

# The First Village of Jupiter

## ~Suni Sands~



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The area which today is still called Suni Sands, with its proximity to the Jupiter Inlet, and connection to the Loxahatchee River, was the site of the first activity in the Jupiter area, including some of the first homes, first commerce, and the start of the Celestial Railroad.



# Jupiter Inlet circa 1883

Stereoview by:

Melville Spencer (Asst  
Lightkeeper 1878-  
1884) and

James Armour (Head  
Lightkeeper 1866-  
1906)

# Sarah Griffin Gleason



The wife of William H. Gleason, Sarah & William H. Hunt conspired with Mr. Gleason to appropriate thousands of acres of land in this area in 1884 before it was opened up to homesteading.

The Gleasons platted a subdivision in 1891 which included the names of Saturn, Venus, Neptune, Mars and Mercury.

Astronomical names became connected with the Celestial Railroad, and we see some of these street names in Jupiter today!

To Learn More about the Gleasons, see “W. H. Gleason” also on the history website under: “Folklore & Short Stories – Pioneer Stories”

# Celestial RR Dock circa 1886

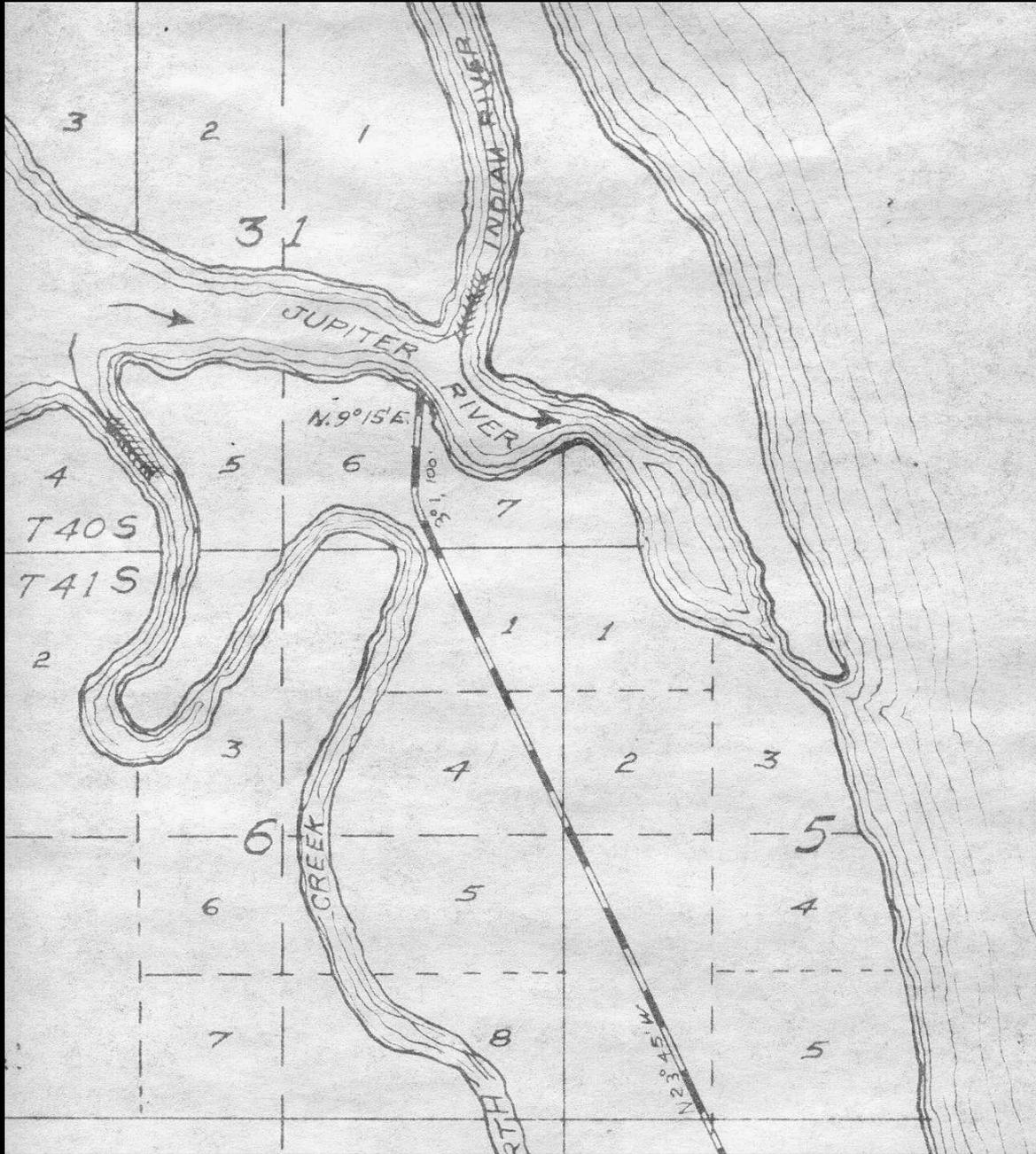


Construction of the dock of the Jupiter and Lake Worth Railroad, circa 1886. (Better known as the “Celestial Railroad” for stops at Jupiter, Venus, Mars & Juno.)

The Celestial Railroad was constructed as a portage line connecting the Indian River with Lake Worth (which was in Dade County)

(Photo Courtesy of Florida State Archives)

*THE CELESTIAL RAILROAD DOCK WAS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERN END OF THE INDIAN RIVER EXACTLY WHERE SUNI SANDS IS NOW.*



# Jupiter & Lake Worth Railroad Plat

# Celestial Railroad Dock



This 1890 W. H. Jackson photo shows the second lighthouse keeper's dwelling, the original keeper's dwelling, and the Celestial railroad dock across the inlet.

There is a paddlewheel steamer parked at the dock.

The Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railroad organized the Indian River Steamship Co. to carry freight and passengers from Titusville down the Indian River to Jupiter Inlet, where they picked up the Celestial Railroad.

(Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.)

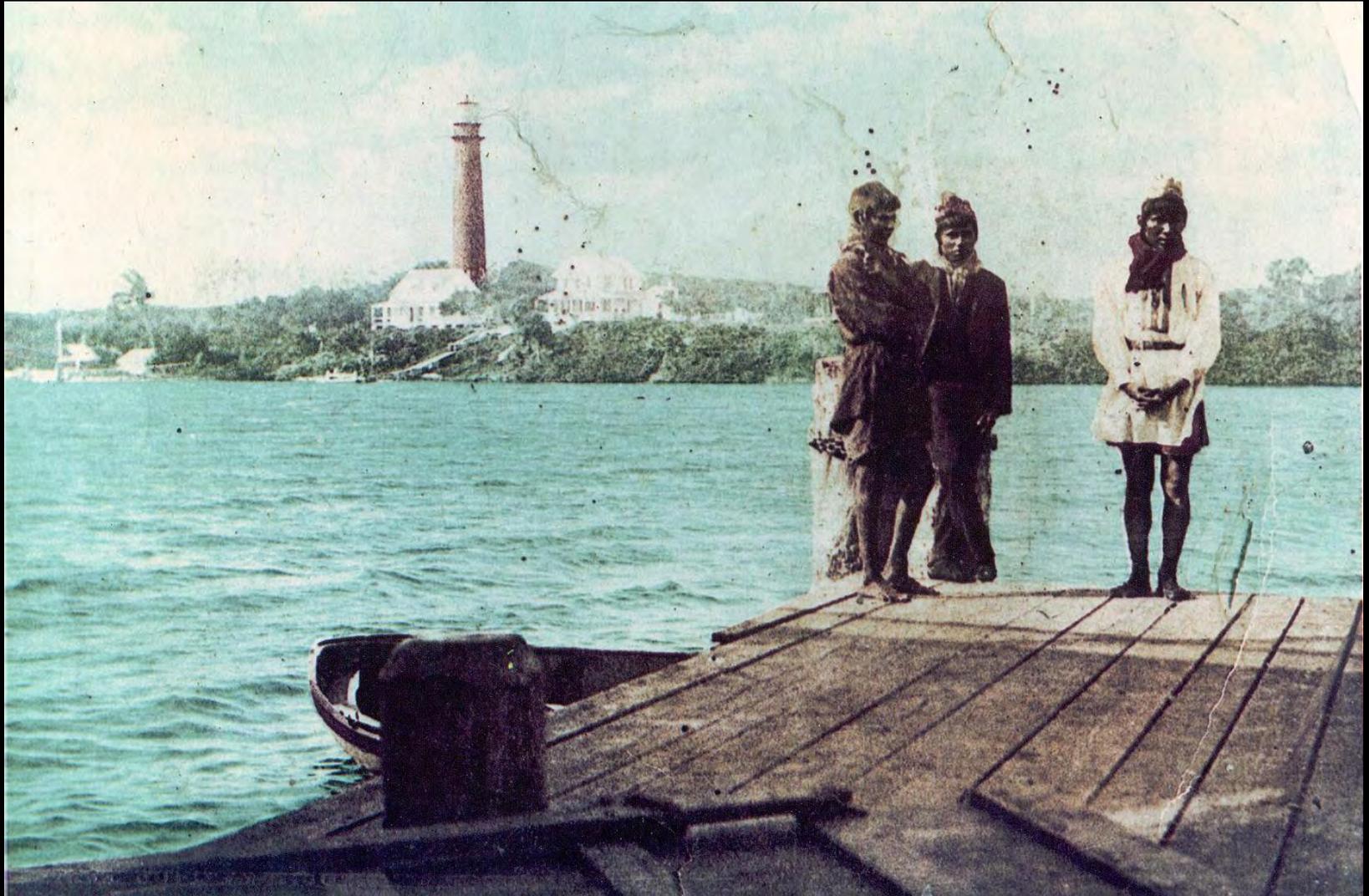
# 1890 Paddlewheel Steamer



A paddlewheel steamer leaves the Celestial Railroad dock to head north up the Indian River to Titusville or Jacksonville.

(Photo Courtesy of Carlin White Collection)

# Cypress Tiger, Jimmy Gopher & Billy Stuart on Celestial Railroad Dock 1891



These Seminole Indians allowed W. H. Jackson to photograph them standing on the dock of the Jupiter and Lake Worth Railroad.

(Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.)

# Jupiter & Lake Worth Railroad



The Jupiter & Lake Worth Railroad Engine #2 with (from left) conductor Captain Matheson, Blus Rice (with hunting dog) and Melton Messer polishing the headlight.

This is another W. H. Jackson photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

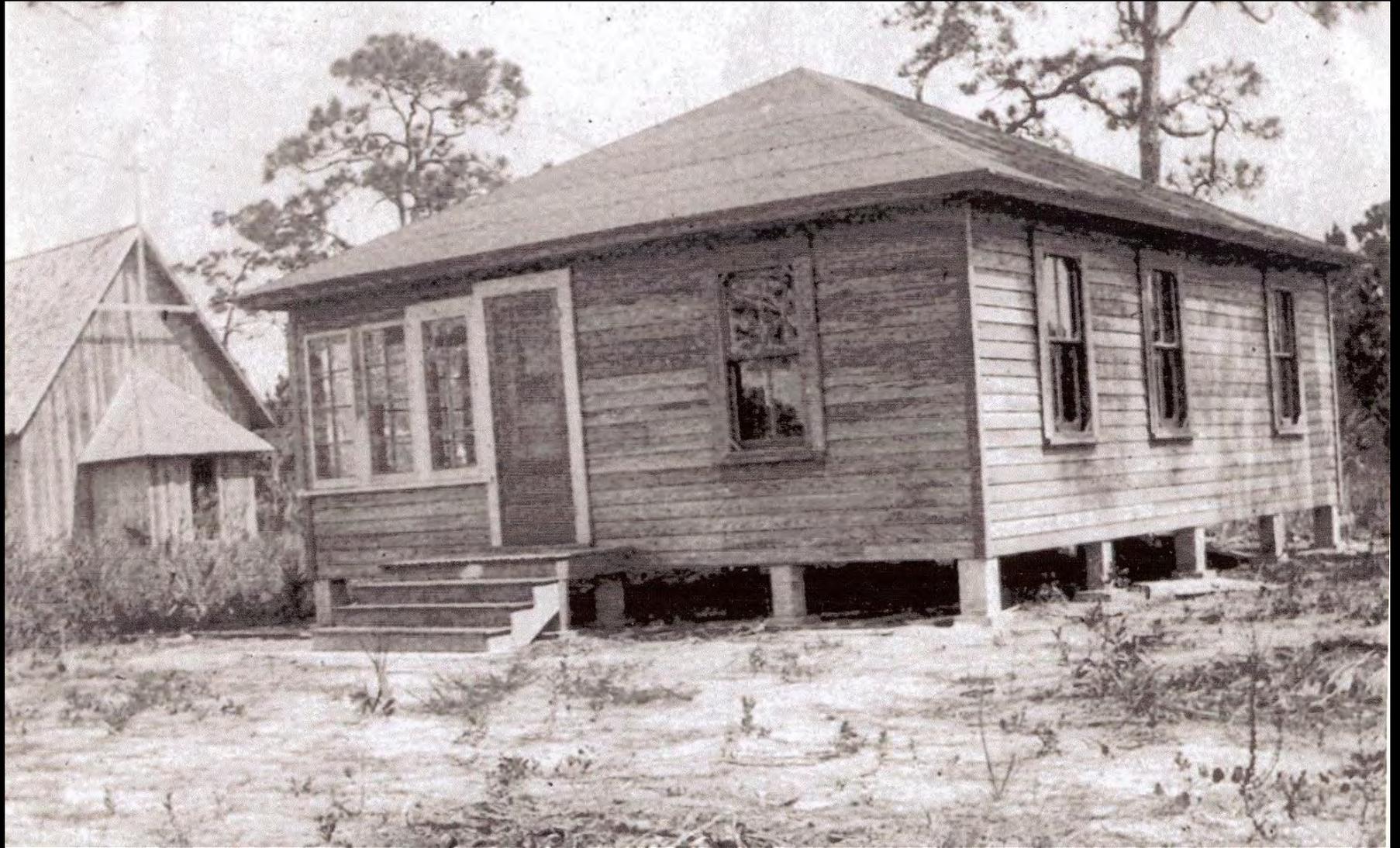
# St. Martin's Episcopal Church



St. Martin's Episcopal Church was erected in 1899. This was the first church building in the area, and was located where the Suni Sands recreation hall stands today.

(Photo Courtesy of Carlin White Collection)

15 year old Harry Aicher built this house next to St. Martin's in 1913 with \$600 borrowed from his Grandma Carlin



# William S. & Hattie Tancre Home located on the shore near St. Martin's Episcopal Church





W.H. Jackson <sup>021</sup> photo 1890's

W.H. Jackson was a photographer for the Detroit Publishing Company who was often a guest at the Carlin House Hotel.

This photo shows the Carlin House and the Hooley home which became the Sperry home called “Suni Sands”.

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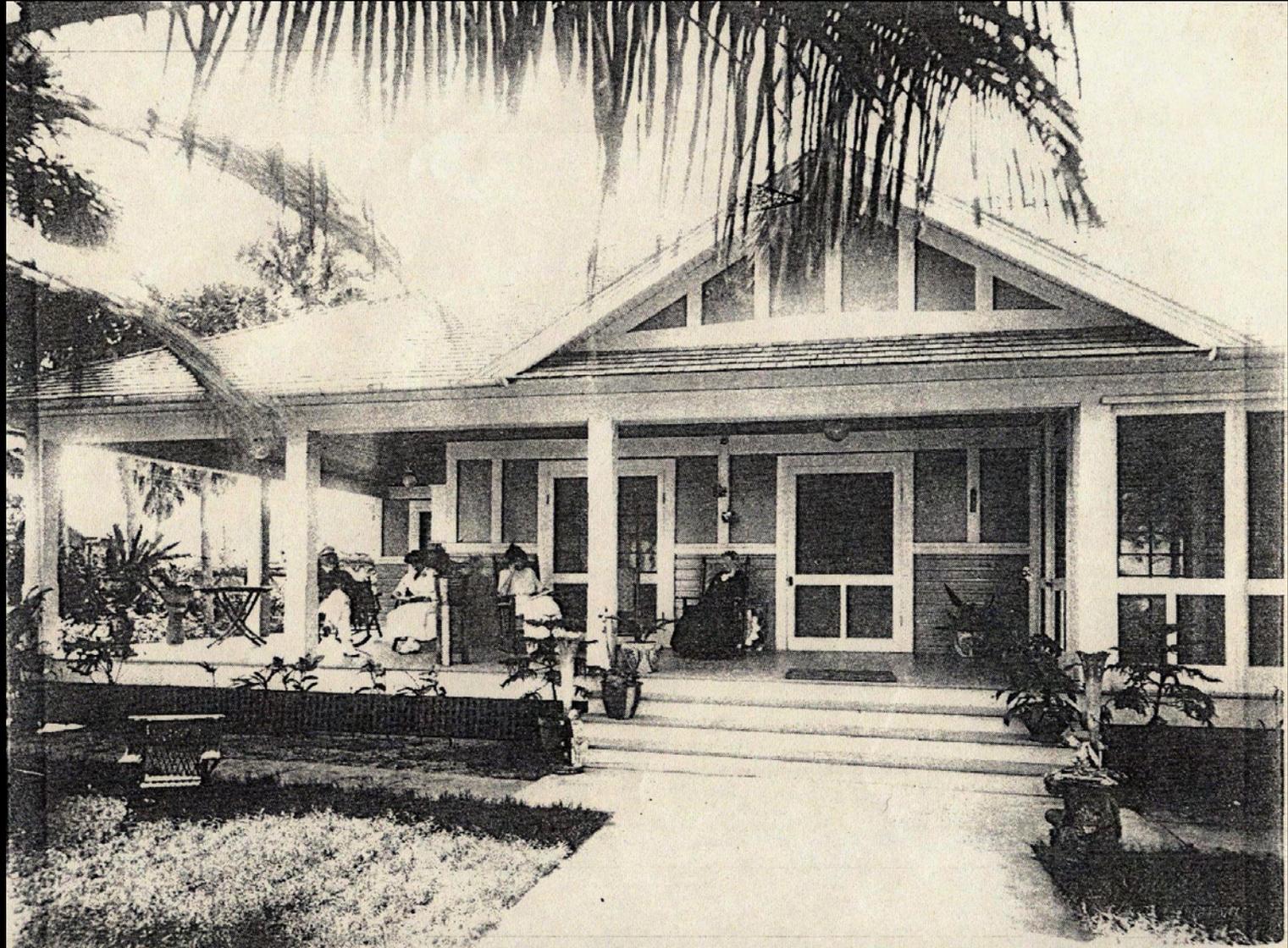
# Carlin House Hotel in 1890



Built in 1886, this 1890 photo shows the first modifications to the Carlin House – a two story addition on the south side and two bathrooms.

Its peak activity as a commercial hotel was between 1895 and 1930.

# William Sperry's Winter Estate "Suni Sands" in 1907



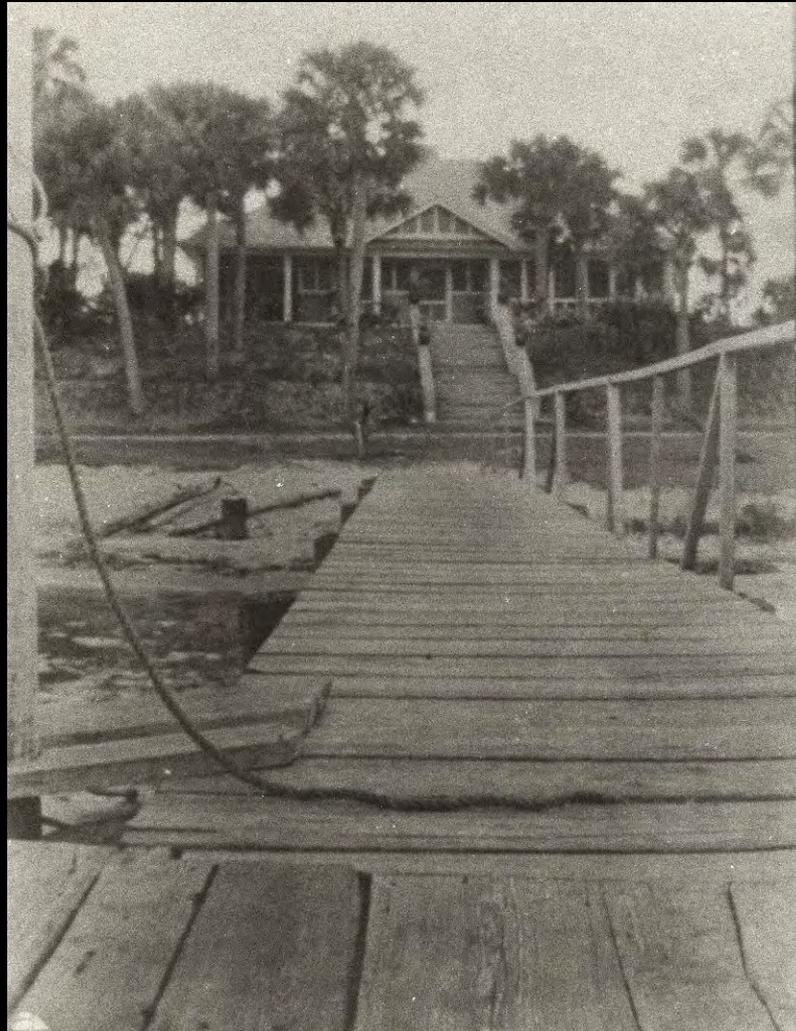
Emily L. Sperry, wife of William Sperry of Sperry & Hutchinson Green Stamp fame, bought this property from Edwin S. Hooley of the New York Stock Exchange.

The home was built in the late 1890's.

(Photo Courtesy of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society)

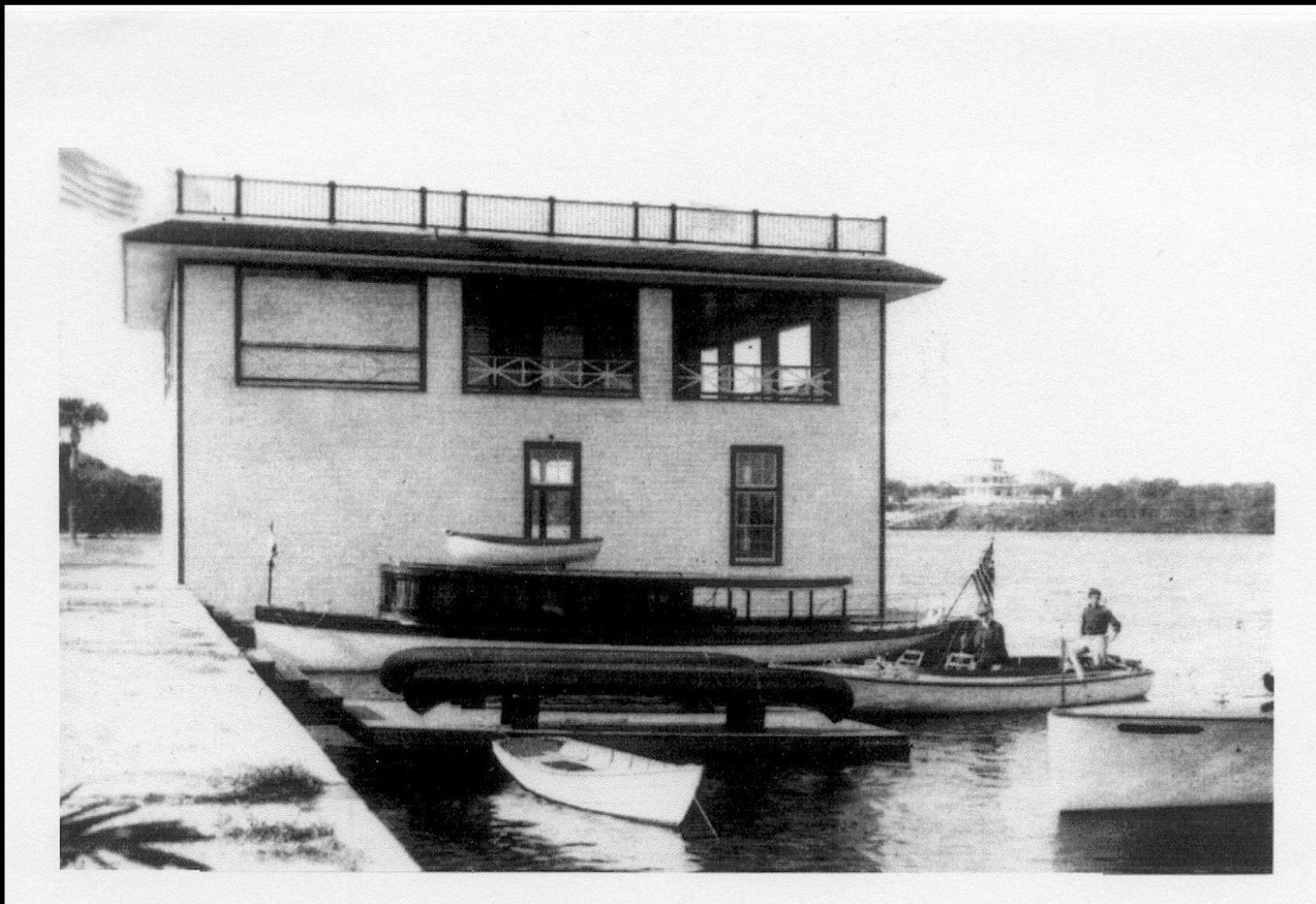
# SPERRY HOUSE DOCK BEFORE BOATHOUSE WAS BUILT

(Photo Courtesy of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society)



# Suni Sands Boathouse and Ballroom

(Photo Courtesy of the Ray Haas Collection)



# Capt. Sperry & Fishing Buddy

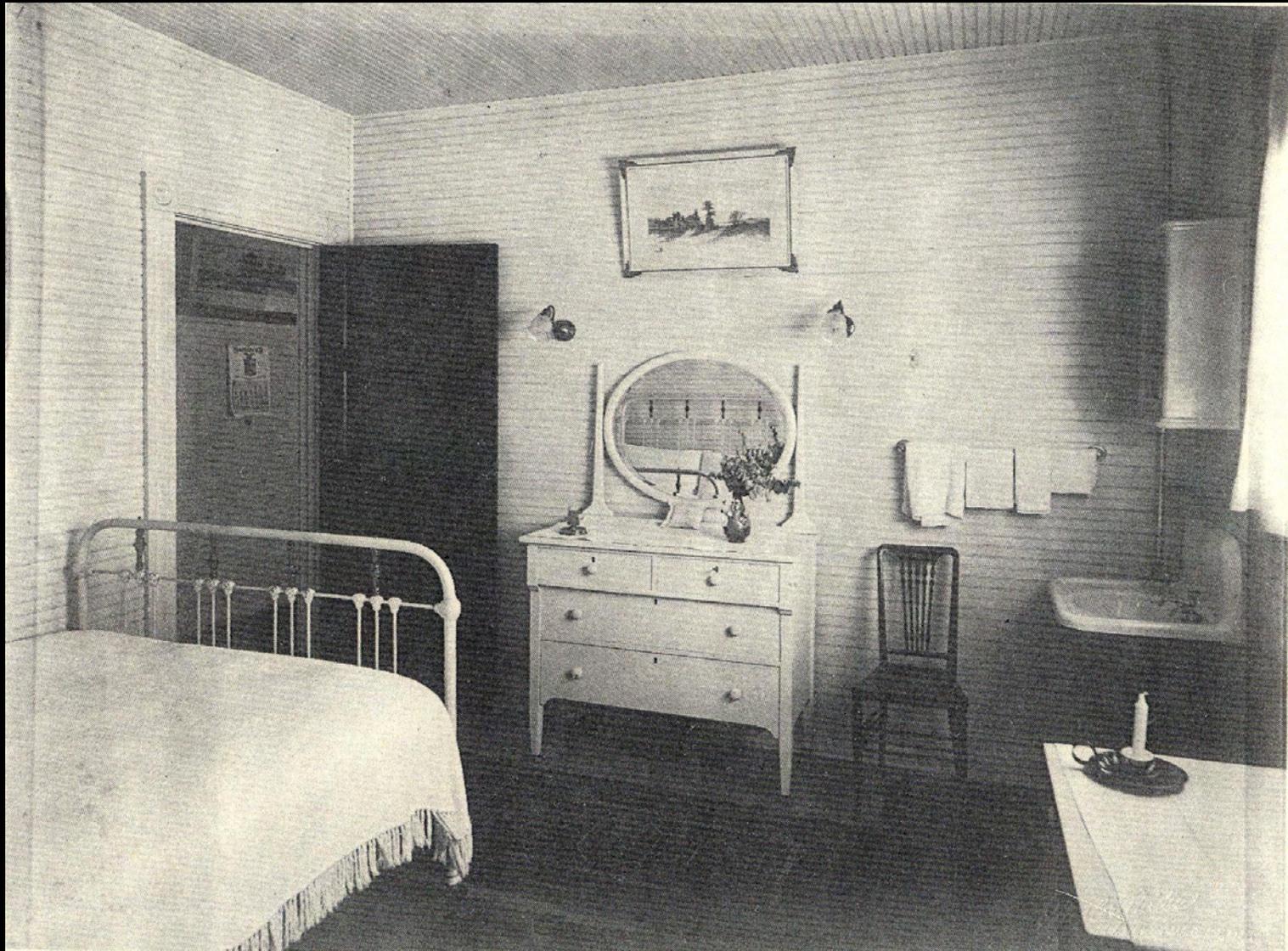


# Mrs. Sperry & Seminoles

(Photos Courtesy of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society)



# Sperry's Guest Room



# Sperry's Living Room



# Sperry Dining Room



# Suni Sands Motor Court 1940s



Suni Sands Motor Court  
Rooms, Apartments and Trailer Park  
On U. S. 1, Jupiter, Florida

# Suni Sands Sinclair Service Station 1940s (Today Schooner's Restaurant)



SUNI-SANDS SERVICE — U. S. HIWAY NO. 1 — JUPITER, FLORIDA

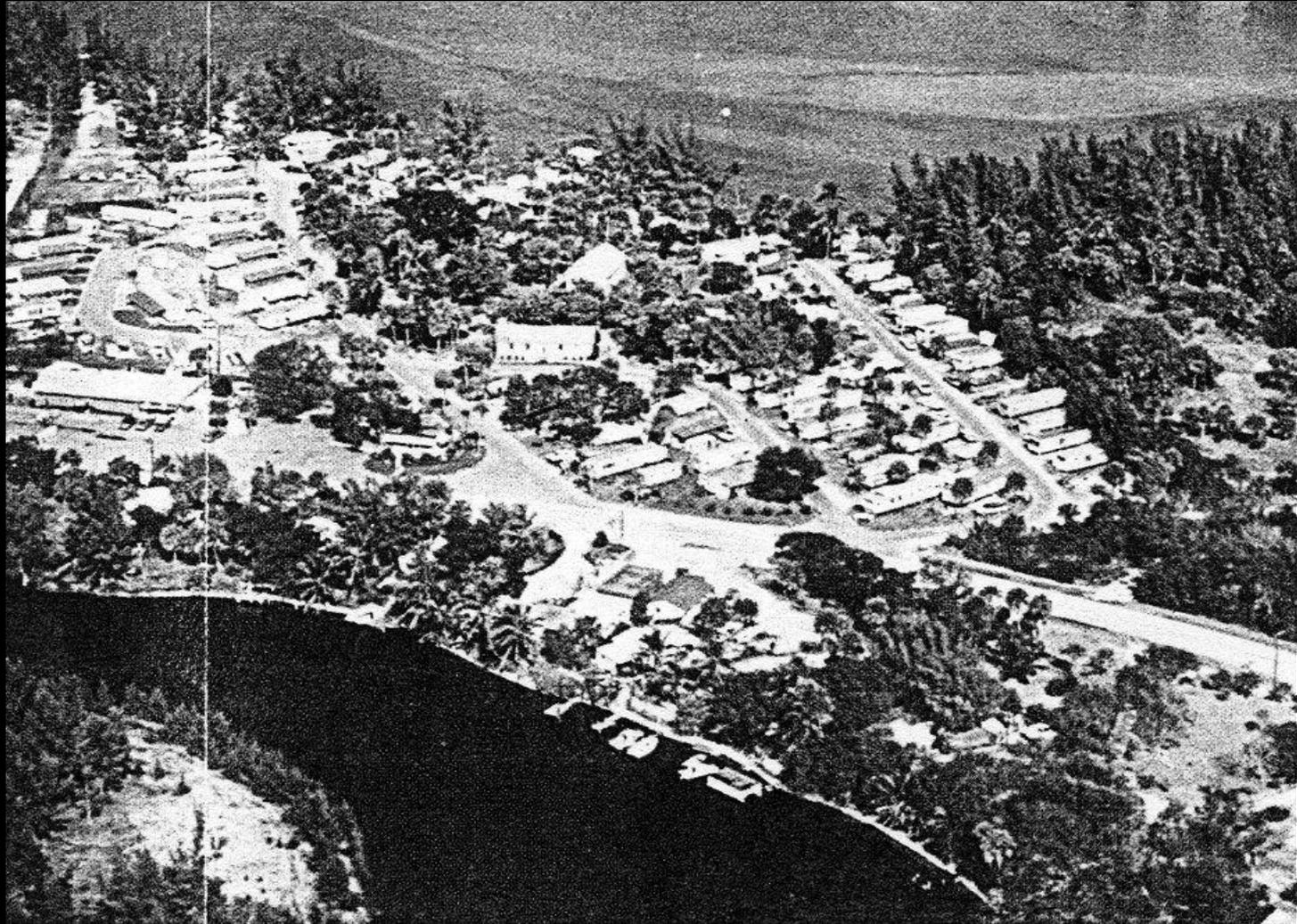
# Suni Sands Boathouse – 1940s



Suni-Sands Motor Court  
Boat House, Apartments and Trailer Park  
Jupiter, Florida

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# Suni Sands Aerial 1950's



# Suni Sands Lounge & Package Store - 1968



# Suni Sands Trailer Court



# Suni Sands Jupiter Lite Marina Inc.

