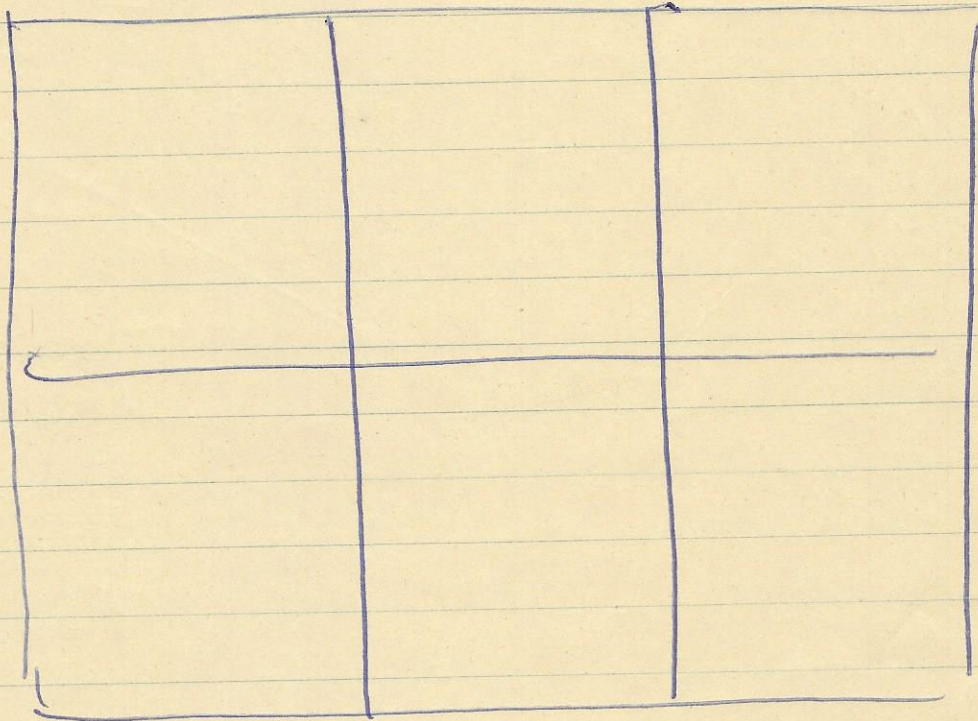


The Story of Freetown / Lucrecia

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On Grand Bahama Island

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To Bring Grand Bahama Island Into the 20th Century

Chapters

1. Little White Cay + Wallace Groves' background, Wall Street. Phoenix Securities. M. Groves' early life, first degree, etc. Development of Little White, adoption of children.
2. Harold Christie and idea for purchasing Abaco Lumber Company. Flight to Grand Bahama. Terrain, geology. Boiler explosion.
3. Purchase of ~~Pine Ridge~~ of Lumber company for \$50,000. Gray Russell gives inventory from memory. Activity. Changes method of operating - central sawmill. Pit props. Railroad. Roads. Dredging of harbor. Modernization of methods ^{concern}.
4. Pine ridge school, medical, ~~jealousy~~ of ~~Bay Street~~ British, Bay Street over wages. Life in the Camp. Xmas. Movies. Church. Missile base. Doug Silvera story, water, sanitation.
5. Idea for Freeport, sitting on a log. Sale of Lumber company to National Container \$4 million. Hawksbill Creek Agreement, Far stronger than Mr. Groves wanted. Written that way so you wouldn't have to put a penny in Freeport.

6. Beginning of Freeport, Jan Porel,
Doug Silvera, Social Club, Roads,
airport. Planning - Riki S. Gonsalves.
~~Schools and churches~~ Caravel Club

7. D.K. Ludwig - ^{handshake.} harbor, shipyard
Schools, churches, Banks, Medical,
James Rand - Ford Market - other businesses,
Penkering, Licenses - Allen Bros, Haywards
handscaping - Fox & others. Water, electricity, town planning

8. Formation of Devco with Louis A.
Chesler as ~~pres~~ chairman - Rand
business, hotels, Casino + Casino
profits. Contingent of Canadian businesses men
Tex McCrary - Jinx Falckenberg - over
promotion of area. Casinos distasteful to Groves
but profits necessary for hotel development

9. Chesler out. Herman Perl, George Katonin.
Rapid growth of Devco. Land sales boom,
but Groves ^{concerned} with lack of funding and
apparent speculation. International Bazaar -
idea of Mrs. D.K. Ludwig. Attitude of Bay Street
merchants. Further industrial development.
Cement Company, Syntex - BORCO - Building of hotels