



THE TAMIAMI TRAIL

A Collection of Stories

by Maria Stone

- Why was it called “Tamiami”?
- What was life like in remote Florida?
- How did they cope with the mosquitoes?
- What did they think of Barron Gift Collier?
- What has changed over the past 90 years?

Read what the men & women remember about working and living on the Trail during those formative years in the 1920s when the road across the swamp and the sawgrass opened up Southwest Florida.

The late Maria Stone recorded interviews and published this collection of “written oral history” in 1998, the 70th Anniversary of the Opening of the Trail. It is being re-published for the 90th celebration and for future generations who want to know what it was like back then in the Roaring Twenties on the fringe of the Everglades.

In Maria’s own words, *You have read these true accounts of those who experienced the building of the Tamiami Trail. Perhaps as you drive along this famous highway you will feel a deeper appreciation for that larger-than-life effort expended by so many for so long.*

Lila Zuck, a Naples historian, is Maria’s literary executor and selected ECity Publishing to reprint this book. The editor has reformatted the original typescript and added some photos with detailed captions. Lila’s comment, after seeing the proof of the new 2018 edition, was:

Love it! Very nicely done, especially picture of her & sign! You’ll do well with it.

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