

Wm. Freeman has four 80-acre tracts at Little River and four 80-acre tracts at Biscayne. Mr. Freeman will cultivate 50 acres of tomatoes himself, and his brother, L. Freeman, and nephews, Burt, Charles, and Ward Freeman will cultivate 15 acres of tomatoes on his land at Biscayne and three acres at Little River.

Wm. Filer has a handsome home on the south side of the prairie near the railroad. He has a nice clearing on his pine land, where he has a good patch of pineapples and all kinds of tropical fruits growing. He will make a crop of five acres of tomatoes on the prairie and seven acres on Elliott's Key.

Stanton & Hauser have 20 acres running down on the prairie, on which they have a fine showing of trees of all kinds and about four acres of pineapples. They will prepare for market seven acres of tomatoes, two acres of eggplants, one acre of peppers and one acre of Irish potatoes.

E. F. Moffat was called a fool many times about six years ago, when he paid \$8 per acre for 40 acres of Little River prairie land. He recently sold ten acres at \$85 per acre. He will cultivate five acres of tomatoes and two acres of eggplants. Mr. Moffat also has a homestead about a mile west of Lemon City with a clearing of two acres, which is set out to fruit trees.

Henry Desrocher will put in 2 1/2 acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants and one-half acre of peppers.

Jim Sanders has 20 acres on the edge of the prairie, with four acres cleared set out to fruit trees and set to fruit trees. He will work two acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of eggplants.

Hudson Burr will cultivate seven acres of tomatoes and 1/2 acre of eggplants.

J. D. McDonald, six acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants and one-half acre of peppers, besides a general garden for his boarding

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house.

Thos. Harrington, three acres of tomatoes.

W. A. Chard, two acres of tomatoes at Little River and three acres on Alapattah prairie.

M. G. Strayer, 30 acres of tomatoes.

T. A. Winfield has six acres of pineapples on the east end of the prairie; also some nice orange trees. He will cultivate seven acres of tomatoes.

T. W. Dyche, six acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of eggplants.

S. F. Pollard, 1 1/2 acres of tomatoes.

John B. Merritt, five acres of tomatoes. Mr. Merritt has one acre of nice pineapples and one acre set out to guavas.

John Gillette, five acres of tomatoes, one-quarter acre of eggplants and one-quarter acre of cucumbers.

Bunn Burr, four acres of tomatoes and three acres of eggplants.

A. K. McMullen and C.H. Billings, five acres of tomatoes, two acres of eggplants, one-half acre peppers, one-half acre lettuce, one-half acre celery, one half acre okra, one-half acre cucumbers. These gentlemen have an interesting piece of hammock land, through which are running two old Spanish canals and on which is located the site of an old Spanish mill.

J. S. Lattimar & Son have 85 acres, on which we found all kinds of land. They have 1,200 trees of assorted varieties and a fine field of pineapples. They will cultivate 12 acres of tomatoes, one acre of Irish potatoes, one acre of beans.

F. Matthaus, 10 acres of tomatoes and a few peppers and beans.

Chas. Schmidt, two acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants and

one-half acre of peppers.

S. J. Peters has 20 acres on the prairie on which he has a fine home. He will cultivate 15 acres of tomatoes at Little River and 15 acres at Biscayne, where he also has 29 acres.

Frank Peters, four acres of tomatoes.

Thos. Peters has 26 acres on Little River on which he is setting out a considerable number of orange and grapefruit trees. He will prepare 20 acres for tomatoes here and 15 acres at Biscayne and 12 acres at Snake Creek.

Peters & Douthit, 30 acres of tomatoes, three acres of beans at Little River and nine acres at Biscayne.

W. I. Peters, 15 acres of tomatoes at Little River and three acres at Biscayne.

B. F. Murphy, seven acres of tomatoes.

Chas. Gagnier, five acres of tomatoes.

Cook & Zimmerman, five acres of tomatoes, one acre of lettuce, one acre of Irish potatoes.

John Hamilton, three acres of tomatoes.

Thos. Carrey, five acres of tomatoes.

Parter & Smith, seven acres of tomatoes, two acres of eggplants and one acre of beans.

J. B. Padgett, four acres of tomatoes.

Jordan & Spivey, eight acres of tomatoes, one acre of eggplants and one-half acre of peppers.

S. C. Littlefield, six acres of tomatoes.

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Soar Bros., five acres of tomatoes.

W. P. Brooks, 1 1/2 acres of tomatoes, one acre of beans, one-half acre of cucumbers, one-quarter acre of peppers and one-quarter acre of okra.

F. J. Devane, three acres of tomatoes.

S. H. Lewis has 20 acres just north of the prairie, with 3 1/2 acres improved. He will cultivate 1 1/2 acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of beans. Mr. Lewis also has a nice patch of pineapples.

W. F. Brooks has 90 acres just north of the prairie, with a nice improvement and nice trees growing.

Joseph Sanders, five acres of tomatoes.

Jules Watson, six acres of tomatoes and one acre of lettuce.

Ralph Cleare, three acres of tomatoes.

Henry Filer, two acres of tomatoes and 1 1/2 acres of eggplants.

C. E. Geiger, five acres of tomatoes at Little River and three-fourths acre of peppers at Lemon City.

DR. J. W. PLUMMER

And his son, Joseph Plummer, have 50 acres one and one-half miles west of Lemon City, which is a beautiful home made out of the pine land, with a clearing of about 12 acres, with seven acres of pineapples and the balance set out to tropical fruits. They will cultivate no winter crop.

MRS. LOTTIE KEMP

Has a neat little home of two acres adjoining the above, which is set out to various fruits.

I. PAINTER

Is just preparing a 2 1/2 acre home for oranges and fruit trees 1 1/2 miles west of Lemon City; no winter crop.

ROBERT SAWYER'S

Homestead 1 1/2 miles west of Lemon City was called upon but no one was at home. We found a comfortable home, a nice clearing and all kinds of tropical fruits.

W. M. GRUNIER

Has more than 100 orange trees set out on his 5-acre lot 1 1/2 miles west of Lemon City, besides guavas, alligator pears, etc.

WATKINS BROTHERS'

Homestead is located two miles west of Lemon City, where we found a clearing of seven acres, with four acres of pineapples in a thrifty condition and all kinds of fruits growing.

JONATHAN SANDS

Has made a very pretty home out of his 160 acres, two miles west of Lemon City, where we found about 150 orange buds growing and a large number of miscellaneous tropical fruits. Mr. Sands will cultivate one-half acre of eggplants here and five acres of tomatoes on Little River prairie.

EMORY SPRADLING,

In July moved on to 30 acres of pine land one mile north of Little River and since that time has succeeded in clearing 10 acres, which he has all set out to orange and grapefruit buds. Mr. Spradling is cultivating five acres of tomatoes on the prairie.

JAS. HUBEL

Has a homestead three miles back of Little River station which takes in a considerable amount of the prairie. He has 2 1/2 acres of his pine cleared and has some nice tropical trees growing. Mr. Hubel is making a crop of five acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants and one-half

acre of beans.

EDWARD INGLES

Owens 40 acres joining that of Mr. Hubel. He has one acre of his pine land cleared and is putting in a crop of four acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants and one half acre of peppers on the prairie.

A. J. DOUTHIT'S

Homestead is located about 2 1/2 miles west of Biscayne station. He has about six acres of his pine land cleared, upon which we found all kinds of fruit trees growing, also about one acre of pineapples and about 200 orange trees. Mr. Douthit will cultivate two acres of tomatoes, one acre of eggplants and one acre of peppers and okra on his pine land and six acres of tomatoes on his glade land.

MRS. FANNIE SAUNDERS,

Formerly Miss Fannie Tuttle, has a homestead located about two miles back of Biscayne station, where we found a very pretty and comfortable home surrounded by tropical fruits in abundance, with a grove of young orange trees 40 acres in extent. John Soar is taking care of the place, but as he was absent when we called, we did not learn the amount, if any, that will be cropped.

MRS. MATTIE POMEROY

Has an elegant display of all kinds of tropical fruits upon her 40-acre tract just back of Biscayne station. She has six acres cleared, upon which she will cultivate one-half acre of tomatoes and one-half acre of eggplants. Mrs. Pomeroy is cultivating her own crop, which is quite a feat for a lady in this climate.

W. D. STURTEVANT

We found to have a clearing of eight acres upon his homestead 2 1/2 miles back of Biscayne station, which is all set out to citrus fruits. Mr. Sturtevant has as fine a patch of pineapples as we have inspected anywhere during our travels. He will cultivate no vegetables.

HARRY TUTTLE'S

Homestead adjoins that of Mr. Sturtevant on the north. Mr. Tuttle has a clearing of about 15 acres all set out to citrus fruits.

MRS. MOFFAT'S

Pretty place, surrounded by a tropical growth of trees of different kinds, is located just west of Mr. Sturtevant's homestead. Mrs. Moffat will put in a small crop, but we did not learn the amount.

FINO SOOP

Is an enthusiast concerning this section of Florida. His homestead is located upon the very edge of the Everglades, of which he has a commanding view from his residence, which sets upon a slight elevation of ground overlooking the 'Glades for miles. Mr. Soop's trees, of which he has a considerable number of all varieties, are looking nice and putting out a good growth. He has five acres cleared, 1 1/2 acres of which he will cultivate to cucumbers and one acre to eggplants and peppers. If any of our readers doubt Mr. Soop's culinary ability, let them happen there about 12 o'clock some day, when Mrs. Soop is absent from home, and partake of his bachelor hospitality.

E. F. KNOWLS

Has a homestead joining Mr. Soop's place on the north upon which he has a clearing of 15 acres, 10 acres of which are set out to tropical fruits. Mr. Knowls has a very comfortable and pretty home and good outbuildings, and also one of the most complete starch mills in this section. His winter crop is being made with E. Moffat on the prairie.

T. D. WRIGHT

Has a very pleasing place of 160 acres 1 1/4 miles west of Biscayne station, 12 acres of which are cleared and set out to oranges, lemons, guavas, grapes, alligator pears, mangoes, etc. Mr. Wright is making a crop on Biscayne prairie of six acres of tomatoes and 1 1/2 acres of mixed vegetables.

D. E. SMITH

Is just building a home on his 40 acres, one mile west of Biscayne Station and will soon move his family there. He has a clearing of seven acres, four acres of which are set out to oranges, lemons and grapefruit, and two acres of pineapples; no winter vegetables.

S. K. ANDERSON

Was just moving his family from Lemon City to the place of Dr. Truman, which he had just bought, and which is located one mile back

of Biscayne station. He has a clearing of about 4 1/2 acres, one acre of which he will put into tomatoes.

THE UP-RIVER PRAIRIE SECTION.

Saturday last the METROPOLIS representative made a trip to that up-river section known as "Alapattah Prairie," which has been receiving so much attention through the columns of this paper of late by our most excellent correspondent. Before reaching Alapattah Prairie we find a number of truckers on which is known as the Wagner and Tuttle prairies.

THE WAGNER PLACE.

The 40-acre farm of Wm. Wagner, just west of the city limits, was settled by Mr. Wagner 50 years ago and he has since that time resided upon it. He has a large assortment of fruit trees of different kinds, some of which are very large and choice. There are different fruits here than are to be found anywhere else in this section. The old homestead is still occupied by Mr. Wagner. A considerable improvement was made upon it by Mrs. Julia D. Tuttle during the last years of her life in buildings for a dairy. John Lindgren is occupying one house, while J. T. Wildman occupies another. Mr. Wildman still operates a dairy upon the farm, having purchased 10 of the most choice cows of the Ft. Dallas dairy.

J. J. HOLLY,

one mile west of the city, has 30 acres with five acres cleared. He has a fine location on the river and a nice start for a home and has a few promising fruit trees. He has five acres of tomatoes on the prairie.

GEO. L. FRIAR

has 8 1/2 acres on the riverfront just west of the city limits. He has a pleasant home and a nice start in fruits. He will plant 2 1/2 acres to tomatoes, one-half acre eggplant and one-half acre of beans on the glade.

J. H. MAY

has 10 acres at the same point on the river of which he has nine acres cleared and a fine start for a home. He will cultivate three acres of tomatoes, two acres of eggplant and one-half acre of peppers.

J. H. Varen has 2 1/2 acres of tomatoes on the Wagner prairie which

will be planted to beans between the plants for an early crop.

J. T. Williams has 8 1/2 acres of tomatoes on the Wagner prairie next to Varen's.

J. D. Schackelford will cultivate five acres of tomatoes on the Tuttle prairie which lies just west of the Wagner prairie. Mr. S. is a recent arrival from Birmingham, Ala.

C. A. McCullum has also two acres of tomatoes on the Tuttle prairie.

D. T. Sellers, also on the Tuttle prairie, has five acres of tomatoes.

ALAPATTAH PRAIRIE.

W. F. Barry has a new home on the point of pine land extending into the prairie and ending with a pretty hammock. In company with E. B. Douglas he will cultivate four acres of tomatoes.

B. Strauel has a new home adjoining that of Mr. Barry. He will cultivate two acres of tomatoes. Mr. Strauel comes from a section of France where the French language is not allowed to be spoken.

P. J. Turnbull has 15 acres of prairie upon which he will this year cultivate 12 acres of tomatoes and one-half acre peppers.

H. A. Braddock, who owns the place upon which Mr. Turnbull is operating, is cultivating an acre of eggplant to the edge of the pine woods, which are looking handsome and promise a fine crop.

A. H. Stanton has eight acres which he is putting out to tomatoes.

J. W. Johnson is the pioneer settler upon Alapattah Prairie. He has 15 acres of very fine loam land as rich as an ash heap, very mellow, and shows fine cultivation. He has a pretty home, recently built, from which there were wafted upon the air as we passed the strains of the piano played by a skillful hand in the person of Mrs. Johnson. It is at Mr. Johnson's house that the people of the prairie gather for social intercourse. Mr. Johnson will cultivate four acres of tomatoes and an acre

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of eggplant.

John Lindgren is about to occupy one of the small houses near J. W. Johnson's place. He will cultivate four acres of tomatoes.

H. T. Downing, who arrived two weeks since from Andover, Kans., has purchased five acres next north of J. W. Johnson's place, and will erect a handsome home. He is preparing the ground for four acres of tomatoes.

R. F. Sellers has two acres of tomatoes.

Lieutenant F. T. Smith, late of the Second Louisiana Regiment camped here, who thoroughly understood the animus of the troops against Miami, resigned his commission soon after leaving Miami, and returned to make his home here. He will cultivate 2 1/2 acres of tomatoes and a half-acre of peppers. Mr. Smith is a traveling man by profession, but has decided to settle down to truck farming and orange raising. He will set out 10 acres to oranges this winter.

Joseph Doughtrey will cultivate five acres of tomatoes on a place adjoining Johnson's.

T. E. Savage will diversify a little his crop, and cultivate five acres of tomatoes, one acre of beans and one acre of potatoes.

J. C. Hooks & Brother have purchased 40 acres of prairie. They are experienced truckers from the central part of the state. There are three brothers of them, and they will constitute a valuable acquisition to our community. They will cultivate 11 acres of tomatoes, two acres of eggplant and two acres of peppers.

Jas. Hooks, one of the Hooks brothers, will cultivate eight acres of tomatoes adjoining J. C. Hooks & Brothers.

R. B. Fickle has three acres which he will cultivate in tomatoes.

Messrs. Fornell & Pallas will cultivate three acres of tomatoes and 1-1/2 acres of eggplant.

Tucker & Drew have five acres which will be grown with the standard crop, tomatoes.

J. H. Johnson has 10 acres of the same vegetable.

James Griffin, on land belonging to Irons & Matthews, is getting things in shape for seven acres of tomatoes.

R. L. Collins, one of the new arrivals, was caught shoeing a mule. He has 10 acres of the prairie, of which he will plant nine acres to tomatoes.

M. McCoy will have eight acres of tomatoes.

G. W. Smith will cultivate 5 1/2 acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of beans.

Neal & Highman are old and experienced truckers from the western-central part of the State, where they have left fine property because of the freezes. They will cultivate 10 acres of tomatoes and two acres of peppers.

Johnson & Gardner have things in shape for five acres of the red fruit, tomatoes.

S. E. Beckes, of Lassiter & Beckes, the feed store men, will operate on five acres of tomatoes.

B. F. Lassiter, of the same firm, will have two acres of tomatoes.

Holly & Allen, six acres of tomatoes.

B. B. Hopson, 4 1/2 acres of tomatoes.

H. W. Padgett, three acres of tomatoes and one-quarter-acre of peppers.

Lawrence Hay, two acres of tomatoes.

Guzman & Chandler, four acres of the same.

Michael McGroff, three acres tomatoes.

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Louis Becker, the dairyman, will, besides dispensing milk daily, cultivate three acres of tomatoes.

J. L. DeVan, two acres of the same vegetable.

Messrs. Braddock and Buxley will cultivate respectively, two and three acres of tomatoes.

Granger & Overstreet have five acres which they are cultivating in tomatoes.

Jordan & Sprivey have 16 acres which will be similarly devoted.

C. E. Scott has ten acres which are being cultivated for tomatoes.

John Britt has about six acres which he will cultivate to this vegetable.

J. H. Johnson, whose home is in Miami, as well as a large number of the others whom we have mentioned, will cultivate six acres to tomatoes.

A gentleman named Horton, who was not at home and whose first name we did not learn, will cultivate seven acres to tomatoes.

Henry Fritze has five acres away off on the south-western section of the prairie upon which he will raise tomatoes.

Riley Johnson has 3 1/2 acres on the prairie which will be set to tomatoes.

As near as possible we have given a resume of the operations on this prairie. There are a few small tracts which have not yet been located which will be cultivated. Upon this prairie this season there will be between 140 and 175 acres cultivated where last year there was but 26 acres tilled. We will esteem it a favor if perchance we may have missed any truckers or have given wrong estimates to have the parties missed or wrongly estimated notify us promptly. We have used the best information at hand in all this work. Where we have not been able to see the operator we have taken the estimate of some friend or neighbor.

In the Miami River section last week we overlooked Henry Pollack, who has 2-1/2 acres of tomatoes on the north side of the rapids.