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BARNWELL-MASSEY-WILLIAMS family reunion will be held this year on Sunday, August 31st at Ziba King Park in Fort Ogden, DeSoto County, Florida. All descendants of William Henry Barnwell and Mary Frances Massey, pioneer settlers of south Florida, are invited to come. A basket dinner will be served at noon. King Park is located 12 miles south of Arcadia. Turn west off of U.S. 17 in Fort Ogden at the signs of the Baptist & Methodist churches.

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HANCOCK CEMETERY

The tombstone data from the Hancock Cemetery near Fort Meade in Polk County is continued from Issue #4.

Ernest W. Hancock, Fla, PFC, Co. A, 439 Supply TN, WWI
November 22, 1889 - September 6, 1956

Delilah S. Hancock 1895 - 1958

Shade Hancock, Jr. July 3, 1905 - February 26, 1949

Fred L. Clark October 9, 1881 - February 27, 1950

Vida B. Clark 1893 - 1974

Mary Lee Hancock August 1943

Nora Louise Hancock August 1943

W. Whidden Hancock July 16, 1909 - August 9, 1966

Maurice R. Hancock, Sr., Fla, PFC, U.S. Marine Corps, WWII
March 17, 1911 - December 3, 1964

James A. Hancock July 27, 1884 - October 28, 1949

Nora L. Hancock July 22, 1887 - January 24, 1941

L. Wallace Hancock, Fla, Sgt, U.S. Army, WWII
November 28, 1922 - December 25, 1972

Infant of Mr. & Mrs. S. H. Watson

Martha Hellen, daughter of J. B. & M. A. Watson, wife of Jas.
W. Bowen, born Dec. 17, 1874, died Dec. 5, 1902.

"One we love has gone to sleep, We hope in Christ with her to
meet, She left three babes still here behind, We hope with
God they'll all combine"

Will T. Brinson November 4, 1891 - December 26, 1959

Celia Kate Brinson July 14, 1906 -

William Luther Koon June 28, 1873 - August 26, 1956

Serena Victoria (Hancock) Koon Sept. 1, 1873 - Sept. 17, 1919

W. Weyman Potter January 3, 1872 - January 28, 1941

Isabelle H. Potter November 6, 1877 -

James Weyman Potter September 2, 1901 - July 24, 1960

Benj. F. Young January 14, 1839 - December 2, 1908

Georgia A. Young August 15, 1855 - August 10, 1929

Eddie, daughter of B. F. & G. A. Young

June 24, 1894 - March 21, 1916

"Gone like the sweet flower, 'Neath death's fearful power"

W. J. Young November 25, 1886 - March 25, 1909

Alma L. Morris 1879 - 1929

John W. Hare, Co. H, 1 Fla. Inf., Sp. Am. War

Jennie L., wife of M. W. DeVane

February 15, 1869 - September 27, 1913

R. R. Ivey January 7, 1865 - November 27, 1930

A. M. "Gus" McAulay October 16, 1871 - January 2, 1940

Thelma Locie, daughter of A. M. & R. McAulay

March 26, 1909 - January 11, 1919

Carl Vincent, son of A. M. & Ruth McAulay

January 8, 1914 - November 11, 1914

Annie May Walden April 14, 1903 - April 28, 1904

"We loved this little tender one, And would have wished her stay,
But let our Father's will be done, She shines in endless day"

Robert E. Lee Walden November 25, 1905 - January 3, 1939

William Alfred Walden August 18, 1872 - June 2, 1942

Victoria Watson Walden December 30, 1882 - August 6, 1967

Iris Lavon Hill 1924 - 1926

General Martin Hancock October 6, 1875 - October 23, 1957

Laura Belle (Shuman) Hancock Feb. 13, 1875 - Oct. 23, 1938

Durham A. Hancock October 23, 1888 - February 16, 1953

Annie L. Hancock September 15, 1889 -

Jerry Hancock April 16, 1880 - August 26, 1939

Edna (Dishong) Hancock

Thomas J. Hancock 1877 - 1943

(Metal marker says "Died May 14th, 1943)

Veta O. Hancock 1889 -

Ira Harrison, The Beloved Husband of Beulah Russell

August 3, 1892 - December 31, 1918

"To forget is vain endeavor, Loves remembrance lasts forever"

William McAulay 1845 - 1919
C. Josephine McAulay 1872 - 1958
D. F. Russell October 19, 1851 - December 3, 1930
Julia M. Russell March 1, 1862 - May 26, 1933
Callie Mable Russell 1885 - 1958
Vernon Harold Hancock June 4, 1950 - June 8, 1950
Inf. son and daughter of T. J. & V. O. Hancock 1926
Freda I. 1920 - 1924
Minnie M., daughter of J. D. & F. E. Hancock
November 4, 1915 - September 16, 1921
Peggie Delores Hancock January 28, 1930 - November 17, 1930
Arthur Guest, Fla, Pvt, U.S. Army, WWI
January 17, 1895 - October 31, 1969
(Metal marker says James Arthur Guest)
Violet H. Guest 1911 -
John D. Hancock, Sr. 1885 - 1961
Florence Sharpe Hancock 1891 - 1952
Magdalene H. Hudson 1918 - 1940
Edwin Jacobs 1949 - 1949
Alice Fay Hancock August 24 - 27, 1944
Nelson M. Albright February 23, 1899 - October 28, 1971
Mildred A. Albright February 8, 1910 -
Florida H. (Ivey), second wife of John McAulay
November 17, 1834 - October 10, 1898
John McAulay October 30, 1800 - December 4, 1884
Ann, 1st wife of John McAulay
April 14, 1812 - October 21, 1869
Mrs. Callie Tillis April 11, 1848 - September 21, 1873
Sidney A. Douglas October 10, 1882
Ola Mamie Douglas June 24, 1885 - July 29, 1959
Vesta Verne Adams 1898 - 1934

Joseph Cecil McAuley, Fla, CCM USNR, WWII
 October 28, 1898 - January 25, 1952

Henry Horace Jones March 30, 1883 - September 14, 1972

Geneva Estelle Jones August 10, 1893 - May 27, 1958

Ralph M. Jones October 28, 1911 - February 16, 1931

J. Henry Keen March 10, 1895 - September 10, 1940

Wooten infant died March 10, 1935

Christine E. May September 23, 1940 - January 13, 1973

James L. Corbitt, Sr. Fla, S2, USNR, WWII
 June 12, 1917 - April 5, 1964

Infant son of J. M. & Ruby Corbitt October 20, 1939

James M. Corbitt May 18, 1888 - May 10, 1968

Ruby M. Corbitt February 16, 1902 -

Infant daughter of A. M. & Essalee Corbitt June 20, 1940

James Fulton Mathis, Sr. U.S. Army 1959 - 1961
 May 12, 1940 - May 2, 1973

Dewayne Corbitt, Arkansas, PFC, Co. D, 5 Mar, 1 Mar Div, Vietnam PH
 September 25, 1948 - September 17, 1968

Maxine Corbitt 1919 -

Herbert Eugene Corbitt, Fla, PFC, U.S. Army, WWII
 October 6, 1923 - August 24, 1964

Albert King October 18, 1878 - June 19, 1938

Samuel Johnson May 8, 1868 - May 4, 1935
 "Absent here but present with the lord"

Martha Beulah Mock 1888 - 1974

Byron Lloyd Mock, Fla, CMI, USNR, WWII
 September 26, 1900 - May 10, 1960

Wallace R. Hayman, Sr. 1907 - 1970

Vena Smith Hayman, wife of Ray Hayman 1909 - Sept. 29, 1948

Madison W. DeVane March 29, 1863 - March 28, 1932

Paul Jentz

J. W. White August 18, 1860 - December 10, 1938

William Brinton Hooker 1800-1871*

Captain William B. Hooker was an outstanding figure in the pioneer history of south Florida. He was born in Montgomery County, Georgia, May 3, 1800, the eldest child of Stephen and Elizabeth (Brinton) Hooker.

William's parents moved to Tattnall County from Montgomery, or were cut into it when Tattnall was created in 1801. William served as Coroner of Tattnall County, 1822-24, and was Ensign in the militia, 1819-20. In 1824, he moved with his parents to Appling County, and in August of that year was appointed Sheriff by the Inferior Court. He served as Captain of the militia in the 451st district until 1830 and when Ware County was formed from Appling in December, 1824, William was elected its second Sheriff, having been elected in January 1828.

In early 1830, William B. Hooker moved with his parents to Hamilton County, Florida, where he married, August 1, 1830, Mary Amanda Hair, daughter of William Hair. William set up his home on the Suwannee, near White Springs, his plantation being known as "Hooker's Ferry". He owned 489 acres, located in Township 2 North, Range 16 East. Deed records from Hamilton County show that in April of 1843, William deeded his property to his brother John I. Hooker, as trustee for the grantor's children: Ann E., Eliza Jane, Martha H., William J., Mary E., and Winnefred M. On April 27, 1843, John Hooker leased out the ferry rights for ten years to William H. Dowling. Marks and Brands Book #1, page 3, show that William Hooker registered the brand WH on Dec. 14, 1831 for use in Hamilton County.

Captain Hooker participated in the Second Seminole War, 1835-42, while a resident of Hamilton County. He commanded a company of volunteer militia and took part in the battles of Wahoo Swamp and Withlacoochee. In 1838, Captain Hooker was chosen as delegate from Hamilton County to the Florida Constitutional Convention being held at St. Joseph. He signed the first Florida Constitution which was the product of that convention.

In the year 1843, after passage of the Armed Occupation Act which opened up south Florida for settlement, Captain Hooker and his family moved to Hillsborough County, settling at Simmons Hammock, near present day Seffner. Upon moving to south Florida, he engaged in the cattle business and soon became one of the largest stockowners in the area. According to Covington's History of Southwestern Florida:

"Hooker's cows roamed as far as they wished through the uninhabited Alafia and Little Manatee River sections and grew fat upon the rich grassland. When the cattle were ready for market, they were driven to a point on Tampa Bay, known as Hooker's Point, and shipped to Cuba. It was said that Hooker owned more cows than any one else in this section when he sold out to Captain McKay."

* This biographical sketch of William B. Hooker was researched, compiled and contributed by a great-great-great-grandson, Kyle S. VanLandingham, P. O. Box 1779, Fort Pierce, Florida 33450.

Hillsborough County Marks & Brands Book #1, page 13, shows that on April 12, 1852, Captain Hooker registered the brand Heart H for use on his cattle. According to the 1850 census, he owned nine Negro slaves. According to the Tampa Blue Book and Pioneers, 1914, Captain Hooker ". . . was also interested in the cultivation of oranges and planted the first seed from what was then called "China" oranges in the State of Florida."

Captain Hooker served on the Hillsborough County Commission, 1847-49, and in 1850 served on the jury that convicted Jose Perfino of murder and sentenced him to be hanged. This was the first legal hanging in Hillsborough County. Captain Hooker was one of the trustees of the Tampa Methodist Church, and was listed as such on a deed from the County Commissioners to the Methodist Episcopal Church, dated April 7, 1851.

The old deed records of Hillsborough County and Manatee County are literally full of real estate conveyances involving William B. Hooker. Of interest are the following:

1. Deed Book B, page 80, Hillsborough County: Thomas Weeks to William B. Hooker, 160 acres for \$100, Nov. 8, 1852, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S2, T29S, R20E.
2. Deed Book B, page 238, Hillsborough County: S. L. Sparkman to William B. Hooker, 159 and 38/100 acres for \$200, May 25, 1852, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S1, T34S, R18E. This land located in Manatee County, later sold by Hooker to Samuel B. Reid, Feb. 4, 1869, found in Misc. Book, Manatee County, pages 147-48.
3. Deed Book B, page 34, Hillsborough County: Simon Turman to William B. Hooker, a lot in Tampa, May 1, 1852, recorded May 10, 1852.
4. Deed Book B, page 83, Hillsborough County: Will Cooley to William B. Hooker, a block in Tampa, 1 acre, Nov. 11, 1852.
5. Deed Book B, page 132, Hillsborough County: William B. Hooker to N. W. Tucker, for \$1,000, Lot 1 in Block 10, Lots 2, 3, 4 in Block 22, all of Block 48 and 41; including 6 Negroes--Parrish, age 39; Lucky, 32, his wife; Charles, 16; George, 15; Connor, 3; and Doctor, 2; dated Feb. 15, 1853.

Captain Hooker was involved in the raising of sea island cotton in Manatee County, near the site of old Fort Hamer. On January 18, 1853, he contracted with William H. Johnson by which it was agreed that both parties were to furnish three Negroes, with which Johnson was to cultivate thirty-three acres of sea island cotton on Hooker's farm near Fort Hamer. Hooker agreed to build a cotton gin during the summer and fall of 1853, gin the crop of cotton, and give one half share to Johnson. Johnson claimed that Hooker failed to divide the crop with him and sued him on an action of covenant, in the Hillsborough Circuit Court. Judgment was for Johnson and Hooker appealed to the State Supreme Court, which reversed, during its term at Tampa in 1856. Johnson then filed an action



WILLIAM B. HOOKER 1800-1871

for assumpsit and won a judgement which was again appealed to the Supreme Court. This time the court affirmed the judgement.

It appears then, that in 1853, Captain Hooker owned land on Manatee River and was in the process of having a house constructed there. He owned over a thousand acres near Fort Hamer, including the site of the fort. His land was located near the present site of Parrish, in Manatee County. It is recorded that Captain Hooker cut the first straight road from Simmons Hammock to Manatee County and lived there for several years, from 1853 to about 1857. On Dec. 25, 1857, he sold 1,070 and 72/100 acres of land in Manatee County to his son, William J. Hooker and his son-in-law, Benjamin J. Hagler, for the sum of \$5,000. In Hillsborough County Deed Book B, pages 781-83, is found the text of an agreement between Captain Hooker and Hagler and William J. Hooker. By this contract, Captain Hooker sold all of his stock of cattle, with the exception of twelve choice

cows and their calves, the entire stock consisting of some 6,000 head, branded Heart H; also a gray mule, saddle and blanket; a mare and two horse mules; all the seed cotton owned by Hooker in Manatee County consisting of from twelve to twenty thousand pounds; also a mare called Fanny. Captain Hooker was to receive \$35,095 for the above, which sum includes the amount which they were to pay him for the land recently purchased from him. Captain Hooker also loaned ten Negroes to the grantees for the term of six years. The agreement is dated Jan. 1, 1858 and was recorded Jan. 6, 1858.

During the Third Seminole War, 1855-58, Captain Hooker commanded a company of volunteer militia known as Company M, Florida Mounted Volunteers. The company was mustered into state service Jan. 3, 1856, then mustered into the service of the Federal government at Fort Meade on Feb. 2, 1856. William's pay claim for his service was \$241. Many of the supplies for his company he provided himself, the money coming

from his own resources. A letter from Captain Hooker, dated Jan. 3, 1856, written to Governor James Broome, reports that Hooker had "temporarily assumed command of the whole line" of troops, including those under the command of Captain Lesley. Captain Hooker reported that the greatest difficulty appeared to be provisioning and finding forage for the animals. Continuing, he stated: "On my arrival, I found this country in a wretched state; the inhabitants appeared distracted. I knew no time must be lost, and recommended that all settlers living on the south side of Pease Creek, to cross over, and fortify themselves."

Following the attack by Seminoles on the Tillis homestead near Fort Meade, June 14, 1856, Captain Hooker wrote a detailed report which was subsequently published in the Tampa newspaper, the Florida Peninsular. In his report, Hooker stated that he feared an Indian attack due to the full moon and moved a detachment to Manatee, but finding the area quiet, he went to Horse Creek, where the Indians usually obtained a supply of potatoes. Two scouts were sent to Fort Green to obtain information and soon returned with a report of the Indian attack near Fort Meade. Upon learning of the battle, Captain Hooker's soldiers took up pursuit of the Indians. The official report concluded: "I firmly believe there is no record of warfare exhibiting higher instances of cool and deliberate bravery than displayed on these two memorable occasions by the volunteers of the frontier." Captain Hooker's company was mustered out of service at Fort Meade, August 20, 1856.

About 1858, Captain Hooker and his family moved to Tampa where he built a large and imposing residence. Located on the corner of Madison and West Streets, it was a three-story frame building. Since nails were scarce in those days, the timbers were cut to fit one piece into another, fastened by wooden dowels. Some of the supports were nearly a yard wide and supporting uprights were three by sixes. The house had a large attic with dormer windows which was used as a third floor. J. A. Butterfield, who was a guest of the Hookers before the Civil War, was an English songwriter, and wrote the nostalgic ballad, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie", during his stay in Tampa.

During Captain Hooker's residence in Tampa he often served as Mayor pro tem; one year he held that office was 1858. In 1861 Captain Hooker became a member of the Tampa chapter of Royal Arch Masons and held office in his local lodge and chapter at various times.

On November 24, 1860, the people of Hillsborough County met at Alafia to recommend that the state of Florida secede from the Union. Captain Hooker and his wife were among those who signed the petition urging secession. Although an ardent Confederate, Hooker still respected the founders of the American Republic. In 1862, he contributed \$2.00 to the Washington Monument Society in Washington, D.C.

The 1860 census shows Captain Hooker's personal estate valued at \$56,525 and his real estate at \$19,660. Much of the personal property was owned in conjunction with his son, William Jasper Hooker of Manatee County.

During the Civil War, Captain Hooker and his family lived for a time in Hernando County, where he owned property. About 1863, they moved back to Tampa where his wife Mary Amanda (Hair) Hooker died, October 10, 1863. On March 20, 1864, in Marion County, Florida, Captain Hooker married a widow, Nancy Josephine Cathcart.

The new Mrs. Hooker had children from a previous marriage who were reported not to be congenial with the Hooker children. One story, possibly apocryphal, states that Captain Hooker had two sets of stairs built outside the house. The Cathcart children used the east stairs, the Hooker children the west, while Mr. and Mrs. Hooker used the inner stairway.

After the Civil War, maintenance of the house proved burdensome, so Captain Hooker gave it the name "Orange Grove Hotel", and became innkeeper and proprietor of Tampa's major hotel. Starting April 29, 1866, Captain Hooker ran an advertisement in the Florida Peninsular which continued for three months. The text of the notice is as follows:

ORANGE GROVE HOTEL

This house, having just been renovated and refitted, is now ready for the reception of boarders. Regular and day boarders will find this a comfortable and convenient house, and every attention will be paid to the wants of travelers. The table will be filled with the best the market affords, and the charge will be reasonable.

The climate, the sea breeze, fish, oysters, etc., make this a place of resort, for health and pleasure.

Stables are attached to the premises where horses will be attended to.

W. B. Hooker, Proprietor

Apr. 29, 1866, 3 mo.

Captain Hooker had planted many orange trees on the hotel property, hence its name. The Southern poet, Sidney Lanier, was a guest at the hotel in 1876-77, after Captain Hooker's death. He described the building as "a large three story house with many odd nooks and corners, although clean and comfortable in appearance and surrounded by orange trees in full fruit." The Orange Grove Hotel remained the major cultural center of Tampa until 1884 and the construction of the Tampa Bay Hotel. When the railroad came to Tampa, the building was used as a passenger and freight depot for the Tampa Northern Railroad. Its last owner was the Seaboard Air Line railroad which used it as a freight terminal office. Demolition of the building took place in 1945.

After the Civil War, when Captain Hooker resided in Tampa, it became necessary for him to petition President Andrew Jackson for a pardon, since he had supported the Confederacy in the war. Those persons who were worth more than \$20,000 were required to make individual applications for pardons, and Hooker was in this category. Records show that he was recommended by Gov. William Marvin for a pardon which was granted on Nov. 9, 1865.

As stated earlier, Captain Hooker and his family owned property in Hernando County where they had stayed during the early days of the Civil War. After returning to Tampa, he became interested in selling the property. The Florida Peninsular issue, August 24, 1867 carried the following advertisement:

LAND AND PLANTATION FOR SALE

"I will sell to the highest bidder, on the 2nd day of November, my Plantation consisting of 900 acres of land, with

about 120 acres cleared and under good fence; this plantation lies 2 miles north of Brooksville, and contains some of the best hammock land in Hernando County. There is a good dwelling house and all the necessary outhouses, with fine peach, grape, plum, mulberry and banana orchards on the place.

"I will also sell some 7 or 8 mules and horses, carriage wagons, carts, farming utensils, corn and fodder, and everything necessary to carry on farming. Any person wishing to buy a place in south Florida will lose a good chance by not attending the above sale.

"Terms made known on day of sale.

Wm. B. Hooker

Tampa, August 17th, 1867

On February 12, 1869, a written agreement between Captain Hooker and his wife shows her relinquishing dower rights for the sum of \$2,400. She evidently died or was separated from her husband prior to 1870, for in the census for that year she is not listed in the Hooker household.

Volume 3, of Huxford's Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia says the following:

William B. Hooker has been described by those who knew him as a man of much individuality and strong convictions, possessing in a very eminent way the power of initiative. He was endowed with a commanding personality and was a recognized leader in his county and section in his day.

During the early days he always kept a school teacher for his children and grandchildren. He was well educated for the times, as evidenced by his correspondence with the Florida governor and his official reports concerning activities during the Seminole Wars. He owned a library which he willed to his son, James N. Hooker. Active in the Democratic party, even as an elderly man, he was present at a party meeting in Tampa, July 1868, and was elected delegate to the upcoming county convention.

His health began to decline in the 1860's and his son-in-law, Henry L. Crane took over operation of the Orange Grove Hotel. According to the Tampa paper, Florida Peninsular, Dec. 7, 1870, William B. Hooker was reported to be seriously ill and staying at Live Oak.

Captain Hooker died at Tampa, at ten minutes before 5 A.M., June 2, 1871. His will, dated Dec. 5, 1870, was probated July 17, 1871. The Captain was buried beside his first wife at Oaklawn Cemetery in Tampa. A tall, obelish-like monument marks the graves of Captain and Mrs. Hooker.

Children of William Brinton Hooker and Mary Amanda (Hair) Hooker:

1. Ann Elizabeth Hooker, born Sept. 5, 1831, died Aug. 15, 1888, married John Henry Hollingsworth on July 24, 1845.
2. Eliza Jane Hooker, born Dec. 25, 1833, married William Walker Stallings, April 16, 1850.
3. Martha Harris Hooker, born Feb. 21, 1835, married 1st, Benjamin J. Hagler on May 27, 1857; married 2nd, Zorrie J. Curry on Oct. 30, 1869.

4. William Jasper Hooker, born Dec. 21, 1836, married Fredonia Meredith.
5. Julia Loretta Hooker, born Jan. 28, 1839.
6. Mary Henrietta Hooker, born Nov. 15, 1842, married Samuel E. Hope on May 1, 1860.
7. Meroba Hair Hooker, born Jan. 29, 1844, married, 1st, Simon Turman on Sept. 20, 1860; married, 2nd, Henry L. Crane.
8. Sarah Drusilla Hooker, born Nov. 10, 1846, married Joe Vaughn, Sept. 12, 1872.
9. James Newton Hooker, born Nov. 17, 1848, married Mary Rosa Carpenter.
10. Georgiana Florida Hooker, born Aug. 23, 1850, died Nov. 4, 1854.
11. Flora Ella Hooker, born May 14, 1853, married George Fuchs, Dec. 1, 1875.

REFERENCES FOR HOOKER SKETCH:

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FLORIDA MEN WHO SERVED IN THE UNION FORCES DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Mr. Vernon Peeples of 523 North Shore Drive, Punta Gorda, Fla. 33950 contributes this material concerning Union soldiers from Florida which he transcribed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. from the company returns of Companies "A" and "B" of the Second Florida Cavalry. Mr. Peeples advises that the list does not contain the name of every individual who served in these units since some men may have joined and been mustered out of service or others may have joined after these company returns were taken.

ARNOLD, MATHEW A. - Enlisted May 13, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Jas. D. Green; rank of Private; Company "B".

✓ ASHLEY, EDWARD W. - Enlisted May 18, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Company "A"; captured by the enemy, Feb. 20, 1865 near Fort Myers.

BAXLEY, WILLIS - Enlisted Feb. 23, 1864 at Key West by Capt. Brown; rank of Private; Company "B".

BARNES, JAMES F., JR. - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Company "A".

BARNES, JAMES F., SR. - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in on April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A"; captured by the enemy on Feb. 20, 1865 near Fort Myers.

BLAIR, ISAAC F. - Enlisted March 11, 1864 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; rank of 6th Sarg.; mustered in March 16, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

BRADY, WILLIAM G. - Enlisted Feb. 16, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Myers; rank of 2nd Sarg.; mustered in July 16 at Key West; Co. "A".

BRANNEN, MILLIAGE - Enlisted Feb. 24, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. R. A. Graffe; rank of 1st Serg.; Co. "B".

BROWNLOW, JOSEPH P. - Enlisted Feb. 9, 1864 at Fort Myers by Lt. McCollough; rank of Private; mustered in at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

BUNCH, WILLIAM - Enlisted Feb. 9, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Myers; rank of Private; mustered in Feb. 15, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

BURNETT, ALEXANDER - Enlisted April 20, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Rank of Private; Co. "B".

BUSH, WILLIAM - Enlisted Feb. 9, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Myers; Rank of Private; mustered in Feb. 15, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A"; Captured by the enemy Feb. 20, 1865 near Fort Myers.

CALLAHAN, ALEXANDER B. - Enlisted June 1, 1864 at Fort Myers by Lt. McCollough; rank of 1st Sarg.; mustered in Aug. 15, 1864 at Cedar Key; Co. "A".

CAMPBELL, WILLIAM - Enlisted June 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; rank of Private; Co. "B".

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

CARLILE, LAWRENCE J. - Enlisted Dec. 14, 1863 at Fort Myers by Capt. Bowers; rank of Private; mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

CARLTON, ALBERT - Enlisted June 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; rank of Private; Co. "B".

✓ CARLTON, REUBIN - Enlisted May 28, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Serg., Co. "B".

CLAY, JOHN R. - Enlisted Aug. 11, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "B".

COLLIER, CALVIN - Enlisted May 28, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "B".

COLLIER, JOHN - Enlisted May 22, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Bartholf; rank of Private; Co. "B".

COONS, WILLIAM B. - Enlisted June 13, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; rank of Private; Co. "B".

CRANE, HENRY A. - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers in Company "A", Second Regiment of Florida Cavalry; rank of Captain; mustered in at Key West by Gen. Banks.

CREWS, DEMSY D. - Enlisted May 28, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "B".

CREWS, WILLIAM N. - Enlisted May 28, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "B".

DRIGGERS, STEPHEN A. - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of 5th Corp.; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

DRIGGERS, JACOB - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

DANFORD, WILLIAM - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

DUNBAR, JASPER - Enlisted March 14, 1864 at Key West by Capt. N. D. Brown; rank of Private; mustered in March 16 at Key West; Co. "A".

DISHONG, GEORGE W. - Enlisted April 26, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; rank of Private; Co. "B".

DISHONG, LEWIS - Enlisted June 17, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; rank of Private; Co. "B".

DANIELS, JOHN W. - Enlisted May 29, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; rank of Private; Co. "B"; detached service on scout to Peas Creek June 15, 1864.

DRIGGERS, DENNIS - Enlisted May 13, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of 2nd Corp.; mustered in July 16, 1864 at Key West; Co. "A".

DRIGGERS, ELISHA W. - Enlisted Sept. 20, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "A".

DRIGGERS, JAMES - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. H. A. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

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

ENGLISH, WILLIAM - Enlisted Dec. 14, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; rank of Private; mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

EDWARDS, MARVEL M. - Enlisted May 5, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Rank of Serg.; Co. "B".

FURGERSON, ROBERT H. - Enlisted July 6, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; Co. "B".

FUSSELL, JACOB A. - Enlisted Dec. 14, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; rank of Private; mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

GEIGGER, JOHN A. - Enlisted April 16, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "B".

GEIGER, ABRAHAM E. - Enlisted April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

GREEN, JOHN C. - Enlisted April 16, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; Co. "B".

GREEN, AARON H. - Enlisted Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; rank of Private; mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

GREEN, JAMES D. - Enlisted May 26, 1864; rank of Capt.; Co. "B".

GILL, FRANCIS M. - Enlisted March 17, 1864 at Peas Creek by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers; Co. "A"; (Born in 1830, enlisted in 1858 at Alligator, Florida during the Seminole War. He was a farmer. Born in Early County, Georgia. 5'6" tall; complexion: light; eyes: gray; hair: black. During the Civil War served as a bugler. Discharged at Tallahassee, Fla. Nov. 29, 1865. After the War, he lived at Orlando, Tangerine and Punta Gorda, Fla.)

GODWIN, SAMUEL - Enlisted April 11, 1864 at Key West by Lt. Pretz; rank of Private; Co. "B"; "Susposed to be captured".

GRINER, DAVIS - Enlisted Sept. 20, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Crane; rank of Private; mustered in at Fort Myers; Co. "A".

GODWIN, MESSER M. - Enlisted Dec. 8, 1863 at Key West by Capt. Bowers; rank of Private; mustered in Dec. 17, 1863 at Key West; Co. "A".

HENDRY, ROBERT C. - Enlisted Jan. 15, 1865 at Fort Myers by Lt. J. W. Platt; rank of Private; Co. "B".

HARE, WILLIAM N. - Enlisted May 22, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Bartholf; rank of Private; Co. "B".

HARE, STREETY A. - Enlisted May 22, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Bartholf; rank of Private; Co. "B".

HANCOCK, JOHN D. - Enlisted Feb. 24, 1865 at Fort Myers by Lt. Stevens; rank of Private; Co. "B".

HART, WILLIAM T. - Enlisted May 12, 1864 at Fort Myers by Capt. Green; rank of Private; Co. "B".

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EARLY MARRIAGE RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLA.

The marriages found in the early deed books in the Manatee County courthouse in Bradenton, Florida are continued from Issue #4.

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	MARRIED BY
N. J. Howard	Miss Annie Dupree	31 Jan. 1875	J.W. Hendry, MG
Wm. Payne	Miss Martha Rich	16 May 1875	J.W. Hendry, MG
Radford H. Blount	Miss Sarah V. Williams	Appd. 7 June 1875 Recd. 29 June 1875	J.W. Hendry, MG
James M. Blount	Miss Cuthbert H. Parker	3 June 1875	J.W. Hendry, MG
Thomas G. Allbritton	Miss Georgia Ann Coker	15 Apr. 1875	J.W. Hendry, MG
Joseph Lopez	Miss Mary Bronsen	1 Apr. 1875	E. Glazier, MG
Crawford P. Parrish	Miss Ella Lowry	10 Feb. 1875	E.F. Gates, MG
Zach M. Dryman	Miss Martha Ann Jones	8 Apr. 1875	E. Glazier, MG
Wm. H. Stokes	Miss Alice Jane Crawford	15 May 1875	W.P. McEwen, PG
Robt. S. Warner	Miss Emma Yates	30 Mar. 1875	E. Glazier, MG
Stephen A. Driggers	Miss Sarah C. Vickers	22 Nov. 1874	W.P. McEwen, PG
George W. McClellan	Miss Nancy C. Sellers	1 July 1875	W.P. McEwen, PG
Miner T. Bond	Miss Emily C. Brannan	19 Aug. 1875	E. Chancey, MG

Moses A. McClellan	Miss Georgia Ann C. Whidden	17 Aug. 1875	W.P. McEwen, MG
Daniel Coker	Miss Mary E. Allbritton	7 Oct. 1875	E. Chancey, MG
William Lee	Miss Mary Crews	30 Sept 1875	W.P. McEwen, MG
Richard Vickers	Miss Annie Lofton	17 Oct. 1875	E.E. Mizell, JP
John L. Cross	Miss Lydia Ann A. Browning	24 Oct. 1875	D.D. Crews, JP
Mitchell Lewis	Miss Mary E. Prescott	28 May 1875	D.D. Crews, JP
James M. Dortch	Miss Marcilla Tyler	6 Oct. 1875	E. Glazier, MG
Millard F. Hendrix	Miss Mary Epsey Bronson	15 Aug. 1875	J.M. Farabee, MG
George Tatum, Jr.	Miss Sarah Elizabeth Wingate	9 Nov. 1875	E. Glazier, MG
Owen S. Morey	Eliza M. Mizell	25 Nov. 1875	J.W. Hendry, MG
Aaron Bryant	Nettie Putnam	28 Nov. 1875	Rev. Samuel Knight
Edmond D. Dishong	Martha V. Gillespie	24 Nov. 1875	J.W. Carleton, MG
Sydney P. Saunders	Miss Isabella Hayes	15 Dec. 1875	R.R. Burts
James Noey Allbritton	Elizabeth L. Hutchinson	9 Dec. 1875	Andrew Kicklighter, OMG
Wm. B. Brown	Miss Emma Harrison	25 Dec. 1875	E. Glazier, MG
Harrison Jackson	Miss Buella White	23 Dec. 1875	E.F. Gates, MG
Francis M. Durrance	Miss Sarah M. Carleton	27 Jan. 1876	J.W. Carleton, MG
Robert W. Lamb	Miss Margaret S. Lamb	16 Feb. 1876	E.F. Gates, MG
Wm. H. Youmans	Miss Mary Curry	12 Feb. 1876	Z. King, JP
Edward L. Chamberlain	Sarah Hutto, widow	7 Feb. 1876	J.G. Cooper, JP
Jefferson Daniels	Miss Drucilla Duffield	12 Mar. 1876	J. Tucker, JP
Thomas Howard	Miss Hortense Blount	2 Apr. 1876	J.W. Hendry, MG
James A. Strickland	Miss Amanda E. Hendry	22 Aug. 1875	E.J. Hull, MG

Thomas G. Edmondson	Miss Louisa A. Whitaker	30 Apr. 1876	J.G. Cooper,JP
Carroll Raulerson	Miss Florence C. Keen	13 Apr. 1876	Edmund Chancy,MG
John Underhill	Mrs. Sophia Savage	20 Apr. 1876	J.H. Tucker,JP
Wm. J. Keene	Miss Sarah Elizabeth Wilkins	17 Feb. 1876	Green B. Harrell,MG
Charles L. Reaves	Miss Martha Tatum	28 Mar. 1876	E.J. Hull,MG
John Smith	Mrs. Martha Hunter	4 June 1876	E. Chancey,MG
Jeremiah Carlton	Miss Eliza J. Lankford	31 Aug. 1876	A. Wilson,MG
Moses A. Whidden	Miss Sallie E. Barnwell	14 Sept 1876	N.H. DeCostes,JP
Mr. Lowe	Mrs. Rebecca A. Cato	9 Sept 1876	E.J. Hull, MG
John Daughtrey	Miss Rebecca Williams	Apd. 7 Oct. 1876 Red. 2 Feb. 1877	D.D. Crews, Jr. Just. of Peace
Wm. M. Jenkins	Miss Laura Curry	15 May 1876	D.D. Crews, Jr.
William Lee	Miss Mary Crews	30 Sept 1875	W.P. McEwen,MG
Richard Vickers	Miss Annie Lofton	17 Oct. 1875	E.E. Mizell
Charles L. Lowe	Miss Martha E. Knight	Apd. 4 Oct. 1876 Red. 12 Apr. 1877	Samuel Knight
Francis M. Howard	Miss Martha E. Burton	5 Oct. 1876	Z. King,JP
Daniel Lloyd	Miss Emma M. Urguhart	14 Apr. 1877	J.A. Castell
Armstrong Wilson	Miss Belle Tatum	15 Apr. 1877	Edmund Lee,VDM
Eugene Coons	Miss Sarah E. Davis	19 Apr. 1877	E.F. Gates,MG
Charles Driggers	Mary Underhill	13 Feb. 1877	A. Wilson
Wm. H. Stokes	Miss Alice Jane Crawford	15 May 1875	W.P. McEwen,PG
Wm. Allen Gill	Miss Elizabeth Tucker	13 May 1877	J.W. Hendry,MG
James F. Gill	Miss Sarah E. Norris	12 Aug. 1876	J.W. Hendry,MG
Matthew M. Driggers	Miss Liza Jane Underhill	13 Feb. 1877	A. Wilson,MG
Burris E. Sellers	Miss Martha P. McClelland	9 May 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP

Andrew Green	Miss Martha E. Mizell	22 May 1877	H.G. Barnhill,JP
Benjamin J. Hilliard	Miss Visa Ann Wiggins	4 June 1877	H.G. Barnhill,JP
James H. Fleming	Miss Eliza Rawls	12 June 1877	F.C.M. Boggess Just. of Peace
Thomas Mann	Mrs. Martha Mobley	15 June 1877	E. Lee,VDM
John Andrew Boyd	Miss Nancy Jane Bethay	3 June 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP
Joseph D. Watts	Miranda Sims	17 June 1877	J.J. Robertson Min. of Gospel
Daniel W. Rilchards	Miss Mary Emma Lamb	6 June 1877	E. Glazier Min. of Gospel
Frank Guptill	Miss Virginia B. Webb	24 July 1877	E.F. Gates,MG
"Deed Book B"			
Alexander Tyler	Sarah Scott	29 July 1877	E. Lee,VDM
Wm. Williams	America Whidden	10 July 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP
Daniel B. Lott	Miss Mary Jane Grantham	12 Aug. 1877	J.M. Hendry
Louis Mercer	Miss Fannie B. Mobley	2 Sept 1877	J.M. Hendry
Charlie Mercer	Miss Laura A. Coker	2 Sept 1877	J.M. Hendry
Jacob Taylor	Nancy A. E. Taylor	29 July 1877	J.M. Keen,OMG
George W. Roan	Miss Annie McClenethan	28 Aug. 1877	F.C.M. Boggess Just. of Peace
John Underhill	Mrs. Sophia Savage	20 Apr. 1876	J.H. Tucker,JP
Charles E. McNeil	Miss Isabell G. Frierson	6 Oct. 1877	E. Lee
Edmond Lee	Mrs. Elizabeth Odell	10 Feb. 1875	A.A. Robinson,MG
J. A. Castell	Miss Angie Glazier	2 Oct. 1877	A.A. Robinson,MG
Love Perirs	Miss Ardelia Barber	9 Aug. 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP
Wm. H. Parnell	Miss Narcissa Prescott	12 Aug. 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP
George Stuart	Fannie Chatman	19 Oct. 1877	E. Glazier,MG
James M. Thomas	Mrs. Barbra E. Tivey	4 Nov. 1877	J.M. Hendry,MG
Carmichael Bethea	Sophia Whidden	29 Dec. 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP
James Wyatt Allen	Priscilla Green	22 Nov. 1877	D.J.W. Boney,JP
Peter S. Baid	Miss Julia O. Patten	5 Dec. 1877	A.A. Robinson,MG

D. W. Wilkerson	Louisa C. Garner	22 Nov. 1877	A. Wilson, MG
J. F. Gillett	Miss Ann E. Williams	22 Jan. 1878	J.J. Robertson
James B. Sumner	Emma G. Wilson	30 Jan. 1878	A. Wilson, MG
James H. Murphy	Miss Ann Dupree	3 Jan. 1878	J.M. Farabee, MG
Edward R. Jackson	Martha Ann Baker	7 Feb. 1878	E.F. Gates, MG
John H. Albritton	Elisabeth Stewart	29 Nov. 1877	J.M. Keen, MG
Joshua Altman	Nancy A. Albritton	29 Nov. 1877	J.M. Keen, MG
James Henry Graham	Miss Martha Peacock	14 Mar. 1878	Edmund Chancey M.G.

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QUERIES

5-1 HAIR, PARKER, HOOKER, GILLET. Compiling Hair family history. Need known children of William Hair (born 1783 N.C.) other than the following who were all in Hillsborough County, Florida before 1850 or after; some in Manatee County after its formation:

William Calvin Hair, b. 1808, NC, married Sarah Jane Parker, daughter of Luke; Mary Amanda Hair, b. 1810, NC, married William Brinton Hooker, son of Stephen; Molcy Mariah Hair, b. 1813, Ga., married Daniel Gillett.

Will exchange information on these descendants, including many of the early south Florida pioneer families.

Mrs. Donald Hamilton, 1405 6th Street, Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

5-2 Mr. James D. Waldron of 20001 Island Road, Miami, Fla. 33189 would like to exchange information on the following pioneer families: DAVID E. WALDRON & THOMAS H. ALBRITTON.

5-3 Mr. James D. Waldron of 20001 Island Road, Miami, Fla. 33189 would like contact with descendants of REBECCA WALKER nee WALDRON. REBECCA WALDRON was born in Georgia in 1812, daughter of OLIVER WALDRON. She married WILLIAM WALKER of Alabama, and was in the 1840 & 1850 Census of Ware County, Ga. After her husband's death it is believed that she came to Manatee County, Fla. during the early 1860's with some of her children. They were GEORGE, OLIVER, ELIAS, JUDY, CHARLES, ALLEN, NANCY, REBECCA, JOHN and POLLY.

5-4 \$200 offered to anyone who can name and provide proof of the father of NOEL RABUN RAULERSON and JOHN BAGGS RAULERSON. He is NOT NICHABOD RAULERSON. \$25 for the identity of ELIZABETH RAULERSON, died 1867, buried in Gapway Cemetery in Lakeland, Florida in the "Hull Row". EMILY HULL was the daughter of WILLIAM RAULERSON to Florida in 1826. Who was ELIZABETH RAULERSON???

Mrs. Venetia Dees, P. O. Box 425, Alhambra, Calif. 91802

5-5 BARZILLA DOUGLAS, born about 1824 in Georgia, married DICY BENNETT Feb. 6, 1839 in Lowndes Co., Ga. He later married AMELIA "MILLY" JACOBS and settled in Polk County, Fla. He died on May 30, 1904. Where is he buried? Two of his sons, WILEY DOUGLAS who married MARY "POLLIE" WATTERS, and REDDING DOUGLAS who married CASEY WATTERS, also settled in the Polk County area. Would like to exchange info on these families.

5-6 Would like to know where MORGAN MIZELL, born 1820, son of Capt. DAVID MIZELL, is buried? He was living in Manatee Co. in 1870 & 1880 Census with his wife, MARY FLETCHER TUCKER MIZELL, and children. He was the father of "Bone" Mizell.

5-7 JOEL E. RENFROE, born 1820 in Georgia, died 1869/1870 in Manatee Co., Fla. His wife, TRINITY RENFROE, was in that county in 1870 & 1880. What was her maiden name? One of their daughters, LOUISIANNA RENFROE, married MOSES A. JOHNSON. Other children were: ELIZABETH, EVERETT, FANNY, MARY ANN, ALABAMA, MARGARET J. AND JOHN. Would like to correspond with descendants.

5-5, 5-6 & 5-7 submitted by Richard M. Livingston, P. O. Box 166, Fort Ogden, Fla. 33842

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WESLEY A. COKER FAMILY BIBLE

Contributed by the Polk County Historical Library at Bartow, Fla. from among papers in the Coker Family File. This Bible record copied Jan. 15, 1962 by Ernestine C. Waring, in the presence of Bertha D. Gordon and the owner, Mrs. Martha Jane Coker Clark, who was ninety-four (94) years old at the time. This Bible, with only a few pages missing, including the date of publication, is quite old, and belonged originally to Wesley A. Coker. Martha Jane Coker Clark, present owner of this Bible (in 1962), was the wife of Budd P. Clark, daughter of Wesley A. Coker and Nancy Jane Carlton; grand daughter of Daniel D. Coker and Nicy Taylor & William Carlton and Harriet Hendry.

N. A. (Nancy Ada) Coker died April the 3rd 1890 and was 24 years and eight days old when she died. Was borned March the 26th 1866.

Nicy Coker departed this life August the 16th 1891.

Wesley A. Coker died September the 27th 1898.

DEATHS:

Daniel D. Coker departed this life January 26th 1886.

Nicy Coker departed this life August 16th 1891.

N. A. (Nancy Ada) Coker died April 3, 1890.

Laura A. Hampton departed this life December 27th 1883.

Marriannah Devain departed this life March the 1st 1860.

Isham T. Coker departed this life December 26th 1886.

Wesley A. Coker died September 27th 1898.

William W. Coker died August 8th 1904.

Cornelia Coker departed this life July 30th 1909.

Nancy J. Coker died March 19th 1917.

Eunice M. Butler died December 6th 1934.

John T. Coker died October 10th 1944.

Nicey A. Stephens died March 9th 1947.

BIRTHS:

Nicy A. Coker, January 28th A.D. 1855

Daniel Coker, April 1st 1856.

Georgia Ann Coker, (no date)

H. Coker, March 18th 1858.

William W. Coker, November 12th 1859.

John G. Coker, January 12th 1861.

Nancy A. Coker, March 26th 1866.

Martha J. Coker, September 26th 1867.

James H. Coker, January 11th 1871.

Cornelia Coker, November 18th 1878.

Daniel D. Coker was borned December the 3rd 1803.

Nicy Coker was borned March 30th 1810.

MARRIAGES:

Wesley A. Coker was married to Nancy J. Carlton, Feb. 19th, 1854.

Miss Georgia A. Coker was married to T. G. Albritton, April 15th, 1875.

1860 FEDERAL CENSUS OF FLORIDA: HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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250/197	Ashly P. Wicks	51	Georgia	
	Catharin "	40	"	
	Carney "	18	"	
	John "	17	"	
	Elisabeth "	16	"	
	Mary "	12	"	
	Thomas "	10	"	
	Mary "	4	"	
	Flonrey " (M)	27	"	
251/198	Jeremiah Farrell	22	Georgia	
	Nancy "	24	"	
	Laura "	10/12	Florida	
252/199	John Davidson	50	Ireland	
	Eve "	57	South Carolina	
	Seaborn "	14	Georgia	
	Elisabeth "	9	Florida	
253	Unoccupied			
254/200	Frederick Varn	71	South Carolina	
	Sarah "	58	"	"
	Frederick "	13	"	"
255/201	G. T. Durrance	39	Georgia	George Durrance married
	Martha "	19	"	Martha Hollingsworth.
	George "	4/12	Florida	
256/202	L. W. Cornelius	35	Virginia	Physician
Page 29: 22nd of June 1860				
257/203	Henry Keen	30	Georgia	Henry H. Keen married
	Mary "	24	"	Mary Jane Gill.
	Jane "	9	Florida	
	Sarah "	2	"	
	James "	9/12	"	
258/204	H. M. Wilder	21	Georgia	
	Victoria "	16	Mississippi	
259	Unoccupied			
260/205	William B. Varn	28	South Carolina	William Varn married
	Ellen "	20	Mississippi	Ellen Seward on
	John "	7	Florida	July 19, 1855.
	Louisa "	2	"	
	Walter "	8/12	"	
261/206	Joseph Varn	25	Georgia	Josiah Varn married
	Victoria "	18	Mississippi	Victoria M. Seward on
	William "	8/12	Florida	July 29, 1858, Hills. County.

262/207	J. W. Waid	36	Georgia	
	Melvina "	40	"	
	Andrew "	18	"	
	Edward "	15	"	
	John "	10	"	
	Martha "	8	"	
	Sarah "	5	"	
	Lydia Clumley	25	"	Serving
263/208	R. R. Blount	37	Georgia	R. R. Blount married
	Jane "	37	S. C.	Jane Varn Knight
	Benjamin "	15	Florida	widow of Aaron Knight.*
	John "	11	"	
	Sarah "	8	"	
	James "	5	"	
	Reding "	4	"	
	Eugene "	3	"	
	George "	6/12	"	
	James Pitts	18	Georgia	
264/209	Streety Parker	37	N.C.	Streety Parker married
	Mary "	25	S.C.	Mary Eve Blount on
	Reding "	11	Florida	Feb. 24, 1848.
	Elisabeth "	9	"	
	Lewis "	6	"	
	Texas "	4	"	
Page 30: 23rd of June 1860				
	William Parker	2	Florida	
	Owen Keen	18	"	
265/210	Reding Blount	69	Georgia	Reding Blount married
	Elisabeth "	60	S.C.	Elizabeth Varn.
	Julia "	12	Georgia	
	Gehue "	21	Florida	
266/211	N. S. Blount	27	S.C.	Nathan Blount married
	Martha "	17	Florida	Martha Knight daughter
				of Aaron Knight and
				Jane Varn.
267/212	O. R. Blount	29	S.C.	
	Henrietta "	27	S.C.	
	William "	11	Florida	
	Nancy "	9	"	Owen Blount married
	Radford "	6	"	Henrietta Bronson.
	Georgia "	4	"	
	Martha "	1	"	
	Ellhanin Sumerall	14	"	
268/213	Isham Crews	58	South Carolina	
	Elisabeth "	42	Georgia	
	Penelopy "	21	"	
	Berry "	20	"	
	Mary "	18	"	
	Joshua "	16	"	
	Jefferson "	7	Florida	

* Additional information on the Parker & Blount families supplied by Kyle S. VanLandingham.

269	Unoccupied			
270/214	L. S. Seward	43	North Carolina	
	Sarah "	29	Alabama	
	Albert "	14	Mississippi	
	Mary "	7	"	
	C. D. Seward	35	Alabama	Invalid
271/215	Thomas B. Ellis	23	Florida	
	Eliza "	20	"	
	Thomas "	3	"	
	Angelina "	2	"	
	Elisabeth McGuire	42	Georgia	Seamstress
272/216	Thomas E. Williams	34	Georgia	
	Martha "	28	Florida	
	Benjamin "	11	"	
	Martha "	9	"	
	Louisa "	6	"	
	Thomas "	4	"	
Page 31:	23rd of June 1860			
	John Williams	8/12	Florida	
273/217	L. M. Pollard	37	Georgia	
	Christiana "	34	Alabama	
	John "	17	Georgia	
	Rebeca "	15	"	
	Thomas "	8	"	
	Levina "	6	"	
	George "	2	Florida	
	Henry Hill	20	"	
274/218	Silas McLelland	70	North Carolina	
	Penelopy "	60	Georgia	
	Julia "	19	Florida	
	Joseph "	16	"	
	Maxfield McLelland	20	"	
	S. S. "	24	Georgia	
275/219	Jesse McLelland	22	Georgia	Jesse McLelland
	Susan "	18	Florida	married Susan Godwin
				on Feb. 2, 1860.
276/220	L. Williams	22	Florida	
	Carona "	22	"	
277	Unoccupied			
278/221	Berrian Platt	25	Georgia	Berrian Platt married
	Dory "	27	"	Dory Ann McClelland on
	Georgian "	5	Florida	Dec. 7, 1854.
	Munk " (F)	2	"	
279/222	Mathew Davice	26	Georgia	Mathew Davis married
	Sarah "	24	Florida	Sarah Ann Altman on
	Malica " (F)	3	"	Aug. 22, 1857.
	William "	1	"	

280/223	Sarah Altman	60	Georgia	
	Lewis "	19	Florida	
	Jesse "	16	"	
	Joshua "	14	Georgia	
281/224	C. W. Downs	58	Georgia	
	Mary "	40	"	
	Mary "	12	"	
282/225	William Davice	70	South Carolina	
	Michel " (F)	64	Georgia	
	Sarah "	8	Florida	
	Henry "	7	"	
283	Unoccupied			
Page 32:	25th of June 1860			
284/226	Stafford Davice	24	Georgia	Stafford Davis mar.
	Catharine "			Catherine Vickers
				on Jan. 26, 1860
285/227	Elisabeth Vickers	40	Georgia	
	Sarah "	8	Florida	
	Richard "	6	"	
	George "	4	"	
	Mary "	8/12	"	
286/228	John Tanner	22	Alabama	
	Sarah "	14	Georgia	
	William "	13	"	
	John "	10	"	
287/229	S. T. Hollingsworth	30	N.C.	Stephen Hollingsworth
	Sarah "	27	Florida	married Sarah Pearce
	Martha "	7	"	on July 11, 1852.
	Hendry "	5	"	
	Joshua "	2	"	
288/230	John McLelland	43	Florida	
	Winnie "	43	"	
	William "	15	"	
	John "	13	"	
	Penny "	11	"	
	Sarah "	9	"	
	James "	6	"	
	Jane "	5	"	
	Rebeca "	4	"	
	Gabreal "	2	"	
289/231	E. C. Banco (Barco ?)	60	S.C.	Farmer & Butcher
	Susan "	40	"	
	Alfred "	20	"	
	Rebeca "	17	"	
	Elbert "	13	"	
	Riley "	14	"	
	Elisha "	8	"	
	George "	6	"	
	Susan "	5	"	
	Alafar " (F)	4	"	

290	Unoccupied			
291/232	Nathan Cockrun	25	S.C.	
	Nancy "	20	"	
	Rebeca "	5/12	"	
Page 33:	25th of June 1860			
292/233	H. A. Prine	24	Georgia	Henry Prine married
	Catherine "	15	Florida	Catherine E. Rogers on
	Thomas "	1	"	July 5, 1857, Hills. Co.
	Barbara "	2/12	"	
	Barbara A. Prine	18	Georgia	Seamstress
293/234	Samuel Rodgers	47	North Carolina	
	Martha "	37	"	"
	Mary "	13	Florida	
	Stephen "	12	"	
	Rebeca "	10	"	
	Frances " (F)	5	"	
	Thomas "	4	"	
	Martha "	2	"	
294/235	Daniel Slone	49	North Carolina	Daniel Sloan
	Nancy "	35	"	married Nancy
	Orval "	18	Georgia	Lanier in Thomas
	Elbert "	16	"	County, Ga.
	Rachel "	15	"	
	Catherine "	14	"	
	Welthy "	11	"	
	Synton "	10	"	
	Oragon "	8	Florida	
	John "	6	"	
	Gipson "	4	"	
	Cuthbert "	8/12	"	
	Lot Townsend	20	Georgia	
295/236	Owen Slone	23	Georgia	Cattle driver
	Jane "	22	"	
	(Owen Sloan married Jane Platt)			
296	Unoccupied			
297	B. F. Drew	43	North Carolina	House Carpenter
	Mary "	40	"	"
	Caroline "	18	Florida	
	William "	15	"	
	Jane "	10	"	
298/238	David Hughs	29	Georgia	Merchant & Planter
	Ann "	17	Mississippi	
	William Hughs	22	Georgia	
299/239	E. E. Barry	31	Georgia	Clerk

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EARLY FLORIDA NEWSPAPERS: "FORT OGDEN NEWS", 1887

It may be difficult for many people to believe this, but Fort Ogden had a newspaper back in the 1880's and perhaps, earlier than that. The only copy of this paper, entitled the "Fort Ogden News", that is now known about is dated Friday, Feb. 25, 1887. It is contributed by Mr. Bill Jones, a student at the University of Florida, whose hometown is Arcadia.

FORT OGDEN NEWS

For the Public Good, and the Improvement of the Charlotte Harbor and Peace River Country. Published every Friday Noon. Lee Mulford, Editor.

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Main Street, Fort Ogden.

BUDD P. CLARK, county surveyor, will visit all sections of the County. Address him at Rye or Pine Level, Fla.

Fort Ogden bids fair to be the liveliest town in South Florida this summer.

Judge E. K. FOSTER of the 7th Judicial Circuit, has announced his intention to resign. Florida will lose one of her best Judges.

Mr. C. W. CARLTON gave us an orange this morning grown at Mr. M. T. HOWELL's grove, measuring $14\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 inches.

Notice: Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the voters of Fort Ogden District, (No. 9), at the hall over J. O. CARR's store, on Sat. March the 5th, at 11:00, to elect delegates to represent Fort Ogden District in the county meeting at Pine Level, March 15th, for the purpose of discussing the division of the county, and establishing the county lines if said division be made. F. C. M. BOGGESS, C. J. CARLTON, committee.

The fast sailing sch'r "New Venice" having been purchased and newly repaired by me, will on & after this date make three round trips monthly, between Fort Ogden & Tampa, touching at Charlotte Harbor, Cleveland, Liverpool and Gill City. Freights will be carried to and from, at reasonable rates. F. M. GILL, owner.

DR. O. E. ROESCH - Physician and Surgeon

FORT OGDEN NEWS - The largest circulation of any weekly in South Fla.

Nocatee Saw Mill. Builders and all persons using lumber should have my prices before buying. All kinds of dressed lumber and molding promptly furnished. W. G. WELLS. Post Office - Fort Ogden, Fla.

Married: JONES-JOHNSON. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 23d, 1887, at the residence of Mr. W. A. JOHNSON, by Rev. E. J. HULL, Mr. JOHN L. JONES to Miss MORNING JOHNSON, both of Fort Ogden.

Died: At Keyville, Fla., Feb. 11th, 1887, Mrs. SUSAN A. RIGGS, wife of Mr. J. D. RIGGS, after an illness of 12 months.

O. L. MANSFIELD livery, sale and feed stables. The finest horses and best carriages always on hand. If you want to buy, sell or swap a horse, buggy or wagon, or if you want your horses kept, (watered, fed and curried), or want to be taken somewhere comfortably and at reasonable rates, give me a call. Damage will be charged for all over-driven horses. Remember the place on the "avenue" near the post office Fort Ogden, Fla.

Charlotte Harbor Hotel. Charlotte Harbor, Fla. Table furnished with the best the market affords. Fine view of the bay. Commodious rooms connected with the house for the use of commercial travelers. Rate-\$1.50 per day. Board by the week or month at reasonable rates. Mrs. M. H. CURRY, proprietress.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST, civil engineer & surveyor. Will lay off towns, establish disputed land lines, furnish maps, examine, select and grade railroad, state & government lands. Trabue, Manatee County, Fla.

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WILLIAM HENRY BARNWELL 1825-1902

Why did the first settlers come to Florida? The reasons are as varied as the backgrounds of these pioneers. Some were attracted by the prospects of rich grazing and farm lands. Others had hopes of starting anew in a virgin land. And over a hundred years ago, people were coming to south Florida to enjoy the sunshine, fresh air and healthy atmosphere in order to improve their physical condition and live longer. This last characteristic of the state was what brought the Barnwell family to south Florida.

William Henry Barnwell was born at Columbus, Georgia on July 24, 1825, son of Alexander Barnwell and Mary Catherine Holt. Alexander was born between 1790 and 1800. Members of the family say that he was born in Scotland and came to Charleston, South Carolina after a dispute with his family over his inheritance. But the 1880 & 1885 Census of Manatee County, Florida states that the father of William Henry Barnwell was born in Georgia. Alexander married Miss Holt, daughter of Cader Holt, in South Carolina and had four other children besides William: Samuel Barnwell, Mary Barnwell Watson, Sarah Barnwell Perkins

and Elizabeth "Betty" Barnwell Storey. Alexander & wife moved to Greene County, Georgia, where they were listed in the 1820 Census, later moved to Columbus, Georgia area where William Henry was born and six weeks later moved to Alabama settling in the Marengo Co. area, near Consul. Their son, Samuel Holt Barnwell was born there on Nov. 3, 1834.

William Henry Barnwell married Miss Mary Frances Massey in Marengo County on September 27, 1855 at the bride's home. Miss Massey was born on July 28, 1840 in Marengo County, daughter of Warren Massey (born Jan. 11, 1807) and Mary A. Nunn (born July 12, 1810). Mary A. Nunn's mother was a Holley. William's brother, Samuel, married on Mar. 24, 1859 Miss Genann Massey, sister of Mary Frances Massey. Children of William Henry and Mary Frances Massey Barnwell:

1. Samuel Warren Barnwell, born July 17, 1856, died Aug. 18, 1857.
2. Sallie Elizabeth Barnwell, born June 16, 1858 in Clark Co., Ala.; died Sept. 25, 1928 at Charlotte Harbor, Fla.; married 1st, Mose A. Whidden on Sept. 14, 1876 in Manatee Co., Fla.; married, 2nd, Sam Martin on Jan. 8, 1893 at Fort Winder, in DeSoto County, Fla.
3. No name, died April 5, 1860.
4. Mary Catherine Barnwell, born Aug. 21, 1861 in Clark Co., Ala.; died April 15, 1950 at Fort Myers, Lee County, Fla.; married on April 11, 1880 in DeSoto County, Isaiah Williams, son of Thomas Williams and Matilda Herndon.
5. William Carlos Barnwell, born Aug. 31, 1863 in Clark Co., Ala.; died Nov. 20, 1864.
6. No name, died July 11, 1865.
7. Rufus Holt Barnwell, born Oct. 6, 1871; died Dec. 22, 1871.
8. Shubal Alexander Barnwell, born December 27, 1872 in Hillsborough County, Fla.; died March 4, 1954 in DeSoto Co., Fla.; married on October 20, 1895, Jessie Carolyn Blackburn.
9. Hollie Nunn Barnwell, born Sept. 19, 1879 in Manatee Co., Fla.; died March 4, 1954; married, 1st, W. H. Giles on Sept. 15, 1895; married, 2nd, Hamilton Morgan; married, 3rd, George W. Thomas.

Shortly after their marriage, William Henry Barnwell & wife, moved to Clark County, Alabama, where he farmed. It is said that he owned 750 acres, 47 negroes, 200 hogs, 21 mules, 80 goats, 100 sheep and 21 milk cows.

When the Civil War broke out, William enlisted in the Home Guard outfit on Sept. 15, 1864. The doctors examined him and found that he was unable to serve on the front lines, so they sent him home to see after the women and children to be sure that were all properly cared for.

Several years after the war was over, the Alabama doctors told the Barnwells that they should move to Florida for their health. Mr. Barnwell sold his land & buildings and along with John & Laura Robinson left Alabama in December of 1868. At Clifton, Ala., they

boarded the steamer, "Kelson" which carried them as far as Mobile. After several days of straightening out their business, the Barnwells and Robinsons boarded a large steamer, the "Republic" which carried them to Cedar Key, Florida. They transferred their belongings onto a sailboat and set sail for Tampa. William's daughter, Mary Catherine describes the following days in "The Story of My Life", written in 1927:

"We were out in the Gulf for two days, had no wind to take us very far, so the boat sprang a leak and we all were frightened most to death as not one of our crew could swim. There was bailing and priming to do night and day till we got to Clearwater Harbor and you can't imagine how proud we were when we all got the chance to get on land once more. The Captain had to lay over and fix the boat so we were all there for a few days. Then, when we were ready again we headed for Tampa so it was not so far and dangerous a trip on in to Tampa. We got to Tampa about 3:00 in the afternoon. That was in December in 1868 and at that time Tampa was a very small little town with only two or three stores and a very few people and no streets at all but only sand roads with palmetto roots and high scrub oaks on each side of the roads. It was a terrible looking little town."

Mr. Barnwell bought a small farm about ten miles from Tampa, near present day Seffner, and with the assistance of the Robinson family and several hired Negroes, began preparations for repairing the buildings and raising crops. In the years that followed, the crops were plentiful and brought good prices at the markets in Tampa.

It was the spring of 1872 when the Barnwell's problems began. It had been a very dry year, and much of the lumber in the farm house was rotten. Mr. Barnwell had planned to replace some of the lumber in the future when he hoped a new saw mill might be built in the adjoining area. But one night the house caught on fire and their home and almost everything in it was destroyed. Neighbors gave them assistance until such time as Mr. Barnwell could go to Tampa to ask some of his friends to help him or lend him some money to build another house. He then received his second set back. The farm he had bought did not belong to him. The individual he bought it from did not actually own the property, and he would be unable to get his investment back.

A ray of hope came to this black situation when Mr. Ziba King, a friend and fellow Mason, offered William Henry Barnwell a chance to assist him in the operation his business in a small town in the wildness of Manatee County - this town was Fort Ogden. Mary Catherine describes their journey:

"It took us most one week to move from near Tampa to Ft. Ogden as the roads were most terrible. There would be large palmetto roots and sometimes the wheels of the wagon would not touch the sand for four feet at a time and then would drop off the roots with a hard jerk. It would most jolt one to death that was not used to hardships. We would drive the teams all day & then camp in the wild woods all night and let the teams and ourselves rest.

"We got to Peace Creek one night and had to camp there as we all had to cross Peace Creek on a large barge. This was all new to me as we had never seen such before. Next morning we got ready as early as possible and we crossed the river and got into Ft. Ogden late in the afternoon all tired out and worried. This was the 15th of Dec. 1872."

Mr. Barnwell did very well with his business selling whiskey, tobacco, candy, snuff and other supplies. He later gave up the store and bought a homestead between Deep Creek and Peace River where he farmed. The 1885 Manatee County census shows him living near his married daughter, Sallie Whidden & her husband, L. Larrison & family and D. J. Addison & family, in the Fort Winder area.

William Henry Barnwell died on April 5, 1902 and was buried at Mount Ephraim Baptist Church Cemetery in Owens, DeSoto County, Fla. His will recorded in DeSoto County reads as follows:

"I, William H. Barnwell, of the County of DeSoto and State of Florida, being of sound mind, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

1st. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah E. Martin, the following described land: The North East quarter of the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section 28, Township 39 S. of Range 23 East, containing ten acres.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary C. Williams, the following described land: The North West quarter of the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section 28, Township 39 S. of Range 23 East containing ten acres.

3rd. I give to my son, Shubal A. Barnwell, the sum of one dollar and to my daughter, Hollie N. Giles, the sum of one dollar.

4th. I desire that all personal property of which I may die possessed shall be divided equally among all of my children, share and share alike.

5th. I hereby appoint my daughter, Sarah E. Martin, as executrix to this my last will and desire that the courts shall require no bond or surity of her for the performance of the duties as such.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of December A.D. 1900.

W. H. Barnwell (Seal)

Signed and sealed in our presence as the last will and testament of William H. Barnwell, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed the same as subscribing witnesses thereto.

A. E. Pooser

E. W. Pooser

J. S. Martin

Mrs. Mary F. Barnwell lived with various of her children until her death in 1923. This article was printed in "The Plant City Courier":

"On Friday, Jan. 5, 1923, Mrs. Mary Frances Massey Barnwell was stricken with paralysis at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hollie N. Morgan, on East Baker St, and died Tuesday morning, Jan. 9, 1923 at 11 o'clock.

"Mrs. Barnwell was the wife of William H. Barnwell. She came from Marengo County, Alabama and lived near Fort Ogden until the death of her husband. Since then she has lived among her children. She was in her eighty-third year, professed faith in Christ at about sixteen years of age, and joined the Missionary Baptist Church and from that time until she fell asleep as stated above, she lived a devoted, Godly, Christian life. She leaves four children to mourn their loss - Mrs. Sallie E. Martin, of Charlotte Harbor; Mrs. Kate Williams of Fort Myers; Mr. S. A. Barnwell of Fort Ogden; and Mrs. Hollie Morgan, Plant City, besides a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a host of friends whose hearts go out in profound sympathy for her sorrowing loved ones. Internment was in Bethlehem Cemetery."

REFERENCES:

Special thanks to Mrs. Helen Van Ostran, Rt. 1, Box 78, Marshallville, Ga. 31057 who has collected material on her Barnwell and Massey families for years and contributed most of the above material; Mrs. Doris Nicholson for getting in contact with Mrs. Van Ostran and also collecting additional local information on the family; Mrs. Marjorie Allen of Riverview, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Barnwell and Mr. Albert Barnwell of Fort Ogden, Fla; Barnwell & Massey family Bibles; "The Story of My Life" written by Mrs. Kate Barnwell Williams in 1927; Alabama State Archives; 1840, 1850 & 1860 Marengo Co., Ala. Census; 1860 Clark Co., Ala. Census; 1870 Hillsborough Co., Fla. Census; 1880 & 1885 Manatee Co., Fla. Census; marriage records of Marengo Co., Ala., Manatee & DeSoto Co., Fla.

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WILL OF WILLIAM JOHNS, 1879

State of Florida
County of Polk

In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM JOHNS, of said county and state being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declair this to be my last will and testament, that is to say - First, that after all my lawful debts are paid by executors herein after mentioned the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit. To my beloved wife, HARRIET JOHNS, I give and bequeath my horse, Jerry, and also the improvement on which I now reside together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging also all of my household and kitchen furniture, and all the rest and residue of my personal estate as well as the real estate which I may be seized with at the time of my death for and during her natural life and after her death then the said property to be equally divided between my children, to wit: CLARISSA HAGAN, HENRY JOHNS, MARY JOHNS, ELIZA HONORS and DERRY JOHNS, share and share alike. Likewise I make, constitute, and appoint my beloved son-in-law, JACOB HAGAN, and my beloved son, DERRY JOHNS, to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

EARLY CHURCH RECORDS:
SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the second annual session of the South Florida Baptist Association was contributed by the Baptist Historical Society at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida. The second annual session was held at Peas Creek Church at Bartow, Fla. commencing on Friday, October 2nd, 1868.

Introductory being preached by Eld. A. WILSON. Letters from the churches were then called for and read; after which petitionary letters being called for, the following were received, viz.: Providence, Manatee Co.; Beulah, Hillsborough; Mt. Pleasant, Manatee; Pine Pleasant, Hills. Co.; and Mt. Olive, Polk County; which being found orthodox in their faith and practice, the right hand of fellowship was extended to their delegates.

On balloting for regular officers, Eld. TODD, the former Moderator having declined a re-election, Eld. J. M. HAYMAN was elected Moderator and Eld. SAM C. CRAFT re-elected Clerk.

Brethern PYLANT, VARN, TANNER, CASEY & BOYET were appointed a committee to arrange preaching during session. Bros. TODD, HENDRY, JORDAN, WILSON & STANFORD elected to committee.

J. M. HAYMAN, D. STANFORD, S. B. TODD, R. N. PYLANT & E. J. HULL were appointed to Executive Committee for ensuing Associational Year.

Ministers of The South Florida Baptist Association, with their Post Office address. Those marked (*) are Licentiates.

HAYMAN, J. M. - Moderator	Bartow	Polk County, Fla.
CRAFT, SAM. C. - Clerk	Tampa	
CROSS, S. L.	Alafia	
*FUTCH, J.	Cork	
HENDRY, J. W.	Alafia	
*HARRELL, G. B.	Manatee	
MILLER, W. B.	Alafia	
*PYLANT, R. N.	Bartow	
STANFORD, DANIEL	Bartow	
TODD, S. B.	Cork	
WALDRON, S.	Cork	
WILSON, A.	Cork	
HUMPHRIES, J. T.	Tampa	

CHURCHES AND STATISTICS

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTORS	DELEGATES
Bethel	Polk	A. WILSON	
Ft. Hartsuff	Man.	S. WALDRON	W.N.CREWS
Maple Branch	Man.	J.W.HENDRY	TIMOTHY BRYANT
Midway	Hern.	H.McGLOWN	M.WILSON, H.JORDON
Peas Creek	Polk		J.M.HAYMAN
Salem	Polk	W.B.MILLER	J.C.A.POLK, J.W.TANNER
Shiloh	Hills.	A.WILSON	S.B.TODD, S.WALDRON
Tampa	Hills.	SAM.C.CRAFT	SAM. C. CRAFT
Tenotasassa	Hills.	S.WALDRON	J.CASEY, S.GODWIN

NEW CHURCHES:

Benevolence	Man.		G.B.HARREL, J.N.ANDERS
Beulah	Hills.	S.WALDRON	W.B.MILLER, S.L.CROSS
Mt. Pleasant	Man.	J.W.HENDRY	HENRY MESSER
Pine Pleasant	Hills.		C.LASTINGER, N.BOYET
Mt. Olive	Polk	A.WILSON	T.W.WILDER, JAMES MILEY

EDITOR'S NOTE: The minutes of the second session contains much more material than is presented above. This data was selected as being most useful and containing the most names of individuals and Churches.

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FORT MYERS CEMETERY - OLD SECTIONS

This Lee County cemetery is continued from Issue #4. Please check the map on page 34-a of Issue #2 for divisions and sections of the cemetery.

SECTION B-2 CONT'D:

Walter O. Sheppard March 20, 1890 - August 29, 1926
Allan Percy Digges October 19, 1871 - September 3, 1928
Elizabeth C. McAbee Digges June 13, 1870 - October 1, 1928
David W. Ireland October 24, 1889 - March 3, 1966
Anna Turner Ireland March 22, 1891 - January 15, 1972
Mary Adgate Pope October 15, 1865 - October 27, 1952
Mary Perry Lavcock 1851 - 1932
James M. Clark October 31, 1883 - June 27, 1965
Florence Ireland Clark December 7, 1887 - October 5, 1948
Ida Menge Ireland June 18, 1863 - April 11, 1924
George F. Ireland December 15, 1853 - December 7, 1923
Bertie Ireland Laycock July 8, 1883 - May 6, 1951
Harry A. Laycock February 19, 1876 - September 28, 1957
Edna Ireland Poos August 16, 1894 - November 22, 1974
Fred W. Poos November 12, 1891

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Alma Chaffin West May 22, 1876 - December 24, 1927
Walter Scott Turner, Jr. March 16, 1893 - January 16, 1970
Walter Scott Turner, Sr. October 10, 1848 - September 17, 1925
North Hampton County, North Carolina (Metal CSA marker)
Abbie Moore Turner May 18, 1860 - August 24, 1923
Port Jervis, New York
Frank E. Parkinson, Fla, Sgt, 320 Fld Arty, WWI
July 15, 1890 - November 6, 1970

Mary C. Parkinson 1873 - 1939
 Edward Parkinson 1863 - 1926
 Walter Edward Hicks June 23, 1914 - May 16, 1935
 Clarist Hicks Stiffler March 12, 1917 - June 15, 1970
 Vernon W. Simmons 1925 - 1928
 Theodore S. Simmons 1885 - 1956
 Nils H. Henschen, Fla, Pvt 1 Cl, Gen Hosp 9
 March 17, 1893 - April 3, 1945
 Carl V. Henschen, June 26, 1886 - April 2, 1964
 Jamie C. Henschen June 4, 1903 - February 14, 1943
 Hiram K. Stevens, Jr.
 L William L. Rogers March 17, 1915 - February 11, 1924
 Clarence W. Smith November 6, 1878 - June 1, 1927
 Margurite Cole Collins 1894 - 1939
 Pearl Shanahan 1884 - 1937
 Irene Shanahan November 1, 1864 - October 28, 1950
 Dollie L. Riggs February 22, 1881 - November 26, 1973
 David E. Vallette, Sgt, U.S. Army, WWI
 October 13, 1890 - June 7, 1967
 J. D. Hull 1875 - 1954
 Maggie Hull 1891 - 1969
 George W. Miskimen 1846 - 1927 (GAR)
 Mary Miskimen 1855 - 1944 (DAR)
 Ozella Wiles 1872 - 1926
 Frank Padgett 1875 - 1956
 Jessie Mae Riggs Roberts August 18, 1912 - April 23, 1968
 Alma Effie Riggs October 20, 1904 - September 17, 1926
 Stanley Alva Riggs November 5, 1917 - May 15, 1955
 Philip Porter Nalle May 13, 1880 - April 29, 1955
 Nancy Wise Jennings Nalle April 6, 1890 - April 11, 1926
 Charles Vasiloff 1894 - 1926
 Milton A. Underhill January 12, 1880 - November 17, 1955
 Arcie L. Underhill February 11, 1890 - December 31, 1967
 Elam A. Underhill 1906 - 1926
 Alma L. Jones August 13, 1908 - September 10, 1949
 Edmund Cary Standley 1897 - 1926
 Allen Thomas Stephens February 18, 1864 - May 23, 1943
 Annie Collins Stephens March 16, 1869 - April 5, 1942
 William P. Moseley June 25, 1904 - March 23, 1969
 Mary Leffler Strong October 17, 1875 - June 11, 1956

Addie B. Moseley November 27, 1865 - October 26, 1962
 Allan I. Moseley June 30, 1898 - March 7, 1971
 Faye McCullough, wife of Allan I. Moseley
 November 2, 1900 - January 25, 1926
 John E. Colton 1841 - 1926
 W. E. Colton 1873 - 1960
 Gertrude J. Colton 1875 - 1953
 A. Gertrude Niblack 1902 - 1948
 To the memory of Mrs. L. M. Spear
 SECTION B-4
 George H. Crane 1869 - 1942
 Mary Louise Peck 1896 - 1951
 Nancy Smith, wife of C. C. Norcross 1899 - 1925
 John H. Fraw April 22, 1860 - February 1, 1926
 Isaac Gorton 1857 - 1928
 Alvin Gorton 1878 - 1968
 Sylvia W. Gorton 1881 - 1953
 Francis Asbury Hendry September 24, 1884 - February 8, 1967
 Inez E. Hendry December 5, 1918 - December 31, 1955
 Milton Kantz Hendry 1912 - 1925 (Difficult to read)
 Goldie H. Barden 1888 - 1963
 Edward R. Barden 1880 - 1965
 Jane R. Barden 1852 - 1933
 James Orr Lawrence, Fla, Seaman 2 Cl, U.S.N.R.F., Feb. 3, 1925
 Mary B. Lawrence 1869 - 1945
 Betty Sawyer February 15, 1928 - July 13, 1942
 Kathleen, daughter of Youvia and Preston Sawyer
 September 26, 1924- November 28, 1925
 Peter Joseph Bentz October 18, 1863 - February 7, 1925
 Editor and publisher
 Viola Cosby Bentz March 1, 1865 - October 6, 1928
 Naomi Eliza Cox 1902 - 1925
 Ida Jane Cox 1869 - 1943
 Arthur J. Carraway May 21, 1882 - August 8, 1948
 Eva M. Carraway 1884 - 1963
 Clara M., wife of N. K. Andrew Oct. 30, 1907 - Mar. 31, 1925
 W. D. Swint 1853 - 1925
 Charlie W. Prevatt December 6, 1884 - December 20, 1964
 Rhoda Lou G. Prevatt May 4, 1891 -
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