Top 10 reasons The Brickell’s, (mainly Mary Brickell) were marginalized in the telling of the origin story of Miami:

1. It was thought there were never any photos taken of Mary until 1992 when Carmen Petsoules unearthed the 1st one at History Miami. There are now 3 known photographs
2. Mary was English and did not conform to the general issues of her time in Miami in that period. I.e. race relations, liberally helping the poor, and wielding immense power as a landowner of over 6,000 acres of land.
3. The Brickell’s did not develop their lands quick enough. This was seen as the family hoarding prime land.
4. The Brickell Trading Post housed the Miami Post Office and since there was no bridge across the Miami River folks had to pay a ferry also owned by the Brickells to get across. Opening day of Miami’s incorporation had this issue come up as soon as new business was called for the first time in the city’s history.
5. The Brickell’s were private. Never joining the Historical Museum of South Florida or any other history groups.
6. William Brickell had a major fallout with Julia Tuttle’s father.
7. William Brickell had two big fallouts with Henry Flagler.
8. Flagler did not contractually build the bridge over the river before his train arrived thus limiting Brickell land sales but more importantly the perceived location of where the city actually lay when it boomed.
9. In the last 25 years, loads of documents and collections have surfaced supporting the fact that the Brickells owned key negotiating lands critical to the deal that birthed Miami.
10. There are plenty more reasons cited in Cesar’s book but these are the main ones.