

THE PACER

An American story



CHAPTER NINE

By DAVID PARAMORE

I enjoyed my time in Quin Nhon, both working and what leisure time I managed to find.

Quin Nhon was an old French provincial capital before World War II and had retained a lot of the French architecture and charm.

Quin Nhon was seen as mostly pacified in late 1968, and because of the massive U.S. Army and Navy troops present there, it remained within limits for off-duty troops.

We were allowed to visit the city's bars, restaurants, nightclubs and movie houses – as much as we could afford.

In late January 1969, I went on R&R to Sydney, Australia, for 10 days. Sydney was a big city -- too big for this country boy -- but I loved Australia and its people.

I arrived just at the start of their summer, as the

seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere.

Beautiful women, beautiful weather and no one shot at me at all while I was there! I spent \$300 in just eight days there -- which was a lot of money at that time.

The morning of my second day in Australia, I caught a bus out to Lithgow, a small town of about 7,500 people that was located some 50-odd miles west of Sydney.

I spent the remainder of my 10 days there.

I took a room over a tavern that shared one bathroom with the other three rooms on that floor. I met some nice people that treated me the way I wish my own countrymen had treated me when I arrived back in the states.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Australia! Australia had troops in Vietnam at

that time, and everyone I met thanked me profusely, asking me for any news of Vietnam that they could get.

The Australian people supported the war effort and included me in their appreciation.

They would not let me pay for my own beer, and there was always someone wanting to buy my next one!

I also liked the food, or at least most of it -- I could never get used to the taste of lamb.

I met one very special person in Lithgow -- a 35-year-old woman named Kate who was living in one of the rooms over the tavern.

Kate had just arrived from the vast interior of the country called "the Outback."

Her first time seeing a flushing toilet was just two months before I met her. Kate made it her personal

duty to see that I experienced Australia to the utmost.

She taught me things about women I will remember for the rest of my life.

Fifteen years my senior, Kate was very much still a young woman and had worked hard physical labor at a sheep station in the Outback.

That is what they called a "ranch" in their part of the world.

I can tell you hard work will not hurt a woman's figure! She could have graced the pages of an adult men's magazine if given the opportunity.

When it was time to leave Lithgow and head back to Vietnam, I tried to give her my remaining greenbacks, but she would not accept a penny for serving as my personal guide.

I will always remember Kate with a smile on her face, and had she been closer to my age, I would have made my way back to Australia when I finished my obligation to Uncle Sam!

just a couple of hours before my flight back to Vietnam.

I got on the plane, and because I slept most of the way, it seemed the trip was over as soon as it started.

I arrived back in Quin Nhon with only about two months left in Vietnam, and the 18th MP Brigade turned out to be an excellent unit in which to spend my last few weeks "in country."

Good job or not, March 3, 1969, could not come soon enough for me! That was the day I would leave Vietnam for good.

I had some very enjoyable moments with the 18th MP's.

One of my favorite memories while serving with that unit at Quin Nhon came as a result of trading fish to a group of Vietnamese fishermen.

One of our boat crews had noticed a large school of mangrove snapper and managed to stun a few hundred of them with concussion grenades.

The guys scooped them up and threw them in the bottom of the boat before approaching one of the Vietnamese commercial fishermen who was also working the snapper run and asking if he was interested in the fish.

The Vietnamese

fisherman traded two cases of 33 beer, several pounds of ice and the companionship of two young Vietnamese girls for all the fish.

Our guys kept about 25 of the fish, and by the time I got to work that evening they had grilled snapper and cold Vietnamese beer served by the girls.

I think that is the only time I had ever seen fish traded for women. The girls, each in their late teens, were gone the next day.

(To be continued)

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Chapter 10

I arrived back in Sydney



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LEGALS

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IN THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 21-62CC

RILEY JAMES PRIDGEON, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHASITY KIMBERLY THARPE (PRIDGEON), Defendant

IN RE: THE PETITION TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

VIN#: 2G1FS1EW6D9176885

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CHASITY KIMBERLY THARPE (PRIDGEON), LAST KNOWN REGISTERED OWNER YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF OWNERSHIP OF PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 2012 CHEVROLET CAMERO, VIN NUMBER IS 2G1FS1EW6D9176885, AND LOCATED AT 11010 RED WATER LAKE RD, GREENVILLE, FL 32331, HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, TO RILEY JAMES PRIDGEON WHOSE ADDRESS IS 11010 RED WATER LAKE RD, GREENVILLE, FL 32331, ON OR BEFORE JULY 2, 2021, AND FILE THE ORIGINAL WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT AT: PO BOX 620, PERRY FL 32348, BEFORE SERVICE ON PETITIONER OR IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

Witness my hand and seal of this court on the 4th day of June, 2021, at Taylor County, Florida.

Gary Knowles
Clerk of Court

By: LeighAnn Grubbs
Deputy Clerk

Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 12th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2021

Signature: Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

**TDA 21-009
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IDE Technologies, Inc the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 168
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R01816-000
Described as McInain-Morgan of Shady Grove Lots B & C Block 14 Taylor County Official Record Book 632, Page 374. Located in Section 28 Township 02 Range 07 Containing .17 acres MOL
Name in which assessed: Ashli V Hudson
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 12th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2021

Signature: Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

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Dated this 9th day of June, 2021

Signature: Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court

**TDA 21-011
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Citrus Capital Holdings, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 296
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R02635-000
Described as Perry Heights Subdivision Lots 13 & 14 Block 11 Taylor County Official Record Book 353, Page 900. Located in Section 13 Township 04 Range 07 Containing .31 acres MOL
Name in which assessed Marlene B Doyle
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2021

Signature: Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

**TDA 21-012
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Citrus Capital Holdings, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 302
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R02703-000
Described as Perry Heights Subdivision Lots 15, 16, 17 & 18 Block 4 Taylor County Official Record Book 276 page 180, book 422 page 105 CT, book 769 page 316, book 778, Page 719 Containing .61 acres MOL
Name in which assessed Ruben J Cabrera / US Bank Trust NA
Said property being in the County of

Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2021

Signature: Gary Knowles,
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

**TDA 21-013
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Citrus Capital Holdings, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1135
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R06696-000
Described as Dekle Beach Gulf Front Unrecorded Subdivision Lot 14 no metes and bounds description less 1/2 interest in oil, gas and mineral rights. Taylor County Official Record Book 484, Page 906 subject to Life Estate in Official Record 610 page 56. Located in Section 27 Township 07 Range 07 Containing .10 acres MOL
Name in which assessed Milton P Sumrell
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1187
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R07214-600
Described as Econfinal Preserve an Unrecorded Subdivision Tract V commence at the Southeast corner of the section then run South 1 degree East 83.99 feet then run North 45 degrees West 39.84 feet then run North 63 degrees West 100.49 feet then run North 69 degrees West 157.72 feet then run North 72 degrees West 217.47 feet then run North 82 degrees West 72.75 feet then run South 80 degrees West 83.9 feet then run South 72 degrees West 290.91 feet then run North 54 degrees West 49.4 feet then run North 35 degrees West 190.5 feet then run North 42 degrees West 102.72 feet then run North 51 degrees West 62.69 feet then run North 59 degrees West 565.82 feet then run North 57 degrees West 232.78 feet then run North 65 degrees West 66.25 feet then run South 86 degrees West 51.42 feet then run South 74 degrees West 430.81 feet then run South 77 degrees West 323.18 feet then run South 85 degrees West 109.21 feet then run North 82 degrees West 87.7 feet then run North 59 degrees West 86.68 feet then run North 49 degrees West 217.39 feet then run North 52 degrees West 257.37 feet then run North 60 degrees West 72.41 feet then run North 26 degrees East 1303.31 feet then run North 26 degrees East 377.18 feet then run South 1138.65 feet then run East 2648.6 feet then run South 1319.06 feet to a point of beginning subject to & together with easements. Taylor County Official Record Book 671, Page 250 Official Record 775 page 268. Located in Section 31 Township 02 Range 08 Containing 74.52 acres MOL
Name in which assessed: Sugar LLC
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

XE VIN: 1N6SD11S9VC318494 for tow & storage charges on 06-17-2021. Vehicle will be auctioned on The 26th day of JULY 2021 @ 10am at Thomas Chevrolet 2128 S. Byron Butler Pkwy, Perry, FL (850)584-6221 per F.S. 7.13.78

**TDA 21-015
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Citrus Capital Holdings, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 358
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R03083-600
Described as El Rancho Subdivision Lot 7 Block C Taylor County Official Record Book 440, Page 705. Located in Section 23 Township 04 Range 07 Containing .26 acres MOL
Name in which assessed: Sadaytril Bishop
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2021

Signature: Gary Knowles, Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTICE OF UPDATED MEETING LOCATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet on July 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at City of Alachua Commission Meeting Room, 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, FL 32615. Off-Site Governing Board Meeting, Public Hearing, Workshops, Field Trips, and/or Committee Meetings. Consideration of Suwannee River Water Management District business. All or part of this meeting may be conducted by means of communications media technology. GoTo Webinar information regarding viewing of and participation in the meeting will be available on the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

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