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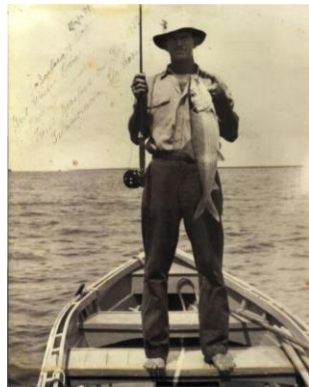
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**Melbourne Public Library
540 Fee Avenue, Melbourne**

Captain Bill Smith

Fly Fisherman Extraordinaire

Presented by Barbara Smith Arthur



In 1887 brothers Robert Toombs Smith and Charley Smith laid claim to 159 acres on Mullet Creek. Today the property is known as Honest John's Fish Camp. William Lonnie Smith, brother of Honest John Smith, was born in 1909 on Mullet Creek, at the site of the Smith Family Homestead. His niece Barbara Smith Arthur will take us through the colorful life of Smith. From his childhood growing up on the creek, to his days of rum running and years as a fishing guide in the Keys you will hear how Captain Bill Smith earned the title "Fly Fisherman Extraordinaire". Among his many accomplishments Smith was acknowledged to be the first person to catch a bonefish, and the notoriously difficult permit fish, on an artificial fly.



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