

## THE NAMING OF LAKES IN POLK COUNTY

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## **The Naming of Lakes in Polk County**

According to the Southwest Florida Water Management District there are 381 lakes in Polk County. When ranked statewide Polk County is fourth in total number of lakes. 139 of these remain nameless. There are seven readily identifiable groups of people who gave names to our lakes.

### **Red Stick Creek and Seminole**

It is not known if the ancient inhabitants of this area had names for the lakes. The Calusa tribes of central Florida were long gone by the time the first permanent white settlements were made. The Creek and Seminole tribes of later centuries used this region for hunting, but did not reside here on a permanent basis. Some of the names that these late comers used are still known today. We-hi-ack-pa was the name used to describe the entire chain of lakes area around Auburndale and Winter Haven. See-sa-qua-chita, We-oh-ya-kapka, Isto-poga-yoxee and Loach-apopka are other examples of these names.

### **Armed Occupation Act Settlers**

The Armed Occupation Act of 1842 was the first real encouragement for those who wished to live permanently in what is now Polk County. Some of these early pioneers located on the lakeshores and usually preferred lands on the southeastern side. They naturally named the lakes after their own families. Lakes like Boney, Hamilton, Hancock, Hollingsworth, and Parker received their names in this way.

### **Government Surveyors**

The first township and range lines in this area were surveyed in 1843 by Henry Washington. The section lines were run later and the work was done by many different men, Samuel J. Perry in 1848, John Westcott in 1849-50, and John Jackson in 1854. Lakes like Ariana, Buffum, Cannon and Hartridge received their names from these men at that time.

### **U.S. Army Officers**

The U.S. Army built a long chain of forts across central Florida in 1850. Fort Arbuckle and Fort Clinch were constructed near lakes and so gave them their names. It is also probable that other lakes received their names from the army officers that were here during this period. Both Lake Gibson and Lake Cummings had forts in the 1830s and it may be that the army officers of the 1850's started referring to the lakes by the names of the older forts. Lake Howard may also fall into this category, while it did not have a fort, it may be named for an army officer.

### **Early Land Promoters**

In the early 1880's and again in the early 1920's northern promoters "discovered" Florida. Many of our lakes were named by these persons.

### **Railroad Builders**

In 1883 Henry Plant succeeded where others had failed and built the first railroad into Polk County. Lakes like Confusion, Drane, Haines, Henry and Swoope were named by and for the men who built the line.

### **Early Citrus Growers**

The business of growing citrus on a large scale in central Florida only dates back to the 1890's. As is widely known, the high, sandy hills of Polk County's ridge region are perfect for the cultivation of citrus. The many small lakes that dot this area were situated to provide irrigation for the pioneer growers. Quite naturally they named these lakes after their families.

## The Lakes of Polk County

This list is not comprehensive. It shows the location of each lake by township, range and section. Size in acres is taken from a 1988 listing of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The name of the nearest town is given in parenthesis and any history of the naming follows.

### **Agnes**

Location: T26s R25E S33 & T27s R25e S4 (Polk City) - 386 acres

Possibly named by James E. Reeves after his wife Agnes. It is shown on the 1888 Real Estate Journal Map with the present day name. Also appears with this name on the 1890 sectional map. At that time Little Lake Agnes was not separate body of water as the level of the lake was much higher. Little Lake Agnes has had several names including, Boat, Knickerbocker, Chipco and even a later attempt at an indian name "Ho-Ti-Chee".

### **Alfred**

Location: T27s R26e S30,31 (Lake Alfred) - 736 acres

The 1849 government survey shows this body of water as a "pond". Shown with the present day name on the 1890 sectional map. It has been commonly believed that it was named by early real estate promoter Alfred Parslow in 1880. However, it has recently come to light that it could have been named about 1870 by Alfred Sidney Campbell an early cattleman who lived nearby.

### **Alligator**

Location: T27s R27e S4 (Davenport)

Appears on the 1925 Davenport plat with name Lake Mary, Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. Now dry.

### **Alse**

Location: T27s R27e S18 (Haines City)

Appears on the 1925 Davenport plat with this name.

### **Amoret**

Location: T30s R27e S24 (Highland Park) - 24 acres

### **Ann**

Location: T30s R25e S1,12 (east of Bartow) - 60 acres

Shown as a body of water on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage Plat. Appears in the 1931 plat book without any name. According to the 1989 Plat Book it is now completely dry.

### **Annie**

Location: T29s R27e S3 (north of Waverly) - 539 acres

Shown with the present day name on the 1890 sectional map.

### **Arbuckle**

Location: T32s R29e S9,10,14,15,16,22,23,24,25,26 (Avon Park Bombing Range)

The native inhabitants called this lake Tola-ti-Kita. The U.S. Army established a fort near the eastern shore of this lake on 23 January 1850. The Fort was named for General Matthew Arbuckle. It is probable that the lake was named after the fort. It is shown with the present day name on the 1890 sectional map.

### **Ariana**

Location: T28s R25e S2,3 (Auburndale) - 1,026 acres

The indians called this lake See-Sa-Qua-Chita. In 1849 Dr. John Westcott surveyed the sections in this area and probably named the lake for Miss Ariana Bird Livingston. In 1852 Miss Livingston married a wealthy South Carolinian and survived only 5 more years, dying on 29 October 1857 in Jacksonville. The lake appears with the present day name on the 1854 Government Plat and the 1856 map made by the War Department.

### **Arietta**

Location T27s R25e S27,28 (north of Auburndale) - 758 acres

The indians called this lake Chule-Ito-Akhasi. It was renamed Arietta about 1879 by Richard R. Foote after a lake at Utica in New York State. His wife's family were from that place. It is shown with the present day name on the 1890 sectional map. It was given the name "Lightard Log" by the early cowhunters who would meet there. At a bay on the western side a large pine tree had fallen over into the water. Over time the sapwood rotted away leaving only the hard heartwood. This material was known in common parlance as "lightard". The cowhunters would walk out on this log and fish. Waters of this lake were crystal clear until recent years. At 140 feet above sea level it is the highest lake in Polk County.

> *Lake Ashton - See Following Pages*

### **Aurora**

Location T30s R28e S12,13 (southeast of Alcoma) - 176 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Banana**

Location: T29s R24e S10 (northwest of Highland City) - 342 acres

Known as Mud Lake before 1860. The Gardner family homesteaded here and planted many types of fruit trees, among them bananas. Shown with the present day name on the 1890 sectional map.

### **Barton**

Location: T27s R24e S17 (north of Lakeland)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. 1980 plat book shows as two lakes, one named Sick and the other un-named.

### **Bay**

Location: T27s R26e S7 (north of Lake Alfred) - 26 acres

**Bay** - see *Lake Gwynn*

### **Belle**

Location: T30s R27e S11 (south of Lake Wales) - 52 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

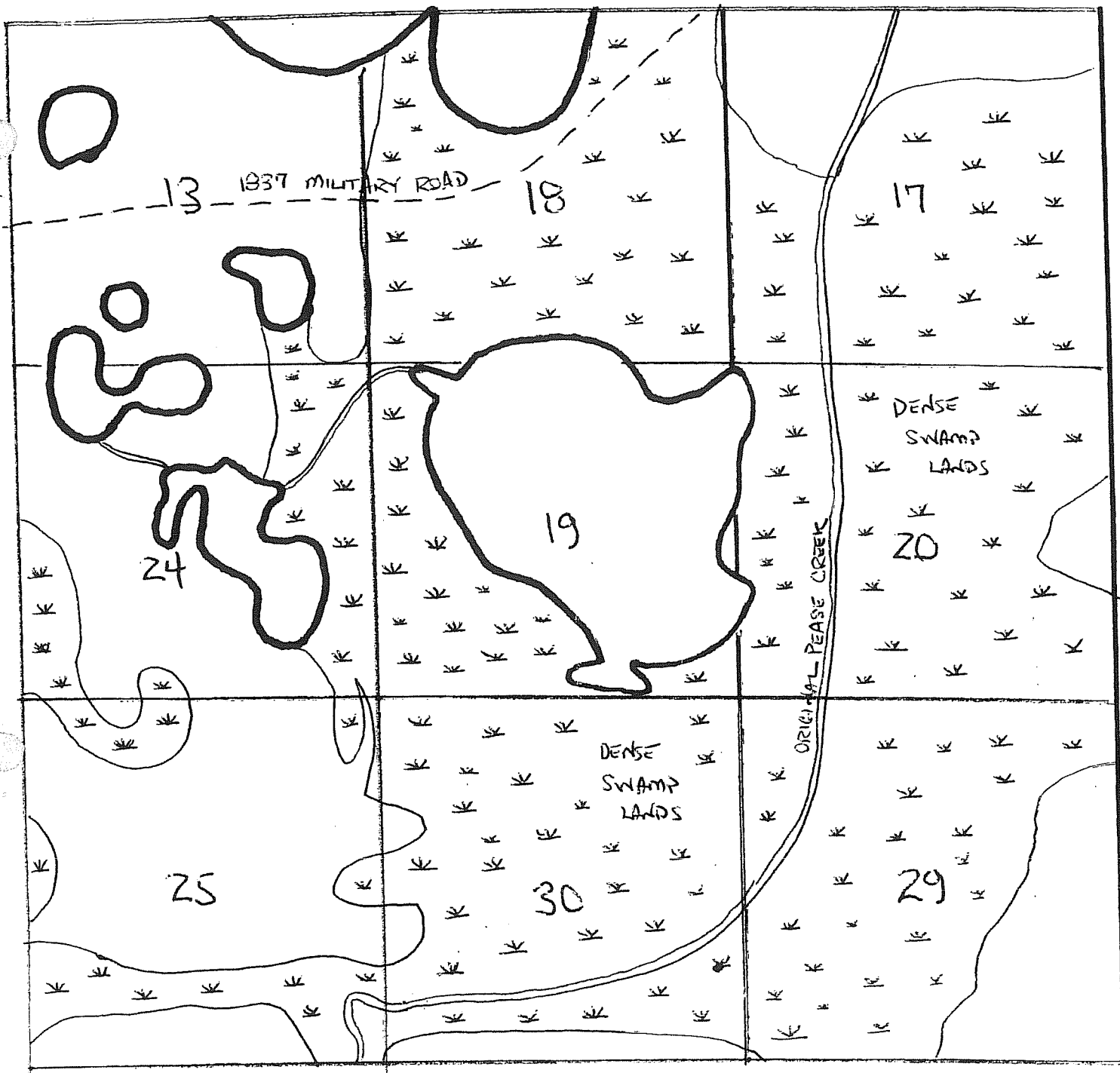
### **Bentley**

Location: T28s R24e S29 (Lakeland)

Phosphate pit dug by American Cyanamid about 1956.

### **Bertie**

Location: T26s R24e S2 (Green Swamp)

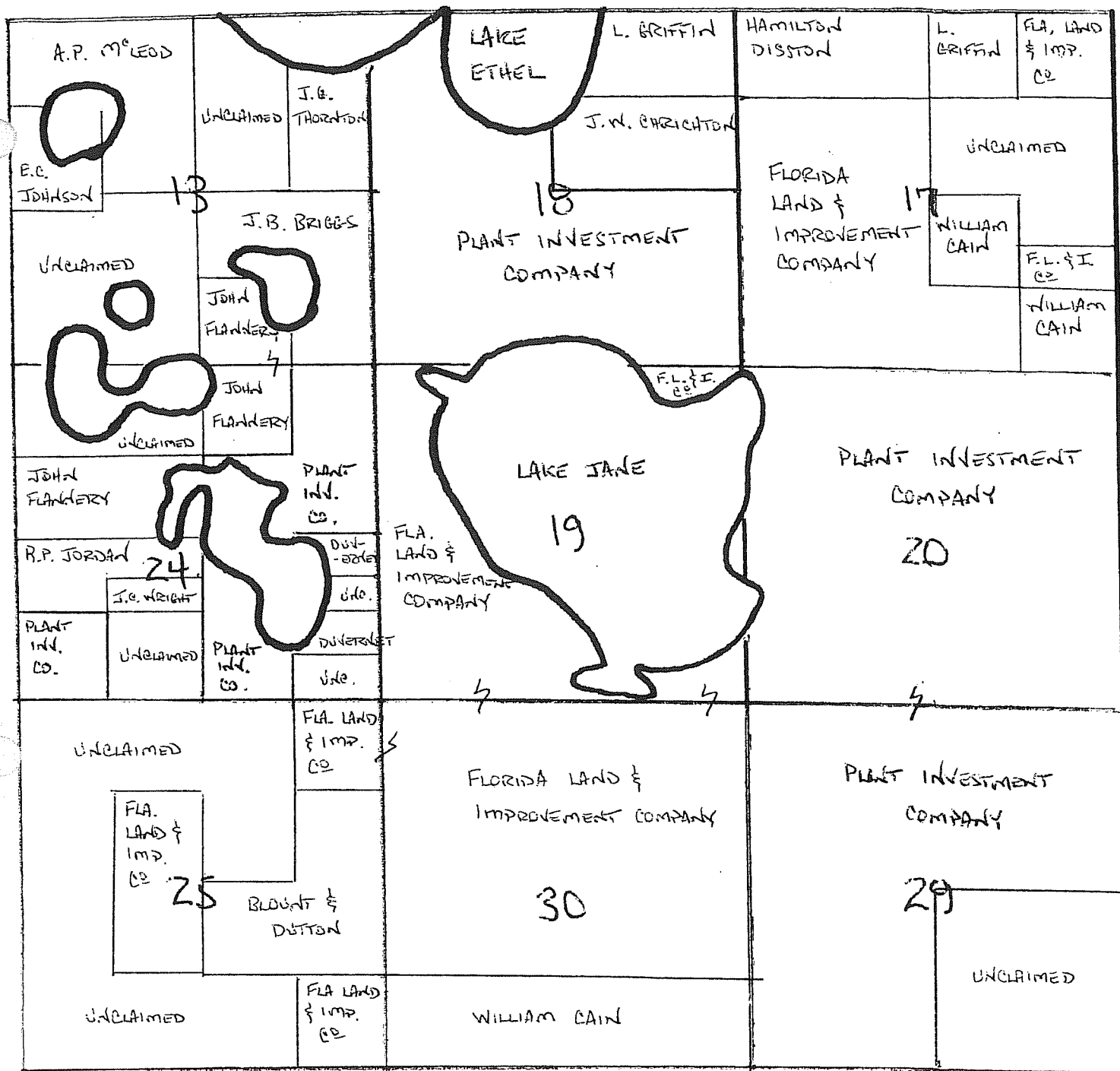


## LAKE ASHTON

### 1849 - Original Government Survey

Township 29 south, Range 27 east, Section 19

The first survey which established the township, range and section lines in Polk County was conducted during the winter of 1849-1850 by a crew under the leadership of John Westcott. While Westcott named many of the lakes in the Winter Haven area, he did not indicate names for any of the lakes in the subject area.



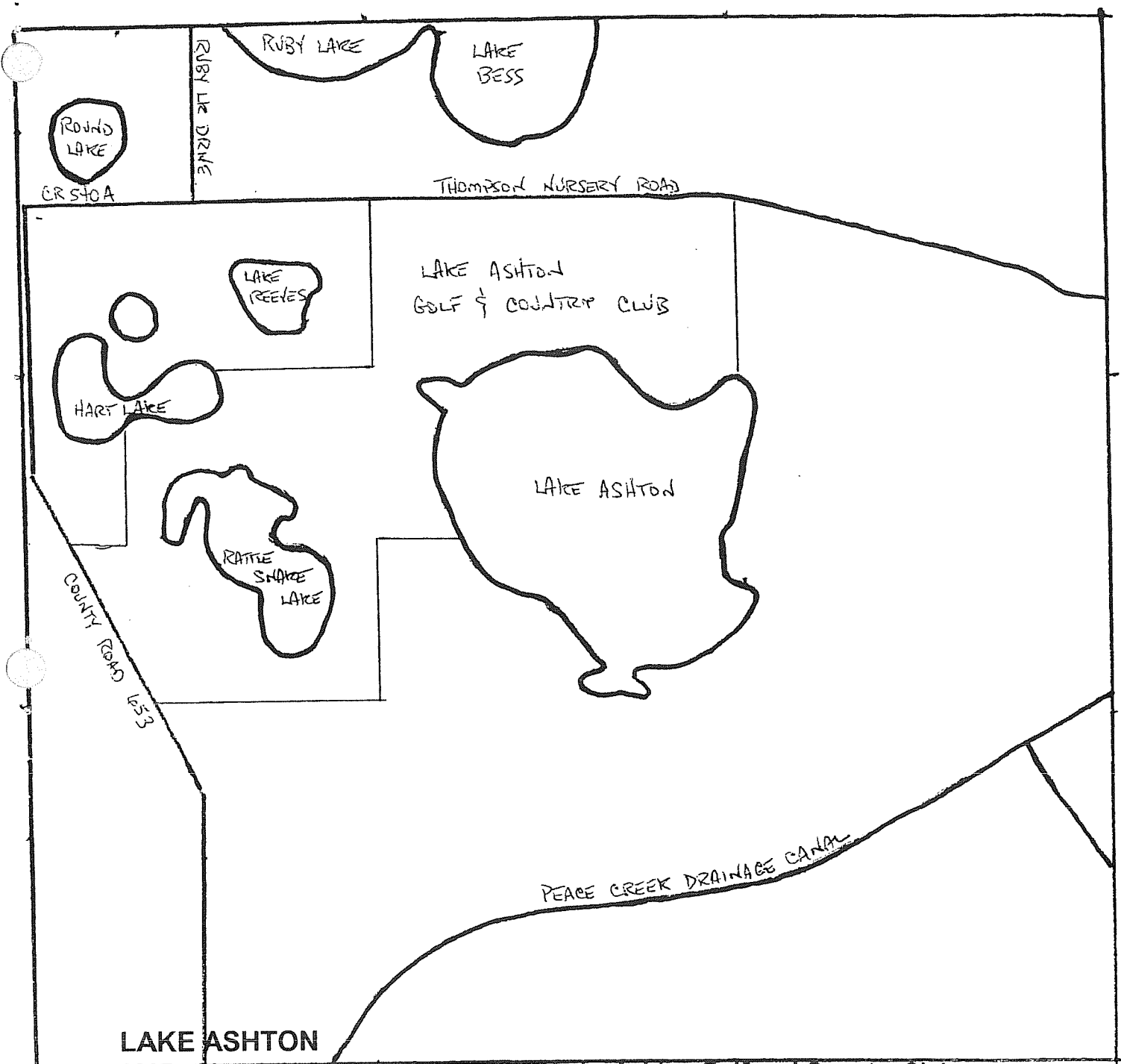
## LAKE ASHTON

### 1890 - Reconstructed Property Owners Plat

Township 29 south, Range 27 east, Section 19

The earliest document showing a name for Lake Ashton is the Railway Land Department map of 1890. At that time it was known as "Lake Jane." The land on the southern and western sides of the lake was owned by the English syndicate of Sir Edward Reed known locally as the Florida Land & Improvement Company. The land on the northern and eastern sides was owned by the South Florida Railroad, a holding of the Plant Investment Company. It is likely that an employee of one of these companies named the lake after a wife, daughter or girlfriend.





LAKE ASHTON

2007 - Showing the boundaries of the Lake Ashton Golf and Country Club  
Township 29 south, Range 27 east, Section 19



This lake appears on both the 1888 Real Estate map and the 1890 sectional map. However there is no evidence of this body of water today. Possibly dried up when water levels in the Green Swamp dropped.

**Bess**

Location: T29s R27e S7,18 (Winter Haven)

Appears on the 1890 Lake Region map as Lake "Bessie".

**Bessie** see *Lake Jessie*

**Beulah**

Location: T28s R23e S24 (Lakeland) - 18 acres

Originally called Deep Lake and then Swimming Lake. Maj. Wentz, a civil engineer for the South Florida Railroad later named it after his daughter, Miss Beulah Wentz. Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Beulah**

Location: T30s R25e S12 (Alturas)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Blue**

Location: T30s R27e S24,25 (southwest of Highland Park) - 118 acres

Appears on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage Map with the present day name.

**Blue**

Location: T28s R25e S13 (Winter Haven) - 56 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Boney**

Location: T28s R24e S20 (Lakeland) - 354 acres

Named by David J.W. Boney who settled there in May 1845. It appears on both the first government plat made in 1854 and the 1856 military map with the present day name.

**Bonnet**

Location: T27s R26e S12,13 (northwest of Haines City)

**Bonnet**

Location: T28s R23e S14 (Lakeland) - 81 acres

Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map. Tradition says it received a name from the water lilies or "bonnets" on the surface.

**Bonny**

Location: T30s R24e S4 (west of Bartow) - 58 acres

It has the distinction of being near the site of the vanished mining town of Royster.

**Boomerang**

Location: T27s R27e S20 (Haines City)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Bourke** see *Eagle Lake*

**Brown**

Location: T27s R27e S19 (northwest of Haines City)

Appears on 1889 Haines City town plat with this name.

**Brush**

Location: T30s R26e S4 (north of Alturas) - 33 acres

**Buck** - see *Mountain Lake*

**Buck** - see *Lake Buckeye*

**Buckeye**

Location: T28s R26e S15,22 (east of Winter Haven) - 71 acres

Named about 1892 by a group of settlers from Ohio, the buckeye state. Shown as Lake Buck on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Buffum**

Location: T31s R26e S11,12,13 & R27e S6,7,17 (southeastern rural county) - 1,543 acres

The lake was named for R.V. Buffum, the axeman on the original survey crew. Shown with this name on first government plat made in 1854.

**Bushy** see *Lake Mirror (Lakeland)*

**Butler**

Location: T27s R27e S32 (south of Haines City) - 17 acres

Shown as Lake Martin on 1889 Haines City town plat and in the 1931 plat book.

**Camp**

Location: T27s R26e S20 (north of Lake Alfred) - 45 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Cannon**

Location: T28s R26e S18,19 (Winter Haven) - 336 acres

Dr. John Westcott surveyed the sections in this area during 1849. Westcott was a very devout episcopalian and probably named the lake "Canon" as is shown on the first government plat of 1854. At that time high water levels connected it with Lake Mirror and Spring Lake making them one body of water. Also called "Canon" on 1856 Military Map. Shown as "Canon" on the 1890 Lake Region map. At some point after 1890 "Canon" (a reference to the bible) became the more common "Cannon."

**Cardiac**

Location: T28s R25e S2 (north Auburndale) - 10 acres

So named by Dr. John Patterson about 1883. Mentioned by this name in the text accompanying the 1890 sectional map. Also known as Lake George and Lake Heart.

**Carrie** - see *Lake Winterset*

**Charles**

Location: T27s R27e S6 (Davenport)

Appears on the 1925 Davenport plat with this name, also the 1931 plat book.

**Charm** - see *Lake Lucerne*

**Clear**

Location: T29s R26e S23 (eastern rural county)

Shown by this name on the 1890 Lake Region Map, *see also Lake Crystal (Wahneta)*

**Clearwater**

Location T27s R25e S5 (Polk City) - 86 acres

Named by government surveyor Dr. John Westcott about 1849. He reported the clarity of the water in his field notes.

**Clinch**

Location: T31s R28e S29,30,31,32 (Frostproof) - 1,207 acres

Fort Clinch was established on the north shore of this lake 13 January 1850. Named for Col. Duncan L. Clinch, commander at Fort Brooke (Tampa) in 1829. Shown on 1890 sectional map as Lake Lochapopka, which is probably the original indian name.

**Confusion**

Location: T27s R27e S30 (west of Haines City) - 15 acres

Named in 1883 when the South Florida Railroad surveyors could not decide whether to run their line north or south of the lake. Appears on 1889 Haines City town plat with this name.

**Conine**

Location: T28s R26e S8,9 (north of Winter Haven) - 236 acres

Dr. John Westcott surveyed the sections in this area during 1849. Westcott lived in Madison County, Florida near the George W. Conine family. It is highly likely that Dr. Westcott named this lake for his friends. Shown with this name on the first government plat of 1854.

**Crews**

Location: T29s R24e S22 (southwest of Highland City) - 64 acres

Homestead about 1855 by Isham Crews and named for him.

**Crooked**

Location: T30s R27e S35,36 & R28e S31,32 (Babson Park) T31s R27e S1,2,11,12,13,23,24 (Frostproof) 5,538 acres - Original indian name was Oklia-Kon-Kon-Hee. Shown with the present day name on 1890 sectional map. Higher water levels at that time made the two present day lakes all one body of water.

**Crystal**

Location: T30s R26e S15,16 (Alturas) - 15 acres

**Crystal**

Location: T28s R27e S20,21 (north of Dundee) - 158 acres

Shown with this name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Map.

**Crystal**

Location: T30s R27e S2 (Lake Wales) - 11 acres

**Crystal**

Location: T28s R24e S21,28 (east Lakeland) - 31 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Crystal**

Location: T29s R26e S23 (east of Wahneta) - 41 acres  
Shown as Lake Clear on 1902 Lake Region map.

**Crystal** - see *Lake Grassy (Winter Haven)*

**Cummings**

Location: T27s R26e S31 (west Lake Alfred) - 98 acres  
Fort Cummings was established on the northern shore of this lake 22 January 1839 and named for Col. Alexander Cummings, commander at Fort Brooke (Tampa) 1837-39. It is probable that U.S. Army officers of the 1850's began to refer to this lake as "Cummings." The lake is shown with this name on the first government plat compiled from Dr. John Wescott's surveys of 1849.

**Cypress** - see *Lake Hatchineha*

**Cypress**

T29s R28e S35,36 (southeastern rural county) - 71 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Daisy**

T29s R27e S6 (southeast of Winter Haven) - 133 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Davenport**

Location: T27s R27e S4 (Davenport) - 65 acres  
Appears on the 1925 Davenport plat with this name.

**Davids**

Location: T32s R28e S35 (southeastern rural county)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Deep** - see *Dinner Lake (southwest Winter Haven)*

**Deer**

T28s R28e S14,15 (eastern rural county)

**Deer**

Location: T28s R25e S25 (west Winter Haven) - 125 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Deeson**

Location: T27s R24e S29 (northeast of Lakeland) - 117 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Dell**

Location: T28s R27e S28 (Dundee) - 28 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Dexter**

Location: T29s R26e S2 (southeast Winter Haven) - 153 acres

Possibly named for Horatio Dexter, a government agent who passed through the area in 1823. The lake is roughly located at the point where Dexter turned east and crossed "Buffalo Ford." Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Dinner**

Location: T29s R27e S15 (south of Waverly) - 24 acres

Shown as Lake Eleanor on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Map. Appears on the 1931 plat book with the current name.

### **Dinner**

Location: T29s R25e S2 (southwest of Winter Haven) - 21 acres

Shown as Deep Lake on 1931 plat book.

### **Dipper**

Location: T29s R27e S15 (south of Waverly)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Dot**

Location: T29s R28e S24 (eastern rural county)

Shown with no name on the 1931 plat book

### **Dot**

Location: T28s R26e S17 (Winter Haven) - very small

Shown with this name on the 1902 Lake Region map.

**Drane** *see Lake Henry*

### **Eagle**

Location: T29s R25e S1,12 (Eagle Lake) - 651 acres

Shown as Lake Bourke on first government plat of 1854. Called Lake Bourke on 1856 Military Map. It is likely that "Bourke" was the name of an army officer. Re-named Eagle Lake in 1881 by John A. Bingham. Shown as Eagle Lake on 1885 plat and 1890 Lake Region map. As late as 1971 this lake is shown as being connected to the two lakes immediately to the north, forming one very large body of water. Aerial photographs from 1968 begin to show some separation in the three. (The lake known today as Tennessee also was called Eagle on the 1890 sectional map. The lake known today as McLeod also was called Eagle on the 1890 sectional map.)

### **Easy**

Location: T30s R27e S24 & R28e S19 (Highland Park) - 419 acres

Shown by this name on the 1890 sectional map. Mostly dried up today.

### **Echo**

Location: T28s R26e S5 (west Lake Alfred) - 69 acres

Called by the present name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Effie**

Location: T30s R27e S3 (west of Lake Wales) - 102 acres

Called by the present name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Map. Named for Effie Johnson, daughter of C.L. Johnson.

**Elbert**

Location: T28s R26e S21,22,27,28 (east Winter Haven) - 173 acres

Called by the present name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Eleanor** - *see Lake Dinner (Waverly)*

**Eloise**

Location: T29s R26e S3,4,10 (southeastern Winter Haven) - 1,160 acres

Shown with this name on first government survey of 1850. Also appears on the 1856 military map under the present day name. Likely named for Eloise Moody, daughter of Polk pioneer Benjamin F. Moody.

**Elsie**

Location: T27s R27e S29 (Haines City) - 13 acres

Appears on the 1889 Haines City town plat with this name.

**English** *see Lake Silver (Winter Haven)*

**Erin**

Location: T30s R25e S11 (east of Bartow) - 40 acres

The 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District map shows water in this lake, but it is now dry.

**Ethel** *see Lake Ruby*

**Eugene**

Location: T26s R27e S3 (west of Loughman)

Named by Eugene Averills in 1894. A plat of his planned town "Los Averilles" shows that this lake originally had a small island.

**Eva**

Location: T27s R27e S32 (Haines City) - 173 acres

Appears on the 1889 Haines City town plat with this name.

**Eva**

Location: T27s R26e S20,29 (Lake Alfred) - very small

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Fannie**

Location: T28s R26e S10,11,14,15 (northeast of Winter Haven) - 829 acres

Shown as Lake Fanny on first government survey of 1850. Also appears under the present day name on the 1856 military map. Possibly named by Dr. John Westcott in 1849.

**Fish**

Location: T27s R24e S33 (Lakeland) - 68 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Flora**

Location: T30s R26e S8 (west of Alturas) - 26 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Florence**

Location: T28s R26e S35 (southeast Winter Haven) - 74 acres  
Shown with the present day name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Fox**

Location: T29s R27e S6 (east of Winter Haven) - 55 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Gadau**

Location: T30s R26e S23 (east of Alturas) - 35 acres  
Shown as "Millsite Lake" on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Map and the 1931 plat book.

**Gain**

Location: T26s R27e S13 (southeast of Loughman)

**Galloway**

Location: T27s R23e S27 (Galloway) - 34 acres

**Garden**

Location T28s R24e S16 (east Lakeland)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. Dry now.

**Garfield**

Location: T30 R26e S5 (Lake Garfield) - 655 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 sectional map.

**Gator**

Location: T30s R26e S26 (southeastern rural county) - 114 acres  
Shown with no name on the 1931 plat book. Sometimes called Lake Alligator.

**Gem**

Location T28s R26e S21 (Winter Haven) very small  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map. Now located on the campus of Polk Community College.

**Geneva**

Location: T27s R27e S9,10 (Davenport)  
Shown with this name on the 1925 Davenport plat.

**George**

Location: T28s R26e S6 (southwest of Lake Alfred) - 50 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**George**

Location: T30s R26e S27 (Alturas)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Gertie**

Location: T26s R24e S1 (Green Swamp)

Shown on the 1890 sectional map. No evidence of this body of water today. May have dried up when water levels in the Green Swamp dropped.

### **Gibson**

Location: T27s R23e S25 (north Lakeland) - 474 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 section map. Originally known as Fort Gibson Lake after the Seminole Indian War fort which stood on it's southern shore.

### **Godwin**

Location: T32s R29e S20 (southeastern rural county)

### **Gordon**

Location: T30s R27e S21,28,29 (southeastern rural county) - 213 acres

Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map. Current maps shown three separate lakes at this location. 1931 plat book shows two lakes but as late as 1914 higher water levels made one lake.

### **Grass**

Location: T26s R26e S15 (Baseball City)

### **Grassy**

Location: T30s R26e S35 (southeastern rural county) - 30 acres

### **Grassy**

Location: T27s R26e S19 (north of Lake Alfred) - 102 acres

### **Grassy**

Location: T29s R25e S2 (south of Winter Haven) - 80 acres

Shown on 1902 Lake Region map, but with no name. Shown on 1931 county plat book as Crystal Lake. Shown as Grassy Lake on 1957 plat book.

### **Grassy**

Location: T29s R27e S34 (Lake Wales)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Griffin**

Location: T27s R26e S30 (Lake Alfred) - 19 acres

### **Grizelle**

Location: T30s R25e S12 (east of Bartow) - 28 acres

Shown by this name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District map. This small lake had water in it as late as 1931, but is now dried up.

### **Gross**

Location: T29s R26e S14 (southeast Winter Haven) - 89 acres

Shown as Lake Spirit on 1890 Lake Region map.



### **Gum**

Location: T29s R28e S26,35 (eastern rural county) - 198 acres

Probably named for Gum trees on the shore. Big and Little Gum Lake here. Shown in the 1931 plat book with two names "La Gess" or "Gum Lake."

### **Gum**

Location: T27s R26e S17 (north of Lake Alfred) - 162 acres

Possibly the lake shown as "Lake Pearl" on the 1902 Lake Region map. Appears in the 1931 plat book with the present-day name.

### **Gwynn**

Location: T29s R26e S16 (Wahneta)

Shown by this name on the 1890 Lake Region map. This was a very large lake on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District plat. It is now almost dry. Probably named for Captain Thomas Paige Gwynne of the U.S. Army who was stationed near there at Fort Carroll in 1841. An alternate idea is that it was named for Walter Gwynn, land agent for the South Florida Railroad in 1885. Appears in the 1931 plat book as Lake Bay.

### **Haines**

Location: T27s R26e S33,34 (east of Lake Alfred) - 716 acres

Named in 1883 for Col. Henry Haines, official of the South Florida Railroad. Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map and 1890 Lake Region map.

**Hamilton** - T28s R26, S12,13 & R27 S5,7,8,17,18 (Lake Hamilton) - 2,162 acres

The James Hambleton family settled here in the 1840's. Shown with this name on first government survey made in 1850. High water levels at that time connected Little, Middle and Big Lake Hamilton as one body of water. The large island in this lake was home to the indian Chipco and his followers circa 1854-56.

### **Hammock**

Location: T27s R27e S18 (north of Haines City)

### **Hancock**

Location: T29s R25e S5,6,7,8,9,16,17,18 - 4,519 acres

Originally named Lake Simmons in 1823 by Horatio Dexter in honor of his friend Dr. William H. Simmons. Renamed Hancock about 1846 by William Hancock who settled there. Shown with this name on first government survey made in 1854. Fort Fraser was constructed on it's western shore in 1837.

### **Hart**

Location: T29s R26e S13 (southeast of Winter Haven) - 73 acres

Shown by this name on 1890 Lake Region map. Peace Creek Drainage District plat of 1914 shows the three lakes here combined as one body of water. Probably named for the Hart family who owned property in the area.

### **Hartridge**

Location: T28s R26e S7,8,17,18 (north of Winter Haven) - 434 acres

This lake was named in 1849 by Dr. John Westcott. He surveyed the sections in this area and named the lake after his good friend Dr. Theodore Hartridge of Jacksonville. Shown with this name on first government plat drawn in 1854 by John Jackson.

**Hatchineha**

Location: T28s R29e S17,18,20,21,27,28,33,34,35,36

Shown as Lake Cypress on first government plat of 1854. Shown as Lake Hatcheneha on 1890 sectional map. The name was probably changed so as not to be confused with the Cypress Lake in Osceola County.

**Heart** - *see Lake Locke and Lake Cardiac*

**Helena** - *see Lake Saint Anne*

**Helene**

Location: T26s R25e S34 (east of Polk City) - 62 acres

Named by a resident of Atlanta, Mr. Eugene Haynes after his wife. Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Hendry**

Location: T31s R26e S16,21 (southeastern rural county) - 106 acres

Probably named for the famous pioneer Hendry family. Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Henry** - T27s R26e S35,36 (Lucerne Park) - 857 acres

Originally named Lake Drane in 1883 for Hon. Herbert Drane, a roadbed contractor on the South Florida Railroad. He was later a Congressman. Shown as Lake Drane on 1890 sectional map and 1890 Lake Region map. Now known as Lake Henry, probably for Col. Henry Haines civil engineer of the South Florida Railroad.

**Hester**

Location: T27s R27e S19 (northwest of Haines City)

Appears on the 1889 Haines City town plat with this name.

**Hickory**

Location: T32s R28e S17 (south of Frostproof) - 100 acres

Shown as Lake Eva on 1890 sectional map. Appears in the 1931 plat book with the present-day name.

**Hollingsworth**

Location: T28s R24e S30 (Lakeland) - 356 acres

Named for John Henry Hollingsworth an early resident and indian fighter. It is said that the wind from the lake kept blowing the door to his cabin open, so the family moved on. Shown with this name on first government plat drawn in 1854 by John Jackson. Two indian mounds stood on the shores of this lake as late as 1890.

**Holloway**

Location: T28s R24e S21 (east of Lakeland) - 24 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Howard**

**Location:** T28s R26e S19,20,29,30 (Winter Haven) - 628 acres

Dr. John Westcott surveyed the sections in this area during 1849. Westcott lived in Madison County, Florida near members of the Howard family. It is highly likely that Dr. Westcott named this lake for his friends. Shown with this name on first government plat of 1854 and the 1856 U.S. Military map.

**Humphries** - *see Lake Parks*

### **Hunter**

**Location:** T28s R23e S24 (Lakeland) - 100 acres

One story says it was named for a lone camper who lived on the south shore. Another claim is that a family named Hunter lived about one half mile from the eastern shore. Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Ida**

**Location:** T31s R28e S21,28 (Frostproof) - 83 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Ida**

**Location:** T28s R26e S17 (Winter Haven) - very small

Shown with this name on the 1902 Lake Region map.

### **Idyl**

**Location:** T28s R26e S16 (Florence Villa) - 17 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Idylwild**

**Location:** T28s R26e S18 (northwest Winter Haven) - 102 acres

Shown on the 1890 Lake Region map with this name.

### **Ina**

**Location** T28s R26e S34 (southwest Winter Haven) - very small

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Iris**

**Location:** T30s R28e S13 (Alcoma)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Isabell**

**Location:** T32s R28e S36 (eastern county) - 95 acres

**Israel's Dish** - *see Lake Wire*

**Isto-Poga-Yoxee** - *see Lake Reedy*

**Jane** - *see Lake Myrtle*

### **Jessie**

**Location:** T28s R25e S12 (northwest Winter Haven) - 190 acres

Named by Frank Fuller in 1882 after his daughter, "Bessie". Referred to as Lake Bessie in notes accompanying 1890 sectional map, but appears as Lake Jessie on 1890 Lake Region

Map.

**Joe**

Location: T27s R27e S20 (north of Haines City) - 11 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Josephine**

Location: T28s R27e S27 (Dundee) - 26 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Josephine**

Location: T30s R27e S13 (Highland Park) - 14 acres

**Juliana**

Location: T27s R25e S15,22 (north of Auburndale) - 926 acres  
Originally known as Hammock Lake. Renamed by Dr. John Patterson about 1883 after his wife. Rhymes nicely with Ariana and Marianna. Dr. Patterson owned property on all three lakes. Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map.

**Kotsa** - *see Lake Tiger.*

**La Gess** - *see Lake Gum (eastern rural county)*

**Lee**

Location: T29s R27e S10 (Waverly) - 40 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Plat.

**Lee**

Location: T28s R27e S16 (Lake Hamilton)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Lena**

Location: T28s R25e S9,10 (Auburndale) - 207 acres  
Shown as Dooley Lake on an early map. Given its present name in the late 1880's by Dr. John Patterson. Mentioned in the text accompanying the 1890 sectional map.

**Lenona** - *see Lake Patrick.*

**Lenore** - *see Lake Patrick.*

**Lester**

Location: T27s R23e S22 (east of Kathleen) - 42 acres

**Liaho**

Location: T26s R25e S20 (north of Polk City)

**Link**

Location: T28s R26e S27 (Winter Haven) - 27 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region Map.

**Littleton**

Location: T26s R25e S34 (Polk City)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Livingston**

Location: T32s R28e S15,16,21,22 (south of Frostproof) - 1,203 acres

Shown on 1890 sectional map by this name.

**Lizzie**

Location: T31s R26e S1 (eastern county) - 95 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Lochapopka** - see *Lake Clinch*.

**Locke**

Location: T26s R27e S12 (Loughman)

Called by this name as early as 1895. Sometimes now referred to as Lake Heart.

**Long**

Location: T30s R26e S22 (Alturas) - 70 acres

Shown with this name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Plat. Appears in the 1931 plat book with no name.

**Lowery**

Location: T27s R26e S13,14,23 (west of Haines City)

Shown as Lake Lowry on the 1888 Real Estate map and 1890 sectional map.

**Lucerne**

Location: T28s R26e S2 (Lucerne Park) - 42 acres

Shown as Lake Charm on the 1890 Lake Region map, but the area around this lake was referred to as Lucerne Park as early as 1910. Shown as Lake Charm on the 1918 Nydegger map.

**Lulu**

Location: T28s R26e S33 & T29s R26e S4 (Winter Haven) - 301 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Mabel**

Location: T29s R27e S11 (Waverly) - 117 acres

Shown with this name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Plat.

**Mariam**

Location: T28s R26e S27 (Winter Haven) - 199 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Marianna**

Location: T28s R25e S1 (east of Auburndale) - 503 acres

Originally named Lake Marian by Dr. John Westcott's survey team during his surveying activity in 1849. Probably after Mariann Moody, daughter of Polk Pioneer Benjamin F. Moody. Shown with this name on first government plat of 1854. Sometimes referred to as Lake Sanitary after the town of Sanitaria which stood on the northwestern shore. It was

given the present name by Dr. John Patterson in the early 1880's. No doubt Patterson thought it was witty to make it rhyme with "Ariana" which it borders on the northwest. Shown as "Mariana" on 1890 Lake Region map.

**Marie**

Location: T28s R27e S27 (Dundee) - 50 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Marion**

Location: T27s R28e S31,32 & T28s R28e S4,5,8,9,16 (west of Haines City)  
Shown with this name on an 1881 steamboat map and 1890 sectional map.

**Martha**

Location: T28s R26e S21 (Winter Haven) - 85 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Martin** - *see Lake Butler*

**Mary** - *see Lake Alligator*

**Mattie**

Location: T27s R25e S11,14,23 (southeast of Polk City) - 1,078 acres  
Named for Mattie Blount by her husband Nathan Snow Blount in the late 1870's. Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map. Known as "Lake by the Big Marsh" to the early cowhunters.

**Maude**

Location: T28s R26e S16,21 (Winter Haven) - 55 acres  
Shown as Lake "Maud" on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**May**

Location: T28s R26e S29 (Winter Haven) - 44 acres  
An old indian tale says that this lake appeared after a serious muck fire. It is known for the deep muck along the bottom. Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**May**

Location: T29s R28e S25 (eastern rural county)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**May**

Location: T27s R24e S32 (north Lakeland)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. Completely destroyed by phosphate mining.

**McLeod**

Location: T29s R26e S7,18 (Eagle Lake) - 512 acres  
Shown as Eagle Lake on 1890 sectional map. But called Lake McLeod on 1885 plat and on 1890 Lake Region Map.

**Medora**

Location: T27s R25e S36 (northeast of Auburndale) - 50 acres  
Named about 1879 by William Van Fleet after his wife, Medora Schofield.

**Menzie**

Location: T28s R27e S28 (Dundee) - 22 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Midget**

T28s R27e S13 (eastern rural county) - 18 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Millsite**

Location: T29s R25e S11,12 (Eagle Lake) - 135 acres  
Shown as Lake "Mill" on the 1890 Lake Region map. Appears in the 1931 plat book with the present-day name.

**Minnie**

Location: T26e R27s S11 (east of Loughman)  
Named by Eugene Averills in 1894.

**Mirror**

Location: T28s R24e S18 (Lakeland)  
Shown as Lake Bushy on 1890 sectional map.

**Mirror**

Location: T28s R26e S20 (Winter Haven)  
Shown as part of Lake Canon on first government plat drawn in 1854. High water levels connected it with Lake Canon. First appears as Lake Mirror and a separate body of water on 1890 Lake Region map. The small lake to the east which it is connected to by a short waterway is sometimes referred to as Spring Lake.

**Molly Ann**

Location: T29s R28e S35,36 (eastern rural county)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Moody**

T31s R28e S16,17 (Frostproof) - 391 acres  
Shown as Lake Little Tiger on 1890 sectional map. Named by S.W. Carson in 1897 in honor of Benjamin F. Moody. Moody was an early pioneer of the Frostproof area and is said to have plunged headlong into the lake while chasing a deer.

**Morton**

Location: T28s R24e S19 (Lakeland) - 42 acres  
Named in 1889 by John P. Morton who owned lands around it.

**Mountain**

Location: T29s R27e S26 (Mountain Lake) - 137 acres  
Shown as Buck Lake on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Plat. Appears on the 1918 Nydegger map with the present-day name.

**Mountain Lodge**

Location: T29s R27e S27,28 (Mountain Lake)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with no name.

**Mud**

Location: T30s R25e S25 (southeastern rural county) - 60 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. A dried up lake.

**Mud**

Location: T26s R25e S31 & T27s R25e S6 (east of Polk City)  
Originally known as Tilson Lake after pioneer Joseph Tilson. Sometimes called Lake Olive because of its proximity to the Mt. Olive Church. Appears in the 1931 plat book with the present-day name. Known locally for its muddy shores.

**Mule**

Location: T30s R26e S10 (Alturas) - 12 acres

**My**

Location: T29s R26e, S14 (southeastern Winter Haven) - very small  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region Map. Not shown with any name on more current plats.

**Myron**

Location: T29s R28e S23,26 (eastern rural county) - 70 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Myrtle**

Location: T27s R25e S32 (northwest of Auburndale) - 75 acres  
Named by Captain W.S. Ryals in the 1880's after the bushes which grew around it.

**Myrtle**

Location: T29s R27e S19 (midway between Winter Haven and Lake Wales) - 413 acres  
Mentioned in the Hitchcock diary of 1841 as a nameless body of water. The U.S. Army camped on it's north shore on 05 Feb 1841. First government survey of 1849 shows it with no name. Shown as Lake Jane on 1890 sectional map, the 1890 Lake Region map, the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Plat and the 1918 Nyedegger map. Appears on the 1927 Soil Survey map and the 1931 property owner's atlas with no name. First appears on 1946 property owner's atlas as "Lake Myrtle." Name changed about 2000 by a retirement community developer to "Lake Ashton."

**Ned**

Location: T28s R26e S36 (southeast of Winter Haven) - 74 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Orin** - see *Lake Saddle Bag*

**Otis**

Location: T28s R26e S27,28 (southeast of Winter Haven) - 143 acres  
Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region Map, however was supposedly named by Otis Bice in 1901?

**Otter**

Location: T27s R25e S35/36 (northeast of Auburndale)  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. Dry today.



**Pabor**

Location: T32s R28e S33 (southeastern rural county) - 40 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. The southern portion of this lake lies in Hardee County.

**Pansy**

Location: T28s R26e S7 (north of Winter Haven) - 50 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Parker**

Location: T29s R27e S32 (northwest of Lake Wales) - 123 acres

Shown with this name on the 1914 Peace Creek Drainage District Plat.

**Parker**

Location: T28s R24e S5,6,7,8,9 (Lakeland) - 2,272 acres

Shown with this name on first government plat drawn in 1854 by John Jackson. Named for Streaty Parker an early settler on it's shores. In early days Deeson's Island was located in the northern end of the lake and was widely known for the moonshine still located there.

**Parks**

Location: T29s R28e S36 (eastern rural county) - 100 acres

Shown as Lake Humphries on the 1931 plat book.

**Patrick**

Location: T31s R28e S9,10 (north of Frostproof) - 393 acres

Shown as Lake Lenona on 1890 sectional map. Renamed Lake Venie in 1897 by S.W. Carson in honor of Venie Hendry. Appears on the 1931 plat book as Lake Leonore. Recognized by the state as Lake Lenore.

**Pearl**

Location T27s R26e S20,29?? (Lake Alfred)

Shown on the 1890 Lake Region map with this name, however no body of water at that location today. Possibly refers to Gum Lake in section 17?

**Pembroke**

Location: T30s R26e S24 (eastern county) - 110 acres

**Perch**

Location: T30s R26e S21 (Alturas) - 67 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Pierce**

Location: T28s R28e S28,33 & T29s R28e S4,5,8,9,10,15,16,17

Shown with this name on first government sectional survey made in 1849 by Dr. John Westcott. Also known as Catfish Lake. Home to Chipco and his followers.

**Polecat**

Location: T30s R26e S27 (eastern county) - 40 acres

**Polk**

Location: T30s R25e S1,2 (Lake Garfield) - 186 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. A dried up lake?

### **Rattlesnake**

Location: T29s R26e S24 (Winter Haven) - 120 acres

### **Reedy**

Location: T31s R28e S25,26,27,28,33,34,35,36 (Frostproof) - 3,486 acres

Shown as Lake Isto-Poga-Yoxee on first government sectional survey made in 1849 by Dr. John Westcott.

### **Reeves**

Location: T29s R26e S13 (Winter Haven) - 27 acres

First appears with this name on the 1930 Property Owners atlas. Possibly named for Lt. Isaac Van Duser Reeve of the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry who was camped nearby during the Second Seminole Indian War (1841.) Another possibility is the C.B. Reeves family who owned property nearby.

### **River**

Location: T29s R26e S1,12 (Winter Haven) - 26 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Rochelle**

Location: T28s R26e S4,5 (Lake Alfred) - 578 acres

Shown as Lake Rochella on first government sectional survey made in 1849 by Dr. John Westcott. Also appears on 1890 Lake Region map with the name "Rochella".

### **Rolling Hills**

Location: T30s R23e S36 (Pierce) - 50 acres

### **Rosalie**

Location: T29s R29e S22,23,26,27,33,34,35 (eastern county)

Shown with this name on first government sectional survey made in 1849 by Dr. John Westcott.

### **Round**

Location: T29s R26e S13 (Winter Haven) - 28 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Roy**

Location: T28s R26e S34 (Winter Haven) - 78 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Ruby**

Location: T29s R26e S 12,13 (Winter Haven) - 255 acres

Shown with the name "Ethel" on 1890 sectional map, but as Lake "Rubie" on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Ruth**

Location: T28s R27e S28 (Dundee)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Saddlebag**

Location: T30s R28e S1,12 (Alcoma) - 287 acres

Appears on the 1931 plat book as Lake Orin.

**Saint Anne**

Location: T30s R28e S14 (Alcoma) - 45 acres

Appears on the 1931 plat book as Lake Helena.

**Saint Charles**

Location: T26s R27e S31 (Davenport)

**Saint Claire**

Location: T27s R26e S19 (Lake Alfred)

**Sand**

Location: T26s R26e S26 (Baseball City)

**Sand**

Location: T30s R25e S24 (eastern county) - 68 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. A dried up lake?

**Sanitary** - see *Lake Marianna*

**Sara**

Location: T28s R27e S17 (Lake Hamilton) - 41 acres

Appears on the 1918 Nydegger map with this name.

**Scott**

Location: T29s R24e S7,8,17,18 (Highland City) - 285 acres

Named for the Scott family who homesteaded on the eastern side of the lake before 1879.

Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map.

**Scrub**

Location: T27s R25e S3 (Polk City) - 20 acres

**Sears**

Location: T28s R25e S36 (Winter Haven) - 82 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**See-Sa-Qua-Chita** see *Lake Ariana*

**Seward**

Location: T29s R24e S15 (Highland City)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. Now dry.

**Sharp** - see *Lake Spirit (Winter Haven)*

**Shipp**

Location: T28s R26e S31,32 (Winter Haven) - 283 acres

Dr. John Westcott surveyed the sections in this area during 1849. Westcott lived in Madison County, Florida near members of the Shipp family. It is highly likely that Dr. Westcott named

this lake for his friends. Shown with this name on first government plat of 1854 and the 1856 U.S. Military map.

**Sick** - see *Lake Barton*

**Silver**

Location: T32s R28e S5 (Frostproof) - 130 acres

Called Lake Trout on the 1890 sectional map. Appears in the 1931 plat book with the present-day name.

**Silver**

Location: T28s R26e S20 (Winter Haven) - 52 acres

Shown with the present day name on the 1890 Lake Region map. Shown with the name Lake English on Railroad Plats dated 1917. The amphitheater on the western shore is the former site of the Florida Citrus Festival.

**Smart**

Location: T28s R26e S9,10 (Winter Haven) - 275 acres

Dr. John Westcott surveyed the sections in this area during 1849. Westcott lived in Madison County, Florida near members of the Smart family. It is highly likely that Dr. Westcott named this lake for his friends. Shown with this name on first government plat of 1854 and the 1856 U.S. Military map.

**Spirit**

Location: T28s R25e S35,36 (Winter Haven) - 224 acres

Shown as Lake Sharp on 1890 Lake Region map. Appears in the 1931 plat book with the current-day name.

**Spirit** - see *Lake Gross*

**Spring**

Location: T28s R26e S20 (Winter Haven) very small

On 1854 plat higher water levels made this lake and Lake Mirror part of Lake Canon. First shown as Spring Lake and a separate body of water on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Star**

Location: T30s R26e S16 (Alturas) - 84 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Starr**

Location: T29s R27e S14 (Waverly) - 147 acres

Appears on the 1918 Nydegger map with this name.

**Stella**

Location: T28s R25e S11 (Auburndale)

Named by Dr. John Patterson and shown by this name on 1883 plat of Auburndale. A very small, but extremely deep lake.

**Streety**

Location: T32s R27e S24,25 (eastern county) - 321 acres

Possibly named for Streety Parker. Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Sturges**

Location: T29s R28e S25 (eastern county) - 23 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Summit**

Location: T28s R26e S34,35 (Winter Haven) - 68 acres

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Surveyors**

Location: T30s R26e S26,27,34,35 (eastern county) - 293 acres

Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map.

**Swampy**

Location: T32s R26e S31,32 (south central rural county)

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. Destroyed by phosphate mining.

**Swoope**

Location: T27s R26e S29 (Lake Alfred) - 88 acres

Named in 1883 for Mr. B.R. Swoope, General Superintendent of the South Florida Railroad.

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

**Tangerine**

Location: T27s R26e S18 (Lake Alfred) - 26 acres

**Tennessee**

Location: T27s R25e S9 (Polk City) - 112 acres

Named Lake Eagle by surveyors of the Florida Southern Railroad and shown as such on the 1890 sectional map. An early settler on its shores, John Butterworth named it Lake Tennessee after his home state. Interestingly enough in the accompanying text of the 1890 sectional map it is called Tennessee.

**Thomas**

Location: T30s R28e S1 (Alcoma) - 65 acres

**Thomas**

Location: T28s R25e S26,35 (Winter Haven) - 73 acres

**Tiger**

Location: T30s R29e S1 & R30e S6,7,8,18 (eastern county)

Shown as Lake Kotsa on first government plat made in 1850 by Dr. John Westcott. Called Lake Tiger on 1890 sectional map. The lake now known as Moody was also called Little Tiger Lake on the 1890 sectional map.

**Tola-Ti-Kita** - see *Lake Arbuckle*

**Tower**

Location: T27s R27e S17 (Haines City)

Shown with this name on the 1925 Davenport plat.

**Tracy**

Location: T27s R27e S29 (Haines City)

Shown with this name on the 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Trask**

Location: T28s R27e S22 (Dundee) - 163 acres

Lake Trask in Dundee at East Central Park was named in 1882 by William R. Trask. William R. Trask made a living as the manager of the Bartow office of the Florida Land & Colonization Company prior to moving out to Banana Lake in 1884. During his time with the company a tract of 240 acres on the northwest side of the lake was granted to the Florida Land & Colonization Company. No doubt William R. Trask visited the lake many times in an effort to sell the lands to prospective settlers. Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map.

### **Trout**

Location: T32s R28e S34 (eastern county) - 143 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name. The southern portion of this lake lies in Hardee County.

**Trout** - see *Lake Silver (Frostproof)*

### **Twin**

Location: T30s R26e S23,24 (Alturas) - 143 acres

### **Twin**

Location: T30s R27e S11 (Lake Wales) - 40 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Van**

Location: T27s R25e S25,26 (Auburndale) - 592 acres

Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map. Named in 1880 by William Van Fleet for the Van Fleet family. Shown as Lake Van on 1890 Lake Region map.

### **Venie**

Location: T31s R28e S9,10 (Frostproof)

Shown as Lake Lenona on 1890 sectional map. Renamed Lake Venie in 1897 by S.W. Carson in honor of Venie Hendry. Now known as Lake Patrick.

### **Venus**

Location: T29s R27e S9,10 (Waverly) - 24 acres

Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

### **Wailes**

Location: T30s R27e S1 (Lake Wales) - 326 acres

Named by Sidney Irving Wailes in 1879. He was a government surveyor. Shown with this name on 1890 sectional map. Recently in danger of drying up.

### **Walk In The Water**

Location: T30s R29e S26,27,28,32,33,34,35 & T31s R29e S2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11 (Nalcrest)

Shown as Lake We-Oh-Ya-Kapka on first government survey made in 1850 by Dr. John Westcott.

### **Walker**

Location: T30s R25e S21 (Alturas) - 39 acres  
Appears in the 1931 plat book with this name.

**Weader**

Location: T30s R27e S3 (Lake Wales) - 12 acres

**We-Oh-Ya-Kapka** - see *Walk In The Water*

**Whistler**

Location: T27s R25e S33 (Auburndale) - 76 acres

Named for Josephus Whistler, who homesteaded property there in 1879. Mentioned in the text accompanying the 1890 sectional map. Also known as Camp Lake after a roving band of indians who sometimes stopped there.

**Willie**

Location: T26s R27e S10 (Loughman)

Named by Eugene Averills in 1894.

**Winterset**

Location: T29s R26e S11,14 (Winter Haven) - 548 acres

Shown on 1890 sectional map as Lake Carrie, but as Lake Winterset on 1890 Lake Region map.

**Wire**

Location: T28s R23e S13 (Lakeland) - 21 acres

In May of 1867 the International Ocean Telegraph Company constructed a telegraph wire through Polk County. The lake is named for the telegraph wire which passed around it's shores. Originally called Israel's Dish after a cowboy of that name who camped there and left behind a dish which was used for some time by others as a drinking cup.

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