(Apr 27, 2022)

TIMELINE for Ernest Ralph Bass Sr. (1904-1973)

1885, April 26 – Parents William R. Bass marriage to Missouri E. Noble

<u>1884</u> – Brother H. Bass born. (died after age 1)

1887, Feb 1 – Sister Nuna Bass born in Florida. (d: Dec 26, 1936)

1890, Apr – Sister Pearl May Bass born in Florida. (d: Dec 17, 1913)

<u>1892, Dec 16</u> – Sister Emma Cornelius Bass born in Florida. (d: Oct 27, 1971). More information below.

<u>1894, Sep 1</u> – Brother Donald Crawford Bass born in Florida. (d: July 23, 1943) (m: July 1, 1918 to Ruth Carrie Ramsey). Son Donald Crawford Bass Jr (1921-1987). (m: Carrie Esther Marlow May 17, 1942. Don was a Pipefitter. Died of Pneumonia at the age of 48. He died and is buried in Brunswick, Georgia.

1897, Nov – Brother Clell Bass born in Florida.

1901, June 29 – Sister Fursie Bass born in Florida. (d: ~1950)

1904, Mar 28 – Ernest R. Bass Sr born in Kissimmee, Florida.

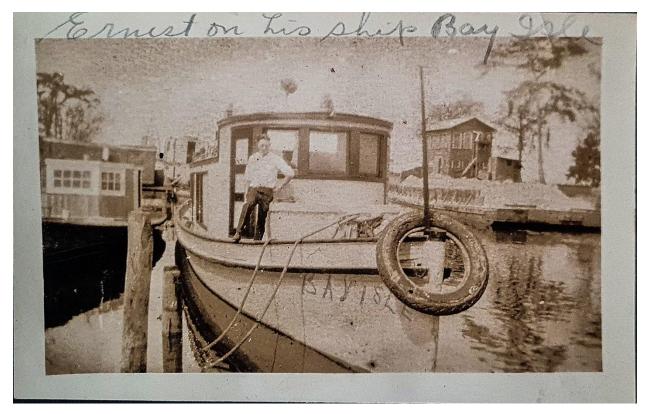


Broadway Ave, Kissimmee, Florida

<u>1905</u> – Mina Viola Ludlum (future wife of Ernest R Sr. and mother of Ernest R. Jr.) born in South Carolina.

 \sim 1908 – Family moved to Lake Okeechobee to fish the lake for a living. Later he would start running the mail boat from Lake Okeechobee to surrounding areas. (Boat named "Bay Isles) (Ernest Ralph Bass Jr.'s notes) (*Note from Brian Bass: Not sure about this date. Ernest R. Bass Sr was born in Kissimmee in 1904, then to Fort Myers by 1910 with his father William R. Bass who was listed as a house carpenter and Ernest Sr. was age 6. A handwritten note from Ernest Bass Jr (1924-2012) states the family moved to Lake Okeechobee when Ernest Sr. was age 4* (~1908). William and family were in Kissimmee for the 1900 Census and there in 1904 for *Ernest Sr's birth. It is possible that they did move to Lake Okeechobee in 1908, but were found living in Fort Meyers by 1910's Census and in 1911 when William's wife Missouri died. It is also possible that William family moved to Lake Okeechobee sometime after his wife Missouri's* death in 1911. Neither William nor son Ernest Sr can be found in the 1920 census (2 years before William's death) and they are also not found in the Fort Myers Directory at that time. We do know that BAY ISLE was run by Ernest Sr. as a young man prior to 1925 while living in Pahokee on Lake Okeechobee. In 1925, Ernest Sr, Mina and Ernest Jr (age 1) moved to Hollywood, Florida then West Palm Beach Florida.)

Follow on note: Ernest Sr's sister, Emma Cornelius (Bass) Futlz did marry and move to the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee and her husband John was a "mail carrier" by the 1930 census.



<u>1909</u> – Sister Eleta Bass born. I believe Eleta died very young, around 1911.

<u>1910</u> – Residence in Fort Myers, Florida. (1910 Census)

<u>1910</u> – Census for Lee Co, Ft. Myers District 0079, Lists William (age 46) (Carpenter in House Industry and an "Employer"), with Missouri (43), Walter Thomas (Nuna's husband, age 31), and Kids Nuna (23), Pearl (18), Don (15), Clell (13), Fursie (9), Ernest (6), Eleta (9 months). Granddaughters Mabel Thomas (3) and Bessie Thomas (1) included. *Note: Emma no longer listed though she isn't married to John Fultz until 1912*.

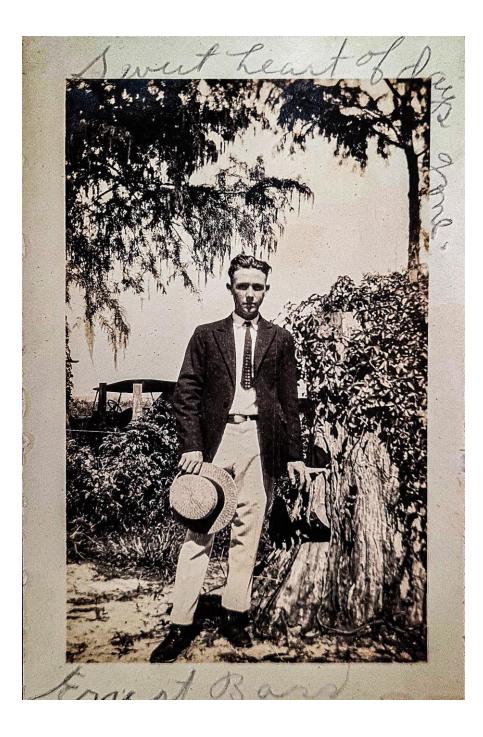
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<u>1911, Jan 7</u> – Mother Missouri E. (Noble) Bass, died at home in East Ft. Myers, Florida.

<u>1922, Aug 31</u> – Father William R. Bass Died in Gardner, Hardee Country, Florida and buried in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Mina prior to her marriage to Ernest Bass





~1924 – Marriage to Mina Viola Ludlum of South Carolina. (based on 1930 Census info)



??? – Lived in Pahokee, FL, probably after marriage. The Ludlum family is found living in Pahokee in the 1920 census when Mina is still 14 years old. The family moved there sometime after 1910 when they were in South Carolina.

(Note: Pahokee was incorporated in 1922. Name means "Grassy Waters" in Creek language. Numerous family photos show them in Canal Point, less than 1 mile from Pahokee.

1924, Aug 10 - Ernest Ralph Bass Jr. born in Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida



~1925 – Moved to Hollywood, FL then to West Palm Beach. (Ernest Jr's notes)

 \sim 1925 - \sim 1940 – Ernest Sr. ran the Ferry Boat (Only transportation from Palm Beach to W.P.B. until 1940 when bridges were built) (Ernest Jr's notes)

<u>1930</u> – Census for West Palm Beach District 0045, has Ernest R (Sr.) (age 26), Mina V. (age 25) and Ernest. R. Jr. (age 4). Mina Viola Ludlum was born in SC. Ernest R. (Sr.) listed as "Ferry Boat Operator". Mina listed as employed at 5&10 Store. States Ernest age 20 and Mina 19 at marriage (~1924)

<u>1930</u> – City Directory lists Ernest Bass (w: Mina) as a "ferryman with Lake Worth Ferry Co, res Westgate". (ancestry.com)



1936, Dec 26 - Sister Nuna (Bass) Thomas died in Sanford, Lee Co, North Carolina.

<u>1940</u> – Census for Palm Beach, has Ernest (36), Mina (35), Ernest Jr (15). Ernest Sr is "Captain of Private Ferry Boat", Mina is "retail at a department store (Burdines). Ernest worked 50 weeks in 1939 for \$1750. Mina worked 52 weeks for \$598. A Eunice Salvadore (25) is listed as a

divorced "Sister in Law" and John Salvadore (7) as "Nephew in Law". Eunice is from South Carolina, John from Newark, NJ. Also listed as "occupations of Maid and Beauty Salon".

<u>1942</u> – Draft Card for Ernest R. Bass (Sr.) (age 37) shows him living in Washington DC while wife Mina Viola Bass still in West Palm Beach, Florida. Ernest is now working for "George Fuller Construction Company as a Carpenter – Reflecting Pool – Washington DC.

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<u>1944</u> – Ernest Sr. and Mina Divorced.

<u>1945</u> – Census for Palm Beach, Precinct 15, has only Ernest Sr. (age 40) and Ernest Jr. (19) living together at 900 Belvedere. (Helen and Barbara not shown listed), Ernest Jr. occupation still listed at "Navy".

Note: *Ernest* did not live with his father in 1945 and his wife Helen does not know why he would have been put on this census. *Ernest Jr* and family are still living in Pensacola, Florida.

<u>1946</u> – Mina remarried John Wesley Bane.

<u>1946, Mar 7</u> – Ex-wife and Ernest R. Jr's mother, Mina Viola (Ludlum/Bass/Bane), died in house fire. Buried as "Mina Viola Bane" in National Memorial Park, West Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia. Plot G-339-3

<u>1946, Jul 13</u> – Marriage to Patricia Aldine Sullivan in Washington D.C.

1948, – Son William Robert Bass (Bill) (named after Ernest's father)

<u>1952,</u> – Daughter Dorothy Elizabeth Bass (middle name is the same as Ernest's mother Missouri Elizabeth Noble)

Residence: 921 S. 22nd St, Arlington, VA, 22202

<u>1973, Jan 25</u> – Death Certificate for Ernest R. Bass (Sr) (age 68). Place: Circle Terrace Hospital, Alexandria, VA (904 Circle Terrace). Residence: 921 S. 22nd St, Arlington, VA. Died of Advanced cirrhosis of liver and Emphysema & chronic pulmonary disease.

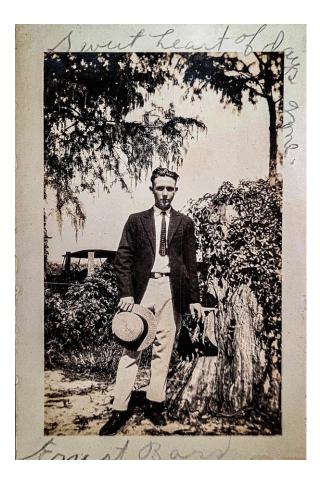
Per Dorothy Bass; Ernest Sr. would constantly bring up memories of fishing on Lake Okeechobee and catching Snook. He also took up wine-making later in life.

The below photo is one of the first photos from Mina and Ernest's family photo album. Ernest Sr. is pictured on the right, probably in his early-mid teens. That would date the photo around 1916-1920 time frame. The others in the photo have not yet been identified.

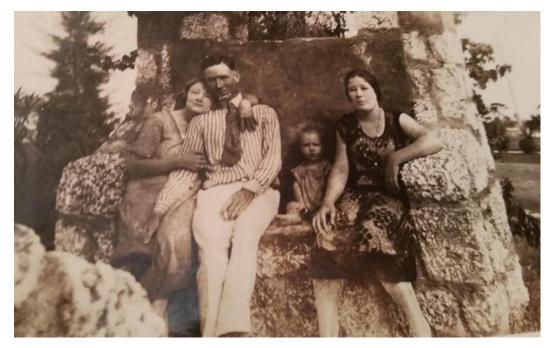
It is possible that this photo is of Thomas Bass' family. If the year of the photo is ~1916, then Thomas (Crawford's son) (age 46), Ernest Sr. (age 12), (Lenora would be 19 and not shown), Lorena (16), Thelma (11), Lloyd (9), Elvin (5), and TA Bass (2). Note: These are no where near confirmed and the youngest looks like it is probably a girl and not 2 year old son TA. More information on Thomas Bass is in document 7a (TIMELINE for William Crawford Harris Bass). Capt Tom was a fishing boat Captain on the Okeechobee. I believe Tom's brother (Our William or Will Bass) was associated with Capt Tom Bass' fishing venture. Tom also moved to Pahokee later (where we find Ernest and Mina). Thomas Bass was also in West Palm Beach in 1920 as a Proprieter of a Boat Line. We find Ernest Sr in West Palm Beach running a Ferry Boat in the 1920s. There are enough common threads that I believe Ernest Sr (whose mother Missouri died when he was a child and father William died when he was about 18) was probably closely connected to Uncle Thomas Bass.







Ernest and Mina. (Note: Dorothy Bass believes the other woman is one of Ernest's sisters or possibly Mina's mother.)





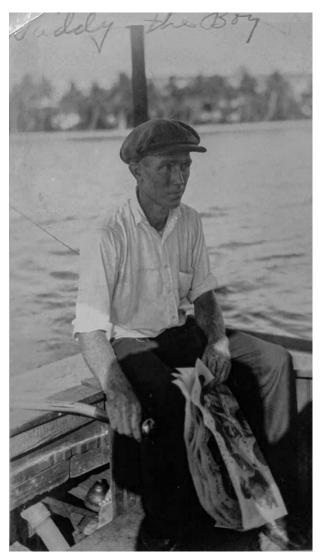


Ernest Sr, Mina, Ernest Jr and Bessie (?) (circa ~1925)

Mina Bass at Ernest's Ferry Landing



Ernest Sr. running his Ferry Boat.





Ernest Bass Sr and Ernest Bass Jr (circa 1925)



Ernest Bass Sr, Mina Bass and Ernest Bass Jr (circa 1925)



Ernest Bass Sr, Mina Bass and Ernest Bass Jr (circa early 1930s)

Mina (probably in early 1940s)



Ernest R. Bass' Draft Card and Signature

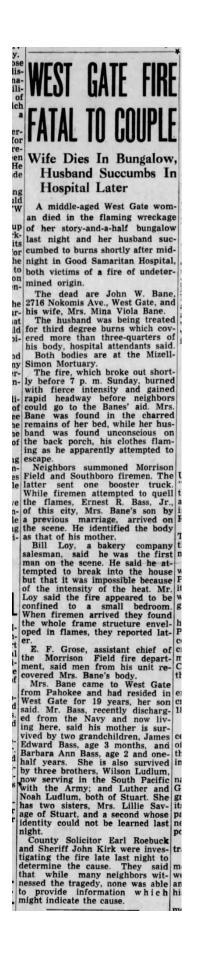
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This SHOULD be the back of ERB Sr's Draft Card.

Ernest and Patricia Bass after 1945





Mina Ludlum/Bass/Bane (1905-1946) Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery, West Palm Beach, FL, Block 12, Lot 67 (South Section)



Ernest R. Bass Sr (1904-1973) Buried: National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, West Fall Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, Plot G-339-3

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Clell Bass in 1923 (Ernest Bass Sr' brother) (1899-1971)

Ernest Sr's sister, "Aunt Emma" Cornelius Fultz.

Aunt Emma Cornelius (Bass) Fultz) (Ernest Sr's Sister) and probably Barbara Bass (child) circa 1945 (?). Emma was a "Welfare Doctor" and was known to help people living in the Everglades.



John A. Fultz and Emma C. (Bass) Fultz were living in Canal Point on Conners Highway, Palm Beach, Florida. In 1930, John Fultz was listed as a mail carrier. This may have been on mail boat. While sister Nuna lived in Ft. Myers where their mother died and where their father, William was also buried. Emma lived for a short time in Michigan and then moved close to the shores of Lake Okeechobee and near Pahokee. Pahokee is where we find Ernest Sr., Mina Ludlum and where Ernest Jr was born. My father James Bass, used to go "cane pole fishing" with Aunt Emma when he was young.

EMMAC. FULTZ

Age 79. of 4374 Saturn Avenue, West Palm Beach, passed away October 27th. She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Almeda Barnes of Palm Beach, Mrs. Eloise Morgan of West Palm Beach, Mrs. Jane Reed of Miami, Florida; 1 brother Ernest R. Bass of Washington D.C.; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held 11a.m. Saturday at the Mizell-Favelle-Zern Southdale Chapel with the Bishop John Winfree of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9p.m. Friday.

JOHN ABRAHAM FULTZ

John Abraham Fultz, 77, of 559 Haverhill Rd., West Palm Beach, died Sunday.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Almeda Barnes and Mrs. Eloise Morgan, both of West Palm Beach, and Mrs. James Reed of Perrine; three brothers, V a n c e and Henry, both of Detroit, and Joe of Commins, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Knowles of California, and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mizell-Faville-Zern Southdale Chapel.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to service time Tuesday.

Emma and John are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in West Palm Beach, Florida. Block 10, Lot 165 (John) and Lot166 (Emma) (South Section). Their son John Abraham Fultz Jr. was in the Army and was killed in a car accident in San Francisco on Jan 13, 1946. He is also buried in Lot 165 of the Woodlawn Cemetery. John and Emma also had a son, Robert Johnson Fultz (B: July 1922) who died at age 6 on Dec 1, 1928 from being accidentally shocked/burned at home in Canal Point. He is also buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Below photos are provided from Dorothy Bass from Mina and Ernest Bass Sr.'s family photo album.

This photo is at the beginning of the album. Handwritten pencil writing (Mina's most likely) labels this "The gang" and states, "just before the call, Mrs. John Fultz and Family." Emma was married on Dec 30, 1912. I believe these are here children in age order John Jr (b:1916) on the far right and sister Alta (b: 1916). Almeda (b: 1918) is on the far left next to the youngest sister Eloise (1920). The little boy between her and Emma is presumably Robert Johnson Fultz (b: July, 1922) who sadly was shocked/burned to death at age 6 at home on Dec 1, 1928. I would guess that puts this photo around 1924, 1925. Robert does not show in any census being born after 1920 and passing before 1930. (*Note: Emma's daughter Alta had a daughter, Jacqueline Ann that was the first wife (1963-1967 of famed MLB player and manager for the Yankees, Joe P Torre.*)



Ernest's Sister Nuna.

Married Walter T.S. Thomas. He was the developer of "Tice"

Their son: Walter T.S. Jr's (1917-2000) obituary is below:

Walter T. S. Thomas, Jr., 82, of Alva died Monday, May 22, 2000 in St. Petersburg. A native to Florida Mr. Thomas was born in Corkscrew June 17, 1917 to Walter T. S. Thomas, Sr. and Nuna Bass Thomas. His father, Walter, Sr. was the developer of Tice (small community near Ft Myers). Walter, Jr. was a member of the Ft. Myers senior High Class of 1934. He served his country during WWII in the Asiatic Theater having flown 'The Berma Hump' many times and earned a Bronze Star. Mr. Thomas was a Ft. Myers Pioneer, and avid fisherman, hunter and historian.

Survivors include his sons, Terry (Helen) Thomas, III, of Buckingham, Mike Thomas of Alva, his daughter Connie (Frank) Lewis of Punta Gorda, his sister Ione Hall of Savervile, TN, his grand children T. W. (Melissa) Thomas, Michael (Terrie) Thomas, Shawn (Danielle) Lewis, Blaine Lewis, Bridget Thomas, Gary Collins and great granddaughter Audria Magen.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Friday, May 26, 2000 in the Anderson Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Bradley and Pastor T. W. Thomas officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Crossroads Baptist Church Building Fund. Entombment will be at Lee Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Anderson Funeral Home, 3654 Palm Beach Boulevard.

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