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I believe I have seen an actual list of these folks mentioned here but it's not to be found at the moment. I wonder if the library has a copy of these reports from Ellie Dorner?

Burial
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 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. Carroaway, 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 his cemetery. Recently, efforts by Dick Noon and others from the City of Sanibel to find the cemetery were unsuccessful.

When he fell ill he said he wanted to be buried in a simple grave. And when he died his wife followed the instructions and wrote to the letter. The Submitted by Elinore Dormer, Jan. 8, 1991
When he was laid to rest a handy man covered the grave with concrete. Many years later his youngest child, etc.

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