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MANATEE COUNTY
EARLY MARRIAGE RECORDS

The marriages found in the early deed books in the Manatee County courthouse in Bradenton, Florida are continued from Issue #5.

Deed Book "B" continued:

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	MARRIED BY
George Gain Peed	Mittie Broadway	3 Apr. 1878	E.J.Hull, MG
Neill McLeod	Miss Arretta Ange	2 Mar. 1878	E.Glazier, MG
Philmore Olive	Emma Rogers	10 Feb. 1878	E.Glazier, MG
Charles E. Bradley	Miss Mary A. E. Messer	14 May 1878	E.J.Hull, MG
Thomas A. Stephens	Miss Lavina Messer	14 May 1878	E.J.Hull, MG
John Smith	Adaline Anderson	11 May 1878	Edmond Lee
D. W. Hull	Miss Allice L. Hendry	13 June 1878	J.M.Hendry, MG
Charles C. Williams	Miss Martha L. Davis	18 July 1878	A.Wilson, MG
Mechan Sapp	Elizabeth Brown	17 Aug. 1878	E.J.Hull, MG
Joseph Rodgers	Mrs. Rebecca Johnson	22 Sept. 1878	J.J.Robertson
Henry Hawkins	Rebeca Tatum	5 Nov. 1878	Jas.A.Castell
John J. Duncan	Miss Nancy Jackson	24 Nov. 1878	E.J.Hull, MG
N. B. McLeod	Miss Georgian Lauchler	23 Nov. 1878	E.F.Gates, MG
J. H. Gibson	Miss Caroline M. Connel	5 Dec. 1878	J.J.Robertson, MG
Thomas Roberts	Charlotte J. Russell	16 Dec. 1878	Jos.W.Williams, JP
Moses T. Howell	Cynthia Hull	24 Dec. 1878	A.Wilson, MG
Andrew W. Garner	Miss Elna Andrews	5 Jan. 1879	A.Wilson, MG
John Willson	Catharine Crews	20 Dec. 1878	D.J.W.Boney, JP
Henry C. Morgan	Miss Sopie J. Locklear	9 Jan. 1879	H.G.Barnhill, JP
Charles Berry Collins	Sarah Penelope Dees	9 Jan. 1879	H.G.Barnhill, JP
Thomas Mobley	Miss Francis Mercer	11 Dec. 1878	D.J.W.Boney, JP
F. M. Carlton	Miss Sarah J. Saffold	29 Jan. 1879	A.Kicklighter, MG
James G. Lankford	Catherine Albritton	23 Jan. 1879	E.J.Hull, MG

<u>M. F. Youmans</u>	<u>Miss Texanna Lanier</u>	18 Sep. 1878	F.C.M.Boggess
David Mizell	Rowena Hagan	14 Sep. 1877	F.C.M.Boggess
Emanuel Bland	Miss Elizabeth Sylvinia	9 Feb. 1877	F.C.M.Boggess
James Johnson	Miss Maggie Chester	22 Jan. 1877	F.C.M.Boggess
G. L. Key	Miss Ann Garner	14 Sep. 1877	F.C.M.Boggess
Henry B. Carlton	Miss Mary H. Hendry	29 Jan. 1879	G.W.Mitchell, MG
Peter S. Harllee	Miss Allice N. Bullock	22 Jan. 1879	A.A.Robinson, MG
Henry E. Jordan	Mary Jane Rye	23 Feb. 1879	J.J.Robertson
B. F. Richards	Miss Sarah F. Locklier	29 Mar. 1879	D.J.W.Boney, JP
J. Crews Pelot	Miss Catie Gates	28 Feb. 1879	E.Glazier, MG
M. A. Brown	<u>Miss Caroline Keen</u>	16 May 1879	W.T.Brunson, JP
C. D. Canady	Miss Lizzie B. Minks	15 May 1879	Rev.R.R.Burtz
W. C. Gay	Mrs. Ellen Williams	27 Apr. 1879	F.C.M.Boggess Notary Public
Jesse Patrick	Miss Laura E. Stewart	27 Apr. 1879	F.C.M.Boggess Notary Public
Thomas Arnold	Miss Martha A. Davis	30 May 1879	Gates, MG
Charles H. Crane	Miss Milley Folker	10 June 1879	W.F.Brunson, JP
Walter L. Tresca	Emma V. Turner	22 June 1879	G.H.Wyatt, MG
Frank Guptill	Eliza C. Webb	16 June 1879	A.A.Robinson, MG
F. C. Whitaker	Miss N. L. Abbe	13 May 1879	A.A.Robinson, MG
William Wiggins	Laura Howard	3 July 1879	E.J.Hull, MG
John G. Spottswood	Miss Mollie R. Oliver	6 July 1879	E.J.Hull, MG
Robt. B. Smallwood	Mary Jane Bradley	24 Oct. 1879	W.F.Branson, JP
Nathaniel M. Bryan	Miss Julia A. Stokes	26 Dec. 1878	W.P.McEwen, MG
James Kellum	Sallie E. Davis	24 Aug. 1879	A.A.Robinson, MG
George L. Altman	Miss N. A. Hawthorn	26 Dec. 1878	W.P.McEwen, MG
Jackson Albritton	Miss Rebecca Sumerall	14 Aug. 1879	Edmund Chancey MG
Jetson O. Carr	Miss Ida V. Morgan	3 Sep. 1879	Charles B. Pendleton, JP

George J. Tillett	Miss L. Messer	24 Oct. 1879	W.F.Norris, MG
Andrew Howze	Miss Mary Hogans	6 Jan. 1880	W.F.Norris, MG
A. J. Cook	Miss Syrena Edwards	5 Jan. 1880	E.M.Graham Judge Co. Crt.
W. W. Langford	Miss Martha Dyess	8 Jan. 1880	John Parker, JP
Deed Book "C":			
Alexander Rimer	Micheal Futch	16 Feb. 1880	E.J.Hull, MG
Amos Allen	Miss Ann Oglesby	10 Feb. 1880	H.G.Barnhill*
John S. G. Kabrich	Miss Georgia Brewer	4 Mar. 1880	C.B.Pendleton
Gideon Allbritton	Miss Pathena Texas Underhill	29 Feb. 1880	D.J.W.Boney, JP
Millage Posey	Ellen Davis	4 Feb. 1880	E.J.Hull, MG
Owen Sumeralls	Miss Jessie Blount	29 Jan. 1880	F.M.Durrance, JP
James W. Carlton	Miss Mary S. Saffold	18 Feb. 1880	E.Chancey, MG
Griffin Smith	Miss Reedy Williams	30 Mar. 1880	F.C.M.Bogges, NP
Isaiah Williams	Mary Catherine Barnwell	11 Apr. 1880	C.B.Pendleton
✓ Daniel Alderman	Miss Martha E. Bates	25 Mar. 1880	Isaac A. Redd
George H. Mansfield	Mary Ellen Underhill	17 Apr. 1880	G.M.Farabee, MG
Simeon A. Driggers	Martha Jane Swain	22 Apr. 1880	J.J.Robertson, MG
W. H. Albritton	Sarah Ann T. Stewart	18 Apr. 1880	J.M.Keen, OMG
J. H. Hull	Florence M. Knight	16 May 1880	A.A.Robinson, MG
John B. Bostick	J. Anne Buckanan	31 May 1880	D.J.W.Boney, JP
Stephen C. Goin	Miss Mary Alpene Surgener	25 June 1880	W.F.Brunson, JP
J. W. Mobley	Miss Caroline Fewhawks	1 Aug. 1880	Rev.J.M.Hendry
Adam Messer	Fanny Prine	25 July 1880	John Parker, JP
C. T. Purvis	Julia A. Hendry	8 July 1880	J.M.Hendry
John P. Anderson	Miss Alia T. Haygood	11 Aug. 1880	J.J.Robertson, MG

* This marriage was recorded as 10 Feb. 1881. This would seem to be almost impossible since the marriages in this section of the deed book seem to have been recorded in order of date and this date in 1881 would have been a year ahead of the others.

Tobias McClenathen	Miss Henrietta Sauls	19 Aug. 1880	E.J.Hull, MG
Charles M. Robinson	Mary Jane Vickers	26 Sept 1880	W.F.Brunson
Theodore L. Sawyer	Miss Ella Alice Knight	15 Sept 1880	G.H.Wyatt Deacon, MCS
William W. Coker	Arcadia M. Albritton	2 Sept 1880	W.F.Norris, MG

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JOHN HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH 1822-1893

This pioneer sketch was researched, compiled and contributed by a great-great-grandson of John Henry Hollingsworth, Kyle S. Van-Landingham, P. O. Box 1779, Ft. Pierce, Fla. 33450.

John Henry Hollingsworth, a son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Colwell) Hollingsworth, was born in Sampson County, North Carolina April 18, 1822. His age as recorded on various documents varies, so he may have been born as late as 1825.

As a boy he went with his parents to Tallapoosa County, Alabama, during the mid 1830's. From there they went to Columbus, Georgia where his mother died; then Thomas County, where his father remarried in 1838. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Jefferson County, Florida where they are shown on the 1840 census. During the Second Seminole War, John Henry served in Capt. Lewis Martin's company for a period of twelve months.

After passage of the Armed Occupation Act in 1842, which opened up south Florida for settlement, the Hollingsworths moved to Hillsborough County. On July 24, 1845, John Henry Hollingsworth was married to Ann Elizabeth Hooker, daughter of William B. and Mary Amanda (Hair) Hooker. Ann was born in Hamilton County, Florida, Sept. 5, 1831 and moved with her parents to Hillsborough County in 1843.

After their marriage, John Henry and Ann moved to the Manatee settlement, located in southern Hillsborough County, where they appear on the 1850 census. However, in the early 1850's they moved to what is now Polk County, settling on the south shore of the lake that now bears John Henry's name, Lake Hollingsworth at Lakeland. According to family tradition, they soon left because strong winds across the lake kept slamming their doors. John Henry had previously filed for a land grant at Newnansville, his claim listed as being "near Fort Sullivan".

When the Third Seminole War broke out, John Henry Hollingsworth enlisted in the volunteer militia company commanded by his father-in-law, Captain William B. Hooker. The company was mustered into state service, Jan. 3, 1856; later into federal service, Feb. 27, 1856. On June 14, 1856, an Indian raiding party attacked the homestead of Willoughby Tillis near Ft. Meade. John Henry was one of seven men who rode from the fort to the Tillis place to relieve the family. During the battle which followed, he was seriously wounded. Capt. Hooker's report stated: "Hollingsworth's wound is worst, the ball lodging against the backbone under the shoulder blade,--but it looks as though he will recover."

John Henry did recover, but he was to remain partially disabled for the rest of his life. On August 21, 1857, he applied for a pension from the U. S. government. He stated that the rifle ball could not be extracted from the backbone and rendered him unable to perform bodily labor. Supporting affidavits were filed by Capt.

Hooker, Henry A. Crane, Henry L. Parker and two surgeons. The surgeons stated: "The injury has so affected his nervous system, that he is incapable of performing his accustomed labor. He cannot stoop down and rise without pain. He is unable to raise any considerable weight, without producing pain in the spine. A lateral motion of the body also produces pain."

After his injury, John Henry and his family resided at Tampa where he operated a boarding house. After 1858, they moved again, this time to Manatee County, where they appear on the 1860 census.

The children of John Henry and Ann Elizabeth (Hooker) Hollingsworth were:

1. Martha Jane Hollingsworth, born February 12, 1847; married William Alderman on March 16, 1863. She died on December 25, 1929. (See Issue #4 of SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS for biography of William Alderman).
2. Robert R. Hollingsworth, born 1849; died single before 1870.
3. William H. Hollingsworth, born 1851; married Delilah Waldron on December 25, 1873.
4. Mary A. Hollingsworth, born 1854; died single before 1870.
5. Julia Fredonia Hollingsworth, born 1859; married Joseph Brewer.
6. Lillie Hollingsworth, born 1865; married William Stewart.
7. James Jasper Hollingsworth, born 1867; never married.
8. Florida Apolonia (Abbie) Hollingsworth, born Feb. 14, 1872; married Edward Lanier on December 21, 1899.

Upon their removal to Manatee County, John Henry engaged in farming and cattle raising. The Civil War began in 1861 and he was unable to claim his pension for a number of years. On Feb. 9, 1863, the Manatee County Commission made provision for care of families whose husbands were away at war. A committee was appointed to gather supplies and John Henry was chosen to haul and distribute the corn and various other supplies to the families.

Manatee County's oldest Mark and Brands Record Book shows that on October 10, 1863, John Henry Hollingsworth registered the brand **JH** for use on his cattle. The same day his son William H. Hollingsworth registered the brand **F**, and daughter, Martha Jane Alderman filed **HC** for her cattle. Marth's husband, William Alderman, had registered the brands **WA** and **85** on Mar. 16, 1863.

John Henry Hollingsworth and his family appear on the 1870 census for Manatee County, residing in Township 39, the site of Fort Ogden. According to the census, next door neighbors were brother-in-law, Zorra J. Curry; son-in-law, William Alderman; and half-brother, Sim Hollingsworth.

In 1877, John Henry Hollingsworth once again applied for the invalid pension he had originally sought twenty years earlier. An accompanying affidavit describes him as having blue eyes; being five feet, eleven and three-quarters inches in height; hair nearly gray; weight, about 150 pounds; medium-stout build; with light complexion. The affidavit is dated April 8, 1878, and says that "the rebellion prevented my ever receiving pension, as my agent said that it was allowed." The application was approved and he received \$8 a month until his death.

John Henry Hollingsworth continued to live in Manatee County about ten miles north of Fort Ogden, his family being shown there on the 1880 census. During the early 1880's, he moved to Monroe Co., settling on the Caloosahatchee River at Fort Denaud. There John Henry operated a ferry, providing trans-

John Henry Hollingsworth

SIGNATURE OF JOHN HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH

portation across the river. In the 1885 census, he is shown as "ferryman", residing with his wife and three youngest children in Monroe County. Also in the household was the oldest daughter, Martha Jane Alderman, and her four youngest children by William Alderman.

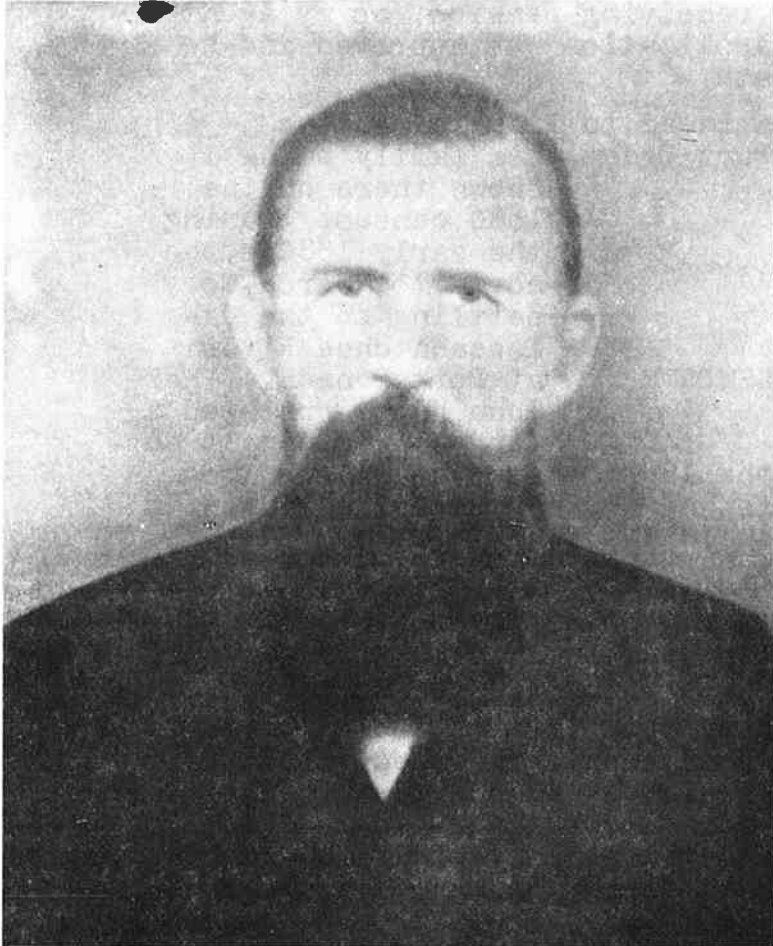
A few years later, John Henry and his family returned to the newly formed DeSoto County, and made their home at Arcadia. Here, on August 15, 1888, Ann (Hooker) Hollingsworth died. She was buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

During his remaining years, John Henry travelled around a great deal, visiting his brothers, sisters and children. In the early 1890's he was staying with his daughter, Martha Jane Alderman. He developed a cancer on the side of his face and his health gradually declined. His oldest surviving son, William Hollingsworth, came down to Arcadia in a covered wagon and took his father back to his home. There, in late 1893, John Henry Hollingsworth died. His body was brought back to Arcadia where he was buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

REFERENCES: Census: 1830 Sampson Co., N.C., 1840 Jefferson Co., Fla., 1850 Hillsborough Co., Fla., 1860, 1870 & 1880 Manatee Co., Fla., 1885 Monroe Co., Fla. Pension file of John Henry Hollingsworth, National Archives. Pioneer Florida, Vol. III, by D. B. McKay. Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol. III, compiled by Folks Huxford. Old Marks and Brands Book, Manatee Co., Fla. Family Bible record of William B. Hooker, typed copy at Polk County Historical & Genealogical Library, Bartow, Fla. Information provided by Christine (Alderman) Durrance, Basinger, Fla.; Rogers Hollingsworth, Arcadia, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gardner, Lakeland, Fla.

WILLIAM ALDERMAN 1838-1893: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kyle S. VanLandingham has prepared some additional information on William Alderman whose sketch appeared in Issue #4. He has also contributed the photo of Mr. Alderman who was a son-in-law of John Henry Hollingsworth whose sketch appears in this issue.



William Alderman

During the early years of the Civil War, William Alderman, though refusing to join the regular Confederate Army, did become a member of the Cattle Guard Battalion under Capt. John T. Lesley. This group, known as Company B, 1st Battalion, Fla. Special Cavalry, C.S.A., was organized in 1863. As the war dragged on, William Alderman along with many others, turned completely to the Union side. Some joined the Union 2nd Fla. Cavalry at Ft. Myers. William offered to join but was told he would be more helpful in supplying beef cattle to the Union garrison. He also hunted deer on Pine Island, near Ft. Myers, supplying the needs of the Union garrison.

After moving from Fort Ogden to Pine Level in the mid-1870's, William operated a 10 room hotel and owned citrus groves. He also continued his extensive cattle operations.

POLK COUNTY: 1861 TAXPAYERS

John Altman
William Altman
William Allen (left County)
Noah Browning
William S. Blount
Rigden Brown
Elisha Barco
Langley Bryant
Riley R. Blount
Reding Blount
Rigden H. Brown (left County)
William Brown

Margaret Brooker
J. J. Blount
Alfred J. Bullock
Z. J. Curry
C. Q. Crawford
Do. for J. W. Sapsley
Isham Crews
Enoch Collins
Levi W. Cornelius
Do. agt for R. W. Burgess
William L. Cowart
Nathan A. Cochran

John Cason
Robert Carson
Isaac J. Carter
James B. Crum
David G. Crum
William Corney
Do. for heirs of J. Carney
Hampton Combee
John W. Costine
Wilbert Cumbee
Robert L. Cathcart
John R. Durrance
John Davidson
Irwin Davis
William H. Durrance
Joseph H. Dawson
Jesse H. Durrance
George T. Durrance
Joseph L. Durrance
Francis M. Durrance
Do. agt. for Thos. B. Hill
Do. agt. for H. Barbour
William R. Douglas
C. W. Deason
Uriah R. Durrance
Jacob Driggers
Thos. B. Ellis
Do. agt. for Elizabeth
Ann Ellis
Andrew J. Ellis
Eli English
Thomas Feveak
James Fletcher
John M. Futch
Henry M. Frier
Do. agt. for Elizabeth J.
Frier
Do. guardian for Jas. H.
Rushing
Do. guardian for Belinda
Rushing
Do. agt. for Sarah Vickers
Solomon Gordon
Do. agt. for Arthur W.
Jones
John B. Gunter
Benjamin Guy
William H. Guy
Asa Gaskins
John Green
A. C. Herndon
George W. Hendry
William Z. Herndon
Dennis Hickey
James Hambleton
Stephen Hull, Sr.
Stephen Hull, Jr.
William H. Hancock
Stephen T. Hollingsworth

William Harris
Do. agt. for John Harris
Martin Hancock
Albert J. Hendry
James M. Hendry
John W. Hendry
Timothy Hollingsworth
Jordan Hancock
Jeremiah M. Hayman
George Hambleton
William R. Hollingsworth
Stephen T. Hancock
Francis A. Hendry
John I. Hooker
James T. Hancock
James M. Harrell
Stephen Hollingsworth
William M. Hendry
Edw. T. Kendrick
Do. agt. for R. J. Kendrick
G. L. Key
James Kuklin
Louis Lanier
Do. agt. for W. H. Holden
Henry Lewis
James Lanier
John Lanier
James S. Lanier
John W. Lanier
A. G. Latask
William A. Lively
Isham Lewis
Allen Low
William Melvin
James Miley
Joseph Mizell
Do. guardian for E. E. Mizell
John McClelland
William McClelland
Jesse McClelland
Silas L. McClelland
James Manly
Elender Main
David Main
Willard H. Mansfield
Do. agt. for Needham Yates
John McAuley
Robert McAuley
Silas McClelland
Thos. L. McKenny
William McCullough
John C. Oatts
Stretty Parker
Berrian Platt
Wiley D. K. Pollard
James Pearce
Do. agt. for W. H. Pearce
Henry A. Prine
William P. Rodgers

John B. Raulerson	Do. agt for Dempsey & Matilda
Theopolus H. Rushing	Tillis
Saml. Rodgers	Joseph Underhill
Noel R. Raulerson	William Underhill
Jacob Raulerson	Frederick Varn
Henry Seward	William B. Varn
Owing Sloan	Josiah Varn
Zack G. Seward	Eli Williams (left the county)
Do. adms. on estate of	Sewellen Williams
Z. & M. B. Seward	Thos. B. Williams
Zack Seward	John Wood
William H. Sheppard	Isaac Waters
William W. Sheppard	Do. guardian for Peter Thomas
Thos. Summerall	Weeks
Charles H. Scott	Francis H. Warren
Felix J. Seward	Chas. F. Weeks
R. H. Sylvester	Ashley P. Weeks
Simpson Singletary	John W. Wade
John L. Skipper	William Wingate
John W. Tanner	William H. Willingham
James H. Thomas	James L. Whiddon
Moses Turner	William Wiggins
Willoughby Tillis	Rebecca Wiggins

FLORIDA MEN WHO SERVED IN THE UNION FORCES DURING CIVIL WAR

The listing of Union soldiers from Florida collected from the National Archives and contributed by Mr. Vernon Peeples of 523 North Shore Dr., Punta Gorda, Fla. 33950 is continued from Issue #5.

DURHAM HANCOCK - Enlisted April 11, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN W. HARRELL - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane;
Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

ABRAHAM HAY - Enlisted Dec. 8, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; Rank
of Private; mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A"

JAMES HAY - Enlisted Jan. 12, 1864 at Fort Myers by R. A. Graffe;
Rank of Sgt.; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

BENJAMIN J. HILLIARD - Enlisted Mar. 16, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt.
Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers;
Co. "A".

THOMAS J. HILLIARD - Enlisted Mar. 16, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt.
Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers;
Co. "A".

ARCHIBOLD HENDRY - Enlisted May 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

CHARLES HENDRY - Enlisted May 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JAMES M. HENDRY - Enlisted May 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

SIMEON HOLLINSWORTH - Enlisted Feb. 24, 1865 at Fort Myers by Lt. Stevens; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN J. HORTON - Enlisted Mar. 8, 1864 at Key West by Capt. Brown; Co. "B".

FRANCIS A. IVEY - Enlisted June 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; Rank of 3rd Corp.; Mustered in July 16, 1864 at Cedar Key; Co. "A".

JAMES W. JACKSON - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

THOMAS B. JACKSON - Enlisted May 28, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JAMES H. JOHNSON - Enlisted Sept. 1, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "A".

JOHN C. JOHNSON - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; Rank of 4th Corp.; Mustered in April 15 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

SIMPSON JOHNSON - Enlisted Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; Rank of Private; Mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

THOMAS JOHNSON - Enlisted Feb. 26, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; Rank of 6th Corp.; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

MATHEW E. JONES - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JAMES KIRTLAND - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

FRANKLIN LINK - Enlisted May 5, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

HENRY LOCKLIER - Enlisted Aug. 13, 1864 at Cedar Key by Lt. Pretz; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

WILLIAM H. LOCKLIER - Enlisted May 2, 1864 at Cedar Key by Lt. Hunter; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JESSE LONG - Enlisted Mar. 1, 1864 at Key West by Capt. Brown; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN LOWE - Enlisted May 13, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

NATHAN LOWE - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

WILLIAM LOWE - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

WILLIAM H. MADISON - Enlisted Feb. 9, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Myers;
Rank of Private; Mustered in Feb. 15, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

DAVIS MARTIN - Enlisted Dec. 24, 1864 at Cedar Keys by Lt. Pretz;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

LUTHER A. MARTIN - Enlisted April 16, 1864 at Key West by Lt.
Brackett; Rank of Corp.; Co. "B".

STEPHEN E. MASHBURN - Enlisted Feb. 16, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Myers;
Rank of Private; Mustered in Feb. 15, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

DANIEL MAY - Enlisted Dec. 8, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; Rank
of Private; Mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

BIAS MCCLENITHAN - Enlisted Dec. 8, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers;
Rank of Private; Mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

HERMAN MCCLENITHAN - Enlisted March 30, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt.
Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers;
Co. "A".

WILLIAM MCCLENITHAN, JR. - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by
Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort
Myers; Co. "A"; Captured by the enemy Feb. 20, 1865 near Fort
Myers.

WILLIAM MCCLENITHAN, SR. - Enlisted Mar. 12, 1864 at Fort Myers by
Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort
Myers; Co. "A".

WILLIAM MCCULLOUGH - Enlisted Feb. 22, 1864; Rank of 1st Lieut.;
Mustered in at Key West; Co. "A", 2nd Regiment of Fla. Cavalry.

ODEN MCKAY - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane;
Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

HENRY MESSER - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOEL MESSER - Enlisted May 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN A. MILLER - Enlisted April 18, 1864 at Key West by Gen. Banks
through Gen. Woodbury; Rank of 2nd Lieut.; Mustered in May 26,
1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

GEORGE C. MIZELL - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt.
Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

RANSON MOBLEY - Enlisted Feb. 9, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Myers; Rank
of Private; Mustered in Feb. 15, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

JOHN MORGAN, JR. - Enlisted May 2, 1864 at Cedar Keys by Lt. Hunter;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

HENRY MURPHEY - Enlisted Feb. 23, 1865 at Fort Myers by Lt. McCullough;
Rank of Private; Co. "A".

EDWARD J. MURPHY - Enlisted May 5, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Rank
Rank of Corp.; Co. "B".

WILLIAM MURPHEY - Enlisted Feb. 23, 1865 at Fort Myers by Lt.
McCullough; Rank of Private; Co. "A".

ALEXANDER ODEM - Enlisted May 16, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Rank
of Private; Co. "B".

DAVID OSBURN - Enlisted April 6, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Rank
of Private; Co. "B".

WILLIAM L. OSBURN - Enlisted May 5, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN J. PARKER - Enlisted Mar. 8, 1864 at Key West by Capt. Brown;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN PATRICK - Enlisted April 2, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A.
Crane; Rank of 7th Corp.; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort
Myers; Co. "A".

JOSEPH PATRICK - Enlisted Dec. 20, 1863 at New Zeppa by Lt. Myers;
Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

SAMUEL J. PEARCE - Enlisted May 5, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz;
Rank of Sgt.; Co. "B".

RANDOL PEARSON - Enlisted May 2, 1864 at Cedar Key by Lt. Hunter;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

TIMOTHY PETERSON - Enlisted April 7, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

DANIEL W. PINKSTON - Enlisted May 5, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN W. PLATT - Enlisted May 26, 1864; Rank of 1st Lt.; Co. "B".

JOSHUA A. PLATT - Enlisted Mar. 20, 1864 at Peas Creek by Capt.
Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

LEWIS B. PLATT - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane;
Rank of Private; Co. "B".

NATHAN C. PLATT - Enlisted April 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt.
Crane; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

AMBROSE POWELL - Enlisted Mar. 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane;
Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers;
Co. "A".

ISAAC POWELL - Enlisted Feb. 23, 1864 at Key West by Capt. Bowers;
Rank of Private; Mustered in Mar. 16, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

JAMES POWELL - Enlisted Dec. 20, 1863 at New Zeppa by Lt. Myers; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A"; He was born in Lee County, Georgia August 2, 1847. When he enlisted he was 5'1" tall, complexion, eyes & hair: dark. A farmer.

LEMUEL N. PRESCOTT - Enlisted April 6, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

THOMAS J. PRINE - Enlisted Feb. 24, 1865 at Fort Myers by Lt. Stevens; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JAMES R. P. RENFROE - Enlisted Aug. 20, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

JAMES RICH - Enlisted Oct. 24, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

ZEPHEMIAH RICH - Enlisted Oct. 24, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

JOHN W. RITTER - Enlisted Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; Rank of 5th Sgt.; Mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

DANIEL C. RYALS - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

HENRY D. RYALS - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; Rank of Private; Mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers, Co. "A".

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NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

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Hendry and M. Alderman. By 1872, membership had climbed to 49 and Seth Howard was delegate to the Association. In 1873, the Church was moved to the New Zion community and its name was changed from Maple Branch to New Zion Baptist Church. Delegates that year were J. W. Hendry and R. Roberts. N. T. Jones and William McLeod represented their 81 members in 1874. Other early members were Albert Carlton, Louis Carlton, Wright Carlton, Alderman Carlton, J. M. Hendry, James Albritton, William Whidden, Daniel Garner, Matthew Alderman, Robert Roberts, W. Coker, R. Marlow, E. J. Hull, I. A. Redd, W. F. Norris, D. W. Hull, Z. F. McEwen, H. H. Norris, W. Rich, J. Strickland, J. F. Chancey, J. B. Stephens, Franklin Shuman, J. L. Durrance, W. D. Payne, J. H. Hayman and John Coker. To reach the cemetery, turn west on SR 64 off of US 17 and travel west 14.0 miles. Turn north on Sidney Roberts Road and travel 0.2 miles and the cemetery and Church are on the right side. Copied by the editor in Sept. 1975. (References for above information: "Pioneer Florida" by D. B. McKay, Tampa Tribune, Oct. 24, 1954; Manatee Missionary Baptist Association annual minutes; South Florida Baptist Association Minutes).

Minnie D. Eason Jan. 13, 1878 - May 26, 1947

Berttie May Eason Feb. 12, 1912 - Feb. 18, 1913

Cecil Oddis, son of D. & Nettie Albritton Aug. 20, 1911-Sept. 5, 1912

Mary A. Payne Dec. 26, 1924 - Dec. 16, 1929

Hollis Virgil Payne, Fla, Pvt, 124 Inf, 31 Div
June 4, 1892 - Jan. 6, 1946

Edna Taylor, dau. of W. D. & M. A. Payne
April 8, 1876 - Oct. 8, 1907

In memory of Jesse W. Taylor, son of Clabern & Sallie Taylor
June 28, 1870 - Oct. 1, 1907

Mary J., dau. of E. L. & C. A. Hendry Nov. 30, 1901 - Sept. 22, 1903

Rev. E. L. Hendry Oct. 2, 1866 - Aug. 12, 1914
"The link is broken"

Clara A. (Miller) Hendry Sept. 14, 1867 - Mar. 4, 1936
"The link is joined"

John Francis Gary Hendry, son of J. W. & C. V. Hendry
September 10, 1899 - September 18, 1904

Thurston Wesley Hendry, Fla, Pvt, 18 Inf, 1 Div
June 17, 1898 - March 4, 1939

James Hal Hendry, Fla, SSgt, US Army, WWII
December 15, 1922 - February 15, 1974

Infant of Mr. & Mrs. Alex A. Hendry

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Altha (Duncan) Hendry July 8, 1910 - Aug. 13, 1946
Rev. Alex A. Hendry 1904 - 1968
Ruth
Eunice
Elsie
1 Lieut., Joshua D. E. Riggs, Co. B, 7 Fla. Inf., CSA
Sarah (Payne), wife of J. W. Hendry Nov. 16, 1835 - Dec. 20, 1897
Rev. John W. Hendry Sept. 23, 1836 - Feb. 4, 1907
Founder of the Peace River Baptist Association
Alice Hendry Hull 1863- 1942
Webster Hull 1854 - 1934
(Daniel Webster Hull Jan. 14, 1854 - Dec. 9, 1932)
James D., son of D. W. & A. L. Hull Nov. 2, 1887 - Feb. 2, 1889
James B. Payne August 18, 1899 - February 9, 1958
Rev. William D. Payne 1854 - 1931
Martha A. Payne 1858 - 1937
Ben A. Kirkland 1902 - 1936
H. J. Kirkland Mar. 3, 1852 - May 23, 1916
Andrew J. Albritton died April 21, 1941
Jess Willard, son of G. H. & Mary Morgan
April 27, 1915 - August 7, 1916
Hilda Inez Morgan October 21, 1913 - May 26, 1916
Simon Albritton, son of John Albritton
H. J. Young 1868 - 1940
Elvira E. Swain April 20, 1845 - April 23, 1911
John R. Swain June 8, 1845 - Sept. 29, 1911
Ada, wife of E. G. Mills May 26, 1894 - April 26, 1921
R. A., son of E. G. & A. Mills Jan. 14, 1913 - Feb. 13, 1914
Infant of Stanford & Della Hunter Dec. 19, 1905 - Feb. 29, 1906
C. L. Hunter, son of S. L. & Amie Hunter
September 25, 1897 - January 20, 1900

Mrs. Fannie, wife of Jas. Rich Dec. 1848 - April 11, 1913
James Rich May 29, 1849 - March 25, 1902
William P. Rich December 24, 1851 - October 8, 1911
Florence Smith April 27, 1871 - December 28, 1963
In memory of Elizei Smith, wife of Noah Smith (Hard to read!!)
March 5, 1855 - July 28, 1893
Noah Smith July 16, 1866 - August 17, 1940
Clara, dau. of G. E. & May Rich Oct. 22, 1904 - Oct. 23, 1904
In memory of Sarah Rich, Sept. 15, 1822 - March 16, 1890
Emery D. Hendry August 17, 1890 - August 14, 1891
In memory of Mary Jane (Payne), wife of J. M. Hendry
June 3, 1842 - May 3, 1899
Rev. James M. Hendry July 23, 1839 - April 14, 1922
Martha Frances Hendry Dec. 24, 1870 - Nov. 20, 1934
Charley B. Gough, Cpl, 1103, AERO SQ, WWI
March 3, 1892 - July 3, 1969
Corine Gough 1914 -
Morris Lee, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Gough July 31, 1939
Vinson Rawls July 16, 1910 - Feb. 25, 1918
Lewis A. Rawls May 20, 1867 - December 15, 1916
Elizabeth W. Rawls February 27, 1876 - June 4, 1949
Liley F., dau. of W. A. & Missoura Scott
March 1, 1887 - March 12, 1907
Margaret A., wife of W. A. Scott Sept. 15, 1871 - Nov. 20, 1901
Mary Edna Scott Sept. 18, 1885 - Nov. 9, 1934
William L., son of W. A. & Edna Scott
January 26, 1904 - December 30, 1906
Finas, son of W. P. & G. A. Rich born & died Mar. 16, 1904
Henry, son of Mr. & Mrs. N. S. Smith
January 3, 1901 - October __, 1905
Georgia Rich died March 22, 1934 aged 66 yrs, 5 mons, 22 days
Maggie Rich August 12, 1909 - December 1, 1912
William Calvin Rich December 7, 1905 - October 19, 1910

Tammy Dianne Skinner 1970 - 1970

Georgia Rich 1867 - 1934 (This marker is apparently for the same Georgia Rich listed previously).

Walter Rich 1887 - 1936

Gerome Rich Jan. 12, 1885 - Nov. 19, 1947

Mae Rich Jan. 31, 1886 - Feb. 3, 1966

Katie Parrish Gill Kersey 1899 - 1974

John Marvin Gill 1900 - 1930

Elizabeth Tucker Gill Nov. 15, 1859 - Dec. 21, 1932

W. A. Gill Oct. 5, 1854 - Nov. 26, 1910

Judie Blanche, wife of A. M. Tucker Oct. 30, 1889 - June 27, 1917

Ossie B. Gill Sept. 21, 1916 -

Elam E. Gill Oct. 24, 1895 - Nov. 20, 1974

Inf. dau. of Gabe & Leona Gill, born & died Nov. 1, 1931

Aubrey C. Bauknight, Cpl, 5 Inf, Repl Regt, WWI
August 29, 1893 - August 10, 1965

John Toomey 1876 - 1946

Glenn D. Williams, Fla, Pvt, Co A, 325 Inf, WWII
January 18, 1906 - January 26, 1963

W. J. Williams July 11, 1864 - June 26, 1931

Della Williams Vanzant August 23, 1866 - October 22, 1936

Oliver J. Taylor October 8, 1879 - November 15, 1956

Jewell M. Taylor 1909 - 1913

Leon Hadaway Sept. 30, 1906 - May 22, 1935

Son of Auther & Hazel Brown, born & died Dec. 4, 1937

Richard Roy Hadaway, Ga, Pvt, Provost Guard Co, WWI
March 26, 1898 - December 5, 1958

Bertha Maude Roberts May 16, 1882 - April 22, 1962

R. A. Roberts, Jr. Jan. 21, 1911 - July 1, 1947

Robert Allen Roberts June 25, 1874 - Nov. 20, 1920

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BENTON COUNTY: 1850 SCHEDULE OF SLAVE OWNERS

All of the following individuals owned slaves in Benton County, Fla. when the 1850 Federal Census was taken. Several names appear more than once - they probably had slaves in different parts of the county. The name of Benton County was later changed to Hernando County.

Various Settlements	Robert D. Bradley	John Sutton
Alfred O. Robinson	Emily C. Garrison	John Bassett
Willis Smith	Mary M. Sutton	Bird M. Pearson
John G. Tyner	Lake Inasay Settlement	Albert J. Alexander
Mary Kendrick	John P. Crichton	Columbus Alexander
James Lanier	Wm. W. Tucker	+ Peter W. Law
John Townsend	William Hope	Perry G. Wall
William McDonald	David Hope	Malcom C. Peterson
James Harn	Daniel Simmons	John S. Taylor
Henry Harn	Cornelius Seals	G. A. Andrew
David Crum	John B. Allen	Albert Clark
Henry Hope	Jackson Andrews	John E. Johnson
William Cray	Bin M. Pearson	James Burke
Scott W. Cray	Various Settlements	Joseph Hale
Light Townsend	David L. Yules	Nancy Harrell
John P. Crichton	William Taylor	Nancy P. Harrell
Isaac Garrison	Thomas C. Ellis	David L. Yulee

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EARLY FLORIDA NEWSPAPERS: "FORT OGDEN NEWS", 1887

Material contained in this early south Florida newspaper is continued from Issue #5, and was contributed by Mr. Bill Jones of Arcadia, Florida.

Messrs. EDWARDS & GRAY have bought the grocery stock of W. C. HIGDON & Son, at Hickory Bluff, and propose to open at once, a wholesale building material and furniture business. They will also carry a full line of groceries. There is not another similiar enterprise in this whole vast section of country, and under the management of those enterprising gentlemen, they are bound to make a success. Mr. EDWARDS has had an extensive experience in a wholesale house in Tennessee.

CLEVELAND, FLORIDA: This new & prosperous town is beautifully located on Charlotte Harbor at or near the terminus of the Florida Southern Railroad. Lots are now for sale by A. T. HOLLEYMON, general manager.

W. E. DRISCOLL, dentist, of Manatee, Florida, will revisit Charlotte Harbor points about May 1st, or sooner if sufficient orders are sent him by mail. Send him a postal card stating what you need done, & it may be convneient for him to call on you.

E. H. MCQUADY, Land Agent, Nocatee, Florida

Dr. O. E. ROESCH, Physician & Surgeon, United States Pension Examining Surgeon.

Saturday night the 19th, we boarded the midnight train at Ogden and went southward to Trabue, the coming city of the South.

We found the train crowded with passengers mostly engineers with their surveying corps, approximately some 50 or more, en route for the newly projected & widely discussed City of Naples for the purpose of surveying it - that future most southern city on the mainland of Florida. We were pleased to meet among the Naples boys many friends and acquaintances from our old home.

Their experience in this section will be novel & altogether strange, but we trust they will enjoy it & come out "top side up with care".

The Naples enterprise is a gigantic one & will involve & necessitate the expenditure of heavy sums of money, but the financial & business standing of its founders is a guarantee of its success. It is an inviting field for the investment of money.

AT PUNTA GORDA: We were surprised to observe at Trabue the first of the week, the material development & marked improvement that city has undergone within the last month. Its growth has been almost phenomenal, springing as it has, with an incalculably short period from its primitive condition of wild woods into almost a city.

The magnificent hotel being built by the railroad company and nearly ready for the reception of guest, with its fine, commanding location, directly on the waters of Charlotte Harbor and with the symmetrical perfection of its architectural work, is a credit and an ornament to any city in the South. Many good and substantial business houses are also springing up like magic and the value of property is doubling and trebling every day.

Shipping is increasing daily, the bay being at all times dotted with sails, and with its dual transportation facilities - by water and land - we may confidently expect to see there, at any early day, a city of expanding commercial importance. So note it be.

C. G. JOHANSON, CHAS. ISGREN JOHANSON & ISGREN, proprietors of the Arcadia Saw & Planning Mills, rough and dressed lumber of all kinds, constantly on hand, also laths, pickets, etc.

Buck Thorn Fence Wire - The best fencing known. Sold from Bartow to Charlotte Harbor by C. W. CARLTON, Fort Ogden, Fla.

HUGHES & RUDISILL, real estate agents. Land for tropical fruits, gardens, lumber and naval stores. Hotel sites on Charlotte Harbor and town lots in Cleveland and Grove City. Correspondence solicited. Cleveland, Manatee County, Florida.

C. E. REED & Bros., Bartow, Fla. Sash, doors and blinds. Paints, oils, etc., hardware, crockeryware, tin and sheet-iron work.

City Barber Shop, GEO. W. HOWELL. Shaving, hair-cutting & shampooing. Clipping a specialty. Photographs: Will also be pleased to do all kinds of photographing. Next door to SIMMONS & CARLTON, Ft. Ogden, Fla.

Mr. W. THOMPSON, of Fort Myers, presented to the editor of the "Press" a rutabaga weighing ten pounds, as evidence of the success of that vegetable in the sandy soil of Florida.

J. H. NUTT, plasterer and stucco worker, Bartow, Florida.

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Faction No. 1 proposes to divide the county on the Washington line.

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We here in repeat what we have already stated through the press, etc., that in making a division of Manatee County we should look beyond the present. We should be guided by the lessons of the past few years.

Who will attempt to say what section of our county will in a few years hence outstride its competitors in the race of progress?

Faction No. 1 is composed of a few citizens in the eastern and western sections of the county who hope by this unequal division of the county do secure for their respective..... prize which cannot otherwise hope to obtain and which they know a geographical consideration of the matter would forever exclude the.

The "Washington Line" crowd has already made what had the appearance of a cunning effort to get a snap judgement upon the people, by stacking the cards against them and which but for the stubborn resistance of a few would have been successful.

Will the citizens of Manatee County and especially those of the middle section sit supinely idle and allow schemers and manipulators to manage this matter which is of such permanent importance to each individual citizen?

This is no political contest which involves only the success of the individual candidates or the triumph of parties, but it is a question which digs down into the pockets of every citizen of Manatee County and all should feel alike interested.

In conclusion I appeal to my fellow citizens of Manatee County and urge you by every consideration of patriotism, of pride in your county, of faith and confidence in its future greatness to turn out at the primaries upon the day mentioned in the call and send a full delegation to Pine Level on the 15th of March and would suggest that the same be instructed to vote for an equal & natural division of the county or for no division. A. M. WILSON, in "Pine Level Times".

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????? QUERIES ?????

6-1 A Barnwell Bible record gives the following data: JAMES WHIDDEN, born Nov. 12, 1839, WILLIAM WHIDDEN, born Mar. 1, 1842, MARY WHIDDEN, born May 27, 1851, MOSE WHIDDEN, born Oct. 17, 1853, HARRIET WHIDDEN, born Dec. 11, 1856. MOSE or MOSES A. WHIDDEN married SALLIE E. BARNWELL. He was also called "DICK" WHIDDEN. Are the parents of the above Whidden children the WILLIAM WHITTON (WHIDDEN), born 1815 in Ga. and wife, MATILDA WHITTON (WHIDDEN), born 1820 in Ga. who were living in Hillsborough Co. in 1850? In 1860, WILLIAM WHIDDEN & children: JAMES, WILLIAM,

MARY & RICHARD, are living in Manatee County - his wife must have died. Is this RICHARD WHIDDEN the same person as MOSE or MOSES WHIDDEN whose nickname was "DICK"???

Mrs. Marjorie W. Allen, 10600 Pine Ave., Riverview, Fla. 33569

6-2 Surviving in the home of Judge DENNIS L. MARION CASON of Wauchula, Florida, were Bible records of his father's family and of his own. The following record of his sister, ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON is as follows: ABIGAIL SARAH ANN ROBINSON was born July 18, A.D. 1837. JAMES J. ROBINSON and SARAH CASON was married August 7, A.D. 1851. ABIGAIL MARTHA ANN ROBINSON, first daughter of JAMES ROBINSON and SARAH his wife was born June 7, 1860. ABIGAIL SARAH ANN ROBINSON departed this life November 20, 1861.

Since ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON ROBINSON departed this life soon after child birth, with whom did little MARTHA ANN ROBINSON live? Did she grow up to womanhood? Where did they live? ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON was the daughter of SILAS CASON and ABIGAIL LANGFORD CASON. It is possible ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON ROBINSON was born in Madison, Florida. Will appreciate any information on CASON or LANGFORD or ROBINSON families.

Mrs. Ruby Cason Iliff, 709 Triana St., Monterey Park, Calif. 91754

6-3 Collecting information on any and all BARWICK families in the United States. Will exchange information. Have many records covering BARWICKS in the Carolinas, Maryland, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Mrs. Eloise K. Barwick, 1708 Clay St., Vicksburg, Miss. 39180

6-4 1850 Alachua County, Florida Census shows an ELIZABETH MOORE (MOORY), age 57, born N.C., living with SARAH A. JOHNS, age 20, born Fla., MARTHA JOHNS, age 18, born Fla., BOURBON S. JOHNS, age 16, born Fla. Was ELIZABETH the mother of the Johns children, who had later remarried? If so, who was the father of the Johns children? Was the ISAAC JOHNS, age 24, born in Fla., living near them, a brother of the Johns children?

Richard M. Livingston, P. O. Box 166, Ft. Ogden, Fla. 33842

6-5 Searching for information on orphans of GEORGE CASON, deceased by 1815. Had fortunate draw in land 1805 land lottery. Land was originally in Baldwin County, Ga. WILLIAM CASON of Washington Co., Ga. guardian. Lot No. 48, 4th District. Land to be sold at the courthouse in Washington Co., Ga. Tuesday, Sept. 1815. JOHN WHITE of Putnam Co. witnesses. Source: News Paper Article, "Georgia Journal", Milledgeville, Ga.

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6-6 JAMES YATES was born in S.C. in 1776. He married AGNES ROLING in Laurens Co., Ga. in 1817. They later lived in Camden Co., Ga., Duval Co., Brevard Co. & Orange Co., Fla. Their son NEEDHAM YATES, was born 1820. Their daughter, SARAH A. YATES married GEORGE CAMP TIPPINS. Where in S.C. was JAMES YATES born? Was NEEDHAM ROWLAND of Emanuel Co. & Camden Co., Ga. the father of AGNES?

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Will the citizens of Manatee County and especially those of the middle section sit supinely idle and allow schemers and manipulators to manage this matter which is of such permanent importance to each individual citizen?

This is no political contest which involves only the success of the individual candidates or the triumph of parties, but it is a question which digs down into the pockets of every citizen of Manatee County and all should feel alike interested.

In conclusion I appeal to my fellow citizens of Manatee County and urge you by every consideration of patriotism, of pride in your county, of faith and confidence in its future greatness to turn out at the primaries upon the day mentioned in the call and send a full delegation to Pine Level on the 15th of March and would suggest that the same be instructed to vote for an equal & natural division of the county or for no division. A. M. WILSON, in "Pine Level Times".

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????? QUERIES ?????

6-1 A Barnwell Bible record gives the following data: JAMES WHIDDEN, born Nov. 12, 1839, WILLIAM WHIDDEN, born Mar. 1, 1842, MARY WHIDDEN, born May 27, 1851, MOSE WHIDDEN, born Oct. 17, 1853, HARRIET WHIDDEN, born Dec. 11, 1856. MOSE or MOSES A. WHIDDEN married SALLIE E. BARNWELL. He was also called "DICK" WHIDDEN. Are the parents of the above Whidden children the WILLIAM WHITTON (WHIDDEN), born 1815 in Ga. and wife, MATILDA WHITTON (WHIDDEN), born 1820 in Ga. who were living in Hillsborough Co. in 1850? In 1860, WILLIAM WHIDDEN & children: JAMES, WILLIAM,

MARY & RICHARD, are living in Manatee County - his wife must have died. Is this RICHARD WHIDDEN the same person as MOSE or MOSES WHIDDEN whose nickname was "DICK"???

Mrs. Marjorie W. Allen, 10600 Pine Ave., Riverview, Fla. 33569

6-2 Surviving in the home of Judge DENNIS L. MARION CASON of Wauchula, Florida, were Bible records of his father's family and of his own. The following record of his sister, ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON is as follows: ABIGAIL SARAH ANN ROBINSON was born July 18, A.D. 1837. JAMES J. ROBINSON and SARAH CASON was married August 7, A.D. 1851. ABIGAIL MARTHA ANN ROBINSON, first daughter of JAMES ROBINSON and SARAH his wife was born June 7, 1860. ABIGAIL SARAH ANN ROBINSON departed this life November 20, 1861.

Since ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON ROBINSON departed this life soon after child birth, with whom did little MARTHA ANN ROBINSON live? Did she grow up to womanhood? Where did they live? ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON was the daughter of SILAS CASON and ABIGAIL LANGFORD CASON. It is possible ABIGAIL SARAH ANN CASON ROBINSON was born in Madison, Florida. Will appreciate any information on CASON or LANGFORD or ROBINSON families.

Mrs. Ruby Cason Iliff, 709 Triana St., Monterey Park, Calif. 91754

6-3 Collecting information on any and all BARWICK families in the United States. Will exchange information. Have many records covering BARWICKS in the Carolinas, Maryland, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Mrs. Eloise K. Barwick, 1708 Clay St., Vicksburg, Miss. 39180

6-4 1850 Alachua County, Florida Census shows an ELIZABETH MOORE (MOORY), age 57, born N.C., living with SARAH A. JOHNS, age 20, born Fla., MARTHA JOHNS, age 18, born Fla., BOURBON S. JOHNS, age 16, born Fla. Was ELIZABETH the mother of the Johns children, who had later remarried? If so, who was the father of the Johns children? Was the ISAAC JOHNS, age 24, born in Fla., living near them, a brother of the Johns children?

Richard M. Livingston, P. O. Box 166, Ft. Ogden, Fla. 33842

6-5 Searching for information on orphans of GEORGE CASON, deceased by 1815. Had fortunate draw in land 1805 land lottery. Land was originally in Baldwin County, Ga. WILLIAM CASON of Washington Co., Ga. guardian. Lot No. 48, 4th District. Land to be sold at the courthouse in Washington Co., Ga. Tuesday, Sept. 1815. JOHN WHITE of Putnam Co. witnesses. Source: News Paper Article, "Georgia Journal", Milledgeville, Ga.

Mrs. Ruby Cason Iliff, 709 Triana St., Monterey Park, Calif. 91754.

6-6 JAMES YATES was born in S.C. in 1776. He married AGNES ROLING in Laurens Co., Ga. in 1817. They later lived in Camden Co., Ga., Duval Co., Brevard Co. & Orange Co., Fla. Their son NEEDHAM YATES, was born 1820. Their daughter, SARAH A. YATES married GEORGE CAMP TIPPINS. Where in S.C. was JAMES YATES born? Was NEEDHAM ROWLAND of Emanuel Co. & Camden Co., Ga. the father of AGNES?

Richard M. Livingston, P.O. Box 166, Ft. Ogden, Fla. 33842

6-7 SUSAN DOLLY PEARCE, born 1869, died 1935, first married PEEPLES. Would like to know names & births of their children. Her second marriage was to JOHN DAVID WHALEY. Will exchange info on the children from this marriage. Would like more information on ancestry of JOHN DAVID WHALEY.

Mrs. W. G. Ebersole, 1424 N.W. 14th Ave., Gainesville, Florida 32605

6-8 DANIEL D. COKER was born in S.C. or Ga. in 1803. Where? He married NICEY TAYLOR in Madison Co., Fla. She was also called EUNICE or UNITY. Who were the parents of DANIEL COKER? Parents of NICEY TAYLOR? Is the Rev. JOHN COKER (1854-1925) who is buried at New Zion Cemetery in Hardee County, a nephew of DANIEL D. COKER?

Mrs. Annie P. Newton, 1014 W. Hickory St., Arcadia, Fla. 33821

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: 1860 FEDERAL CENSUS

Continued from Issue #5:

300/240	Jesse Knight	42	Ga.	Jesse Knight married Rebecca
	Rebecca "	35	SC	Caroline Varn Oct. 1, 1840.

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	Aaron Knight	15	Fla.	
	Mary "	12	"	
	William "	11	"	
	Levy "	9	"	
	Jesse "	8	"	
	Zachariah "	6	"	
	Frances " (f)	5	"	
	Massey "	2	"	
	Rebeca "	1	"	
	Martha A. Napia	18	SC	School Teacher
301/241	William Wilder	53	Ga.	
	Sarah "	44	"	
	Bashaber "	17	"	
	Andrew "	16	"	
	Edmund "	14	"	
	Ellen "	10	"	
	Samuel Loftin	60	"	
	Samuel Lesley	57	SC	School Teacher
302/242	William Collins	31	Ga.	
	Jane "	25	Ala.	
	Anne "	8	Miss.	
	Joab "	2	Fla.	
	Emma "	1	"	
303/243	Bashaba Wilder	50	Ga.	
	Lafayette "	18	"	
	Jane "	16	"	
	Isabella "	14	"	
	Fanny "	11	"	
	Cristy Gording	31	England	School Teacher

304/244	Bertran Blessoe	33	Ala.	Tanner
	Elisabeth "	22	Fla.	
305/245	Martha Pass	38	Ga.	
	Owen "	18	Fla.	
	Martha "	13	"	
	Julia "	11	"	
	Olive "	8	"	
	Laura "	6	"	
✓ 306/246	Moses Tanner	41	Ga.	
	Martha "	41	"	
	George "	17	Fla.	
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✓	Martha Tanner	14	Fla.	
	Mary "	12	"	
	Owen "	9	"	
	Olive "	7	"	
	Peter "	5	"	
	Westly "	1	"	
307/247	William Platt	36	Ga.	
	Matilda "	28	Fla.	
	Sarah "	13	"	
	Radford "	6	"	
	Jerry "	4	"	
	Jackson "	3	"	
	Victoria "	1	"	
308/248	Leonard Nobles	65	Ga.	
	Mary "	61	"	
309/249	Peter Platt	56	N.C.	
	George "	18	Ga.	
	Sealy "	16	"	
310/250	Stephen Blocker	61	S.C.	
	Rebeca "	47	"	
	Susan "	15	Fla.	
	Stephen "	13	"	
	Isabella "	12	"	
	Arabella "	10	"	
	Osker "	8	"	
	Mary "	7	"	
	Oregon "	5	"	
	William Blocker	27	Ga.	
311	Unoccupied			
312/251	William Wiggins	45	Ga.	William Wiggins married
	Emerintha "	38	"	Emerintha Raulerson.
	John "	20	Fla.	
	James "	18	"	
	William "	17	"	
	Emma "	15	"	
	Mary "	13	"	
	Jesse "	9	"	
	Erley "	7	"	
	Angelina "	5	"	
	Martha "	2	"	

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	James Pettis	53	England	School Teacher
313/252	J. B. Raulerson	38	Ga.	John Baggs Raulerson mar.
	Civility "	30	"	Civility Frier, dau. of
	Ellina "	15	Fla.	Ryan Frier in Columbia
	John "	13	"	Co., Fla. on 25th of July
	Mathis "	12	"	1844.
	Milton "	10	"	
	Ardella "	8	"	
	Samuel "	6	"	
	Sarah "	4	"	
	Daniel "	2	"	
	Ellen Raulerson	75	Ga.	
314/253	Joseph Howell	60	S.C.	
	Sarah "	42	Ga.	
	Henry "	20	Fla.	
	Martha "	17	"	
	Thomas "	15	"	
	Joseph "	14	"	
	Moses "	10	"	
	Virginia "	7	"	
	Texas "	5	"	
	Georgianna "	1	"	
315	Unoccupied			
316/254	Simon Smith	32	Ga.	
	Winaford "	20	"	
	Jesse "	3	Fla.	
	Daniel "	2	"	
	George "	2	"	
317/255	Riley Douglas	32	Fla.	
	Nancy "	25	"	
	Louisa "	10	"	
	Harriett "	9	"	
	Henry "	5	"	
	Bisey " (f)	4	"	
	Samuel "	2	"	
	Elisabeth "	2	"	
318/256	Andrew Wiggins	34	Ga.	
	Elisabeth "	30	Fla.	
	James "	12	Ga.	
	Julia "	7	Fla.	

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	William Wiggins	6	Fla.	
	Mary "	3	"	
	Andrew "	3	"	
	John Monroe	37	Ga.	House Carpenter
319/257	James Hearn	58	Ga.	
	Mary "	50	Fla.	
	James "	17	"	
	Elisabeth "	11	"	
	William "	10	"	
	Elisa "	7	"	
	Mary "	6	"	

320/258	J. M. Harrald	24	S.C.	
321/259	Mary Sparkman	36	Ga.	
	Stephen "	11	Fla.	
	Mary "	8	"	
	Harriett "	7	"	
	Bud "	6	"	
	Sarah "	5	"	
322/260	John Moony	30	New Jersey	
	Olive "	24	Fla.	
	Laura "	5	"	
	Rebeca "	2	"	
	Olive Turner	65	N.C.	Seamstress
323/261	Sarah Sumerall	75	Ga.	
324/262	William L. Campbell	36	New York	William Campbell
	Mary Campbell	34	Ga.	married Mary
	Alfred "	16	Fla.	Whidden.
	John "	15	"	
	James "	13	"	
	Mary "	8	"	
	Martha "	7	"	
	Frank "	4	"	
	Jefferson "	3	"	
	Milton "	1	"	
	Joseph Harris	18	S.C.	
325/263	James Whidden	46	Ga.	
	Eliza "	39	S.C.	
	Emantha "	17	Fla.	
	Susan "	15	"	
	Hannah "	11	"	
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	Gehue Whidden	11	Fla.	
	Louisa "	8	"	
	Noah "	6	"	
	Mary "	3	"	
326/264	John W. Daniels	26	Ala.	John W. Daniels married
	Adaline "	19	Ga.	Adaline Whidden on
	William "	2	Fla.	Feb. 11, 1858.
327/265	W. R. Daniels	23	Ala.	
	Martha "	21	Fla.	
	William "	6	"	
	Samuel "	2	"	
	W. A. Daniels	17	Ala.	
327/266	Noah Whidden	43	Ga.	
	Winney "	17	"	
	James "	15	"	
	Matilda "	13	"	
	Anne "	11	"	
	Francess " (f)	9	"	
	Lafayett "	2	"	
	Wiloby Whidden	24	"	
	Joseph Edy	24	S.C.	House Carpenter

328	Unoccupied		
329/267	William McDonald	35	Ireland
	Amanda "	24	New York
	Nancy "	6	Fla.
	Jane "	3	"
	Samuel "	3/12	"
330/268	S. W. Wicks	38	S.C.
	Jane "	37	"
	Mary "	11	Fla.
	Martha "	9	"
	James "	3	"
	Benjamin Carter	76	S.C.
331	Unoccupied		

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HARRIS KEEN 1833-1858

Harris Keen was born in 1833 in Columbia County, Florida, son of David Keen and Elizabeth Fitzgerald. His parents had married in Tattnall County on 18th of Jan. 1822. He was probably a half-brother to James M. Keen (see Issue #2 of SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS). Although Harris Keen was never an actual pioneer of South Florida, his only son and relatives of his wife settled in Polk County in the early 1870's.

Harris served as a musician in the Company of Florida Volunteers commanded by Capt. Joseph J. Knight in the 1849 Seminole Indian disturbances. The company was called out by Florida Governor Mosely. Harris volunteered at Alligator in Columbia County on 7th of August and was discharged at Alligator on 27th of October 1849. He received a Bounty Land Warrent of 40 acres for this military service.

On the 30th of April 1852, Harris Keen married Rozetta (Rosetta) Walker, daughter of Ansel & Sarah Walker. Rosetta's first cousin, Nancy Walker, daughter of Jeremiah Walker & Nancy Dowling, married David Keen, son of James M. Keen. Harris & Rosetta Keen had one child:

1. Silas Owen Keen (Keene), born September 4, 1854 in Columbia County, Florida; died Jan. 26, 1940, buried at New Zion Cemetery in Hardee County; married Mary Serena Byrd in Polk County on Nov. 27, 1873. She was born Mar. 29, 1856 and died Aug. 24, 1935.

In 1857, Harris Keen once again volunteered for service in the Florida Mounted Volunteer Company commanded by Capt. Henry Harrington. He enlisted as a Private at Alligator on July 23rd. It was while he was in this service that he died on January 12, 1858. His wife had died earlier on December 17, 1857. Rosetta's father, Ansel Walker was appointed guardian of Silas Owen Keen on Nov. 14, 1859. Silas lived with the Walkers in Columbia & Levy Counties and with his Grandmother Keen until the early 1870's when he moved to Polk County

with his Grandfather Walker and uncle, Isham Walker, who was listed as guardian of Silas O. Keen in the annual settlement of the estate of Harris Keen for the year 1873 in the Polk County records. Silas received a pension from the government based on the military service of his father.

REFERENCES: 1850 & 1860 Census of Columbia Co., Fla.; 1860 Levy Co., Fla. Census; Bounty Land Application of Harris Keen; Pension Papers of Silas Owen Keen; New Zion Cemetery;

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

- Issue #2: Mrs. Louise Council, 714 College Ave., Ruskin, Fla. 33570 would like to correct an error made by the census taker over a hundred years ago. In the C. W. Hendry (Charles Wesley Hendry) family listed in the 1860 Hillsborough Co. census, Family #42/32, the children are shown as Julian and Tamponas. Their actual names were Julia and Tampa Anna.
- Issue #4: Mr. Ferguson Addison, a grandson of Joel J. Addison, told the editor that John Addison's oldest son was named William Henderson Addison instead of William Henry Addison. The editor took his info from the 1870 Manatee Co. census which gave William's middle name as Henry.
- Issue #5: William B. Hooker sketch - A typing error occurred on page 10. It should read that Mr. Hooker petitioned President Andrew Johnson for a pardon after the Civil War NOT Andrew Jackson.
- William Henry Barnwell sketch - Sallie Elizabeth Barnwell's second husband was Isham Martin. The W. H. Barnwell family Bible gave Sallie's husband as Sam Martin. Hollie Nunn Barnwell Giles Morgan Thomas died Oct. 30, 1962 instead of the date shown.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY: CHARLOTTE HARBOR CEMETERY

This cemetery was copied by Stanley & Doris Nicholson of Arcadia, Fla. in October of 1974.

Chester Alexander 1905 - 1965
David S. Hill Mar. 7, 1871 - Mar. 23, 1962
Violet L. Hill Oct. 25, 1888 - Jan. 23, 1957
Charles O. Slaughter 1876 - 1947
Leroy ----- No dates
George M. Handlon 1879 - 1952
Walter Lewis 1881 - 1959
Rachel L. Flowers 1888 - 1957

Otis F. Flowers Feb. 24, 1900 - April 27, 1969
 Fla, Pvt, Co C, 16 BN, 5 Regt, IRTC, WWII
 Andrew F. Collins 1876 - 1961
 Anna V. Wolf 1894 - 1965
 Donald Thomas Wolf Sept. 20, 1966 - Mar. 5, 1967
 James Wolf, Jr. March 15, 1941 - March 29, 1966
 Billy Hunter, Jr. Oct. 6, 1941 - Sept. 22, 1955
 Infant son of Ralph & Betty Andrew Feb. 9, 1956
 Emogene S. Oliphant 1923 - 1963
 Russell Pelling Sept. 10, 1900 - Dec. 8, 1965
 Fla, Pvt, 390 BASE HQ & AB SQ AAF, WWII
 Baby Girl Monson Jan. 27, 1969 - Jan. 27, 1969
 William Linn Monson Oct. 28, 1960 - June 29, 1961
 Baby M. Elizabeth Monson April 18, 1964 - April 18, 1964
 William Homer Monson, Jr. Jan. 22, 1902 - July 13, 1968
 Gladys Knight Monson Oct. 31, 1905 - Nov. 18, 1960
 Frank M. Schneider 1886 - 1968
 Tommy K. Wells 1935 - 1957
 George R. _____ Born 1899
 Ramona H. Whitehurst 1926 - 1967
 Effie Worley Painter 1873 - 1954
 Cornelius G. Loose June 21, 1897 - Jan. 2, 1957
 Wisconsin, Cpl, 11 AERO SQ, WWI
 James Teeslink 1881 - 1957
 Frederick M. Bell 1877 - 1957
 Bertha Lee Bell 1885 - 1971
 Julian Leroy "Roy" Hall 1905 - 1959
 Asa Edgar Hall 1876 - 1968
 Hannah T. Densten 1882 - 1967
 Harry C. Densten 1880 - 1948
 Jeanette M. Kirchner 1883 - 1958
 John R. Mauck 1871 - 1943
 Maggie M. Mauck 1879 - 1959
 Percy "Doc" Whitehurst July 3, 1893 - Dec. 29, 1960
 Fla, Pvt, 5470 Casual Co, WWI
 Daniel Urton Horne March 28, 1898 - Nov. 28, 1965
 Fla, Pvt, U.S.Army, WWI
 James S. Goff Feb. 16, 1882 - April 8, 1971
 Ellen R. Goff Oct. 8, 1888 -

James L. (Bud) Goff June 27, 1908 - April 15, 1934
 Alfred G. Hileman 1884 - 1963
 M. A. Rich Feb. 5, 1856 - Jan. 7, 1937
 Sallie Martin June 16, 1858 - Sept. 25, 1928
 No dates on stone but dates are known.
 Nancy Jane Crews 1859 - 1944
 Mother Nora Hodges
 ✓ Carmen E. Lanier Aug. 4, 1913 - Feb. 28, 1968
 ✓ Coram E. Lanier 1904 - 1963
 ✓ Harry R. Lanier May 19, 1918 - Oct. 31, 1954
 Pvt, Co K, 8 QM TRAINING REGT, WWII
 ✓ Robert L. Lanier Sept. 22, 1896 - May 15, 1947
 Florida, Pvt, Field Artillery, WWI
 ✓ Annie M. Lanier Dec. 18, 1875 - July 8, 1969
 Victor M. Lanier Dec. 20, 1906 - Nov. 28, 1907
 Claudius Brantley Lanier Born & died Sept. 3, 1928
 O. Danielson
 Jessie L. Danielson 1893 - 1944
 E. Danielson
 Clarence Danielson June 28, 1897 - Sept. 29, 1918
 Harold Danielson May 15, 1894 - June 4, 1909
 Clara D. Danielson 1864 - 1932
 Cash Our father Died Dec. 24, 1907
 Harry W. Gaskill 1877 - 1925
 Bertha M. Gaskill 1885 - 1954
 Ida Bell March 7, 1879 - Aug. 19, 1951
 Mary E. Bell "Mollie" Nov. 28, 1855 - Jan. 7, 1927
 Carrie B. Dye Died Sept. 19, 1898, aged 19 years
 H. Glen Hall 1914 - 1921
 Edgar C. Hall 1916 - 1917
 Harry V. Hall 1900 - 1901
 Annie Eunice Price 1893 - 1902
 Eddie Coram Heusted 1881 - 1970
 Mary Julia Coram July 11, 1867 - April 16, 1909
 Edward Oscar Coram Oct. 7, 1855 - Aug. 20, 1928
 J. H. C. No dates
 Wellington V. Heusted 1880 - 1936
 Justus N. Blount 1903 - 1942
 James Whidden, died June 28, 1909, aged 65 years

Sallie Whidden Curry 1893 - 1957
Josephine Whidden, wife of James Whidden
Robert J. Whidden 1874-1945
J. M. Whidden
C. H. Driggers
Lillie Kennedy 1874 - 1958
Rhoda R. Bell Dec. 13, 1884 - Jan. 17, 1953
Muriel Alston Goff Oct. 22, 1926 - May 3, 1928
John A. Goff 1888 - 1940
Abraham S. Christie 1876 - 1918
Neil A. Larson, Jr. 1924 - 1935
Neil C. Larson 1848 - 1929
Eliza Anna Larson Aug. 10, 1854 - Nov. 2, 1919
Neil Alvin Larson Feb. 18, 1892 - March 14, 1972
Florida, Pvt, U.S. Army, WWI
Severn (Buss) Putnam Dec. 5, 1913 - Sept. 2, 1967
Eben A. (Ed) Lough 1881 - 1954
Richard M. Morales 1888 - 1957
Sarah Van Denling 1973 - 1973
Marie Margaret Lince 1962 - 1962
Robert W. Ford 1963
Dale Lee Jones
Donald Daniel Johnson 1972
Theresa Ann Worley May 10, 1961 - May 11, 1961
J. Stewart
John Kolarik 1866 - 1894
Clysta R. Adams 1899 - 19--
Frank Adams April 29, 1895 - Sept. 23, 1973
Indiana, Pvt, U.S. Army, WWI
X John Harley Alderman Sept. 28, 1890 - May 9, 1957
Georgia, PFC, Signal Corps, WWI
Sidney E. Chandler Oct. 15, 1896 - Jan. 24, 1959
Indiana, Pvt, U.S. Army, WWI
Frances E. Burgman 1911 - 1971
Lavada Koehn 1891 - Oct. 30, 1942
Daniel Clifton 1867 - April 15, 1941
Samuel E. Boyer 1872 - 1948
Joseph D. Treakle 1924 - 1973
Frank R. Blount 1870 - 1939
Mrs. Frank Blount

To Be Continued

JAMES WASHINGTON MATHIS (MATTHEWS) 1834-1893

James Washington Mathis was born in 1834 in Lowndes County, Ga., youngest son of James Mathis (1786-1859) and Rhoda Monk (1792-1863). James Mathis, born 1786, was a son of Edmund Mathis, Jr. and grandson of Edmund Mathis, Sr., Revolutionary Soldier of Duplin (now Sampson) County, North Carolina. Rhoda Monk Mathis was the daughter of William Monk (1763-1825) and Jerushia Parrish (1773-1857).

There seems to have been a mix-up on the spelling of the surname "Mathis" for the last several hundred years. Records have been found where a person spelling his name "Mathis" at one time spells it as "Matthews" another time. It is also spelled "Matthis". When James and Rhoda Monk Mathis were married in Bulloch Co., Georgia, the county records show the name as "Matthews" but census & other info give it as "Mathis". When James W. Mathis' first wife remarried, the name "Mathis" was used but later when their daughter married, the name "Matthews" was given on the marriage record. According to family tradition, the correct usage is "Matthews" but most of the children of James W. Mathis use "Mathis".

James W. Mathis married Mary Ann Williams in Columbia County, Florida about 1856. She was born in 1842 in Columbia County, daughter of Rowland Williams (1812-1867) and Nancy Ann "Annie" Sweat (1816-1908). (See sketch on Rowland Williams in Issue #1). James & Mary Ann Mathis had two children:

1. Emily Augusta "Gussie" Mathis (Matthews), born May 25, 1857; married in Manatee County on January 13, 1873, Eley P. Brannan, son of David Brannan and Susan Whidden, grandson of Maxfield Whidden and Sophia Crews.
2. Margaret B. Mathis, born April 15, 1859; married 1st, John Brooker, about 1875. He was born 1856. She married 2nd, _____ Miller.

The Mathis family moved to south Florida in the late 1850's along with the Rowland Williams family, settling in Manatee County in the vicinity of Brownville. James returned to Columbia County apparently because of family problems for Mary Ann Mathews & the two girls are shown in the 1860 Manatee County census living with Henry and Jane Whidden Langford. Mary Ann filed for divorce and the following legal ad appeared in the June 30, 1860 issue of the Florida Peninsular of Tampa:

Bill of Divorce

Circuit Court, State of Fla, Southern Circuit
Manatee County

Mary Ann Mathews

vs

James Mathews

Bill in Chancery

For Divorce

It appearing that the bill in the above entitled cause, has been filed and by the affidavit that the said James Mathews resides out of said circuit, to wit, in the County of Columbia, in said state, it is ordered that the said James Mathews do appear and plead, answer or demur to said bill.

June 2, 1860

No other information concerning the divorce could be found but apparently it was finalized for on July 14, 1860 in Hillsborough County, Mary Ann married Edward Whidden.

James W. Matthis joined the Georgia Confederate Army on Aug. 1, 1861 at Savannah. He enlisted as a Private in Capt. Levi J. Knight's Company C (Berrien Minute Men). This company was later designated as Capt. Thos. S. Wylly's Company and also as Company G, 29th Reg't of Georgia Infantry. Regimental return for August 1862 gives the rank of J. W. Matthis as Corporal and that he was absent - sick in hospital or convalescent camp. His name appeared on a clothing receipt roll at Buckner & Gamble Hospital at Fort Valley, Georgia in Nov. 1864. J. W. Mathews appeared on the list of prisoners of war surrendered to Brig. Gen. E. M. McCook by Maj. Gen. Sam Jones, C.S.A., at Tallahassee on May 10, 1865. His description at this time was given as follows: 6 feet 2 inches tall, black hair and grey eyes.

James returned to south Florida after the Civil War. On April 10, 1867, he married Sarah "Sally" Jane Williams, younger sister of his first wife, Mary Ann Williams. Sally was born February 9, 1852 in Columbia County, Florida. Their children:

1. Henrietta "Etta" Elizabeth Matthews, born Feb. 9, 1868; died Dec. 30, 1959; married in DeSoto County on July 31, 1890 John Sloan, son of Alford Sloan & Celia Whidden.
2. Rhoda Louannie Mathis, born 1868; married Daniel Coker in DeSoto County on Oct. 16, 1889.
3. George Riley Mathis, born 1871; married Catherine Hagen.
4. Martha Jane Mathis, born Nov. 6, 1873; died Sept. 14, 1943; married 1st, Carl W. Walker; married 2nd, John Dailey.
5. Edna Josephine Mathis, born 1874; married Portus Drawdy on Jan. 3, 1896.
6. James Westberry Mathis, born 1876; married Elizabeth Daniels.
7. John Mahlon Mathis, born Feb. 10, 1877; married Ida Smith on Feb. 27, 1901.
8. Henry Washington Mathis, born Jan. 26, 1878; died June 18, 1953; married Bertie Andrews.
9. Blanche Mathis, born 1879; died before 1885.
10. Willie Agnes Mathis, born Jan. 31, 1881; married William Hearn in 1899.
11. Laura Belle Mathis, born Nov. 21, 1886; died Feb. 26, 1965; married William Lacey DeVane in 1901.
12. Walter Mathis, born 1887, died young.
13. Joseph Reuben Mathis, born 1888; died June 8, 1957; married Bessie Worley Thorne.

14. Eugene Lafayette, died single on July 7, 1929.

James Washington Mathis was a farmer and a cabinet maker. His customers would pay him in potatoes and skins of animals. The Indians would give him buckskins in trade. He was also a born orator and was paid to make speeches for less gifted men running for office. To make extra money he would make shingles out of cypress trees. This would necessitate hunting for the right kind of tree which usually grew in a swamp. When he found one he would take his wife and children with him, as it would take several months to complete the job. Instead of living in the covered wagon, James would build a palmetto shanty, with only one opening which served as the door.

One night he wanted to go hunting, so he built a fire not too far from the door to discourage animals from snooping around. It did not work, however, as a bear came lumbering along. Of course, the dogs did not like his intrusion, so the battle began. In their fight, the fire was extinguished. The bear was winning and the dogs were pushed back into the open door. His wife had the gun ready but the bear decided it was not worth the fight and left. The oldest daughter, Etta, had to rebuild the fire while her mother watched with gun ready in the event the bear decided to return.

For the children's pleasure, James built a boat which they named "Dido". One night James thought he heard a woman screaming across the river. He boarded the boat and rowed across but just before he set foot on the other side, he realized it was a panther instead of a woman.

One other night Mr. Mathis was hunting on horse back when some kind of animal sprang on the back of the horse, just behind him. The horse in his panic dislodged the animal. Needless to say the horse and rider never stopped until they reached home and safety.

James had a fairly good education for those pioneer days. He had attended an academy in Augusta, Georgia when a young man. He learned to make violins and made one for himself. After coming to Florida, he also served as a dentist for the pioneers, and treated the Indians when they were sick.

When James' son, George Riley Mathis was about ten years old he fell out of a window and a rough piece of rock gut a gash in his stomach several inches long. His insides were protruding. James washed them and put them back into the stomach and sewed up the opening with a needle and thread. He went to a pine tree which had been gashed and took some of the sap from the cut area. James made a plaster of it and used it to cover the wound. It stayed on the wound until it dried up and flaked off. All this was done without the help of anesthetic, not even an aspirin. George recovered and lived to be an old man.

James W. Mathis died from pneumonia while on a hunting trip in north Florida on October 15, 1893. He was buried at Center Hill, Florida. Sally later married Washington Morgan. She died in Tampa on Feb. 1, 1946 and was buried in the Fort Ogden Cemetery in DeSoto County.

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JAMES WASHINGTON MATHIS 1834-1893

a granddaughter of James Washington Mathis. She collected most of the data on the children of Sally Williams Mathis and prepared the information concerning the activities and stories of her grandfather based on material told to her by her mother and grandmother. Fort Myers Cemetery. 1880 Manatee County census. "Rowland Williams" sketch in Issue #1 of SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS.

THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS!!!!!!!

On Oct. 3, 1887, John M. Pearce was granted a license to establish and maintain a ferry across the Kissimmee River at Fort Bassinger. His maximum rates were set at:

- Footman - 15¢
- Man and horse - 25¢
- Horse & buggy or other single team - 50¢
- Double team - 75¢
- One yoke of oxen & cart or wagon - 40¢
- Two yoke of oxen & cart or wagon - 60¢
- Each additional yoke - 15¢
- Each additional animal - 5¢

(DeSoto Co. Commissioner's Records #1)

Advertisement about 1900: The "De Soto County Champion" - All the De Soto County news, \$1.00 a year, Arcadia, Florida.



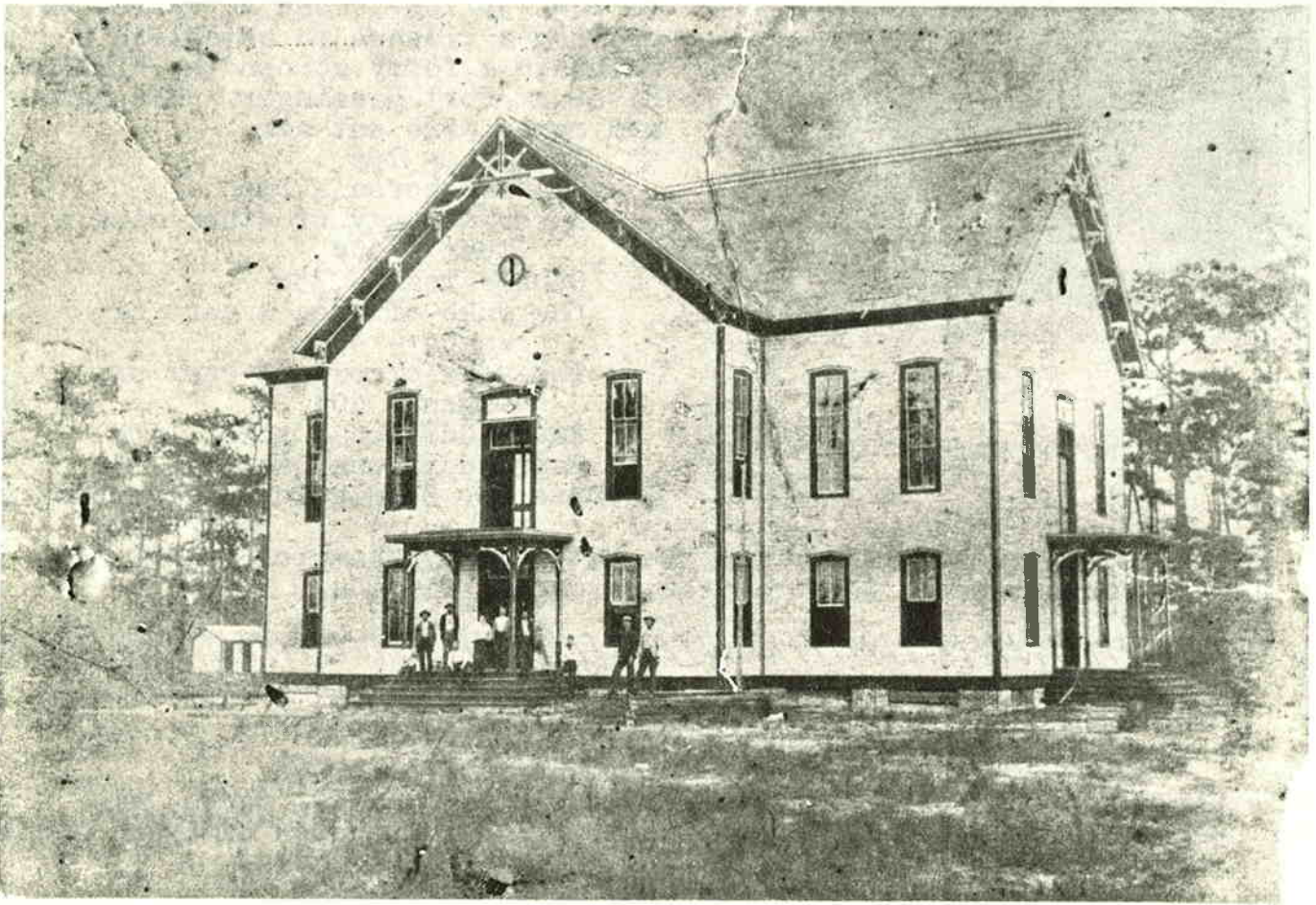
ISAAC JOHNS FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible record contributed by Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, Ft. Ogden, Fla. Her husband, Mr. Harold I. "Buck" Thomas being a grandson of Isaac Johns.

- Rush Johns was born June 19, 1897
- Jannie Johns was born December 4, 1906
- Isaac Johns & Jane Nelson were married Jan. 16, 1868
- Fannie Johns & Willie Ivey were married June 16, 1904
- Isaac Johns was born October 15, 1847
- Jane Nelson was born October 25, 1849
- Mary and Martha Johns were born Sept. 7, 1868
- Isabel Johns was born February 22, 1871

John Johns was born April 7, 1876
Rhoda Johns was born September 7, 1878
Laura Johns was born July 4, 1881
Grover Cleveland Johns was born October 11, 1884
Fannie Johns was born February 6, 1887
Dora Johns was born April 17, 1894
Laura Johns died October 6, 1885
Dock Johns died October 31, 1914
Jos Nelson died November 2, 1914

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DE SOTO COUNTY: ARCADIA'S FIRST COURTHOUSE

Due to complaints and disturbances in the eastern sections of Manatee County, Florida, the State Legislature decided that the division of the county into two separate counties would be the most appropriate action. Thus, in 1887, De Soto County was created. The old county seat of Manatee County, Pine Level, was to remain as the county seat of the new county. De Soto County stretched from Lake

Okeechobee, Fort Basinger and the Kissimmee River on the east; two miles beyond Bowling Green to the north; Pine Level and Castalia on the west; Grove City and Placida to the southwest; and the Caloosahatchee River & Gilchrist to the south.

The County Commissioners Record Book #1 shows that the minutes of the August 1887 meeting of the County Commissioners listed the following voting precincts for the county:

Fort Green	Fish-Eating Creek	Fort Ogden
Hartsuff	Fort Basinger	Arcadia
Coker	Grove City	Locklar
Pine Level	Trabue	Popash
Charlotte Harbor		

In the months that followed the creation of De Soto County, people began wondering if perhaps the new county should have a new county seat. There were quite a few booming little towns which would love to receive the honor. On July 7, 1888, J. W. Whidden, L. Parker, J. N. Parker and W. E. Daniels gave bond to the County Commissioners for the completion of a Courthouse at Arcadia, according to plans to cost not less than \$3,000.00 provided Arcadia be elected as the permanent county seat. Chris Pierce offered 80 acres of land provided Brownville be elected. Albert W. Gilchrist offered \$1,000.00 provided that Nocatee be elected. Zolfo also extended an offer.

In the election held in August 1888, no place in the county received a majority of votes. The balloting showed:

Arcadia, 295 votes	Fort Bassinger, 1 vote
Fort Ogden, 186 votes	Bowling Green, 1 vote
Nocatee, 110 votes	Punta Gorda, 2 votes
Pine Level, 59 votes	Zolfo, 1 vote

Several more elections were held before one community finally received a majority of votes. In the October 1888 election, Arcadia received 448 votes out of a total 875 votes cast, thus becoming the new county seat. The number of votes the other towns received were not recorded in the Commissioner's records.

In November 1888, the Commissioners ordered that the Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Judge and Supervisor of Registration, remove the records and furniture of their respective offices from the old courthouse at Pine Level to a temporary building to be used as the courthouse in Arcadia until a new building could be built. Mr. C. C. Pearce who bid \$22.00 was given the contract to transport the courthouse records & contents. He undertook this move by ox cart, but being unable to cross Peace River with his team, sublethis contract to Little Bryan who conveyed the materials to Arcadia.

The County Commissioners appropriated \$3,000.00 to go along with the \$3,000.00 donated previously. The contract was awarded to Peyton R. Read. "This agreement made and entered into this 12th day of Dec. A.D. 1888 by and between Peyton R. Read Contractor, party of the first part and Marion G. Carlton, B. F. Richards, Peter Brown, S. T. Langford, T. O. Parker, W. E. Daniels, J. A. Parker, L. H. Parker and J. W. Whidden composing a building committee, party of the second part, all of the County of De Soto and State of Florida."

The finished courthouse is shown in the picture at the first of this article. It was located in the same area as the present day courthouse. The photograph was contributed by Mrs. Grace P. McClenithan, R. #2, Box 318M, Sarasota, Florida 33577. The specifications of the first courthouse in Arcadia were as follows: To be a brick pillows foundation 18" wide 48' long at base and tapering to

18" at top. Said pillows are to be 6' apart at top of pillow through out the building. Sills are to be 8 x 10. Lower joing to be 2 x 10, 2' apart. Middle to be 2 x 10, 2' apart. Upper to be 2 x 2, 2' apart. Studding for corners 6 x 6. Studding to be 2 x 6, 2' apart. Studding at openings outside 4 x 6. Rafters 2 x 6, 2' apart. Rafter to have 3 rows to ties. Rafter to have wind beams. Plates to be 2 x 6 double. Sheating to be 1 x 303 in. apart. Shingles to be of first class Cypress. Flooring to be 1 x 4 matches. Novelty siding. Novelty ceiling 1 x 4, upper rooms. Beaded ceiling, lower rooms. All valleys to be 14 inc. tim. Corners to extend 3' with moulding. All outside doors to be doubled on first floor. All other doors to be 21 x 6/10 1 1/2 panel doors. All windows according to plan which is to be downstairs 3 x 7' opening up stairs 3 x 10'. Opening crestling and gables according to plan. Court room seated with raised seats on aisle in center on aisle on each side. Aisle to be 7 wide. Judges stand and jury box to be raised with fence railing. Position of all rooms to be according to plans. Stairway to be 4' wide. All materials to be of first class stock. All work to be done in workman like manner. Coats of paint to be of oil and lead. Windows to be with weights and cords. The land 4 acres to be cleared of timbers. Above specifications signed by each member of the building committee. On June 5, 1889, the committee accepted the courthouse. (References: "A Brief History of DeSoto County" in April 9, 1964 edition of The Arcadian; Brochure prepared by Delma Allen & his staff in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Arcadia; Original minutes of the County Commissioner's meetings as recorded in County Commissioners Record Book #1;))

LEE COUNTY: MARRIAGE BOOK #1

Lee County was created from Monroe County in 1887. County seat is Ft. Myers.

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	MARRIED BY
✓ James Doughtery	Miss Emily Walker	18 Aug. 1887	Charles H. Braman
John W. Roan	Allic Blanche Fickel	30 Aug. 1887	E. J. Holmes, Min.
James E. Hagan	Miss Mary Hickey	15 Sept 1887	James A. Castel, Min.
George T. Forquer	Ida Roan	25 Oct. 1887	J. A. Castel, Min.
(John M. Patrick	M. E. Daughtery	22 Dec. 1887	Wm. A. Roberts, NP
Hy G. Burnet	Eva Hadley	21 Dec. 1887	W. P. Gardner, Min.
Edward L. Evans	Carrie Belle Hendry	30 Dec. 1887	J. A. Castell, Min.
Washington Hall	Miss Mary E. Davis	26 Jan. 1888	Jas. A. Castell, Min
Wm. M. Jones	Miss Sarah R. Verdner	20 Feb. 1888	W. P. Gardner, Min
Capt. Robt. Lilly	Miss Kate D. Howry	22 Feb. 1888	W. P. Gardner, Min.
Frederick W. Towe	<u>Miss Sadie C. Refo</u>	1 Mar. 1888	W. P. Gardner, Min.
<u>Wm. C. Curry</u>	<u>Miss Josephine Yent</u>	19 Mar. 1888	W. A. Roberts, NP
Christopher C. Hilliard	Miss Mary E. Poole	24 Mar. 1888	W. D. Fraser, NP

Benjamin F. Grayer	Frances E. Tyce	1 Apr. 1888	W.A. Roberts, NP
Pink W. White	Miss Martha Devane	3 Apr. 1888	Robt. Crawford
Wm. T. Dodd	Laura Anders	26 Apr. 1888	J.A. Castell, Min.
John M. Gibson	Mrs. Jane Shaver	17 May 1888	W.D. Fraser, NP
Irvin S. Singletary	Miss Mary E. Blount	31 May 1888	W.P. Gardner, Min.
D. H. Hart	Miss Katey Tillis	14 June 1888	W.D. Fraser, NP
Henry A. Ware	Mrs. E. Blanco	30 July 1888	W.W. Foose, JP
Willis Harvey	Miss Julia McNabb	7 Aug. 1888	Robt. Crawford
Wm. R. Perkins	Miss Romia Hadley	31 Aug. 1888	Rev. Henry Messer
Ananias Williams	Carrie Bryant	3 Sept 1888	W.D. Fraser, NP
Harry M. Higginbotham	Miss P. L. Hendry	5 Sept 1888	J.A. Castell, Min.
Willie L. Fraser	Odulia Gonzalez	22 Sept 1888	Wm.A. Roberts, NP

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