

Capt. Henry E. Sewall's Obituary and Biographical Sketch

South Florida Developer

August 4, 1925

Capt. H. E. Sewall,

St. Lucie Pioneer was Buried Today

Veteran Resident of This Section [Died] Sunday Morning at Daytona

The funeral of Capt. Henry E. Sewall the grand old man of the St. Lucie river region was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home with burial at the Waveland cemetery.

Captain Sewall died Sunday morning at Daytona where he had gone with Mrs. Sewall to spend the summer. He was 79 years old. Subject to heart attacks he had not felt well enough to go back to Siccasset, Maine, his boyhood home, this summer and had decided to remain in Florida. He was in a Daytona hospital when he died.

Active pallbearers at the funeral were Carroll Dunscombe, W. I. Schuman, C. H. Taylor, Lee Willes, B. F. Turner and George McPherson. Honorable pallbearers included, Charles Woodward, P. P. Cobb, E. L. Price, H. Letourneau, Fred Fee, C. C. Zanison, A. H. Harris, Percy Fuge, and F. W. Willes.

Captain Sewall was one of the direct descendants of Captain Hansen, to whom the Hansen grant of 27 square miles was made by the King of Spain when Florida was a Spanish possession. Coming to Florida when the Hansen grant was divided, Captain settled on what became known as Sewall's Point. Approximately six square miles of the grant were given to him in the partition of the property embracing Golden Gate, Port Sewall and Sewall's Point.

Little by little he sold off his holdings, finally disposing of his fifty acre homesite to Otto Schaum for \$50,000.

Captain Sewall was born in Wiscasset, Maine. He was a son of a shipbuilder. Following a seafaring life for a score of years, he was shipwrecked off Cape Hatteras nearly forty years ago. He gave up the life of a sea captain to go into the coal business. He gave that up to come to Florida to live. Captain Sewall is survived by his widow. They had two children both of whom are dead.

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Other Interesting Facts (by Walt Bruetsch):

August 4, 1925 was a Tuesday. So Henry Sewall died on Sunday, 2 August 1925.

A “google” search on 22 Dec 2010 did not reveal the current presence of a magazine or newspaper titled the South Florida Developer. A microfilm of the Developer is on file in the Blake Library, Stuart, FL.

The 1920 US Census has Henry E. Sewall, age 72, living with his wife Abbie E. Sewall, age 70, in Palm Beach County.