Tradewinds: History and Present-Day Use as a Broward County Educational Farm

Tradewinds Park & Stables is located at 3600 W. Sample Road in Coconut Creek, Florida. The 626.7 acre complex includes a farm house, stable and several other buildings, was once owned by Marguerite C. McLean and her second husband William Kay. Marguerite is the daughter of John Archibald McClean (1843-1919) who founded a logging business in Onconto County Wisconsin (near Green Bay). I found Marguerite’s photo on a Web site devoted to Onconto County families. Family photos contain clues that the McLeans (who had 14 children) are Sirian. Marguerite’s brother Claude has a left hand pose in his photo.

Jessie Marguerite McLean (1898-1986)
Claude McLean (1878-1955)

In June 2013, Bette Estep, Tradewinds’ Farm Tour coordinator, arranged for my Haitian friends (Jonathan and his mother Suzette) to join a children’s tour group that had booked a educational visit to the farm. Bette invented a farm house tour, a hands-on visit with animals and a sing-along to create a source of revenue for the park.

In November 2014, I visited the enclosed areas where the animals are kept and talked to Bette and Richard about adding adult tours that provide nutrition education. They understood the importance of nutrition education, but said the project would need to be approved by Broward County.
(Unedited caption from the McLean Web page created by Richard A. McLean) The McLean Family. In the center are John and Elizabeth McLean. On papa’s knee is baby Neil Henry McLean, my father. Gordon has his left arm over daddy’s leg. Going clockwise from Gordon is Allen, Claude, Agnes, Mary Jane, Gertrude, Ida. And right in front of momma is Eva Maude.
(June 2013) Tradewinds’ Bette Estep with my Haitian friends Jonathan and Suzette
(June 2013) Bette and a group of young children during a farm house tour.

(June 2013) Children lined up along Tradewinds’ former chicken coop.

During a November 2014 visit, I did not notice the chicken coop in this picture. Richard explained that the wood deteriorated and the coop had to be replaced. The newer coop is smaller (see next page).
Tradewinds’ newer, smaller chicken coop (Tradewinds needs pasture with movable chicken coops).

Tradewinds’ goats and sheep live inside fenced compartments.
Tradewinds’ train ride for adults and children.