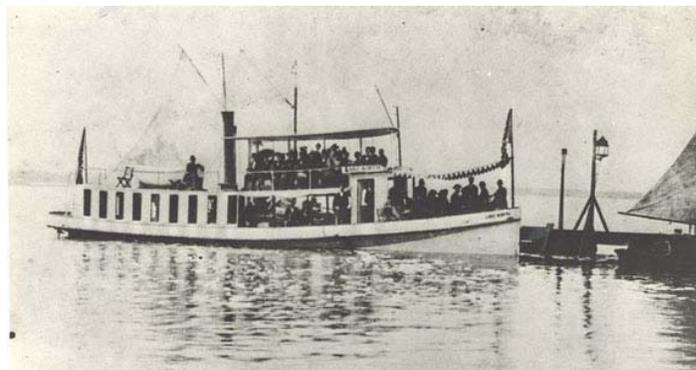# Did You Know…

Lake Worth Steamer

The *Lake Worth* steamer was one of the primary modes of transportation on Lake Worth. Built in Jacksonville in 1887, Captain U.D. Hendrickson operated his steamer between Titusville and Jupiter. About 1888, he moved the steamer to Lake Worth transporting goods and passengers between Juno, at the head of the lake, and Hypoluxo Island. It was the first steamer to operate on the lake. Hendrickson sold the steamer in 1904 and sailed it to Cuba where it was put into service on Nipe Bay.

Hotel Royal Poinciana

When Henry Morrison Flagler had his first Palm Beach hotel, the Royal Poinciana, built, it took over a thousand workers to complete the structure between May 1893 and February 1894, when it opened. The construction required 1,400 kegs of nails, 500,000 feet of lumber, 360,000 shingles, 4,000 barrels of lime, 500,000 bricks, 2,400 gallons of paint, 20 acres of plaster, 1,200 windows, and 1,800 doors. After two additions in 1899 and 1901, the Royal Poinciana was the largest wooden resort hotel structure in the world. It had a bake shop, ice cream plant, post office which received 10 bags of first class mail a day, electric plant, 150 cooks, 500 waiters, 1,066 guest chambers, 700 private baths, the dining room could seat 1,600 people with one waiter for every four guests, 1,200 employees during the two-month season with a payroll of $75,000 a month. The length of the building from north to south was 934 feet, there were two miles of halls and corridors, it was seven stories tall, and had electric elevators. If the wings of the hotel were stretched in a continuous line the distance would be approximately a half mile. The hotel was seriously damaged during the 1928 hurricane and subsequently demolished in the mid-1930s.

Tidbits of History:

Lake Worth High School, established 1922, is Palm Beach County's oldest continuously-operated school.

Located on Singer Island, the Tiara Condominium is the tallest structure in Palm Beach County at 390 feet high or 42 stories.

6.2 million passengers fly in and out of Palm Beach International Airport a year.

Palm Beach County, "The Golf Capital of the World," has 170 private and public golf courses.

Lainhart & Potter, Inc. is Palm Beach County's oldest business, established in 1893 by George Lainhart and George Potter.