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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY was organized about two years ago. They are trying to collect, preserve & organize material dealing with the history & development of Columbia County. Many of south Florida's pioneers lived in the Lake City area before moving south. Most of the county records were burned in the 1870's so it is hoped that this society might turn up some real "hidden treasures" in its searches. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Miss Jessie Gleason, 930 N. Marion St., Lake City, Fl. 32055 is secretary.

CORRECTION: There was an error on page 17 of Issue #9. Cause of death for William Bronson in the Mortality Schedule should read "gun-shot wound" and cause of death of Moses Barber should read "drowned". These were reversed. Most issues were corrected prior to mailing but if your copy was not, please correct. Thank you.

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THE FLORIDA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY published in Sept. 1976 the first issue of their new Newsletter. Purpose of the Newsletter is to keep members and interested friends of the Florida Baptist Historical Society informed of the activities and work of the Society; and to publish brief informative items on Baptist history to stimulate interest in the Baptist heritage. You may join the Society by sending \$2.00 to Mr. E. Earl Joiner, Curator & Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Fla. Baptist Hist. Society, Box 1353, Stetson University, DeLand, Fla. 32720. Mention was also made of the book, A HISTORY OF FLORIDA BAPTIST, written by Mr. Joiner, but no price was given.

Mr. Larry King, 1001 Lincoln St., Manchester, TN 37355 announces publication of his new book, BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN KINFOLKS, which is a history of the Fisher, Gilbert, Hall, Hartley, Hill, King, Kirby & Lawson families of The Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. Price is \$15.00 per copy.

QUERIES

- 10-1 Searching for information on JESSE DURRANCE family, whose wife was a PIERCE or PEARCE. JESSE was the son of THOMAS JEFFERSON DURRANCE and DELILA CASON DURRANCE. Would appreciate hearing from members of his family, names and birth dates of his brothers and sisters. MARGARET DELILA CASON, his mother, was the daughter of Judge DENNIS MARION CASON of Manatee County, Florida and MYTELDA ROSEWELL LEE CASON. Mrs. Ruby Cason Iliff, N2506 Denver, Spokane, Wash. 99207
- 10-2 Would like to correspond with anyone working on the following families: CREWS, WHIDDEN, PLATT, COLLIER, GREEN, LOCKLEAR, HAIR, WILLIAMS, DUBOIS, PRESCOTT, BONEY. Mrs. Stella Crews Romano, 14701 NW Garden Dr., Miami, Fla. 33168
- 10-3 JOHN GILLETT, Craven County, NC received land patent in 1728. He died in 1749. Need birthplace and date, marriage & same for parents. Mrs. Charles H. Wooten, 2725 9th Ave. W., Bradenton, Fla. 33505
- 10-4 JOHN & MARY SELLERS moved to Manatee County, Fla. prior to 1870 from southeast Alabama. Who was his father? Would also like to exchange information on the following: GULLETT family, Rev. HUGH BETHEA, PETER PLATT & his son BERRIAN PLATT, and DORY ANN, daughter of SILAS & PENELOPE (ANDERSON) MCCLELLAND. PENELOPE ANDERSON MCCLELLAND was the daughter of JOSEPH ANDERSON, Rev. Soldier, NC. Miss Raffle Gullett, 120 SE 72nd St., Gainesville, Fla. 32601
- 10-5 DILWORTH & ELIZA J. KEEN were living in 1880 Sumter Co., Fla. He was born 1848, son of DAVID KEEN. Would like any info concerning this man. His brother, RANDELL R. KEEN, born 1830 & wife, JULIA ANN were living in 1860 New River, Fla. Their children were: RILEY, born 1849; ROAN, born 1850; REUBIN, born 1851; RANDAL, born 1853; RAIFORD, born 1855; ROXA ANN, born 1857; JOSEPH, born 1859. Richard M. Livingston, P. O. Box 166, Fort Ogden, Fla. 33842
- 10-6 Searching for information on the following families: SANDLIN, CURRY, HOOKER, HAIR, TURNER. Mrs. Arthur H. Taylor, P. O. Box 16039, Las Vegas, Nev. 89101

LEE COUNTY: EARLY DAYS IN FORT MYERS

About 1908, Capt. Francis Asbury Hendry, pioneer of the Fort Myers area, wrote a short booklet about that vicinity of south Florida entitled, A HISTORY OF THE EARLY DAYS IN FORT MYERS. F. A. Hendry was the son of James E. Hendry and Lydia Carlton. Mrs. Frances Kay Hendry of North Fort Myers has contributed a copy of that history.

The first historical account we have of Fort Myers is when it was occupied by the United States military on November 4, 1841. It was abandoned March 21, 1842, being occupied but a few months. The place was named then in honor of Lieutenant John H. Harvie, who had died, probably from campaign exposure, about two months before the place was occupied. From 1842 to 1850 there was nothing known of the place and it appears that it was almost forgotten.

It was February 14, 1850, when General Twiggs ordered Major Ridgely to take command of two companies of regular soldiers and proceed to the mouth of the Caloosahatchee, ascend that river and select the most eligible point on its southern bank and establish a military post, clear away the forest, fortify, unfurl Old Glory to the breeze, and to name the place Fort Myers, in honor of Colonel Abraham C. Myers, a distinguished veteran of the Mexican War and at that time the chief quartermaster of the war department of Florida. This officer, when the war between the states in 1861 became inevitable, like the beloved Robert E. Lee, resigned his commission and cast his lot with the destiny of South Carolina, his native State, and was lost sight of.

While we have lost sight of Colonel Myers, a monument has been erected to his memory in the promising little town of Fort Myers, more to be appreciated than marble and stone. The place selected by Major Ridgely, under orders of General Twiggs, was the old site of Fort Harvie, and re-occupied and given a new name, as above stated. Fort Myers, for eight years, was occupied by the military of the United States, and was the scene of much activity on lines of Indian warefare and Indian migration to the far west.

It was at Fort Myers that Colonel Rector, United States Indian agent, with his delegation of friendly Indians from Arkansas, induced the fearless and indomitable Billy Bowlegs to yield to the scepter of Uncle Sam and turn his back upon his native home, the wilds of Florida, and, with the most of his tribe, migrate to the far west, never to return. That big chief was not scared into the terms offered by Uncle Sam, but he could, savage as he was, read the handwriting upon the wall and interpret correctly. The days of his glory had departed and he gracefully accepted the inevitable.

Then it was that, about June 1, 1858, Fort Myers was abandoned by the United States forces. In 1859 the Fort was occupied by a civil force, an incorporated company from Virginia, under the management of Major James Evans, whose object was to engage in the culture of fruits and in all kinds of plants common to the tropics and this latitude. Many slaves were brought down from Virginia for the purpose of clearing the lands and improving the, fitting them for that promising industry. The great war between the States caused the abandonment of this project, and the place, in line with its eventful history, was again abandoned and became an uninhabited wilderness, exposed to fire and general devastation.

Four years after, and while the destiny of our country was trembling in the scale of uncertainty, the Federal soldiers took possession of Fort Myers and made it headquarters for all manner of mischief common to warfare. Frequent and destructive raids were made far into the interior and into Confederate lines, causing much distress to the devotees of the Southern cause. Large herds of cattle were rounded up by Federal cavalry and driven to Fort Myers and there slaughtered for use by the garrison

and the blockading squadron of Sanibel Island in San Carlos Bay, and a large number carried on transports to Pine Island, landing about where St. James is now situated.

So annoying was the condition that an unsuccessful attempt was made by Colonel J. C. Munnerlyn's battalion, commanded by Major William Footman, to capture and destroy the place, resulting, however, in its evacuation. Major Footman, after formally demanding a surrender and being denied, raised a terrible racket. A day was spent in cannon and rifle practice, one those bloodless battles, one man killed, a lot of pickets, horses and cattle captured, was the result so far as Major Footman knew, but the most desired result was going on in the front, while Footman was retracing steps, having given up the undertaking as a bad job, the Federals were packing up and hurrying down the river to Punta Rassa, where they placed themselves under cover of their gunboats. The failure to capture the place at that time, under the circumstances connected with it, was as might have been expected.

Two hundred and seventy-five men, poorly armed, with one field piece, attacking five companies of well-armed men, with block houses, breastworks and three field pieces, mounted at commanding points, could not be expected to succeed. While the Confederates could not hurt the enemy much, they gave it a terrible fright, for the next morning the nest was warm, but the bird had flown.

In mentioning this little unpleasantness, in which Fort Myers played a conspicuous part, mention should be made of the fact that Major Footman completely surprised the garrison when he sent in his flag of truce and politely demanded an unconditional surrender, except that the officers and men be treated as prisoners of war. A picket post was a mile out from the front -- ten men well armed with Enfield rifles. This fact Major Footman ascertained from a reliable source. He was determined to capture that picket guard.

The night preceding the attack on Fort Myers, the battalion was marching leisurely in a long single file, at a point twelve miles from Fort Myers, along the old military road leading from Fort Myers to Fort Thompson. It was very dark and raining when a halt was made. Major Footman rode down the line and called for Captain Hendry. Being answered, he said: "Captain, I want ten men who can tread on eggs and not break them. Make a detail from your company, dismount them, and place them in command of one of your best lieutenants and have him report to me at once." This order was quickly complied with, when Lieutenant George W. Hendry, in command of ten men of his own choosing, reported to Major Footman.

The Major said to him, in substance: "There is a picket post, one mile from Fort Myers, on a little creek or branch (Billy's Branch). Proceed to that point and capture the picket without firing a gun if possible. I rely upon you. Your plan must be one of your own. Good night."

Lieutenant Hendry had a hard, difficult and perilous job before him and came as near to accomplishing it as it was possible for him to do. The country was so covered with water and the night so dark, and the pickets without camp fires, that it was absolutely impossible to locate them. He passed within a few yards of the guard on post and did not know it. The picket guard heard the wading in the water and thought it was a herd of cattle passing by. When the day dawned, Lt. Hendry returned to the battalion, meeting it a few miles from Fort Myers.

The Major, still determined to capture that picket post, ordered Lt. William M. Hendry, of Capt. Wall's company, to select from the whole battalion ten men and make a dash upon the picket post. Lt. Hendry then, is now no other than "Uncle Marion" Hendry, present clerk of the Circuit Court. The order was positive to capture without the firing of a gun if

possible. This was a dangerous procedure. Ten men attacking ten men, all well armed, with a position carefully selected. The instructions were, when within a half mile of the point, to dash off at full speed and keep up that speed until they dashed into the picket camp. Well does the writer remember seeing the water fly from under the heels of the chargers in that dash, and the spirit and determined look of these cavalymen. The writer cannot recall all the names of the men composing that charge. Lt. W. M. Hendry, of Fort Myers; Frank Saxon of Brooksville; Gideon Zipperer, Bartow; Benjamin F. Blount, Bartow. Sorry I cannot recall other names. No more daring charge was made during the great war. There was not a gun fired, and every picket was trotting back to the rear in a few minutes, prisoners of war.

Many interesting incidents occurred in that march aid campaign against Fort Myers, which space forbids to mention. So we have reached another occasion for abandonment of this historic place. The fort was abandoned this time hurriedly and in much confusion, leaving three substantial block houses, three dismounted batteries and a long crescent-shaped breastworks, extending from where the Royal Palm hotel now stands around to the foot of Hendry street, all of which have been leveled, and there are no signs of it today. The old fort, blessed with so many natural advantages and attractions, so beautifully situated on the beautiful Caloosa river, was destined to be reoccupied at no distant day.

*****To Be Continued Next Issue*****

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OSCEOLA COUNTY: KENANSVILLE CEMETERY

This Osceola County cemetery is continued from Issue #9 and is contributed by Mrs. Martha Virt & Mrs. Wanda Hamilton, 1405 6th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

- Harriet C. Padgett, age 46, 6 mon & 8 days Feb. 22, 1976
- Gerald A. Bass (son of Gerald & Esther (Brewer) Bass)
October 28, 1953 - August 9, 1975
- Susan W. Bass Dec. 6, 1955
- Lillian (Pat) Sullivan (daughter of W. T. & Callie (Yates) Bass)
July 31, 1920 - January 15, 1961
- W. T. Bass April 9, 1898 - December 19, 1942
- Callie E. Bass (daughter of Noah & Florence (Willis) Yates)
August 19, 1897 - June 24, 1962
- Luna Sharpton 1902 - 1972
- Harley M. Harvey 1900 - 1957
- J. Jackson Harvey 1854 - 1938
- Susan Rebecca Harvey 1873 - 1949
- Harvey Jackson Harvey February 18, 1854 - September 28, 1938
- H. Z. "Hub" Harvey February 6, 1897 - March 15, 1970
- Bessie Harvey August 20, 1878 -
- Hurbert Harvey, Fla, Pvt, Co B, 156 Depot Brig, WWI
February 6, 1897 - March 15, 1970
- John Harvey 1906 - 1957
- Dora Isa Bass August 8, 1908 - December 23, 1963
- Robert Lee Bass, Fla, Cpl, Co B, 237 Engineer Bn
August 10, 1933 - January 20, 1961
- Gregory Scott Bass Jan. 23, 1962 - June 17, 1963
- Alfred J. Ayers June 29, 1908 - October 6, 1972
- Ray B. Baisden Dec. 3, 1953 - Sept. 20, 1972
- Infant Tankersley 1964 - 1964

Sol Padgett February 3, 1895 - June 1, 1967
 Nellie Padgett March 5, 1895 - April 8, 1971
 Mrs. Brady (?) Age 42 years June 25, 1957
 Asberry Smith 1885 - 1973
 J. Burton Smith 1894 - 1970
 Noah Smith September 5, 1885 - March 8, 1948
 Marion H. Johns December 19, 1892 - December 27, 1962
 Mae P. Johns March 17, 1891 - January 23, 1971
 Alfred B. Cheverette May 5, 1905 -
 Julia A. Cheverette October 31, 1911 - February 8, 1971
 Clarence Fertic 1911 - 1942
 Edgar E. Fertic January 10, 1914 - August 18, 1956
 Gladys Marie Fertic December 23, 1915 - April 16, 1924
 G. W. Fertic Died August 24, 1918, age 33 years
 Henry Fertic 1852 - 1920
 Mary Ann Pike, wife of Henry Fertic 1854 - 1928
 Gus E. Bass 1866 - 1957
 Minnie Bass 1874 - 1945
 Lem G. Stevens December 2, 1880 - August 9, 1951
 Georgann Stevens January 17, 1883 - February 13, 1960
 Ackies O. Stevens June 22, 1903 - August 20, 1965
 Infant son of A. F. & A. E. Bass Feb. 5, 1898 - Feb. 18, 1898
 Mary Eubank Feb. 6, 1857 - Feb. 22, 1920
 Larry Andrew Harvey June 22, 1946 - May 26, 1973
 Annie Venus Harvey Feb. 14, 1909 - Jan. 30, 1957
 Ada Harvey Nov. 15, 1879 - March 14, 1930
 Leroy Eubank April 23, 1898 - Sept. 26, 1963
 Edward H. Johnson, Ind, CWT, U.S.Navy, WWI
 Oct. 25, 1887 - Feb. 17, 1967
 Roy H. Gray 1895 - 1969
 Teresa Ann Haynes 1964 - 1972
 John M. Deutsch, Jr. 1960 - 1973
 Chester Baker Feb. 6, 1924 - 1934
 Joe Maggard May 20, 1865 - Oct. 10, 1930
 W. L. Stevens 53 yrs, 9 mos., 17 days May 1, 1952
 Jeffrey Lee Dutton May 23, 1963 - Aug. 13, 1968
 Rebecca Shaw, wife of W. W. Wheeler Oct. 1824 - Jan. 17, 1902
 Allen Sullivan July 25, 1900 - Sept. 7, 1904
 Johnny Morgan Jan. 29, 1953 - Aug. 11, 1959
 Infant Amanda Morgan Feb. 18, 1960
 Ferlilar Nettles April 13, 1877 - Sept. 28, 1956
 Bryant Yates Sept. 14, 1887 - May 18, 1951
 Fla, Pvt, 324 Inf, 81 Div, WWI
 B. A. Johnson 1888 - 1941
 Sallie Johnson March 22, 1856 - Nov. 8, 1925
 Martha R., wife of Elmer Padgett Oct. 13, 1887 - Feb. 23, (?)
 Mordie Story 1902 - 1943
 J. R. Story Aug. 10, 1867 - March 23, 1939
 Nancy Jane Story Jan. 25, 1873 - Jan. 10, 1928
 Barney Story, Fla, Pvt, Co A, 324 Inf, WWI
 May 21, 1895 - March 17, 1965
 Edna Mae Story, May 24, 1903 - June 25, 1949
 George B. Baisden April 27, 1894 - July 5, 1972
 Lottie Davis Baisden May 6, 1903 - June 22, 1963
 Marion F. Johns, Jr. 1969
 Johns (No dates)
 Mattie Bass March 15, 1896 - Nov. 8, 1924
 Anna Bell Stevens Oct. 10, 1927 - Dec. 29, 1934
 Wm. D. Knight 1908 - 1974
 Roy M. Garmany, Sr. 1912 - 1966
 John D. Folsom 1905 - 1973

MANATEE COUNTY: 1880 CENSUS

This census is continued from Issue #9. 1880 Manatee County was divided into 16 precincts: (1) Pine Level, county seat of Manatee; (2) Ft. Green; (3) Ft. Hartsuft; (4) Miacka; (5) Sarasota; (6) Manatee; (7) Palmetto; (8) Oak Hill; (9) Ft. Ogden; (10) Whidden; (11) Boney; (12) Locklear; (13) Williamson; (14) Ft. Thompson; (15) Bassinger; (16) Hickory Bluff. The actual recording of the precinct number on the census is very confusing. Sometimes there are three different precincts on one page - often not subdivided but merely stated on the beginning of the page "includes precinct 10, 12 & 9".

June 5th 1880

R. J. Barton	17	F1	Ga	Ga	Bryant Coker	41	F1	Ga	Sc
Jas. W. Bailey	24	F1	Ga	Ga	M. A. Coker	40	F1	Ga	Ga
Martha "	25	F1	Ga	Ga	Nicy "	18	"		
Cora E. "	5	F1	F1	F1	Laura R. "	15	"		
Ava V. "	2	F1	F1	F1	J. Wesley "	13	"		
J. W. Whidden	41	F1	Ga	Ga	Sarah "	11	"		
Ellen C. "	38	F1	Ga	Ga	Rutherford B. "	9	"		
Robert E. "	14	F1	F1	F1	Henry "	7	"		
Adelia "	12	F1	F1	F1	Martha "	5	"		
Eliza E. "	8	F1	F1	F1	Sears "	3	"		
E. " (f)	6	F1	F1	F1	Geo. H. Mansfield	23	F1	Ga	Ga
Carl F. "	4	F1	F1	F1	Mary E. "	20	F1	F1	F1
Davie "	6/12	F1	F1	F1	Henry Langford	53	F1	Ga	Ga
William Dias	57	Ga	Ga	Ga	Jane "	45	F1	Ga	Ga
Eliza "	52	F1	Ga	Ga	William W. "	22	"		
Mary F. "	19	F1	F1		Eliza J. "	20	"		
John H. "	9	"			Mahala C. "	17	"		
Willoby E. "	5	"			Pricilla M. "	16	"		
James F. "	15	"			James H. "	13	"		
Wilson H. Worth	52	SC	SC	SC	Misouri J. "	11	"		
Eliza "	40	Ga	Ga	Ga	Geo. J. Tillet	40	F1	Ga	Ga
Mary "	13	F1			Lucretia A. "	21	F1	Ga	Ga
John "	10	"			Laurena "	9	"		
W. W. Langford	22	F1	Ga	Ga	Ralieg R. "	4	"		
Martha F. "	19	F1			James Hingson	33	F1	Ga	Ga
					Isabella "	34	F1	Ga	Ga
					Wm. B. "	13	"		
					C. C. " (m)	8	"		

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Thos. H. Albritton	62	Ga	Ga	SC	Page 5 June 5th	Prcts. 10,12 & 9
Anna A. "	21	F1			J. W. Mercer	34 F1 Penn Ga
Arcada M. "	18	"			Laura "	30 F1 Ga Ga
Oregon C. "	15	"			John W. "	11 "
John M. Bates	48	Ga	Tenn	Ga	James "	9 "
Elizabeth "	46	Ga	Ga	Ga	Horrace "	8 "
Louisa P. "	21	F1			Alex Mercer	32 Fla
Martha E. Alderman	20	F1			Jane "	28 "
Margaret Bates	18	"			Caroline "	15 "
Jane E. "	17	"			Charles "	9 "
Mary E. "	14	"			James "	6 "
Thos. J. "	12	"			Thomas "	4 "
John F. "	8	"			Elvira "	2 "
Jessie V. "	6	"			Alec "	1 "
T. L. Bates	36	F1	Ga	Ga	Ransom Mobley	52 Fla
Arthur Bates	12				Mary "	24 "
Arena "	9				Julia Ann "	19 "
Alloria "	8				Martha "	8 "
Aaron "	5				Ezonia " (?)	6 " (female)
Adnie "	2				Appalona "	4 "
					Sarah "	1 "

J. H. Hollingsworth	60	NC	NC	NC	Prct. 10				
Ann E. "	51	F1	Ga	Ga	Sylvanus Whidden	32	Ga	Ga	Ga
Lillie A. "	15	"	NC	Ga	Mary E. "	28	F1	Ga	Ga
James W. "	12	"	"	"	Dona A. "	7	"	"	"
Florida A. "	7	"	"	"	Elizabeth "	5	"	"	"
Nelson Lockler	50	SC	SC	SC	Cassey J. "	2	"	"	"
Liddia A. "	40	Ga	"	"	Levonina "	5/12	"	"	"
Gertrude "	9	F1	"	"	G. W. Williams	32	F1	Ga	Ga
B. F. Richards	28	F1	Al	Al	Eleanor V. "	28	"	"	"
Sarah F. "	18	"	SC	Ga	Wm. H. "	12	"	"	"
Liddia A. "	5/12	"	"	"	Michell A. "	10	"	"	"
Mattie M. "	6	"	"	"	Elaintine "	8	"	"	"
Charles Starling	22	Ga	Ga	Ga	Theodocia "	3	"	"	"
E. E. Waldron	25	"	"	"	James A. "	2/12	"	"	"
John Lowe	37	F1	SC	SC					
Barbary Lowe	35	"	F1	F1	Prct. 1				
Alice V. "	12	"	"	"	Noah Whidden	25	F1	Ga	Ga
John W. "	10	"	"	"	Sarah A. Whidden	25	"	"	"
Wm. W. "	8	"	"	"	James H. "	5	"	"	"
Florence C. "	7	"	"	"	John W. "	3	"	"	"
Nathan "	6	"	"	"	Artemitia "	6/12	"	"	"
Allen "	5	"	"	"	Marion Thompson	14	"	"	"
Robert L. "	3	"	"	"	Desdemona Driggers	38	F1	Ga	Ga
Maria "	3/12	"	"	"	Liddia A. "	15	"	"	"
Streety A. Hair	34	F1	Ga	Ga	Wm. A. "	9	"	"	"
Liddia "	30	F1	Ga	Ga	Dennis "	5	"	"	"
Piety V. "	6	"	"	"					
Thomas G. "	4	"	"	"	Pg. 7 Prct. 9 June 8th				
Unnamed (male)	2	"	"	"	Francis Prine	30	F1	Ga	Ga
					Wm. H. J. Whidden	17	"	F1	F1
Page 6 June 7th					Mary Webb	13	"	"	"
Prct. 10 & 12					John B. Prine	10	"	"	"
Minor B. Bond	25	Ala	Ala	Ala	Bulah V. "	8	"	"	"
Mary "	20	F1	F1	"	Florence J. "	7	"	"	"
Unnamed (male)	1	"	"	"	Cinderella "	5	"	"	"
William Lee	30	F1	F1	Ala	Metty "	3	"	"	"
Mary "	25	"	"	"	Ada M. "	2	"	"	"
Jasper "	5	"	"	"	Sim Hollingsworth	32	F1	NC	NC
Un named (f)	5/12	"	"	"	Virginia "	32	"	F1	F1
W. R. Langford	25	F1	F1	"	Maraba V. "	12	"	"	"
Julia "	20	"	"	"	Florida E. "	10	"	"	"
Un named (male)	4	"	"	"	James J. "	8	"	"	"
Unknown (male)	3	"	"	"	Henry L. "	7	"	"	"
Thomas Starling	46	Ga	Ga	Ga	Zori "	3	"	"	"
M. Phebe "	42	Ga	Ga	Ga	Minnie "	1	"	"	"
Manning "	19	F1	"	"	Wm. H. Hollingsworth	28	F1	NC	F1
Berrien "	17	"	"	"	Mary D. "	26	"	Ga	Ga
Thomas "	8	"	"	"	Ira A. "	5	"	F1	F1
Joseph "	5	"	"	"	Vandolen "	4	"	"	"
Elizabeth Hilliard	44	Ga	Ga	Ga	Robert H. "	2	"	"	"
Anna A. "	6	F1	"	"	Un named "	2/12	"	"	"
Elias B. Keen	30	F1	F1	F1	Hiram Williams	32	F1	Ga	Ga
Eliza "	25	F1	SC	Sc	Sarah J. "	30	"	"	"
Alderman H. Keen	9	"	"	"	Eleanor "	11	"	"	"
James M. Keen	8	"	"	"	Mary J. "	9	"	"	"
Joseph P. "	6	"	"	"	Wm. M. "	7	"	"	"
Mary E. "	4	"	"	"	Finis "	5	"	"	"
Wm. W. "	2	"	"	"	Lena E. "	3	"	"	"
Sarah J. "	4/12	"	"	"	Amelia C. "	5/12	"	"	"

WILLIAM HENRY WILLINGHAM 1816-1886

The following sketch has been researched, compiled and contributed by W. H. Willingham's great-great-grandson, Kyle S. VanLandingham, P. O. Box 1779, Ft. Pierce, Fla. 33450.

William Henry Willingham was born in Scotland, April 18, 1816. According to family tradition, at the age of seven years, he was lured aboard a ship and brought to America. The ship landed in Virginia where William escaped and made his way to south Georgia.

In Ware County, Georgia on July 23, 1838, William Henry Willingham was married to Anna E. Hilliard, daughter of Silas and Abigail (Bulloch) Hilliard. Anna, known as Annie, was born in Bulloch Co., March 19, 1815. William and Annie's marriage was performed by Mr. Benjamin James, Justice of the Peace.

The Willinghams resided in Waresboro, Ware County, until about 1846. William was a farmer and served several enlistments in militia companies during the Second Seminole War. First, in Capt. David Miller's company as a private, June 9 to August 19, 1838; and again for four months, August 20 to December 21, 1838, discharged at Ft. Floyd, Georgia. He later served as 1st Corporal in Capt. Sweat's company of Georgia Mounted Militia, August 19 to November 18, 1840; private under Sweat, Nov. 19, 1840, enlisting at New Orleans, and serving until June 1, 1841. On October 6, 1841, he enlisted once again under Capt. Sweat and served until December 3, 1841, being mustered out at Trader's Hill, Georgia. At the time of service he was described as being 5 feet 9 inches in height, with grey eyes, brown hair and florrid complexion.

About 1846, William and his family moved to Columbia County, Florida where they lived until about 1848, moving to Hillsborough County. William settled about 25 miles east of Tampa in the Alafia settlement, near the present site of Mulberry. He purchased 160 acres of land from Israel Green, Nov. 2, 1852, the land being in Section 9, Township 30 South, Range 22 East. William also acquired in other transactions, 80 acres in Section 10, 80 acres in Section 4, and another 80 acres in Section 9, all the land located in Township 30 South, Range 22 East. On Dec. 1, 1851 William H. Willingham applied for bounty land from the Federal government, based upon his prior military service in the Second Seminole War. In 1852 he received 160 acres on Bounty Warrent number 18,549.

Upon his removal to Hillsborough County, William Willingham became actively involved in the cattle business. During the Third Seminole War, he served first in Capt. Leroy G. Lesley's company, January 10 to Aug. 20, 1856. Later he served in Capt. John Parker's company, Oct. 8 to Dec. 15, 1856 and later in Capt. F. M. Durrance's company, Dec. 22, 1856 to June 22, 1857; and again from March 11, 1858 to May 9, 1858.

An interesting item appeared in the Florida Peninsular, a Tampa newspaper, May 24, 1856. It concerns an affidavit sworn to by Jesse Alderman before Daniel Sloan, Justice of the Peace. According to the statement, William H. Willingham had told Alderman that a group of men, including N. P. McDonald, John Tyre, and Ell Tyre had formed a club for the purpose of causing mischief in the pioneer communities. They were going to raid homesteads, burn houses, and blame it on the Indians. Willingham had been asked to join the "club" but refused. According to the affidavit, William had been threatened death with a dagger if he told anyone about the plans.

The war ended in 1858 and it was now safe to move into the eastern portion of Hillsborough County. On Oct. 18, 1858, William sold to Milton W. Johnson his stock of cattle for \$3,000. On the same day he sold to Johnson his 400 acres of land in the Alafia section for \$3,000. William

received a stock of cattle and pasture rights on Chloroform Branch at Kissimmee Island, where he resided for about 10 years. Kissimmee Island was a large range located in the Kissimmee River Valley.

Tax statements for Polk County, dated 1862, show that William H. Willingham owned 1550 head of cattle. During the late 1860's William gave his land at Kissimmee Island to his son, William W. "Bill" Willingham, and moved to Fort Meade, where he homesteaded land on the east side of Peace River. The legal description of his 160 acres is the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35; and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 25 East. Polk County land records show deeds to William H. Willingham from Francis A. Hendry, dated Nov. 3, 1869 for another plot of land; also a deed from the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to Willingham, dated Nov. 3, 1876.

On the Willingham homestead, William constructed a handsome two-story house. A hand-pegged structure, painted white, it had gingerbread printing on the broad veranda. In the front room was a fireplace, built of limestone blocks William had cut from the banks of Peace River. During the 1880's William owned large orange groves and operated a ferry across the river at Fort Meade.



SIGNATURE OF W. H. WILLINGHAM, 1851

When William H. Willingham was an old man he fell off a wagon and broke his leg. His health gradually declined and he died Feb. 2, 1886 at Fort Meade. Pleasant Grove Cemetery, located near the homestead, was

the place of burial. William died intestate and Sheriff R. T. Kilpatrick served as Administrator ex officio of the estate.

After William's death, Annie (Hilliard) Willingham continued to live at Fort Meade and received \$8 a month pension for William's service in the Indian wars. While staying at the home of her daughter, Ellen (Willingham) Parker, in Bassinger, she died April 24, 1901, and was buried in the Bassinger Cemetery.

Children of William Henry & Annie (Hilliard) Willingham:

1. Isabelle Willingham, born 1840; died March 1902; married 1st, Jacob Driggers who died in 1864; married 2nd, William McClelland, on July 10, 1866.
2. William W. "Bill" Willingham, born June 25, 1842; died June 6, 1910; married Ann E. Starling, July 25, 1866; divorced Nov. 16, 1893.
3. Serena Willingham, born April 14, 1844; died July 12, 1926; married James Thomas Hancock, May 6, 1858.
4. Matilda Willingham, born Feb. 8, 1846; died Dec. 10, 1935; married 1st, Manuel Montes de Oca, Jan. 12, 1867; married 2nd, William Henry McLaughlin (McGlochlin), Dec. 6, 1878; married 3rd, John Smith; married, 4th, Thomas J. Waters.
5. Penelope Willingham, born 1849; died young.
6. Ellen Willingham, born May 14, 1851; died March 8, 1933; married Readding Blount Parker, Aug. 6, 1868.
7. Mary Ann Willingham, born June 3, 1855; died Sept. 3, 1924; married Thomas B. Hilliard, Oct. 15, 1873.

8. Eliza Willingham, born 1858; died young.

9. Robert Willingham, born 1860; died about 1877.

REFERENCES: Florida Cousins, The Descendants of William H. Willingham, by Kyle S. VanLandingham, 1967, 1971. Marriage, tax, probate & deed records of Polk County, Fla. Marriage & deed records of Hillsborough Co., Fla. Information from Dollie (Parker) Alderman, Letitia (Parker) Daughtry, Isabelle (Hancock) Potter.

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HARDEE COUNTY: CREWSVILLE CEMETERY

This cemetery was copied in Feb. of 1975 and contributed by James D. & Elizabeth J. Waldron, 20001 Island Road, Miami, Fla. 33189. It is located on S.R. 64 between Zolfo Springs and Highway 27. Going west towards Zolfo Springs, turn left on Crewsville Road. Cemetery is a short distance on right side of road next to Bethel Baptist Church. There are many unidentified graves scattered throughout the cemetery.

- D. C. Bethea January 19, 1858 - May 7, 1932
Dougall Carmichael Bethea, son of Rev. Hugh Bethea
- Sophie Bethea January 5, 1862 - July 29, 1932
Sophie Whidden, wife of Dougall C. Bethea
- Celia J. dau of W. R. & Lizzie Lewis Sept. 14, 1904 - Nov. 1, 1906
- William son of C. W. & E. M. Pollard July 25, 1887 - Sept. 29, 1903
- William E. Lanier 1904 - 1951
- Asberry B. Lanier 1884 - 1951
- Alla B. Cason April 30, 1896 - May 12, 1908
- Thomas N. Crews March 23, 1867 - Sept. 16, 1927
- Louisia P. Crews March 16, 1872 - April 16, 1938
- Grace C. Wooten Sept. 17, 1888 - Aug. 10, 1963
- George T. Wooten Jan. 15, 1897 - Dec. 25, 1960 Fla, Pvt, Co F5 Inf WWI
- Clara S. Wooten Dec. 9, 1888 - March 26, 1952
- Eula E. Wooten Died November 9, 1933, age 63 years
- Edwin F. Wooten August 18, 1870 - March 29, 1942
- Michael Dwayne Walker Aug. 11, 1946 - May 10, 1967 Fla, SP 4, US Army
- Veda Anita Lanier November 26, 1922 - December 18, 1924
- Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Lanier November 20, 1921
- T. L. Lanier, Jr. Oct. 5, 1919 - May 16, 1922
- Elmo son of R. W. & E. E. O'Berry Sept. 30, 1914 - Oct. 3, 1914
- Cecil O'Berry November 12, 1916 - November 4, 1924
- George W. Albritton October 9, 1844 - February 25, 1918
Son of Thomas H. & Frances (Waldron) Albritton
- Lenora E. Albritton July 4, 1849 - May 24, 1929
Lenora Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew W. & Louisa Garner
Wife of George W. Albritton
- Avrilla wife of R. W. O'Berry October 9, 1869 - March 15, 1906
- Frances A., wife of R. A. Roberts Feb. 19, 1874 - Sept. 12, 1898
Frances Albritton, dau. of George W. & Lenora E. (Garner) Albritton
- Levi Allen Vaughn 1860 - 1938
- Mary Ellen Vaughn 1862 - 1949
- Baby Vaughn infant son of Jesse A. Vaughn 1921
- Jesse A. Vaughn Sept. 12, 1886 - Apr. 6, 1965
Fla, Pvt, 10 Regt Fa Repl Depot, WWI
- Louise Anderson January 31, 1840 - April 5, 1929
- Matilda Johnston 1878 - 1970
- Frierson P. Johnston November 17, 1866 - December 21, 1942









Arthur Edward Hadley November 1, 1936 - November 2, 1936
 Isiah Williams Died December 27, 1926
 Mary Frances Williams December 27, 1905
 William Bryant Collier April 1, 1888 - December 18, 1967
 Bryant Collier Died January 4, 1921
 Jane E. Collier Died October 20, 1930
 Ada Lanier 1898 - 1926
 Betty Jean Williams April 19, 1927 - July 27, 1930
 Florida dau. of W. H. & N. P. Parnell Dec. 16, 1882 - Feb. 3, 1897
 Narcissia wife of W. H. Parnelle April 8, 1855 - Oct. 26, 1917 62 Yrs
 Florida F., wife of R. P. Brooker Nov. 25, 1884 - June 29, 1905
 Evelyn wife of W. H. Parnelle Sept. 11, 1868 - Nov. 22, 1928 60 Yrs
 Hiram Prescott Born Jan. 6, 1863 - Died June 8, 1903
 W. H. Parnelle April 18, 1860 - April 29, 1934
 George Walter Parnell May 31, 1885 - June 9, 1945
 Lucretia Goolsby Parnell June 12, 1892 - Nov. 20, 1965
 Infant twin sons of Mr. & Mrs. G. Martin Parnell 1941
 Roy M. Brewer April 1, 1917 - May 8, 1938
 Luke Williams April 26, 1881 - September 26, 1939
 Lilla Williams 1903 - 1964
 Isaac Williams October 4, 1899 - December 21, 1959
 Little I. W. Williams November 15, 1922 - March 15, 1926
 W. Rufus Williams 1860 - 1924
 Wiley Rufus Williams, son of William A. & Sarah (Bennett) Williams
 Missouri F. Williams 1869 - 1959
 Missouri Frances (Daughtry) Williams, daughter of Arthur & Maheny
 (Jernigan) Daughtry, wife of Wiley Rufus Williams
 Hollis Townsend January 30, 1926 - May 26, 1927
 Infant Townsend January 12, 1930 - January 13, 1930
 Harriette, wife of T. E. Williams April 18, 1845 - Nov. 2, 1912
 Harriette (Lanier) Williams, daughter of Luke Pridgen & Mary
 (Williams) Lanier, wife of Thomas E. Williams
 T. F. Williams Feb. 6, 1877 - May 26, 1907
 George Waldron Jan. 27, 1892 - Sept. 19, 1972 Fla, Pvt, US Army WWI
 Azzlean wife of B. M. Waldron March 26, 1873 - April 6, 1905
 Britton M. Waldron June 27, 1857 - June 7, 1918
 Eugenie V., wife of Ephriam Whidden Dec. 7, 1870 - May 5, 1893
 Eugenia Virginia (Williams) Whidden, dau. of William A. & Sarah
 (Bennett) Williams
 Sarah A. Williams June 11, 1826 - June 3, 1904
 Sarah A. (Bennett) Williams, wife of William A. Williams
 W. A. Williams Ga. Vols. Fla. War.
 William A. Williams, born c1820, son of William & Sarah (Harvey)
 Williams
 Sallie Williams, dau of Fitz Hugh & Sallie Williams
 August 15, 1906 - August 31, 1907
 Infant son of Fitz Hugh & Sallie Williams Feb. 29, 1896 - Mar. 20, 1896
 Clementine Williams October 12, 1869 - April 16, 1948
 Roan Williams, Died September 25, 1968, age 53 years
 Jim Amos 1910 - 1974
 Aubrey W. Amos May 6, 1906 - May 18, 1951
 Benjamin M. Amos 1857 - 1942
 Mollie I. Amos 1871 - 1937
 Judson Amos Sept. 17, 1912 - June 23, 1926
 Infant son of Elmer & Susie Bethea 1923
 Mary Ann Collier Sept. 14, 1940, aged 87 years
 Henry Collier March 27, 1902 - April 6, 1910
 Ellen Collier May 12, 1868 - July 16, 1942
 W. H. Collier September 4, 1868 - December 14, 1904

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: EARLY MARKS AND BRANDS

Continued from Issue #9:

William L. Mobley Dec. 27th, 1856	Underslope & split in one ear Crop & split in the other	Brand W
Thomas N. Wilder May 22nd, 1857	Crop & two splits in one ear Crop & half crop in the other	→ →
Martha M. Carlton Sept. 1st, 1857	Crop & half crop in one ear Undersquare & underbit in other	Z
Benjamin N. Johnston Oct. 27, 1857	Swallowfork & poplar leaf in one A sharp in the other	ⓐ
Mrs. E. Perkins Nov. 9, 1857	Swallowfork & underbit in one Sharp & upper bit in other	SP
Walter Whitehurst Jan. 13th, 1858	Split in one ear Crop split & underbit in other	Ⓚ
John S. Whitehurst Jan. 13th, 1858	Split & underbit in one ear Crop split & underbit in the other	21
George Franklin Jan. 29th, 1858	Crop & upperbit in each ear	2
Dennis O. Hickey April 8th, 1858	Undersquare in one ear Crop & split in other	WT, CT WJT
Dennis O. Hickey April 8th, 1858	Crop & half crop in one ear Crop split & underbit in other	Ⓜ
W. H. Fannin April 8th, 1858	Swallow fork & underbit in one Underbit & undersplit in other	9 →
William H. Thigpen April 28th, 1858	Crop & underbit in one ear Crop & upperbit in other	26
Cornelius G. Simmons	Swallowfork & underbit in one 2 swallowforks in other	9 P
The above mark & brand should have been recorded May the 8th, 1857 at which time it was handed in. William A. Lively, Clerk by J. M. Hayman, Deputy.		
George V. Rickards May 3rd, 1858	Three underbits and three upperbits & swallow fork; Underslope in the other	Ⓡ
Jesse F. DeShong May 7th, 1858	Crop in one ear Under saw set in the other	JN
Daniel Shannahan May 15th, 1858	Underbit & upperbit in the right A <u>strait</u> split in the left	Ⓛ
Joseph Garrison May 22nd, 1858	Undersquare in one ear Uppersquare in the other	J.O.
John J. Wells (No date)	Swallowfork, upperbit & under sawset in each ear	L
George Franklin July 13th, 1858	Upper slope & underbit in one Crop & upperbit in the other	2
Mrs. Margaret J. Cowart July 26th, 1858	Swallowfork & underbit in one Crop in the other	B →
Also the mark & brand formally owned by Mrs. S. Miller	Two splits in each ear	F. B.

James Edward Shannahan Aug. 7th, 1858	Crop & two splits in each ear	MP
John Cason Aug. 8th, 1858	Crop split & underbit in one ear Under slope & upperbit in other	CI
E. A. Clarke Aug. 8th, 1858	Split & underbit in each ear (Sixty head more or less)	C
D. W. Gillett Aug. 9th, 1858	Underslope & upperbit in one Split & underbit in one	37
William W. Stallings and his son, William Jasper Stallings Dec. 3rd, 1858	Swallow fork & underbit in one Split & underbit in other and some: 	50
James Hambleton Mar. 1st, 1859	Crop and a hole in one ear Undersquare in other	H
John F. Brown Mar. 10th, 1859	Crop in one ear Undersquare & split in other	(no brand)
John S. Turner Mar. 30th, 1859	Crop & upperbit in one ear Swallowfork & upperbit in other	JT
William E. Sweat May 4th, 1859	Split in one ear Undersquare in other	
Daniel Stanford May 9th, 1859	Undersquare in one ear Bolt in the other	
John Lanier June 27th, 1859	Crop & split in one ear Two underbits in the other	JL
Michael Alderman June 27th, 1859	Upper square & underbit in each	B2
Willoughby Whidden June 30th, 1859	Crop & underbit in one ear Staple fork in the other	WI
John Green June 30th, 1859	Crop & underbit in one ear Crop & split in the other	
Joseph P. Brownlow July 23rd, 1859	Crop split & underbit in one Smoothe crop in other	J2
Samuel H. Cox July 25th, 1859	Crop split & upperbit in each	RP
Cornelia A. Youngblood Aug. 9th, 1859	Crop & upperbit in one ear Underslope in the other	JP
William Alderman Sept. 14th, 1859	Split & underbit in one ear Crop & two underbits in other Upper slope, split & underbit in one Crop & two underbits in other A sharp in one ear Crop & half crop & upperbit in other Crop & underbit in one ear Crop & underslope in other	   
Moses Pratt Nov. 1st, 1859	Crop underbit & hole in one Crop & two underbits in other	(no brand)
Francis Gomez June 30th, 1859	Split in one ear Underbit in the other	G

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Record of Marks and Brands AD 1850		1
Antonio Wordhoff - Crop and half crop in one ear And Crop and Split in the other W. Cunningham l. b. k.	March 7 th 1850	Brand W
Oliver Addison - Swallow fork and undebit in one ear and Swallow fork in the other W. Cunningham l. b. k.	March 7 th 1850	A. 2
Isaac Addison - Swallow fork and undebit in one ear and undebit in the other W. Cunningham l. b. k.	March 7 th 1850	A. 2
Elizabeth Cooper - Crop and two splits in one ear and Crop and Split in the other W. Cunningham l. b. k.	April 8 th AD 1850	E. C
Martha Brewer - Swallow fork in one ear and Split in the other W. Cunningham l. b. k.	April 8 th AD 1850	Figure 4
Daniel Gillett - Split and undebit in one ear and undebit in the other W. Cunningham l. b. k.	April 11 th AD 1850	D. G

DE SOTO COUNTY: EARLY MARRIAGES

The early marriage records copied by Mrs. Doris Nicholson, Rt. 3, Box 183, Arcadia, Fla. 33821 is continued from Issue #9.

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	BY
Culen W. Walker	Mattie Mathews	19 Jan 1889	J.F.Clarkston
Solomon Hunter	Annie Albritton	10 May 1889	J.J.Altman,JP
John Perkins	Lula Gillmore	12 May 1889	Joshua Mizell
Eugene Talley	Ruthy Brannen	12 May 1889	John Gill,MG
William Lanier	Sophia Morgan	24 May 1889	D.D.Crews,NP
John Thornton	Susan Polk	23 May 1889	H.A.Ware,NP
William A. Williams	Miss Ellen O. P. Whidden	30 May 1889	D.L.Coker,JP
Samuel Hancock	Miss Mary Driggers	17 Feb 1889	W.D.Talley,MG
Andrew J. Keen	Lizzie Rimer	6 June 1889	J.H.Hayman,MG
Lee McGehee	Alice Patrick	19 Jan 1889	S.B.Carson
Nathan Platt	Lugenia Mobley	19 June 1889	Henry Messer
E. M. Pooser	Mamie D. Bell	20 July 1889	L.M.Durrence
J. T. Dyess	Fannie Patrick	23 July 1889	H.A.Ware,JP
James M. Keen	Ida D. Futch	4 July 1889	J.H.Hayman,MG
Burl F. Roberts	Henrietta A. Hendry	4 July 1889	J.W.Hendry,MG
John W. Waters	Louisa M. Moody	11 July 1889	H.M.Sweat,MG
Benjamin H. Devane	Martha Rawls	23 July 1889	W.D.Talley,MG
Carl Otto Wendell	Alfindo Linsholm	3 Aug 1889	H.H.Morris,MG
Eddie Rawls	Rhoda McLeon	29 Aug 1889	W.D.Talley,MG
R. L. Walker	Frances Albritton	10 Aug 1889	D.L.Coker,JP
M. A. Riley	Rebecca Coker	25 Aug 1889	H.G.Morris,MG
J. W. Coker	Zilpha Messer	25 Aug 1889	H.G.Morris,MG
Chas. A. Altman	✓ Henritta Youmans	15 Aug 1889	H.A.Ware,JP
William A. Collier	Ellen Williams	5 Sept 1889	D.D.Crews,JP
Henry Kitchen	Pinky Passmore	3 Oct 1889	Joshua Mizell
H. J. Psitell	Dorian A. Renfroe	11 Oct 1889	H.H.Norris,MG
J. H. Hancock	<u>Emma Williams</u>	19 July 1889	H.A.Ware,JP
F. Freedman	M. Gadstner	28 Jan 1890	W.B.Furdin,JP
Tom B. Watkins	Priscilla Whidden	18 Sept 1889	John Bleahim,JP
Daniel Coker	Rhoda Mathis	Appld Oct 16, 1889	
Luby L. Smith	Minnie F. Kniden	7 Nov 1889	H.H.Norris,MG
Wm. L. Scott	Roxin McClenithan	19 Nov 1889	S.Bleason,MG
Stephen Sloan	Carrie Williams	10 Nov 1889	Henry Messer
P. A. Cook	Eva Morgan	21 Nov 1889	C.W.Connell
J. S. Hanchy	Ellen Douglas	Appld Nov 20, 1889	

James Joiner	Dellia Willis	28 Nov	1889	H.H.Norris, MG
James A. Newsome	Samantha Mayo	12 Dec	1889	J.A.Mason, NP
Charlie Munn	Jenie Hickey	16 Dec	1889	T.H.Bolshaw
J. H. Shuman	Susan Douglas	17 Dec	1889	W.D.Talley
Finis E. Parker	Panola M. Platt	22 Oct	1889	S.B.Carson
J. B. Smith	Valoria Johnson	25 Dec	1889	F.M.Durrence
Charles Y. Crawford	Chink E. Whidden	9 Jan	1890	H.H.Norris, MG
William J. Hancock	Carrie V. Harris	2 Jan	1890	J.H.Hayman, MG
W. H. Williams	Florina C. Lowe	26 Dec	1889	D.L.Coker, JP
John D. Mickler	Lizzie McBride	31 Dec	1889	T.H.Bradshaw
John Parker	Carrie M. Cuney (?)	13 Jan	1890	J.W.Bony, NP
J. L. Martin	Isabel Platt	2 Feb	1890	F.M.Durrence
J. T. Taylor	M. E. Silcox	15 Feb	1890	C.N. Conell
John Cummings	Nettie Young	5 Feb	1890	Wm.Thompson
Louis N. Thomas	Mary E. Smith	18 Feb	1890	E.H.McQuady
Edward Whidden	Mary E. F. Coker	20 Feb	1890	D.L.Coker, JP
J. W. Johnson	Miss Belle B. Johnson	24 Feb	1890	H.H.Norris, MG
John M. Collin	Miss Martha Hancock	27 Feb	1890	D.L.Coker, JP
George G. Budd	Elvira Prescott	27 Feb	1890	D.D.Crews, JP
Thomas R. Keen	Miss Caroline Long	12 Mar	1890	T.H.Bolshaw
Samuel Shaw	Sarah Bethel	4 Mar	1890	H.J.Heyton
Samuel Shackelford	Nancy Summeral	10 Mar	1890	C.C.Morgan, NP
Benthy Lantz	Miss Victoria Norris	16 Mar	1890	S.B.Cason
John W. Low <i>Law</i>	Miss Luvonia Williams	13 Mar	1890	S.A.Sauls, NP
Sampson Cason	Lottie Hayman	20 Mar	1890	H.H.Norris
William G. Wells	Ella Carlton	22 May	1890	E.H.McQuady
Rily Shepherd	Georgia Summerall	25 May	1890	D.D.Crews
J.W.Bowman	Sarah Dupree	25 May	1890	T.J.Sparkman
Joseph Parker	Elizabeth Boyd	29 May	1890	A.E.Pooser
L. H. Whitehurst	Mary E. McEwen	10 June	1890	T.J.Sparkman
Wm. B. Peacock	Sarah F. Shirley	13 Apr	1890	H.H.Norris
J. E. Cooper	Eugenia B. Thompson	15 June	1890	A.E.Pooser
James Dees	Wealthy Ann Summerall	28 June	1890	D.L.Coker, JP
James H. Hayman	Ameline Foster	17 June	1890	J.C.Partin, MG
Lewis Coker	Callie Mobley	25 June	1890	D.L.Coker, JP
John Mercer	Miss H. Murphy	7 July	1890	D.D.Crews, JP
John Sloan	Henrietta Mathis	31 July	1890	E.B.Carlton
R. M. Grantham	Lizzie B. Johnson	6 Aug	1890	H.H.Norris
Wm. H. Whidden	Mary J. Crawford	7 July	1890	A.E.Pooser

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DAVID JAMES ADDISON 1824-1886

David James Addison was born in Bladen Co., North Carolina in 1824 son of John and Ellen Addison. David grew up in Leon Co., Fla. His parents had homesteaded near Tallahassee in Leon County prior to 1827. About 1848, the Addison family moved into south Florida settling in southern Hillsborough County in the Manatee Settlement along the Manatee River in what would later become Manatee County in 1855.

On July 23, 1849, David J. Addison enlisted in Capt. Henry S. Clark's company of Fla. Volunteers as a Private. His description at the time of enlistment was given as a farmer with blue eyes, black hair & light complexion. He was discharged at Manatee on Aug. 28, 1849. He enlisted again on Sept. 19, 1849 in Capt. Clark's company in William Fisher's regiment. He served until Nov. 5, 1849 when he was mustered out at Manatee. In 1852, he applied for and received 40 acres of bounty land based on his service in Capt. Clark's companies.

On Aug. 4, 1852 David registered the following mark & brand with the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court: crop & underbit in one ear, underbit in the other brand "52".

From January 16th until October 7th in 1856, David served as a blacksmith and farrier in his father, Lt. John Addison's company of Florida Mounted Volunteers. David Addison was a member of the jury at the Nov. 2, 1858 session of the Circuit Court held at Manatee.

David sold his stock of cattle, consisting of about 150 head, for \$750.00 to his sister & brother-in-law, David N. & Eliza Ann (Addison) Townsend on July 12, 1859.

In 1860 David was living in the Manatee vicinity along with David N. & Eliza Townsend, Alva Graham, William H. & Ann (Townsend) Addison, Mercer Graham, Mrs. Eleanor Rawls, Mrs. Ellen Addison & Joel and Elizabeth (Graham) Addison.

When the Civil War began, David first enlisted on April 1, 1862 at Tampa as a Private in Capt. Gettis' company of 7th Regt. of Florida Inf. This later became Company B of the 7th Florida Infantry. On June 26, 1862, he was discharged because of sickness. In 1864 he enlisted in Capt. F. A. Hendry's company of Independent Cavalry which was a division of Munnerlyn's Battalion.

On Nov. 10, 1863 at Miakka, David James Addison married Isabella Amanda Rawls. She was born in Leon County, Fla. on June 21, 1846, daughter of Cotton (Colton) & Eleanor Rawls. The Rawls family had moved to the Manatee Settlement during the 1850's from the Tallahassee area. Children of David & Amanda Addison:

1. Mary Eleanor "Ellen" Missouri Addison, born Mar. 25, 1864; died Jan. 15, 1853; married in DeSoto Co. on June 10, 1888 Richard Leander Rowland.
2. Charles Allen Addison, born Jan. 18, 1867; married Annie Amelia Lancaster in DeSoto County on Jan. 16, 1892.
3. Alice L. Addison, born 1868; died prior to 1880.
4. Eliza J. Addison, born 1870; never married.
5. Lewis Ander Addison, born Mar. 1, 1873; died June 21, 1930; married in DeSoto County on Jan. 13, 1898 Ola Victoria Whidden.
6. Aminita "Nite" Addison, born 1874; married William Douglas Platt in DeSoto County on June 26, 1901.
7. Jetson Osgood Addison, born 1879; married Ellen Susan Nuener

8. John Franklin Addison, born 1887; died 1941; married Myrtle O. Derbyley.

On April 30, 1866, Mrs. Amanda Addison registered with the Manatee County Clerk a mark and brand for herself and her young daughter, Mary E. M. Addison. Amanda Addison recorded: swallow fork in one ear, split in the other, brand "A2". For her daughter: crop split & upper bit in one ear, crop in the other, dewlap brand "A2".

David Addison homesteaded in the 1870's in the Platt - Fort Winder area across Peace River from Fort Ogden, where he farmed & raised cattle. David died at Fort Ogden on Mar. 3, 1886 according to two different pension applications of Mrs. Addison but a third one gave his death date as Mar. 15, 1889. No probate papers or deeds were found in DeSoto Co. records to indicate he died in 1889.

In 1902 Mrs. Addison applied for & received a pension of \$8.00 per month from the federal government for her husband's service during the Indian Wars. She received a pension of \$120.00 per year from the State of Florida for her husband's military service in the Confederate Army. F. B. Hagan & Elias B. Keen who had served in Hendry's company during the Civil War along with David Addison gave supporting data for her pension application. Mrs. Addison died about 1912. Both were buried in the Fort Ogden cemetery. Graves are unmarked.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 Leon, 1850 Hills., 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1885 Manatee; 1852 Bounty Land application of David Addison; "John Addison" in Issue #4 of SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS; Hills. Co. Marks & Brands; Fort Ogden & Charlotte Harbor cemeteries; Manatee Co. Marks & Brands; Widow's three pension applications; Marriages & deed records of DeSoto County; Mrs. Myrtle Addison Butler, 508 Westbrook Ave., Brandon, Fl. 33511; Ferguson Addison, 300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, Fl. 33405

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DE SOTO COUNTY: CAMPGROUND CEMETERY

This cemetery is located 1 1/2 miles west of Arcadia in DeSoto County on SR 70. A sign on the right side of the road reads: "Pine Level Camp Ground Cemetery one quarter mile south, cemetery maintained with contributions by loved ones, friends and members of the Pine Level Civic Club. Cemetery established before 1850". A new chain link fence was placed around the cemetery and dedicated in May 1972.

The first person buried in the cemetery was a man who was on a running horse when he was hit by a tree limb and killed. No one knew who he was. The southwest section of the cemetery is the oldest section and has very few markers on the graves, but many of the early settlers are buried there. The oldest marked grave is that of Charlotte H. Platt daughter of J. A. & M. T. Platt, born June 3, 1867, died Dec. 11, 1870.

Camp meetings were held in a bush arbor near the cemetery. Revival meetings were held once a year before a Church was established at Pine Level. A clear water branch called Pine Level Branch furnished water for the people at these camp meetings. They came from all over old Manatee County. They camped there several days during the revival, cooking their meals over campfires and sleeping in & under their wagons. Both Baptists and Methodists attended these meetings. Among the circuit riding preachers who attended & preached at these camp meetings were William Henry Messer & his wife Kezianna (Thigpen) Messer, William Penn McEwen & his wife Ruth McEwen, J. M. Hayman & his wife Martha Jane (Carlton) Hayman, John W. Hendry and W. C. Hayman & his wife Sarah (Carlton) Hayman. The Pine Level Methodist Church was established in 1868 and the Baptist Church in 1869.

The cemetery was copied by Stanley and Doris Nicholson, Rt. 3, Box 183, Arcadia, Fl. Additional information on maiden names, parents and the history of the cemetery were compiled by the Nicholsons from the following people: Annie Platt Newton, Dillie Hagan Underwood, Ora Lee Messer Layton, Floyd Mizell, Gladys Leighton, Tom Mizell & Rev. Gerald Taylor.

M. F. Baxley Dec. 3, 1907 - Dec. 24, 1946
Capt. James D. Green Co. B, 2 Fla. Cav. (No dates)
Kate wife of I. L. Maroney May 9, 1873 - June 4, 1907
Charles Floyd 1896 - 1973
Infant of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Pierce 1964 - 1964
Andrew F. Messer June 11, 1906 - Jan. 4, 1959
William Henry Messer March 4, 1874 - Dec. 22, 1966
Estelle Posey Messer Jan. 18, 1881 - Mar. 15, 1956
Jarell son of Ora Lee Martin Aug. 15, 1926 - Nov. 8, 1940
"A beautiful life lingers with us still"
Henry Messer, Jr. Dec. 24, 1913 - Dec. 2, 1930
Baby Martin Sept. 14, 1947 Brother of Jarell & Greg
Lily M. Hall Sept. 14, 1885 - Feb. 2, 1933
James Mack Hall Aug. 2, 1887 - Jan. 31, 1953
2 Hall baby graves
William Floyd Hall July 29, 1850 - Jan. 2, 1922
Elizabeth Hall March 10, 1851 - Feb. 3, 1903
Joel Messer Died Dec. 13, 1917 Age 78 years
(son of William & Mary Messer)
Mary Messer May 10, 1847 - Nov. 9, 1923
(Mary E. Tillet, wife of Joel Messer)
Andrew L. Messer Sept. 15, 1880 - Feb. 23, 1934
Rosa E. Messer Nov. 30, 1883 - April 29, 1971
(Rosa E. Coker, daughter of John Coker)
Mellie Messer 1875 - 1952
Lewis Messer 1873 - 1964
2 unmarked Messer baby graves
Andrew Messer, Jr. June 1932 - June 1932
William Alfred Messer Feb. 6, 1870 - Jan. 14, 1926
Mittie B. Messer Feb. 26, 1875 - July 6, 1945
Agness L. Hammer daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. N. Baxley
Oct. 10, 1905 - Aug. 22, 1923
Minnie B. daughter of S. N. & E. G. Baxley Mar. 21, 1899 - June 8, 1899
Mrs. Cynthia Howell Nov. 12, 1861 - Jan. 30, 1934
(Cynthia Hull, wife of Moses T. Howell)
Willie Porter Hull Nov. 29, 1890 - Oct. 29, 1944
Fla, Pvt, 102 Infantry, 26 Div, WWI
Mary J. Baxley Oct. 8, 1843 - Aug. 28, 1928
Thomas N. Baxley Aug. 25, 1848 - Oct. 22, 1927
Emma G. Baxley 1880 - 1945
S. N. Baxley 1867 - 1938
Dorman S. Hammer Dec. 30, 1908 - Sept. 27, 1937
Jerry Hammer Feb. 24, 1855 - June 9, 1935
William Byrad Brooker Aug. 7, 1901 - June 14, 1932
Bertha Nevada Mizell Brooker Nov. 4, 1876 - March 16, 1963
(Daughter of George Clinton & Mary (Platt) Mizell)
Jimmie Thomas Granville Keggin Oct. 25, 1898 - Sept. 14, 1968
He served in four wars, Mexican Border Conflict 1916, WWI 1918,
WWII 1942, Korean Conflict 1950, M/Sgt. Retired
David Wesley Mizell Feb. 9, 1873 - Aug. 9, 1952
(Son of George Clinton & Mary (Platt) Mizell)
Belle Hull Mizell June 12, 1874 - May 14, 1945
David Wesley Mizell, Jr. Nov. 11, 1913 - Feb. 13, 1916

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2ND REGIMENT OF FLORIDA CAVALRY

The following material is taken from National Archives published microfilm "Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Florida", Microcopy #400, Roll 7, 2nd Cavalry, A-Du.

Regimental Returns

- Oct. 1864 - Entire regiment stationed at Cedar Keys except companies A & B. Co. A moved to Fort Myers by order of Col. B. R. Townsend Oct. 2. Co B moved to Fort Myers by order of Col. B. R. Townsend, Oct. 25.
- Feb. 1865 - Engaged 150 men in the action with the enemy at Station 4 Florida R.R., 5 miles from Cedar Keys, on the mainland, Monday morning, Feb. 13. Although he out numbered us we drove him 2 miles. None of our men were killed. The wounded in this action were Corpl. George R. Sessions, Co. C (died Feb. 19), Pvts. Joshua H. Ellison & James Jones, Co. D and Corpl. Benjamin D. Braswell, George D. Mercer, William Stevens, Pvts. John C. Haynes, Washington Williams, Co. E. The 7 companies of the 2nd Regt. Fla. Cav. Volunteers were consolidated into five Feb. 2.
- Mar. 1865 - Met the enemy and fought with 200 men at Newport Bridge, Fla. on the 6 day of March 1865 during the St. Marks Expedition. Three men on our side were killed. None of our men were wounded.

Company Returns - Company A

- April 15, 1864 - This company was engaged in a skirmish on the 20 Feb. near Peas Creek destroying stores & capturing 20 horses from the enemy. Killed a notorious Rebel chief named Underhill and captured 2 Rebel spies without loss. On the 13 & 14th this company was engaged in skirmishing with guerillas near the above place and succeeded in driving them and destroying all their stores. Killed one and wounded 4 others captured 22 horses having one man slightly wounded.
- Sept. & Oct. 1864 - This company during the months of July & August was on detached service in East, Middle & West Florida. Had several skirmishes with the enemy in Hernando County 7 & 8 July & again in Aug 21 had two skirmishes with enemy this day & the men of this company fought with a good will killing 4 of the enemy & wounding 8. Private A. Jackson transferred from Co. B. Besides capturing 148 bales of cotton.
- Jan. & Feb. 1865 - The enemy appeared opposite the garrison at Fort Myers Feb. 20, 1865, demanded a surrender of the post & being refused a sharp artillery fire commenced which lasted about 4 hours. In meantime 20 men from A & B companies marched within 400 yards of the enemy lines when a sharp skirmishing ensued & the battle closed by the rebels retiring leaving 2 of their small arms in the field leaving bags & wallets & belts strewed along the road. Isaac T. Williams a member of Co. A being badly shocked by the explosion of a shell thrown by the enemy. The 20 skirmishers of the 2nd Fla. Cav. behaved bravely before the enemy and marched square up to the works of the rebels.
- May & June 1865 - This company left Cedar Keys May 24 & embarked on board the U. S. Schooner, Matchless, and proceeded to Tampa, Fla. arriving May 27 where it has since been stationed performing detached service.
- July & Aug. 1865 - This company left Tampa July 3 & proceeded on board the U. S. Steamer Gauer & McCullum to St. Marks, Fla. where it disembarked & proceeded by RR to Station #2 P&G RR where it has since been stationed.

(History of the various companies will continue next issue)

GEORGE WASHINGTON ALBRITTON, Co C, Private, Born in Lownds Co., Ga. 21 years old in 1864; occupation is farmer; enlisted Apr. 6, 1864 @ Taylor Co., Fla.; description - blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, 5'6"; mustered in Apr. 18, 1864; refugee from Confederacy; died in post hospital at Cedar Keys, Nov. 24, 1864, of typhoid fever.

JAMES ARTUR ALBRITTON, Co B, Private, born in Columbia Co., Fla.; 18 years old in 1865; farmer; enlisted Mar. 16, 1865 at Punta Rassa; grey eyes, light hair, fair complexion, 5'2"; mustered in Mar. 16, 1865 at Monticello.

JAMES NEWTON ALBRITTON, Co C, born in Lownds Co., Ga.; farmer; enlisted at age of 27 on April 6, 1864 at Taylor Co., Fla.; blue eyes, light brown hair; fair complexion; 5'10"; refugee from Confederacy; mustered in April 18, 1864; June 10, 1864 - appointed 3rd Sgt.; Feb. 2, 1865 - reduced to Private; July 1, 1865 - appointed musician.

JESSE JEFFERSON ALBRITTON, Co C, Private, born in Lawrence, Ga.; enlisted at age of 43 on June 10, 1864 at St. Vincent's Island, Fla.; blue eyes, brown hair, sandy complexion, 5'7"; refugee from Confederacy; died Aug. 15, 1864 at post hospital at Cedar Keys from chronic diarrhea.

JOHN MADISON ALBRITTON, Co C, born Lowndes Co., Ga.; enlisted at the age of 19 on April 6, 1864 at Taylor Co., Fla.; blue eyes, light brown hair, fair complexion, 5'8"; refugee from Confederacy.

MATHEW HENRY ALBRITTON, Co. C, Private; born Lownds Co., Ga.; enlisted at age of 38 on April 6, 1864 at Taylor Co., Fla.; grey eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, 5'7"; refugee from Confederacy; mustered out May 25, 1864; mustered in on May 26, 1864 as 1st Lt. in Co. C; assigned to Co. D. on Nov. 14, 1864.

MCPHEARSON (MCPHERSON) BARRIAN ALLEN, Co. G, born Hancock Co., Ga; farmer; enlisted at age of 37 on May 2, 1864 at Cedar Keys; blue eyes, light hair; light complexion, 5'6"; refugee from Confederacy; appointed Corpl. on May 20, 1864; transferred to Co. D as Private; promoted to Corpl. of Co. D on Feb. 2, 1865.

STEPHEN (STEVEN) W. ANDREWS (Records later show that this soldier's real name was STEPHEN W. ANDERSON. Co. E, born Craven Co., NC; Private; enlisted at age of 18 on May 19, 1864 at St. Vincent's Island, Fla.; promoted to Corpl. on May 22, 1865; gray eyes, brown hair, dark complexion; 5'5".

EDWARD JOSEPH ARNOLD, Co. C, born Lownds Co., Ga.; Private; farmer; enlisted at age of 18 years on April 6, 1864 at Taylor County, Fla.; black eyes, black hair, light complexion, 5'7"; ref. from Conf.; Appointed 2nd Corpl. on June 10, 1864; reduced to Private on Feb. 2, 1865.

HENRY GREEN ARNOLD, Co. B, born in Montgomery Co., Ga.; farmer; enlisted at 39 years old on Jan. 29, 1864 at Fort Myers; grey eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, 5'7"; ref. from Conf.; promoted to Corpl. Mar. 26, 1864; promoted to Quarter Master Sgt. on June 29, 1864; died Jan. 30, 1865 at Fort Myers of scurvy (also shown as chronic diarrhea).

NOTE: Spelling of words such as "Lownds" is taken directly from the wording and spelling of the service records.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: 1860 CENSUS

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476/371 Ellen Kendrick 46 Ohio
 (seamstress)
 Martin Kendrick 19 La
 James " 17 "
 (clerk)
 Ellen " 10 Fla
 Charles " 5 "
 Elisabeth Mattair 61 "
 (seamstress)
 477/372 O. B. Hart 39 Fla
 (atty-at-law)
 Cate Hart 35 N.J.
 Inez " 13 Fla
 Louisa Porter 30 --
 (school mistress)
 Hayden Porter 14 Fla
 Mary " 9 "
 478 Unoccupied
 479/373 C. W. Brown 27 Ohio
 (merchant)
 Mary Brown 21 Fla
 James E. Bowdon 31 N.Y.
 (clerk supreme crt)
 480/374 Vincent Leonardy 30 Fla
 (house carpenter)
 Vanansia Leonardy 32 "
 Edward " 9 "
 Alexander " 7 "
 Eugene " 5 "
 Emma " 1 "
 Harney Johnston 18 "
 (app. carpenter)
 481/375 John T. Givens 45 SC
 (house carpenter)
 Nancy Givens 39 "
 Thomas " 20 "
 Jasper " 17 "
 Jane " 15 Fla
 Franciss " 13 "
 Sarah " 11 "
 Arianna "" 9 "
 Warner " 4 "
 Darwin " 2 "
 482/376 John Fletcher 56 N.Y.
 (baker)
 Mary Fletcher 14 Maine
 483/377 H. A. Crane 51 N.J.
 (ambrotype artist)
 Sophia Crane 45 Fla
 Caroline " 18 "
 Emma " 15 "

Soapha Crane 11 Fla

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Lucetta Crane 9 Fla
 Flora " 7 "
 Fanny " 4 "
 484/378 Jane Brownlow 46 Ga.
 (seamstress)
 William Brownlow 16 "
 Anne " 14 "
 Louisa " 9 "
 Elisabeth Marsh 26 "
 (seamstress)
 George Marsh 7 Fla
 485 Unoccupied
 486 Unoccupied
 487/379 William S. Spencer 50 Ga.
 (sheriff)
 Emily Spencer 44 "
 Eugenia " 16 Fla
 Susan " 13 "
 Ellen " 10 "
 488/380 Charles Gobert 21 Germany
 (shoe maker)
 Rafino Falis 26 Fla
 (boatman)
 489/381 James Robards 27 Canada
 (stage driver)
 490 Unoccupied
 491 Unoccupied
 492/382 W. T. Coons 50 Va.
 (school teacher)
 Caroline Coons 34 Miss.
 Azaline " 18 Tenn.
 William " 13 "
 Eugene " 11 "
 Evlin " 6 "
 Ruth " 3 La
 493/383 R. F. Newnez 34 Ga.
 (clerk)
 Nancy Newnez 40 "
 Emma " 14 La
 W. L. Murphy 46 Ireland
 (Meth Preacher)
 494 Unoccupied
 495/394 John T. Lesly 24 Fla
 (cattle drover)
 Margaret Lesly 22 "
 496/385 L. S. Lesly 55 Kty
 (Meth Preacher)
 Mary Lesly 14 Fla

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MANATEE COUNTY: KEEN CEMETERY

Mrs. Doyle Chancey, 1117 4th St. West, Palmetto, Fla. has copied and contributed this family cemetery. It is located in the Bunker Hill community just off of SR 62 between Wauchula and Parrish, about 23 miles west of Wauchula.

1. Samuel Earl Colson July 5, 1946 - January 13, 1949
2. Twin infants of Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Moncrief Died July 1949
3. Sharline N. Moncrief 1948 - 1949
4. Infant of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Albritton June 27, 1945
5. Infant of Lizzie & Bascom Albritton
6. Walter Melvin Gullet Died Aug. 5, 1934, age 2 mo., 8 days
7. Ruth Louretha Gullet 1935 - 1943
8. Westmoreland infant 1963 - 1963
9. Angus Hoyle Colson July 9, 1941 - July 11, 1941
10. Infant of John & Gladys Keen 1936 - 1936
11. Infant son of Jacob & Martha Keen James 21 mo.
12. Infant son of Alfred & Mellie Keen Vernon Feb. 5, 1934 - April 14, 1934
13. B. E. (Loney) Keen Jan. 26, 1884 - Aug. 16, 1961
14. Lealer L. Keen Oct. 12, 1881 - Oct. 29, 1974
15. Infant son of Owen & Mae Keen Born & died April 18, 1935
16. Jack Keene Oct. 21, 1856 - July 3, 1905
17. Sarah Keene Died Dec. 8, 1935, age 78 - 4 - 1
18. Giles, son of Jack & Sarah Keene (unmarked)
19. Unknown Alabama woman
20. Patsy Driggers (unmarked)
21. Penn Raulerson - "How desolate our home bereft of thee"
22. Sammie son of Penn & Rachel Raulerson (unmarked)
23. Infant dau. of Carroll & Florence Raulerson (unmarked)
24. Rachel Raulerson, wife of Penn Raulerson - "Faithful to her trust, even unto death"
25. Hugh T., son of Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Raulerson - "Prepare for heaven" December 26, 1876 - January 17, 1900
26. Carroll Raulerson Aug. 18, 1856 - March 6, 1921
"His memory is blessed"
27. Florence Cary Raulerson Aug. 7, 1861 - Sept. 16, 1940
28. Infant of Ellen (Raulerson) Faulkner
29. Frank Orval Raulerson, Jr. Died April 14, 1971, age 32 yr, 5 mo, 21 days
30. Frank B. Raulerson Feb. 9, 1889 - Sept. 4, 1970
31. Wade Hampton Raulerson Feb. 3, 1879 - Nov. 4, 1942
32. Minnie Dell Raulerson March 17, 1883 - Sept. 15, 1943
33. Martha A. Keen 1895 - 1956
34. Jacob G. Keen 1894 - 1955
35. Infant dau. of Sarah Keen (unmarked)
36. Unmarked - Unknown
37. Unmarked - unknown
38. Unmarked - unknown
39. Unmarked - unknown
40. Simuel J. Revells Nov. 10, 1913 - Dec. 25, 1919
41. Frances E. Revells Jan. 13, 1888 - Dec. 17, 1967
42. Calvin J. Revells, U.S. Army, WWII Feb. 14, 1912 - Mar. 5, 1975
43. Donald Keen Born & died Jan. 27, 1933 - "Asleep in Jesus"
44. Sam Keene March 7, 1861 - Dec. 13, 1933
45. Nolley R. Keen, child of S. & F. V. Keen Apr. 5, 1887 - Mar. 4, 1891
46. Mary Amanda Keen Oct. 20, 1885 - Mar. 14, 1891
47. Infant child of Caroline Keen (unmarked)

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NOEL RABUN RAULERSON 1820-1910

In 1844 a small caravan of pioneers made their way through the wilderness of the Florida territory, leaving Alligator (Lake City) in Columbia County and finally settling in eastern Hillsborough County, about 25 miles east of Fort Brooke. This group consisted of Noel Rabun Raulerson, his brother John Baggs Raulerson, William Wiggins (who had married Emarentha Raulerson) and John Thomas (who had married a half-sister of the Raulersons).



N. R. RAULERSON *

Raulerson, Harris Raulerson, America Raulerson, Pellina Raulerson, Amanda L. Raulerson, Nickabod J. Raulerson, Candace Turner, Acada Barker, Pollie Raulerson, & Rebecca Waldron, Greeting." No mention of the children of Ellen (Baggs) Brannan Raulerson.

Noel moved to north Florida with his family about 1829. In the 1830 census of Alachua County (later Columbia), Eleanor Raulerson is listed as living "on the Suwannee River and little St. Mary's River" along with William Raulerson, John Becks, Fanny Raulerson, William Moore and William Hair.

Noel Rabun Raulerson served as a Private in the company commanded by Capt. Robert Brown in the Regiment commanded by Col. William J. Mills of the 2nd Regt. of East Florida Mounted Volunteers. He enrolled on June 16, 1837 and was mustered in Sept. 25, 1837 at Fort White. He was mustered out on Dec. 18, 1837 at Fort Gilliland. His written discharge was later burned. At the time of entering service his description was

Noel Rabun Raulerson was born in Wayne County, Georgia on July 9, 1820. His mother was Mrs. Ellen (Baggs) Brannan Raulerson, born May 6, 1785 in Georgia. It is said that his father was Nichabod (Nicebod) Raulerson (1799-1875) of Wayne & Lowndes Counties, Georgia & later Columbia County, Fla., but loss of records in Lowndes and Columbia Counties have prevented this from being proved. George G. Keen in an affidavit dated July 6, 1897 in Columbia County in support of the claim of Nichabod's widow for a pension states that Nichabod was married three times (Lucretia, Margaret Sloan & Mrs. Matilda Brill) but does not mention Ellen (Baggs) Brannan as being a wife. Nichabod mentions children from all three of his marriages in his will, dated Jan. 9, 1875 but does not mention Noel R., John B. or Emarentha Raulerson. A legal ad dated 27 Nov. 1875 found among the Nichabod Raulerson probate papers states: "To the children of Nickabod Raulerson, deceased, viz: Hardy Raulerson, Jacob Raulerson, William Raulerson, Sarah Raulerson, Caroline

*Photograph courtesy of Charles Rushing, Rt. 1, Box 752, Webster, Fl.

given as six feet tall, dark eyes, dark hair and light complexion. He also served as a Private in the company commanded by Capt. Robert Sanderling in Col. Robert Brown's regiment during 1838. Rabun was wounded under his right shoulder in a battle with the Indians in the Okefenokee Swamp in 1838 or 1839.

In February of 1839, on the Suwannee River, Rabun married Tempie (Tempa) Whidden. She was born in Appling County, Georgia daughter of James W. & Mary (Altman) Whidden on Dec. 29, 1821 (according to tombstone - her father's Bible gives Dec. 19, 1821). Their children:

1. William H. Raulerson, born March 16, 1841; died Jan. 16, 1914; married in Polk County on Dec. 16, 1869, his first cousin, Eliza Ellender Brewer, daughter of James & Elizabeth (Whidden) Brewer.
2. John R. Raulerson, born June 5, 1843; died July 1864.
3. David Early Raulerson, born 1846; married in Polk County on April 21, 1870, Sarah Wiggins.
4. Mary Raulerson, born 1847; married a Mr. Raulerson, said to be the half-brother of her father.
5. Noel Rabun Raulerson, Jr., born 1848; died 1952; married in Polk County on March 9, 1870, Amanda Elizabeth King.
6. J. Archibald "Archie" Raulerson, born 1850; married in Polk County on July 10, 1872, Anne Williams.
7. Marentha (Emarentha) Raulerson, born 1851; married 1st, in Polk County on July 7, 1870, George W. Hayes; married 2nd, in Polk Co. on Aug. 10, 1873, Charles Hazellief.
8. Ellender "Ellen" Jane Raulerson, born 1854; married 1st, in Polk County on Dec. 30, 1868, George A. Lee; married 2nd, in Polk Co. on Oct. 11, 1874, Owen Turner.
9. Eliza Ann Raulerson, born 1855; married in Polk County on Feb. 6, 1872 Charles Thomas King.
10. Peter Raulerson, born Sept. 1, 1857; died Oct. 8, 1947; married in Brevard County on Oct. 17, 1877 Louisiana Chandler.
11. Sarah Raulerson, born May 20, 1861; died May 26, 1942; married 1st, J. Enoch Whatley; married 2nd, John Kilpatrick.
12. Caroline Raulerson, born 1863; died May 19, 1874.
13. Hardey (Hardy) Raulerson, born 1865; died 1907; married Laura Hilliard.

Noel Rabun Raulerson continued to fight the Seminoles. He was a Private in William Cone's company in Col. William J. Bailey's regiment. He served from Nov. of 1840 until March of 1841 when he was honorably discharged at Fort Macomb.

After moving to south Florida in 1844, Rabun served as a Private in Capt. S. L. Sparkman's Independent Company of Florida Volunteers. He joined on July 25, 1849 at Fort Gibson and was mustered out Oct. 23, 1849. The Raulersons & other relatives were living in the Itchepuksassa

Settlement in 1850. Rabun later established his homestead near the southeast edge of Lake Hancock, where he was shown to be residing in 1856 when the Ives' military map of the peninsula of Florida was made.

In June 1852, Rabun applied for a bounty land warrent based on his previous military service. He received 160 acres in Hillsborough County. He signed his application as "Rabon Raulerson".

"Raburn" Raulerson served as a Private from Dec. 29, 1855 to Dec. 1857 under Capt. F. M. Durrance along with his brothers-in-law James L. Whidden, John Whidden, Bennett Whidden, Lott Whidden (who was killed June 1856 near Fort Meade) and relatives, John B. Raulerson, John Raulerson, Jackson Raulerson, William Wiggins & John Thomas.

Rabun's mother, Mrs. Ellen Raulerson, aged 75 years, was living with John B. Raulerson and family in 1860 census. She died June 26, 1866 and was buried in the Shiloh Cemetery near Plant City.

During the Civil War, John Raulerson, Rabun Raulerson and William H. Raulerson served in Capt. John T. Lesley's Company B, 1st Battalion Florida Special Cavalry, Confederate Army.

John R. Raulerson was killed by lightning in July of 1864. Caroline died May 19, 1874 from either eating too much honey or choking while eating honey. Both were buried on the Raulerson homestead near Lake Hancock.

About 1874, Noel Rabun Raulerson, Sr., moved to the Kissimmee River valley area, near Basinger where he bought land from Henry L. Parker. He was a pioneer cattleman in that area. He was listed as owning 2,515 cattle in 1862 and probably owned many more than that when he moved to the Basinger area. Noel Rabun Jr. & family settled in the Basinger area in 1876, buying land from the State for \$1.25 an acre and buying a log house from Streaty Parker. Others of the family followed & were all living in that area prior to 1880.

Rabun Raulerson moved back to Polk County prior to 1892, settling at Bartow, where he applied for and received a pension of \$8.00 a month based on his Indian war service.

The following newspaper article appeared on Jan. 11, 1899:

"Mr. Rabon Raulerson of Bartow vicinity, is in town visiting children around Bassinger. The old gentleman holds his own in vitality wonderfully well. He is now the age of 80 years, being one of the old landmarks of the pioneer settlers of South Florida. He was a soldier in the Indian, Osceola war of 1836 to 1842, and was severely wounded in one engagement with the Indians in the Indian campaign. He can tell many anecdotes about the campaign and Chief Osceola, whom he saw on several occasions. He is at present claiming a pension from Uncle Sam's crib, as a soldier of that war. He has the plural number of 100, or over, of children, grandchildren & great grandchildren, counting the living and dead."

Mrs. Tempie (Tempa) Whidden Raulerson died March 22, 1904. This appeared in a local newspaper: "Mrs. Raulerson, about 84 years of age, died at the home of her son (in-law) just north of the city, Monday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. She died from old age, having finished her course and kept the faith to the end." Noel Rabun Raulerson died on June 16, 1910. Both were buried in the Raulerson family cemetery on their old homestead near Lake Hancock. The graves were later moved to the Gandy Cemetery near Connersville, east of Bartow, by members of the Whatley family.

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Special thanks to Mr. Charles Rushing, Rt. 1, Box 752, Webster, Fla. 33597 and Mrs. Bobbie Wilson, 910 SW 3rd Ave., Okeechobee, Fl. 33472 both sent in biographies of Noel R. Raulerson & info from both was used; "Primitive Baptists Settled in East Hills. In 1844 ..", Tampa Tribune,

April 29, 1956; Bible records of James W. Whidden, John B. Raulerson, & John Thomas; Pension papers of Mrs. Nichabod Raulerson; Probate papers of Columbia Co., Fla.; 1830 & 1840 Census Columbia Co., Fla.; 1850, 1860 Hills Co.; 1880 & 1885 Brevard Co. census; Pension and bounty land applications of N. R. Raulerson; Marriages of Polk and Brevard Counties; 1856 Ives' Military map; Soldiers of Florida; "Okeechobee Rancher, 100, Tells of Frontier Days", Tampa Tribune, Dec. 31, 1948; Raulerson family file, Polk Co. Hist. Lib., Bartow, Fla.; Gandy Cemetery; Recd info from Mrs. Venetia Dees, 206 Arizona Ave., Lakeland, Fl. and Mrs. J. H. Hancock, 7810 Krycul Ave., Riverview, Fla.; Pioneers of Wiregrass Ga., by Folks Huxford, Vol. 5, "Nicebod Raulerson".

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HARDEE COUNTY: NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

Continued from Issue #8:

Lula B. Smith Nov. 20, 1893 - Feb. 7, 1959
 J. R. Payne Feb. 2, 1856 - Oct. 27, 1925 (?)
 Johnny Proveaux April 17, 1909 - Feb. 20, 1930
 Mrs. A. E. Proveaux Aug. 1880 - Oct. 1930
 Elbert A. Proveaux 1883 - 1924
 Harris Tomlinson 1888 - 1970
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