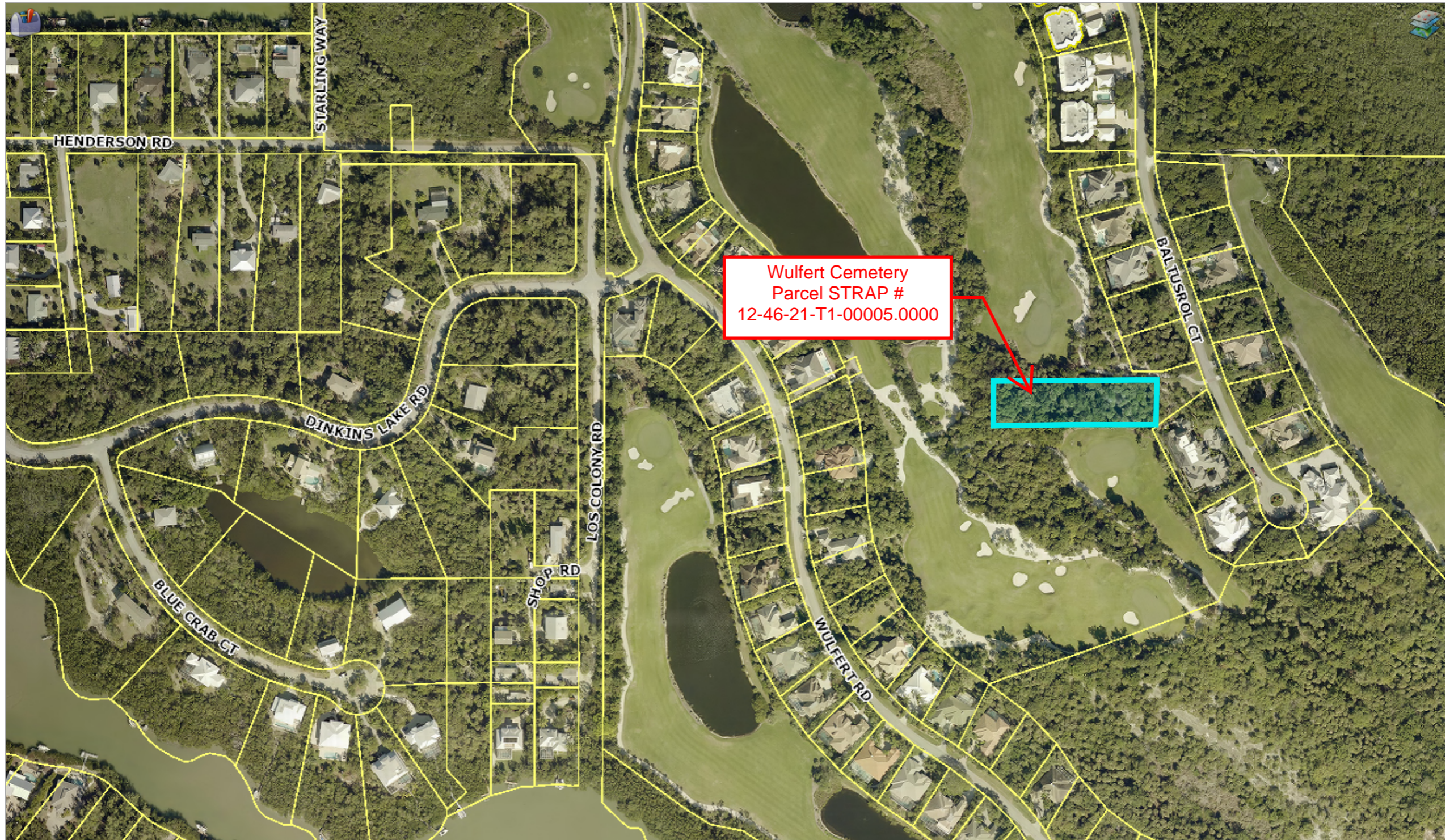


Nominated Structure or Location: Wulfert Cemetery

Sec. 98-34. Criteria for listing on the local historic register	
Any site, improvement, or structure may be listed on the local register, as historic, according to the provisions of this chapter, if it meets one or more of the following criteria:	
(1) <i>Historical importance.</i> The site, improvement, structure, has character, interest or value as a part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community; is associated with the events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of local history; is associated with the lives of persons significant to our past; it exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, historic and prehistoric heritage of the community; or may have yielded or may be likely to yield information on recorded history.	The Wulfert Cemetery represents the settlement of Wulfert which had close to 100 residents as an “up and coming” community in the early 1900s, with its own school, post office, store, dock and bulkhead for shipment of crops. It was noted that 10,000 crates of vegetables were shipped from the Wulfert bulkhead each season. By 1939, the population of Wulfert had dropped to 10 residents. Once WWII began, Wulfert was a ghost town. (Information from <i>Sanibel’s Story – Voices and Images from Calusa to Incorporation</i> , by Betty Anholt)
(2) <i>Architectural importance.</i> The improvement or structure portrays the environment of a group of people in an area of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; it embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, period or method; it is the work of an architect or master building whose individual work has influenced the development of the area; or it contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or work of outstanding quality which represents a significant innovation.	N/A
(3) <i>Geographic importance.</i> The site, improvement or structure, because of its location or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on historic, cultural or architectural motif; or due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics represents an established and familiar visual feature of the area, community, or state.	
(4) <i>Archaeological importance.</i> The site, because of its content or presumed content, should be preserved because it exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, historic or prehistoric heritage of the community or area, or it may have yielded or may be likely to yield information on recorded history.	N/A

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Sec. 98-35. Criteria for evaluation of historically significant structures as historic landmark.	
An improvement or structure may be listed as an historic landmark if it meets three or more of the following criteria:	
(1) The improvement or structure has retained its integrity either in original execution, materials, design, setting, or association.	
(2) The improvement or structure is at least 50 years old.	Yes, the cemetery dates to the early 1900s.
(3) The improvement or structure has outstanding historical, cultural or architectural significance to the community.	Yes, the Wulfert Cemetery is all that remains of the early 1900s settlement of Wulfert.
(4) The improvement or structure exemplifies the broad cultural, economic, and social history of southwest Florida.	Yes, the Wulfert Cemetery is all that remains of the early 1900s settlement of Wulfert.
(5) The improvement or structure has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style representative of an historic or unique period or method of construction.	



Burial in

WULFERT CEMETERY

Wulfert Cemetery is the only dedicated cemetery on Sanibel. It consists of about one acre of land off old Wulfert Road on land homesteaded by Josiah Dinkins in 1898. He had been a steamboat engineer before coming to Sanibel where he raised citrus fruit which he shipped from Wulfert dock to northern markets. He lived in Wulfert with his wife to whom he was devoted. It is not known when she died but he donated land for the cemetery and erected a monument in her memory although she and he, too, were buried in Fort Myers. The first burial in the cemetery was that of ^{Decatur} Stephen Hall who died in 1904. He was oldtimer Arthur Gibson's grandfather who had arrived in Wulfert in 1900. Other graves were those of Callie Carroway, who died in 1907 with her baby during childbirth, her father in law, Mr. Carroway, Sr., Willie Brady, a boy who died in 1906, Mr. Dewey, a farmhand, Mason C. Dwight and Mrs. Dwight, John Henderson and Mrs. Henderson who died after 1959. That same year or earlier, a county commissioner came to Wulfert to inspect this cemetery. Recently, efforts by Dick Noon and others from the City of Sanibel to find the cemetery were unsuccessful.

Documentation is attached *(get later)*
Submitted by Elinore Dormer, Jan. 8, 1991

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