



★ = Location of Sanibel Cemetery

Parcel STRAP #36-46-22-T1-00007.0000

2001 Algiers Lane



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SANIBEL CEMETERY

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history

{Sanibel Cemetery, off Casa Ybel Road, was never dedicated as such but in 1975, Howard Dayton of H.D. Enterprises donated the 11 acre tract to the city. It was on the George O. Barnes homestead land and was donated by the family at about the turn of the century as a public burial ground.} The Rev. Barnes was once a Presbyterian missionary in India and later became an independent evangelist then late in life joined the Episcopal Church. He brought his family to Sanibel in 1889 where he and his wife, Jane, and their children, Marie, Will and Georgia each claimed homestead land. They opened a cottage type hotel on the gulf beach which they named The Sisters, now Casa Ybel. {Although many graves in Sanibel Cemetery are marked ^{un} the earliest seems to have been in 1889.} It is doubtful that any member of the Barnes family is buried there for the Rev. Barnes had built The Church of the Four Gospels close enough to the beach for its huge cross to be seen from ships at sea. When Georgia married Edward Duncan a home for them, Thistle Lodge, was built adjacent to it. There was a churchyard cemetery and it is believed that when Jane Barnes died she was buried there in 1901 and that when her husband died in 1908 he was also. The 1910 hurricane all but demolished the church and eventually it was torn down. The 8½ acre church lot was sold to Graham Lacey in 1913 and probably it was then that the young ladies playing cards on the porch at Thistle Lodge saw coffins and headstones dug from the church burial ground carried past them and loaded on a truck for reburial. The Rev. and Mrs. Barnes were reburied in the family plot in Danville, Kentucky. {Today, Sanibel Cemetery contains at least 31 graves, many unmarked. It no longer is used as a cemetery.}

Submitted by Elinore Dormer. Documentation is attached.

List of known graves: South ridge

Newton Rutland, 1892-1915

William H. Reed, 1880-1921

Lucy Elizabeth Reed, 1835-1894

Eugene Reed, 1868-1889

Yvette (Cookie) Redinger, D.1961 -

Edmund D. Taylor, 1904-1967

Joseph Redinger, D.1974

Wiles infant, d. 1967

Rebecca L. Turner, 1882-1914

Henriette Riddle, infant d.1913

North Ridge

Georgeana Johnson (Belton Johnson's grandmother) d.?

James Johnson, 1869-1935

Anna M. Johnson, d.1912

Johnson infant, d.1904

Jenkins infant, d.?

Marie Jenny, infant, d.?

John Daniels, d.1907

William Pearde, d. 1911

Pearde children d.?

Mrs. William Pearde, d.?

Four Harrison children, d.?

Gus Sheheq d. 1906

Helen Woodring, age 5, daughter of Sam and Aurora, d. before 1920

Roxie Shanahan, d?

Joe Agulard, d.1917

Mrs Lotz, d.?

1 Cuban fisherman, name unknown, d