

James Franklin Jaudon.

Born Waco Texas October 19th 1873.

Brought to Orlando Florida May 1st 1881

Business training at Orlando.

First Postmaster at Waco Orange County Florida.

Immediately after the freezes in Florida left Orlando and travelled under the Western Union Telegraph wires from Kissimmee, to Jupiter and joined his brother-in-law Robert R. Taylor at West Palm Beach. Helped Hood Constuction Company and Gad. Bryan build the bridges and road-bed of Florida East Coast Railway from West Palm Beach to Miami.

Arrived Miami via boat in fall of 1895, first stop was with W.M. (Billie) Wood at Lemon City; with Josh Pierce (his negro assistant) pitched camp on present location of Miami Daily Herald, was "moved on" by J.H. Peeden who was Mrs Julia D. Tuttle's superintendant, to "camp" at location of present Dade County Court House.

It is impossible in a column or more to tell of any active man or womans "history" covering a period of over forty years.

1895-96-97-98 Operated a dray or "Transfer Business" also a part of the times carrying the U.S. Mails from Depot to Post Office, hauling for such old timers as J.E. Lummus, F.T. Budge, E.L. Brady etc and building material for G.W. Brady, Coates Bros, Gus Muller, John Muller etc.

(quite a story in itself to tell of the "first mail by Ry. into Miami, mule team from train to Miami River, then row boat from dock to Brickell Point, then wheel-barrow to Miss. Alice Brickell's Post-office---and then return; mosquitoes, tides, rains, well just one durn thing after another.).

Jaudon circulated a petetion to have him made Postmaster and a Post-office to be established on north side of Miami River, this action was concurred in by Miss. Alice Brickell but was not accomplished until several years later when R.M. Smith was made Postmaster.

1898-99 Spanish American War period when Frank Jaudon was with his Regiment at Orlando, afterward Tampa under Colonel J.N. Bradshaw.

Immediately after Spanish American War returned to Miami and estab;- lished Commission busines of J.F. and P.B. Jaudon--Mallon & Jaudon and a truck and vegetable and fruit busines which continued until 1926.

Was made Post-master at Allapattah; durinf the so-called yellow fever epidemic was drafted by Doctors J.Y. Porter, J.L. Horsey and James M. Jackson to be chief Saaitary Inspector of Miami, upon his reccomendation the quarantine was raised at Miami. in Dade County

In 1899-1900 he with his brother Paul built the first hard surfaced road from what was known as the "Golf links" to Allapattah school-house costing them over fifteen hundred dollars; they do not take all the credit for the for Louis Becker, Joachim Fritz, John and J.A. Hooks John Lindgren, and many other at Alapattah aided in this first road building.

In 1901 was ~~xxx~~ one of the organizers of Co. L. 2nd Reg, Inft Fla. State Troops (Captain James T. Sanders Commanding), 1st Sergeant, 2nd Lieut, then Captain, Post Commander in 1911 Organized and Commanded Co. M.V.N. G. Fla. was Post Commander of Post Miami--embracing Co. E. Co. M. 2nd Reg. Band in these organizations was such outstanding citizens as Roddy Burdine, Henry Chase, Bev. Peacock, and too many of Miami's first citizens to attempt to enumerate here,

Soon after reaching Miami he with his brother Paul had their entire family come here Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Combs, Louise now Mrs. E.F. Holmes, Irene (Deceased 1909), Ivan, (Deceased 1918) Mark (sic), Now Mrs. B.F. Markle, still residing in Miami, together with their father (P.B.) and mother (Mrs. F.M.) both since deceased; later Dr. E.K. Jaudon has brother moved to Miami; it is a remarkable fact that every member of his immediate and once memoved relatives (including the Coachman family----he married Maude the only girl in the family ----are/ at this time (July 20th 1936) residents of Miami (except J. Hugh Coachman who in a resident of New York City), they number over seventy residents, including in-laws, cousins and relatives.