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Fellow Society Members,

Although we tried hard to keep costs down and still provide you excellent support and interesting newsletters, we came to the point where we had to face either raising our membership rates or exploring alternatives with the newsletter. Based on responses from many of you and a vote at our May 2014 meeting we agreed to start the move toward making our newsletter a digital product. We realize that not everyone has e-mail or is comfortable with using a computer and we will try to work to make this transition as easy as possible.

The current newsletter is being provided to you, our members, based on the payment of your 2015 dues. Those who paid \$25.00 annual dues will receive this newsletter by e-mail or can download it from the web. Those who sent an extra \$10.00 will receive it by mail, by e-mail and can download it from the website (members only section).

In an effort to better support our community, we continue researching our Madison Pioneers and writing articles for Greene Publishing. If you don't have access to the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, we will also be posting the stories on our website on the Members Only section and in the newsletter. We are attempting to not only share all our beloved "genealogy" data, but to locate more information about our Pioneers. If you think you can help us, please let us know by sending in an article or a family you would like to see featured in the paper.

Please, don't forget pay for your **2015 dues--\$25.00** for those who agree to receive their newsletter by e-mail or to download it from the Members Only Section of our website and **\$35.00** for those who want to continue to receive a hard-copy newsletter. These dues pay for the production of our newsletters, as well as the internet access and genealogy programs we use to help our members.

Have you thought about giving someone a birthday gift/Christmas gift of a membership? If they are involved in genealogy they will probably love it and if not, well now might be the time to get them involved. Remember that without your memberships, our society would be required to close down the library and possibly the society itself. Let's NOT let that happen.

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Effective 15 January our new username and password on our Members only page will be:

**Username: San Password: Pedro**

For access to our [www.madisongenealogy.tribalpages.com](http://www.madisongenealogy.tribalpages.com) use SanPedro.

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### **Upcoming 2015 Genealogy Conferences**

**2015 Federation of Genealogical Societies**, Salt Lake City, Utah, 12-14 Feb 2015. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and RootsTech are teaming up for a **one-time special genealogy event** at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, February 11-14, 2015. FGS and RootsTech will share the expo hall, general sessions, activities, and more while each conference offers their own program of sessions. FGS sessions will focus on methodology, records, ethnic research, and migration for honing your research skills and society issues to motivate and inspire society volunteers. RootsTech will offer a program of technology-based solutions for the genealogy needs of both individuals and societies.

**2015 New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc.** invites you to join them at their thirteenth genealogical conference, 15-19 Apr 2015 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island. The Convention Center offers outstanding facilities, amenities, and service in an easy-to-reach location. It is located in the heart of historic Providence—the only US city to be named “one of the Top Ten Up-and-Coming Travel Destinations in the World. The conference theme, “Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future” has strong nautical connections. With over 60 lectures to choose from in two and ½ days and levels ranging from beginner to expert, NERGC will help attendees “navigate.”

**2015 National Genealogical Society** Family History Conference, 13-16 May 2015 in St. Charles, Missouri. Hosted by the St. Louis Genealogical Society. Registration begins 1 Dec 2014. As pioneers migrated across the country along the waterways, trails, and eventually railroads in search of new homes, the Midwest became the crossroads of the nation. Some settlers arrived from their first American homes in the East while others traveled directly from abroad. Some migrated via east coast ports while others sailed to New Orleans then made their way up the Mississippi River to reach points north and west. All traveled with their families, their hopes and dreams, customs, occupations, and religious beliefs. Regardless of their final destinations, those early travelers left many footprints along the way as they crossed America.

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**Interesting News from Over County:**

**Greenville R. 1 News**

- Well folks, here we are again after two weeks' of rainy weather.
- Mr. **W. E. Berrong** of the Simpkins Farm started picking cotton Monday morning.
- Mr. and Mrs. **J. C. Gray** and son **Paul** are spending a while with Mr. Gray's father, **Rev. R. W. Gray** of Pine Island, and while there they attended the revival.
- **Mrs. O. V. Taylor** and two children of Cherokee Farm were the week-end guests of Mr. **W. R. Taylor** of Cherry Lake Farms.
- Mr. **Sam Varnadoe** and baby are spending several weeks with **Mrs. Annie Bell Ledgeworth** of Redding Hammock.
- Mr. **Frank Varnadoe** and family attended church at Pine Island Sunday night.
- Mr. and Mrs. **T. S. Potter** were business visitors in Moultrie Thursday afternoon.
- Mr. **Frank Varnadoe** and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. **O. V. Taylor** Tuesday.

**Eridu News**

- Mr. and Mrs. **J. C. Williams** of Eridu attended prayer services at Pleasant Grove Sunday night.
- Mr. **Wilbur Aman**, **Aubrey Aman**, **Willard Lewis** and Misses **Barbara Shealey**, **Louvenia Goodman** and **Evelyn Campbell** made a hurried trip to Garbett Crossing Sunday afternoon.
- Mr. **Alton Whiddon** of near Cabbage Grove was seen in Eridu Sunday morning.
- Messrs. **Colon**, **Charlie** and **Grady Lewis** of our burg attended church at Fellowship Sunday morning.
- Mr. and Mrs. **A. C. Parker** were seen in our section Sunday.
- Misses **Mable** and **Laura Jane Lewis** of our burg attended church.
- **Talmadge** and **Melvin Sessions** motored to Madison Saturday afternoon.
- **Mrs. E. C. Fulford** and children **Troy**, **Roy** and **E. P.**, and **Mrs. Joe Poppell** and **Milton Poppell** were seen in our section Sunday.

- Quite a few from Eridu attended prayer services at Pleasant Grove Sunday night.
- Mr. **Lewis Graham** and **Amos Davis** were in our community Sunday afternoon.
- Mr. and Mrs. **Lester Lewis** from Tallahassee visited relatives in our burg Wednesday afternoon.
- Mr. and Mrs. **J. E. Aman** and Mr. **G. C. Lewis** made a business trip to Perry Saturday.
- Mr. **Wash Lundy** was in our community Sunday.
- Mr. **Hilburn Hendry** and **Roy Goodman** were in Eridu Sunday afternoon.
- Mr. **Paul Hendry** spent Thursday night with Mr. **Clarence Goodman**.
- Mr. and Mrs. **S. W. Tedder** spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. **W. S. Sessions**.
- Mr. and Mrs. **Charlie Knowles** of Gainesville, Fla., were visiting relatives this week-end.
- Miss **Virginia Tedder** spent Sunday night with Miss **Gladys Sessions**.

**Lamont News**

- We've been having plenty of rain. The weather has been pretty hot.
- We are glad to know that Mr. **Sam Smith** is getting along as well as can be expected after his operation.
- Mrs. **J. W. Boatwright** spent the week-end with **Mrs. W. D. Brooks**.
- Mr. **F. E. Hartsfield** and Mr. **Douglas Sawyer** made a hurried trip down to the Nutall Rise last Friday afternoon.
- Mr. **D. D. Hartsfield** is spending a few days at the Nutall Rise with relatives and friends.
- We are sorry to hear of Mr. **Jim Tyas** being ill for several weeks, but some better at this time.

*[Nutall Rise was a fish camp where many a decision was made about the fate of legislation passing its way through the Florida Senate. The fish camp belonged to **Raeburn C. Horne**, a three-time state legislator from Madison County and an ardent lobbyist in favor of the small loans industry. The camp was located at Nutall Rise on the Aucilla River in western Taylor*

County. It was named for **William B. Nuttall**, a Jefferson County planter who was one of several men to buy up a large amount of acreage near the Aucilla River in western Taylor County with the intent to establish a sugar cane plantation. This plan never came to fruition, but the name Nuttall stayed. Extracted from [floridamemory.com](http://floridamemory.com).

### Concord News

- We are still having a few showers.
- Miss **Blanche Dewey** was called to Valdosta Saturday night to the Little-Griffin Hospital.
- Quite a few from around here transacted business in Madison Saturday.
- Mrs. Alice Jarvis** was called to the bedside of her daughter, **Mrs. Alex Peppera**, in Madison Saturday. We wish Clara a speedy recovery.
- Supt. E. B. Browning** and family of Madison spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. **W. C. Browning** and family.
- Mr. **Riley Renfroe** and son of Quitman passed through our burg Monday.
- Mr. **Hazel Wood** of Madison spent Saturday night and Sunday with his grandfather and aunt.
- Mr. **A. J. Radford** of Nankin transacted business here last week.
- Mr. **D. M. Wood** was a business visitor in Quitman Friday.
- Mr. and Mrs. **E. I. Bush** and daughter shopped in Quitman Saturday.
- Mr. **Webb** of Valdosta was transacting business in our burg Tuesday.
- Mr. **E. L. Shaffer** left Tuesday for Quitman, where he has accepted a position.
- The farmers are busy picking cotton.
- We are glad to learn that **Mrs. E. L. Shaffer** and daughter, **Thelma**, are able to be out again after being confined to their bed last week with chills and fever.
- Messrs. **John Lee** and **Howard Studstill** of Madison were business visitors at Lovett Monday.
- Mr. **Frank Shaffer** left Monday for Jacksonville where he will visit his brother for several weeks and then will go on to Miami, Tampa and several other places down South.

- Love is a disease so the doctors say, and the only cure is to run away. I wonder if a certain little girl up here thinks that is true. Let's ask her. Don't cry, little girl, he'll be around bye and bye.

### Hopewell News

- We are having some nice weather for the past few days, which is appreciated by everyone.
- There were church services at Hopewell Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night by the pastor, **Rev. I. M. Moore** of Hosford.
- Mr. and Mrs. **Charlie Maddox** of Clearwater are spending some time with relatives here.
- **Mrs. Anna Enfinger** of Ft. Myers is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank McClamma** and family.
- Miss **Frances Holden** of Pinetta is spending a few days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **Cary F. Lamb**.
- Mr. and Mrs. **B. F. Rutherford** and two children, of Madison, attended services here Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. **Cary F. Lamb**.
- Mr. and Mrs. **M. A. Williams** and Mr. and Mrs. **S. A. Lamb** and family of Madison attended church services here Sunday.
- **Mrs. T. D. Tadlock** returned home Sunday, after spending the past three weeks with relatives in West Florida and Alabama.
- Mr. and Mrs. **Russell Maddox** and children of Boca Grande are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. **J. B. Kelly**.
- Mr. **Howard Frier** spent part of last week in Valdosta.

### Iddo News

- It has quit raining a little bit for the last few days and it surely seems good.
- **Mrs. Fannie Dice** left the home of her son Sunday to go spend a while with her daughter, **Mrs. Willie Young**, at Perry.
- Mr. and Mrs. **Alton Sheffield** are spending a few days with Mr. Sheffield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J. R. Sheffield**.

### Midway News

- The many friends of Miss **Annie Thomas** and Mr. **Colon Bell** hope them a long and

happy married life. We surely do miss Annie from our midst.

- Mrs. **Stella Jones** and family are spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

- Mr. and Mrs. **William Webb** and family attended services at Lee Sunday night, reporting a good sermon by **Bro. Stone**.

- We are glad to welcome Mr. **Raymond Nobles** and family from South Florida into our midst. Hope they will be pleased with their new home.

- Everybody come to our revival at the arbor, beginning July 30. Conducted by **Bro. Mallory Smith** and **Bro. Bennett**. Come praying that there will be souls saved.

#### **Aucilla News**

- **Bro. Connell** filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.

- Mr. **John Hamilton** seems to be no better at this writing.

- Mr. **James E. Walker** of Gainesville, and **Mrs. James Harpe** of Palatka, Fla., spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives.

- Little **Joy Dice** of Cherry Lake is spending some time with her grandmother, **Mrs. Addie Dice**.

- **Mrs. Wynman Horne** returned Thursday to Ocala after spending a few days with relatives.

- Glad to see **Isaac Lewis** able to be going about some.

#### **Flatwoods News**

- Mr. and Mrs. **Bill Smith** of Madison were guests of Mr. and Mrs. **G. W. Martin** Sunday.

- Miss **Lucille Varnadoe** of the Cherokee Farms, spent the past week, the guest of **Miss Ruby O'Quinn**.

- Mr. **Jake Marshall** of Greenville spent Sunday the guest of Mr. **George Martin, Jr.**

- Little Miss **Marie Brock** of Greenville spent the week-end with **Jewel Martin**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Theodore Fraleigh** spent the week-end in Quincy visiting her mother, **Mrs. A. L. Hinson**.

#### **Macedonia News**

- **Rev. A. H. Townsend** filled his regular appointment here Saturday, Sunday and

Sunday night, with a very good attendance each time.

- Several of the farmers of our community have started picking cotton.

- Mr. and Mrs. **A. R. Williams** of Madison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. **M. H. Williams** and family.

- Mr. and Mrs. **Uley Newsome** and children of Hickory Grove attended church here Sunday.

- Mr. and Mrs. **L. E. Lyons** had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. **S. T. Webb** of Enterprise.

- Mr. and Mrs. **F. T. Sevor** and son, **Lowell**, of Lee, and Mr. **Joe Bennett** of Hanson.

- Misses **Gertrude** and **S. A. Williams** spent the past week in Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach visiting relatives and friends.

- Mr. and Mrs. **Bryant Golden** and children were visiting in Perry Sunday.

- Miss **Marie Lyons** returned home Saturday after spending the past week with her sister, **Mrs. S. T. Webb**, at Enterprise.

#### **Harmony News**

- We're still having plenty of rain as well as plenty of hot weather.

- Miss **Clara O'Neal** who is teaching school at Midway, spent the week-end here with her mother, **Mrs. O'Neal**.

- Mr. and Mrs. **Charlton Smith** of Hamburg were visitors in our community Sunday afternoon.

- Mr. and Mrs. **W. H. Register**, **Mrs. J. E. Blair**, also Misses **Lorine Norris**, **Mattie O'Quinn** and **Evelyn Surles** composed a party enjoying a picnic and swim at Cherry Lake Sunday.

- Mr. and Mrs. **K. W. Waldrep** spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. **W. Hudson**.

- Friends sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. **Burton O'Neal** over the loss of her sister-in-law, **Mrs. Lamar Fletcher** at her home in Georgia recently.

- Miss **Gussie Norris** spent last Friday with **Mrs. Jimmie Kinsey** of near Greenville.

- Friends of Mr. **A. J. O'Neal** are glad to know that he is getting along well now but

sorry to hear that he lost one of his best mules to death last Thursday evening.

- Miss **Evelyn Surlles** was a visitor to Madison Saturday.
- **Mrs. C. M. King** spent Saturday with her mother, **Mrs. W. H. Register**.

#### **New Prospect News**

- **Mrs. W. B. Perkins** and son **Harold** spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. **J. H. Simmons** and family.
- We are sorry to hear that **Mrs. Hendry** is sick again and was taken to the hospital in Thomasville.
- Messrs. **R. E. Cowart** and **Carl Burnett** were visitors in Tallahassee Thursday.

#### **Correspondents Wanted**

- The Enterprise-Recorder would be glad to have a correspondent in the town of Greenville and one from the homestead group at Cherry Lake to send news to the paper each week. In return, we will send them a copy of the paper each week, and, if the correspondence justifies it, stamped envelopes for the postage.

#### **Around the Square**

- The first bales of cotton ginned in the county this season were ginned Tuesday of this week by **J. A. Burnett** & son of this city for **L. G. Sheffield**. There were 1541 pounds of seed cotton, turning out 521 pounds of lint in one and 1595 pounds of seed cotton in the other, and 500 pounds of lint.
- The Enterprise-Recorder expresses thanks to Mr. **J. W. Kiser** of Hanson for a nice watermelon brought in Monday. The melon had been put in the refrigerator and it has been eaten. It is one of the sweetest brought in this year. Thanks, Mr. Kiser.
- The many friends of the clerk-of-the-court **D. F. Burnett, Jr.**, are glad to know that he has been able to be out again, even though in a wheel chair. Mr. Burnett is recovering slowly though one of his arms is giving him a good bit of trouble now. Hope you'll soon be able to be back on the job again, Mr. Burnett.
- Mr. **W. L. Tooke**, well known citizen, presented the Enterprise-Recorder editor

Monday with a choice peck of pears pulled from one of his trees. The pears are well-developed and are very pretty. We're making pear preserves out of'em, Mr. Tooke. You must eat some of them when they're cooked.

#### **Slot Machines Going Strong in Madison.**

- There seems to be a revival of the slot machine racket going on, particularly in Madison. Numerous business houses have installed them, and counting those at filling stations, lunch stands and other places, quite a good many of them are operating in our city. It is our frank opinion the city and the state BOTH ought not to compromise with them but should eliminate them as soon as possible. The state is considering licensing them. That is a sad state of affairs, for no state can live on gambling revenues. It seems the State of Florida's tendency is to make the citizens gamblers in view of the recent bill which would legalize slot machines and tax them; not mentioning the dog and horse tracks which have already made a lot of people betting addicts in the cities that have them.

- **G. Frank Andrews** of Greenville was a business visitor in the city Tuesday and reported that the remodeling of his store is nearly completed. Mr. Andrews purchased the building next to his store and is combining the two into a handsome, up-to-date store. The new dimensions are 48 x 66. Mr. Andrews invites all his friends to come over to Greenville some time and see his modern establishment.

#### **Big Reptile Slain**

**Dawson Rutherford** and **James Black** ran over a large 5 ½ foot rattlesnake with a log truck Monday afternoon on the Hamburg road up near the **John Wilson** place. The snake had six rattles and a button. It was brought to the printing office to be examined by the Reptile Editor. Bunting's Tannery, **Bobbie Bunting**, prop., took charge of the remains and "de-fanged" the snake with a pair of pliers. Snake catchers

are requested to be sure their specimens are dead before they are brought to the printer.

### Fire Chief Bags Owl

- **Jesse Hughey**, sharp-shooting chief of Madison's fire-fighting brigade, took a pot shot at a horned owl atop the M & F Bank late Monday afternoon and plugged him through with one shot from his trusty shotgun. Assistant-chief **James Bunting** scuttled up the building and retrieved the bird. He measured about three feet from wing tip to wing tip.

### Local Snapshots Seen This Week

- **Tom Beggs** and **J. F. Littleton**, telling a lot of their friends about finding one hair on the top of **C. L. Geiger's** head—they seemed surprised there were that many.
- **C. W. Sinclair** riding along the street by fire station
- **Joe Bochnia**, rounding a corner in his milk truck
- **Mrs. Arch Lanier** stopping to tell a little boy that the Epworth League was to meet at the Long's Camp.
- **Mrs. J. L. Brinson** asking about what local people are saying this week...
- **W. S. Cooper** telling how a chicken in his neighborhood came to a sad end from a stray slingshot pellet.
- **Ellis Curry** riding by the post office in his Austin...
- **Hansel Maxwell**, telling some friends about a big tractor demonstration.
- **Charlie Moore** receipting some bills for the F. P. & L. Co.
- **H. E. McArthur** bringing in a subscription to the E. R. for a friend—he says he can't do without it.
- **S. Lundy Morrow** reclining in a comfortable chair under a big tree by Sis's hostel—keeping cool, he was—and enjoying it too it seemed.
- **Billie Simpson** and two Cooper boys, telling about catching a squirrel—Daniel Boones they are.
- **Paul Coffee** talking about a big dance down at Moseley Hall.

- A good-looking girl waiving at **Guy Sale**—comment: a lot of them do that.

- Miss **Josie Smith** chatting with some friends.

- **H. D. Oxford** buying some cat meat from a local store.

- **Dick Bryan** crossing one of Madison's busy business streets.

- **Agnes Sims** strolling along with a friend by the post office.

- **Ray Hiers** leaning up against a building talking over the situation with a friend.

- **Ferdinand Naughton** telling about swinging in the swings out at the Legion.

- **Edwin Hadden** carrying some pears into his store.

- **Red Johnson** telling about fishing in a pond from 7 at night to 6 the next morning.

- **Dave Sanders** leaning against a bench, discussing local and national affairs.

- **Guy Morrow** waiting on some customers.

- **R. L. Simpson** sitting in a swing on his front porch, taking it easy...

- **Mrs. Van H. Priest** checking over a large circular the Company is putting out.

### Home Entered

The **W. P. Jacobs** home on West Pinckney street was entered and ransacked early Saturday night while Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were away. Nothing was missed, however.

An attempt was made the same night to enter the **B. G. Waring** home on North Horry street, but without success. A screen was cut down, but the would-be robber was unable to raise the window.

### Death Claims Father of Local Woman

**Mrs. R. L. Simpson** was called to Russellville, Ala., Saturday by the death of her father, Mr. **W. J. Hurn**, which occurred in that city late that evening. Funeral services were held Monday in Russellville. Mr. Hurn was 63 years of age. He is survived by his widow, one son, **W. J. Hurn, Jr.** of Russellville, and five daughters. They are **Mrs. R. L. Simpson**, Madison; **Mrs. Carl W. Vereen** of Perry; **Mrs. Nina McCollum** and **Mrs. A. J. Lundy**, Russellville, and **Mrs.**



**Stockton** of Pampa, Texas. Mrs. Simpson had only recently returned from Russellville, where she had been at the bedside of her father, but returned home when he was thought to be improving.

#### Junior Woman's Club Gives Bridge Party

A pretty affair of the past week was the bridge party Thursday evening given by the Junior Woman's club honoring Miss **Rachel Smith**, popular bride-elect, **Mrs. Theodore Fraleigh** and **Mrs. Randell Dickinson**, brides of the summer. Multi-colored zinnias were used to adorn the club room where six tables were arranged for contract bridge.

Following several interesting progressions scores were compared. Miss **Lurline Pridgen** won high score prize, a novelty nut basket. Miss **Hazel Moore** won the cut prize, a set of ash trays. Gifts of individual powder puff sets were presented to the honorees as mementos of the occasion.

A green and pink color note was carried out in the dainty ices and individual cakes. Sprigs of pink crepe myrtle adorned the plates.

Miss **Claire Wadsworth**, president of the club, was assisted by Miss **Louise Watson**, Miss **Ruby Vann** and Miss **Audrey Newman** in looking after the pleasure of the guests.

Out-of-town visitors present were **Mrs. Alex Wade, Jr.**, of Sebastian, **Mrs. Albert S. Wing** and Miss **Hazel Moore** of Tampa.

#### Mt. Olive News

- Mr. **D. M. Albritton** of Lake Wales returned home Thursday after spending a few weeks with relatives and friends here.

- Mr. and Mrs. **W. D. Albritton** and children, Miss **Aline Albritton** and Miss **Helen Clark** of Clearwater returned home last week, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

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- Miss **Mildred Tuten** spent a few days with Miss **Mertie Simmons**.

- Mr. and Mrs. **M. P. Tuten** and family, Misses **Mertie** and **Nervie Simmons** and Mr. **Cecil Bailey** attended church at Sirmans Saturday night.

- We are glad to report that **Mrs. J. W. Hendry** is improving.

#### Lovett News

- Miss **Thelma Shaffer** and brother, **E. L. Shaffer, Jr.**, were visitors in Lovett Saturday.

- Mr. and Mrs. **R. T. Taylor** and children and Miss **Gladys Taylor** of Shady Grove were week-end visitors in and near Lovett.

- Mr. and Mrs. **T. D. Lovett** and baby and **Mrs. D. S. Lovett** and children were visitors at Nutall Rise last week.

- Mr. **J. E. Cruce** of Shady Grove is relieving Mr. **H. O. Thompson** this week.

- **Mrs. S. James** and a few friends went to get some grapes Monday and failed to find any.

- Misses **Jeanett** and **Helen Wood** were guests of their granddad, Mr. **D. M. Wood**, Tuesday.

- **Mr. Loper** of Madison was a visitor in Lovett Tuesday.

- **Mrs. Hall**, who has been spending a while with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **S. James**, returned to her home in Woodville Monday.

- **Rev. Shelby A. Wilson** and Mr. **D. E. McCall** of Lee have returned from a ten days' trip to New York City.

- Mrs. **Bessie Neal** of Baltimore is visiting her sister, **Mrs. D. F. Burnett, Jr.**

- Miss **Glenn Sanders** and **Mrs. Robbie Austin** spent the week-end visiting relatives at Havana.

- Mr. and Mrs. **R. C. Dickinson** spent Tuesday in Jacksonville.

- Mr. **T. L. Welch** of Madison, Route 2, was among the business visitors in town last Saturday.

- **Mrs. Horace Priest** of Bronson is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. **J. R. Kelly**, this week.

- Mr. **M. Freed** of Pittsburg, Va., on a business trip to Florida accompanied by

Mrs. Freed and two daughters, Misses **Grace** and Ruth was a guest for several days at the Stroud Hotel.

### Report on House Party at Long's Camp

"Well, the house party is over but many pleasant memories remain. To say a good time was really had by all is putting it mildly. Many local lads and several Live Oak boys (West of course was there to see Hazel) made their appearance every night, some not missing a single evening, a fact which didn't cause any sorrow in the hearts of the girls.

"The last night, Tuesday, over a hundred fish were fried and a good-sized throng of Madison boys helped the girls to eat them. Old fashioned cornbread, hushpuppies, accompanied the fish, and both were made easier to swallow by some of the most "delishus" coffee ever drunk around here anywhere. After the bountiful meal everybody was feeling good, so the orchestra, consisting of a fiddle an' gittar [sic], stepped forward, got in tune, and started playing. Much square dancing was enjoyed as well as round dancing. **Red Johnson, Bobbie** (Snake Tanner) **Bunting** and **Everett** (Book Salesman) **Browning** called out the directions. Quotation from **Mrs. Long** about square dancing: "I think square dancing is one of the best things in the world; it brings people closer together and makes them know each other better.

"A few of the girls mentioned in last week's collum [sic] were unable for one reason or another to go, so here is a correct (we hope) list of those who went: **Jean Stoy, Hope McCain** (Dale Leslie was around a lot), **Mary Ellen Long, Vivian Lanier, Lucile Walker, Jimmie Parramore, Hazel** (Love Oak) **Bullock, Helen Glen Merryday, Jerry** (R. P.) **Roane, Mary Anne Moore, Juanita Wheeler, Dot York, Emmala Mays Kellty, Agnes Love Parramore,** and **Bud** and **Irene Overby,** chaperones.

Some of the local lads there included: **Bobbie Simpson, Dick Dial, Bobbie Bunting, Dale Leslie, Jimmy Tucker, Pat Millinor, Joe Smith Cobb, Bill Hamilton, Sammie Sumpter Baker, Frank Green, Erquete Morrow** (no doubt to see H. G. M.), **Harry Tomlinson, Glenn Wilson, Robert** (J. R.) **Padgett, Lovett Burnett, Knot Dickinson, Neal Bradley, Red Johnson, George Thomas Condre, Jr.,** of Cherry Lake Farms, Inc., **Everett Browning, John Henry Plant, Charliue** (T. G.) **Davis, Roy Bronson, Tommie** (Dunnellon) **Livingston, Buster Christmas, Phil Simmons, W. C. (Wandering Cowboy) Copeland, Teford Hicks,** and lots of lads from Live Oak. While the boys from across the river supplied plenty of competition the local lads—the prides of Madison—came out on top except in the West-bullock affair, a case in which Live Oak had a big edge over Madison. **Pete Noegel** of Ellaville also called around once and a while.

### Other Notes...

- **Bud Overby** got quite proficient imitating cats...
- **Jimmy Tucker** ruined only two tires during the house party, one on a stump (unable to find out where this happened) and the other on a stray beer bottle in Live Oak—tough luck, Jimmy—better not try to turn your Chevy into a "stump-jumper" of the Wesley Griffin type....
- **Mary Ellen's** model T gave out of gas exactly 5 times...
- M. E., Agnes Love, and Jimmie P. with three Romeos, Everett, Roy and Knot, gave out of gas on the highway and the three lads tried to wave down a car...three passed in rapid succession without stopping, then the girls tried their luck...the first car stopped...
- In a game called Truth & Consequences one of the girls reported it was said that 5 lassies would rather court **Pat Millinor** than any other boy in town (maybe including Live Oak)...that is quite the truth, an' if you have the boldness and rashness to doubt it, ask any of the 14 (or 5)...

- Tuesday night the boys left a little before one but it was reported the girls stayed up talking (no doubt about the boys) until 4 o'clock...**Jerry Roane, Lucile Walker, and Hope McCain** stayed up all night it was reported by those trying to sleep...
- Great credit is due **Chandler (Red) Johnson** and **Willie Hamilton** for catching the fish...couldn't have done without them...
- Conspicuous date Sunday p. m. was **H. G. Merryday** and **Steve Dennis**...
- A large time was had by all when all the lassies who weren't playing poker went to Ellaville Sat. p.m. and danced to the melodious tunes of the jitney Victrola.
- **Everett Browning** entertained the crowd Tues. night with a lot of old songs, most particularly the one of his own composition dealing with Books for Sale...
- Two shoes of somebody were "chunked" in the river by W. C., but were fished out later
- A turtle, IDA by name, was caught but escaped later...some thought he had drowned...
- Everybody's looking forward to the house party next year---your Rambling Reporter.

**Oak Hill**

- **Mrs. Steve Lazarus** of Live Oak spent this week-end with her mother, **Mrs. Iver Gaston**, and other relatives here.
- **Mrs. Richard Huggins** and son, **Jr.**, and father, **Mr. J. P. Hammock, Sr.** and Miss **Ora Lee Mulligan**, all of Perry, and **Myrtice Redding** of Fenholloway, visited friends and relatives here and near Jennings last week.
- We are glad to know that **Mr. George Keeling** seems to be much improved since our last writing. We hope he will continue to improve.

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- Misses **Senova** and **Sallie Swilley** and brother **Roscoe** from Glenn were visiting their uncle **Mr. C. T. Corbett** and family this week.
- A number of our people have been enjoying the revival at Pinetta. It meant a great deal to some of our people we feel. We only regret that more did not attend.
- Misses **Gwendolyn** and **Rosetta Gaston** are spending this week in Perry with friends.
- Miss **Ruth Hammock** returned Sunday from a week's visit with her aunt at Lamont. **Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hammock** and family visited in Lamont Sunday, guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beaty**.
- **Mr. B. O. Zipperer** and daughters, Misses **Collie** and **Ina**, from near Lake Park, were visitors at Sunday school Sunday afternoon.
- Misses **Dornella, Valine** and **Ava Nell Corbett** and Miss **Marjorie Zipperer** spent a portion of last week visiting their grandmother, **Mrs. Borah Corbett** and other relatives near Glenn.

**Miss Luckie Shore To Be Buried Here**

The funeral of Miss **Luckie Shore**, age 33, who died at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening in Jacksonville, will be held at the cemetery in Madison Friday afternoon, Aug. 2, at 3 o'clock. The funeral will be conducted by the Methodist minister of Quitman, assisted by **Rev. S. A. Wilson**. Miss Shore was a daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shore** of Jacksonville, formerly of Quitman. Miss Shore was a daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shore** of Jacksonville, formerly of Quitman. **Mrs. Simmie Moore** of this city is a sister of the deceased and **Ralph Shore** of Madison, a nephew.

### **PIONEERS OF MADISON COUNTY**

Your Madison County Genealogy was honored recently with a request from the Greene Publishing, Inc. to submit a bi-weekly sketch of a Madison County Pioneer. Many of the residents of Madison County have deep family roots here; and the rest of us may be interested in learning about the earliest settlers who struck out into an unknown territory to forge a new life for themselves and their descendants.

Genealogy Society members are asked to submit sketches of their pioneer ancestors' biographies. Biographies also will be taken from the Madison Genealogy Society research and excerpts from the Madison County, Florida Family History Book.

But, the best information, we know, is in your family's history. We would be honored, again, if you, the reader, would let us share your Madison County Pioneer story. You can write it, and send it by mail or e-mail to the Madison County Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 136, Madison, FL 32341-0136 or mcgenealogysociety@live.com. Or, if you would like for us to write your story, we would love to interview you and collect your information. Contact us and let us know what you would like.

Submitted sketches could include as much of the following as possible: 1. Name of your earliest pioneer ancestor and when he/she arrived in Madison County. 2. Where he/she came from. 3. Which part of the county he/she settled in. 4. What brought him/her to Madison County and what he/she did for a living. 5. Interesting family stories that have been passed down. 6. How you descend from that pioneer?

Please let us hear about your brave, hardy ancestors who came to Madison County in the 1800s. For those who do not receive the Enterprise-Recorder, we have included the stories thus far posted. Use them as a model to write your own family history and please share them with us.

### **Dennis Driggers 1875 (Part 2)**

#### **Generation Three: Andrew Jackson**

**Alfred**, who we think was **Andrew Jackson's** son, was married to **Emily Phillips** in 1872; he and Emily were the only Driggers in Madison County in 1880. He and **Emily** had

1. **James**, born in 1872.
2. **Mary Ann**, born in 1875
3. **Isabella**, born in 1877
4. **William Burton**, born in 1881
5. **M. J.**, a daughter, born in 1884
6. **Zilla I.** born 1887
7. **Abbee**, born 1890
8. **Ella**, born 1878
9. **Ada**, born 1882.

**Ella** married **Lawrence Winn** in 1896, and apparently he died shortly after the marriage, because she was at home in 1900 with one year old **Annie B. Wynn**. **Alfred** and **Emily** raised their family in the Macedonia area. We think **Mary Ann** married **T. L. Welch** in 1891. **Zilla** married **W. H. Clark** in 1898. **Abbie** married **Al Johnson** in 1903. **Ada** married **George Tindall** in 1906.

#### **Generation Three: Simeon B.**

**Elisha W.**, born 1843, was most likely the son of **Simeon B.** and **Elizabeth Gornto**; he married **Queen Ann Lee**, or **Ann Elizabeth** in 1870. **Elisha W.** and his wife spent much of their married life in Bradford County, Florida, but were back in Madison County by 1935. They had the following children:

1. **Elisha Charlie** or **Charlie** (we think), **JEM**, 1883
2. **Stephen Elisha**, 1890; and **Georgia**, 1892.

By 1870, many of the Driggers families had moved to Lafayette County, including **Dennis, Jr.**, son of **Dennis**, and his children. At this time, **Susan Poncher Driggers**, who had been married to **Simeon Driggers**, was living with her two children, **Ellen** and **Simeon Kincaid** in Lafayette County with **Isaac** and **Rebecca Walker** and their children. **Susan's** husband, **Simeon** was

the son of **Jonas**, who was one of **William's** children. (**William** and **Dennis**, the Madison Pioneer were brothers.) **Simeon**, the father of **Ellen** and **Simeon Kincaid**, died just before **Simeon Kincaid** was born, in 1872; **Ellen** was only two years old when her father died.

Clydie Driggers Russell tells an interesting story in *Madison County, Florida Family History Book*. Clydie tells that in 1885, **Susan, Simeon Kincaid and Ellen's** mother, died in Lafayette County, leaving Ellen and Simeon Kincaid orphaned at 10 and 12 years old. So **Simeon** and **Ellen** walked to Madison County, in search of their half-brother, **John Rufus Dickerson**. They never found John Rufus, but they found folks that took them in; they worked for their room and board until they married. **Ellen** married **Thomas McCullough**, and they had one daughter, **Lala**. **Simeon Kincaid** married **Elizabeth Frances Holton**, in 1895, and the couple had three children, **Effie Ola**, who married **Frank Stokes**; **George Dewey**, who married **Neva Evans**; and **Susie Mae**, who married **Frank's** brother, **Edgar Stokes**. They lived in the Lee area. **Sim** then married **Piercie Waters Lane** when his first wife died. Piercie brought her three small children, **Leon, Etha, and Willie Mae** to the family. Then Sim and Piercie had four more children: **Milton, Vernice, Clydie, and Adelia**. Clydie, daughter of **Simeon Kincaid**, proudly recalls her father's dedication to his family. Each May, the **S. K. Driggers** family reunion is held at the Lee City Hall.

Mrs. Russell tells that there were two Driggers families, in the area when she was growing up: the **Will Driggers** and the **Sim Driggers** families. Will and Sim were neighboring farmers, and often met each other. When they met, they always shook hands, and one of them always wondered if they were related. Not until after they both died did the family find the kinship.

#### **Generation Four: Children of Andrew Jackson's son Alfred**

**James**, born 1872, son of Alfred, son of Andrew Jackson, married **Margaret Wood**, born 1875, and had, **Hunter**, 1895 and **Gracie**, 1905, James and Margaret also lived in the Macedonia area. It seems that James remarried **Lila Mae Ward** in 1918 and had **Raymond**, born in 1922.

**William Burton**, 1881, son of Alfred, son of Andrew Jackson, married **Annie B. Clark**, 1881, and had **Willie**, 1900; **Howard B.**, 1901; **Audry**, 1904; **Walter Mikle**, 1907; **Adell**, 1910; **Daisy**, 1915; **J. D.**, 1917; **Richard**, 1918; and **Mary Lue**, 1921. He lived in the Norton Creek area. **Howard B.** married **Hoyette Albritton** in 1920. **Audry** married **Parramore McCullough** in 1919.

**Generation Four: Children of Simeon B's son Elisha W. EC, or Elisha Charlie, or Charlie** was in the 1920 Census, in the Greenville area. He married **Ella Thompson** in 1894 and **Lonie Knight**, in 1902 and had **Pearl**, 1902; **Elisha W. or Lige**, 1904; **Shellie**, 1908; and **Queen Ann Elizabeth**, 1909. We are not positive that Charlie's parents were Elisha W. and Queen Ann Lee. We feel like they were because Charlie was named Elisha Charlie, because he named a daughter Queen Ann Elizabeth, and because he named a son **Elisha W. or Lige**. **Queen Ann Elizabeth** married **English B. Smith** in 1924. **Charlie** is buried in the San Pedro cemetery; he died in 1925.

#### **Generation Five: Children of Andrew Jackson's son Alfred's son James**

**Hunter**, 1895, son of James and grandson of Alfred, married **Alice Davis** and had **Marie**, 1914; **Hunter, Jr.**, 1918; **Walter**, 1923; **Margret**, 1923; and **Marion**, 1930. **Marie** married **Robert Williams** in 1928. (W. D. married **Thelma Thompson** in 1936.)

#### **Generation Five: Children of Simeon B's son, Elisha W.'s son Charlie**

**Elisha E.**, born 1904, son of **Charlie** and **Lonie**, married **Faridy Clayton**, and had the following children: **C. L.**, born 1926; **Mildred**, born 1929; **Johnnie**, born 1931;

and **Pasco**, born 1935. By 1940, apparently **Faridy**, their mother, had died, and three of the children were living with other families. **Mildred** was adopted by and living with **Thomas** and **Eddie Studstill**. **Pasco** was adopted by and living with **Millie M.** and **Evelyn Pickles**. **Johnnie**, born 1931, was living with grandparents **Leroy** and **Georgia Clayton**. In 1940, **Elijah**, their father, was married to **Beatrice**.

#### **Generation Six Children of Simeon B's son, Elisha W.'s son Charlie's son**

We don't find any generation six children of **Charlie** in the 1940 Census. His son **Elijah's** children were not old enough to marry and raise families.

#### **Generation Six, Children of Andrew Jackson's son Alfred's sons James and William Burton**

We also don't find any children in 1940 Census belonging to sons of **James** and **William Burton**. By 1940, only **William Burton**, 1881, and **Annie Clark Driggers**, 1882, were living in Madison with their unmarried children, **Richard**, 1918, and **Mary Lou**, 1921. **Raymond**, 1924, son of **James**, 1872, and **Lila Mae Ward**, 1909, was living with his widowed mother, also unmarried. **Raymond**, in 1945, married **Laura Lee Bunting**.

In 1940, Simeon Kincaid, descendant of William, brother of Dennis, the Pioneer, had a son, **George Dewey**, 1899, married to **Neva Evans**, with sons **Cleveland**, 1924, and **Lorenza**, 1930 living in the county.

So, the Driggers families in Madison County come from either Dennis, the Madison County Pioneer, by way of his sons **Andrew Jackson** and **Simeon B.** Or they descend from **William**, brother of Dennis, by way of **Simeon Kincaid**. William's descendants lived in Lafayette, Columbia, and other counties; **Simeon Kincaid** returned to Madison in 1885. We do know that the two Driggers farmers, **Will** and **Sim**, who met off and on during their lifetimes and wondered if they were related, were distant cousins, by way of

Dennis the Pioneer in Madison County and **William** his brother. And **Will** and **Sim** were **William Burton** and **Simeon Kincaid**. And we know that there were lots of Williams, Simeons, and Elishas in the Driggers families.

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#### **William Sever 1788-1870**

A true Florida Pioneer, **William Sever** and his wife, **Mary Priscilla Lewis**, arrived in Madison County before 1830 from Emanuel County, Ga., with seven children. William's father was **Henry Sever**; Mary's parents were **Abraham** and **Prudence Lewis**. Their children follow:

1. **Nancy**, 1810, who married **Silas Overstreet**.
2. **Elizabeth**, 1816, who married **Felix K. Eason**.
3. **Mary**, 1818, who married **James T. Leslie**.
4. **William Henry**, 1821, who married **Mary Griner**.
5. **Martha Ann**, 1823, who married **Daniel Burnett**.
6. **Dacey**, 1825, who married **James Edward Vann**.
7. **Susannah**, 1828, who married **William Pierce**. In later years (1865) William married **Mrs. Ann B. Boyd**.

William and his son, William Henry, served in Capt. Livingston's Company 2 East, as Privates in the US Army during the Indian Wars. William and Mary are buried at the Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery in Greenville.

William received 80 acres from the US government in 1831, 80 acres in 1834, and 40 in 1835. He ended up with 640 acres in the Hamburg area, and lived there the rest of his life.

### Third Generation

William had only one son, **William Henry**, 1821, to carry on the family name; but **William Henry** and **Mary Griner** did a pretty good job, by having the following five sons and no daughters:

1. **Frances M.**, 1845.
2. **William W.**, 1847.
3. **James Andrew**, 1849.
4. **Henry (George) Washington**, 1852.
5. **John Hunter**.

We think Henry W. moved to Pinellas and Hillsborough, married Julia, raised a family and worked in citrus.

### Fourth Generation: William W.

It seems that **William W.** was the only son of **William Henry** and **Mary** who remained in Madison County. He married **Mary M.** (according to Find-A-Grave, **Mary Mattox Eason**) and the couple raised their children in Mosely Hall and then Harmony. They had the following 11 children:

1. **William H.**, 1875.
2. **James H.**, 1876.
3. **Mary V.**, 1878, who married **J. S. Cave**.
4. **Andrew B.**, 1880
5. **Jackson T.**, 1882, who married **Rozza Beaty** in 1908.
6. **George W.**, 1885.
7. **Moses E.**, 1899, who married **Maggie Beaty** in 1914.
8. **John S.**, 1891.
9. **Sarah R.**, 1893.
10. **Louis L.**, 1896.
11. **Lugenius**, 1904.

It appears that **Andrew B.** moved to Dade County, married **Leona**, raised a family and was a police officer. **Jackson T.** lived and was buried in Lamont, Jefferson County. **George W.** died in 1909 and was buried in Lamont. **Moses Eason** married **Maggie Beaty** and moved to Dade County. He died in 1957.

### Fifth Generation: William Henry, James H., and Louis Leon.

**William W.** and his sons, **William H.**, **James H.**, and **Louis L.**, all lived near each other in Harmony. **William Henry**, 1875 was first married to **Maggie** and the couple had the following children:

1. **Will T.**, 1896.
2. **Ed Andrew**, 1898.
3. **Henry**, 1900.
4. **Trudy**, 1902.
5. **Charles Eason**, 1904.
6. **Laura May**, 1905.
7. **J. Broward**, 1909.
8. **Sallie**, 1912.
9. **Rebecca**, 1914, who married **Russell Taylor**.
10. **George W.**, 1915.
11. **John W.**, 1918.

**William W.** remarried **Carrie Mae** in 1935.

**James H.**, 1876, married **Della May** and the couple had **Bessie May** in 1902 and **Charles W.** in 1903.

**Louis Leon**, 1896, married **Fannie Bell** and the couple had **Louis Leon, Jr.**, 1924.

**Henry**, it appears, moved to Dade County, died in 1986, and was buried in Lamont.

### Fifth Generation: sons of William H.

**Charles Eason**, 1903, lived in Tuten and married **Nellie Mae** and the couple had **Joseph H.** in 1929 and **Charles** in 1939.

**Ed Andrew**, 1898, married **Wilhemina** and the couple had **Ellen W.** in 1929, **Willard** in 1930, **Maggie** in 1931 and **Andrew Ed., Jr.** in 1937.

**Will T.**, 1896, married **Hoyett** and the couple had the following children: **William H.** in 1930, **Elbert** in 1932, **Glen Etheridge** in 1940, and **Linda** in 1944.

In summary, **William Sever** had six daughters and one son, **William Henry**. (William was a big name in the Sever family and the Williams seemed to remain here). **William Henry** remained in Madison County and had six sons. It seems that only one of the six sons, **William W.**, raised his

family in the county. **William W.** had nine sons, and three of them remained—**William H., James H., and Louis Leon.** **William H.** had three sons that raised their families in Madison County: **Charles Eason, Ed Andrew, and Will T.**

The William Severs are only half of the Severs in Madison County. Around 1845, **Benjamin Sever** moved in, we think from Jefferson County, and married **Mary Tillis.** This branch of Severs does not seem to be at all connected to the William Sever family who arrived in 1830.

The *Madison County Florida Family History Book* provided some information for this article. Other information was pieced from census reports on Ancestry.com and from the Madison County Genealogy Website. Sometimes putting the puzzle of family histories together requires a little deduction, and sometimes the pieces might not be in the right place. Please let us know if we haven't put the puzzle of your family together correctly.

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### **Hugh Hadden Around 1818—1886**

As did most of the pioneers who came to Madison County, **Hugh Hadden** came from South Carolina, and by 1835 was enrolled in the Florida militia. He served in **Captain Livingston's** Company, Taylor's Battalion, Middle Florida Mounted Volunteers; **Lt. Smyli's** detachment, McCant's Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade; **Captain Thomas Langford's** Company, Taylor's Battalion, Florida Mounted Volunteers; and also, we think, Captain **William Townsend's** Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers. These soldiers fought against the Indians. Because of his service, Hugh received a Bounty Land Warrant in 1850 was granted 160 acres on which he homesteaded his land and raised his family.

On July 19, 1838, Hugh married **Lucy Sapp**, in Madison County. Lucy was the daughter of **Henry and Mary Sapp.** Hugh and Lucy had 12 children:

1. **Rebecca**, born 1839, died before 1860, married first **P. H. Vann** on August 4, 1853 and second **Josiah Sion Phillips** on December 19, 1858.
2. **Henry**, born 1840, died before 1870, and married **Frances Missouri Stephen** on February 15, 1860.
3. **Julia Ann**, born September 11, 1843, died February 7, 1925, married **Evy Stokely** on February 10, 1869 and second **Edward Joseph Wimberly** in 1882.
4. **Mary**, born September 24, 1845, died February 14, 1915, married **Samuel Hammock** November 20, 1862.
5. **Joshua Q.**, born February 24, 1848, died October 15, 1893, married **Luvana Elizabeth Cobb** on January 27, 1870.
6. **Franklin (Frank)** born September 1, 1851, died December 24, 1907, married **Temperance Ann Caulk** on December 23, 1875.
7. **Jane**, born 1853, married **Henry Tom Caulk** on January 13, 1874.
8. **Sarah F.**, born September 1857, married **John Wesley Caulk** on October 26, 1876.
9. **Missouri**, born Sept 10, 1859.
10. **Alice**, born 1862, married Mr. **Cobb.**
11. **John**, born 1863, died before 1903, married **Minnie Walker** on January 23, 1889.
12. **Laura Lucy**, born 1866, died before 1882, married **John W. Gamble** February 10, 1886.

As far as we can tell, **Henry** and his wife, **Frances Missouri Stephen**, had no children. **Henry** was a Private in Company G, Florida 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment. He died at age 30. **John** and his wife **Minnie Walker** moved to Texas and raised their family. So, the pioneers left in Madison County were **Joshua Q.** and **Frank.**

*[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, November 14, 2014]*

### **Third Generation: Joshua Q.**

**Joshua Q.**, 1848, and his wife **Louvina Elizabeth Cobb** had 7 children, we believe.

1. **Samuel Hugh**, born 1871, married **Annie Juanita Cottingham** on December 20,



1896, died August 23, 1940, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

2. **Alice L.**, born 1873, married **Russell Vann** on Feb 6, 1895.

3. **William J.**, born October 9, 1874, died December 31, 1899, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. According to family stories on Ancestry.com, William J. was on his way to be married to a Miss Tedder. Apparently there was a gas leak in the hotel where he was staying in Jacksonville, and he was asphyxiated.

4. **Randall H.**, born January 20, 1878, married **Sarah Francis Wetherington** on January 14, 1902, died June 4, 1958, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery.

5. **James Oscar**, born October 28, 1880, married **Marguerite** or **Marjorie Sloan** on August 16, 1904, and died March 21, 1956.

6. **Mamie Lou**, born February 12, 1883, died March 21, 1956, and is buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mamie did not marry and lived for years with her sister, Alice.

7. **Thomas P.**, born July 24, 1887, died May 12, 1907, and is buried at Pine Grove Cemetery. We don't believe that Thomas married or had a family.

*[Part 1; Extracted from the Madison Enterprise Recorder, November 14, 2014]*

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### Third Generation: Frank

**Frank**, born 1851, and his wife **Temperance Caulk** had 6 children that we are aware of:

1. **Hattie**, born 1876;

2. **James Daniel**, born September 17, 1878, died August 17, 1936, and buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. We don't know that James Daniel married or had a family.

3. **Charles Franklin**, July 30, 1880, married **Clara Eugene Scott** on January 8, 1927. We know of two daughters, **Lela**, born 1917 and **Lillie**, born 1919. The couple raised their family in Taylor County and died January 8, 1927.

4. **Meek Annie**, born 1883,

5. **Thomas Jefferson**, born September 22, 1885, married **Even Talitha Moody** on

December 13, 1908, died on November 10, 1949 and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery.

6. **Marry J.**, born 1889.

### Fourth Generation: Joshua Q.

**Joshua Q.**'s son **Samuel Hugh**, 1871, and his wife, **Annie Juanita** had 5 children that we know of:

1. **Edwin Eugene**, born 1899, married **Alma**, died December 1959, and is buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

2. **Madeline**, born 1902, married **Carlton Clifford** on June 24, 1929;

3. **Mamie Ellen**, born 1906,

4. **James Maxwell (Mack)**, born November 25, 1911, married **Jeanette Wood** in 1945, died March 16, 1979, and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. Mack was killed during a robbery attempt at the gas station where he was working.

5. **Eula E.**, born 1916.

**Joshua Q.**'s next son, **Randall Henry**, 1878, and his wife **Sarah Wetherington** had 11 children, we believe:

1. **Lester Carroll**, born 1904, married Miss **Onslow**, had a child **Jeneva**, and moved to Norfolk, Virginia.

2. **Carl**, born 1906, died October 19, 1935, and was buried in Madison County. Carl had a wife, Bettie and a daughter Patricia and lived in Hamilton County.

3. **Alice** or **Aileen**, born 1908.

4. **Randall**, born August 26, 1910, died unmarried June 22, 1934.

5. **Woodrow Wilson**, born September 14, 1912, married **Mary Jo Jones** April 29, 1934, died February 4, 1969, buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. Woodrow was in World War II, and he lived in Norfolk Virginia.

6. **Frances**, born 1915, married **Gilvert Wallace Lewis** and lived in Hillsborough County.

7. **Ethel**, born 1917.

8. **Eustace L.**, known as **John**, born February 25, 1919, married **Erma Collins** July 15, 1941, lived and raised his family on Rocky Ford Road; he died December 31, 1991, and is buried in Brooks County.

9. **Jeneva**, born 1921.

10. **Lounell**, born 1924.

11. **Laura M.**, born 1926.

**Joshua Q.**'s son, **James Oscar**, 1880, and his wife **Marguerite** or **Marjorie** had 5 children that we know of:

1. **William Pasco (Willie)**, born 1908, died 1981, buried Green Cove Springs. A family story on Ancestry.com relates that as a young man, **Willie** ran moonshine. He ran a road block, jumped a ditch, and kept going, towards Georgia. We believe Willie married **Bernice Oglesby** in Brooks County in 1930, and had a child, **Bernice Carolyn**, born 1933. **Willie** and **Bernice** divorced in 1936. **Willie** bought produce as an adult and lived in Green Cove Springs.

2. **Emily**, born 1910, married **Neal R. Reese** on October 18, 1931.

3. **David Yates**, born December 26, 1912, died May 31, 1981 in Tift County, Georgia. David raised his family in Tift County. He managed the bus station in Moultrie, Georgia for many years.

4. **Samuel Foster**, born 1916, was in the Methodist Children's home in Enterprise, Florida as a 14 year old in 1930. He was in the Navy in World War II, and, like his brother David, died in 1994 in Tift County, Georgia. He also raised his family in Tift County

5. **Mildred**, born 1918.

#### Fourth Generation: Frank

Frank and Temperance's son, **Thomas Jefferson** and his wife, **Talitha**, had four children that we could locate:

1. **John Moody**, born 1910, possibly married **Pearl Townsend**, died 1939, and is buried in Pine Grove. There were no children that we know of.

2. **Audrey**, born 1912, married a Mr. **Townsend**, we believe.

3. **Marjorie**, born 1918.

4. **Evelyn**, born 1932, when her mother was 52 years old.

Since **Thomas Jefferson** was the only son of **Frank** who had sons who remained in Madison County, and since **Thomas Jefferson** had no sons who had sons, we

seem to have lost **Frank's** line in Madison County.

#### Fifth Generation: Joshua

In summary, **Joshua** had 3 sons who raised their families in Madison County: **Samuel Hugh**, **Randall**, and **James Oscar**.

**Samuel Hugh** had one son, **Edwin Eugene** who remained in the county and had sons. **Edwin Eugene** and his wife **Alma**, according to the 1940 census, had two children: **Juanita**, born 1925, and **Gene**, born 1928. **Juanita** and **Gene** moved out of the county; **Juanita** has since died; **Gene** still has an interest in the original family farm, and returns, with his family frequently to the home place to hunt and fish.

**Randall** had 5 sons; **Lester Carroll** and **Woodrow Wilson** moved to Norfolk, Virginia; **Eustace** or **John**, as he was called, raised his family in Madison County; **Randall** died young without having a family and **Carl** had no family.

**James Oscar** had 3 sons; **David Yates** and **Samuel Foster** who moved to Moultrie and didn't seem to have a family. **William** moved to Green Cove Springs with no known sons.

So, the original Madison Pioneer, Hugh Hadden had a son **Joshua Q.**, who had a son, **Randall**, who had a son, **Eustace L.**, known as **John**. **Eustace**, or **John**, and his wife **Erma Collins** had 6 children:

1. **Mary Helen**, who married **Pearlie (Buddy) Dorminey**.

2. **Carolyn**, who married **Lawton Lyons**.

3. **John**, known as **Buddy**, who married **Grace Gibbs**.

4. **Lloyd**.

5. **Edward Carroll**, who married **Estelle Stanley**.

6. **Derita**, who married **Jimmy Pinkard**.

At least three of these descendants still live in the area.

**Joshua Q.** also had a son, **Samuel Hugh**, who had a son, **James Maxwell (Mack)**, who had a daughter **Jan**, who married **Bern Smith**, who still lives in Madison County.

**Jan** and her family, along with her cousin **Gene**, son of **Edwin Eugene**, son of **Samuel Hugh** still own the farm that Hugh Hadden received in 1850 as a Bounty Land Warrant. The land is on Rocky Springs Road. Jan says that the family gathers there to hunt, fish. Jan also remembers that that her grandfather, **Samuel Hugh**, owned Hadden Store, located across the street from where Ria Jane's Restaurant formerly was located, from around 1920 to 1950. The store was huge, and sold vegetables and meat that was grown on the farm, as well as cloth, clothing, farm supplies, and anything else one would need. The farm also grew tobacco and 'cotton on stalks so big they would pick up a two horse wagon.' Jan remembers also that the family of her grandmother **Annie Cottingham**, wife of her grandfather, **Samuel Hugh**, were Methodists and were founding members of Rocky Springs Methodist Church.

In the phone book, the only Haddens listed are **Lloyd** and **Carroll (Edward Carroll)**. No doubt, many Hadden descendants remain, through the sisters of the Hadden brothers. Also, one can find many many local families that are connected to the Hadden family: Vanns, Stokelys, Wimberlys, Hammocks, Cobbs, Wetherington, Scotts, and Townsends. Some names have disappeared, such as Caulks and Gambles. We say thank you to the Haddens that remained, fought to protect our county, farmed our land, and formed a stable strong family network, nurturing Madison County.

*[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, November 21, 2014, Part 2]*

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We want to offer many thanks to **Tina Golden**, who contributed the article on Hugh Hadden in the *Madison County, Florida Family History Book*. Also, the Vann Family Tree in Ancestry which provided good back-up information and anecdotes. And also to Jan Smith and Lloyd Hadden for

providing invaluable help in getting the facts straight about the Hadden families. *Often, research into family histories involves a bit of deduction and guesswork. If you see omissions or mistakes, please don't hesitate to correct us.*

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### Thomas J. Hadden Obituary

At eight o'clock Thursday Nov. 10th, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hillbern Zipperer and bore away the spirit of her father, Thomas J. Hadden after he had borne the suffering that his human strength could bear. Mr. Hadden was born Sept. 22, 1885, son of the last John Franklin Hadden and Mrs. Temperance Ann Caulk Hadden, and spent his entire life in the community in which he was born. On Dec. 13, 1908, he was married to Miss **Talitha Moody**, who preceded him in death in 1938. To this union were born three children, Mrs. **Audrey Townsend** of Madison, **Moody Hadden**, who passed away in 1939, and Mrs. **Marjorie Zipperer** of Hanson. He was a member of the Methodist church and lived a life of service in his home and community; always ready to lend a helping hand, and his cheerful personality won for him a place in the hearts of those who knew him. He was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery with funeral services conducted by **Rev. H L Boyd**, **Rev. W. L. Ranew** and **Rev. E. D. Conway** with T. J. Beggs in charge.

*[Extracted from Enterprise Recorder, November 18, 1949]*

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### Randell Hadden, Jr. Obituary

Randell Hadden, Jr. age about 23, was shot and killed last Saturday afternoon about two o'clock near the Soldier pond, across the road from the Hadden home, seven miles north of Madison, by his father, **Randell Hadden, Sr.** Young Hadden's brother, **Woodrow**, or Bill, as he is also

called, who was with the young man at the time, got an automobile and started to town with him, but the injured man died on the way to town, or some said, before he was put into the car. **Sheriff Morrow** was notified, and placed the elder Hadden in jail, where he was under observation by a lunacy commission for several days. The lunacy commission, composed of **Dr. Geo. Davis, Dr. E. Long, and T. T. Hart**, reported Mr. Hadden "not to be insane, that his apparent insanity is probably due to alcoholism and profound emotional strain." Randell, Jr., and Woodrow Hadden had worked in the field Saturday morning, and shortly before the tragedy had gone to the pond, it was said, to bathe. The father came up near them with a single-barrel shotgun, and said he was going to shoot Randell, Jr. He fired one shell of bird shot, which took effect in the youth's back with fatal result. Just what caused the awful event was not known. Several said Mr. Hadden, Sr., had been drinking heavily for a long time, and attributed the deed to a drunken or insane condition on his part. Home life between the father and sons had not been entirely pleasant, either, according to reports. Mr. Hadden, Sr., appeared dazed and not to realize what he had done. The dead young man was buried at Pine Grove Sunday afternoon.

[Extracted from the *Madison Enterprise-Recorder*, 29 June, 1934]

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### Erma Collins Hadden Obituary

Mrs. **Erma Collins Hadden**, 86, died Saturday, July 17, 2010, in Valdosta, Ga. Funeral services are 11 a.m. EDT Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Beggs Funeral Home Madison, Fla., with interment at Old Columbia Cemetery in Nankin Ga. The family will receive friends 6 until 8 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Donations may be made to Langdale Hospice 2263 Pineview Dr Valdosta GA 31602. She was born in Cherry Lake, Florida, to the late **Edward and Lola Mae Bass Collins** and

was a lifelong resident of Madison County. She was a homemaker and loved to work and grow flowers in her garden. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Madison Chapter and a member of Ochlawilla Baptist Church in Brooks Co. GA She is survived by 3 sons, **John "Buddy" Hadden (Grace)** of Lakeland, Fla., **Lloyd Hadden** of Pinetta, **Carrol Hadden** (Rayette) of Pinetta; 3 daughters, **Mary Helen Dorminey** (Buddy) of Waycross, Ga., **Carolyn Lyons** of Climax, Ga., **Derita Pinkard (Jinuny)** of Pinetta; four brothers, **James Collins** of Valdosta Ga., **Newton Collins (Betty)** of Cherry Lake Fla., **Glen Collins (Diane)** of Madison, **Billy Collins (Sandra)** of Quitman Ga.; one sister, **Ruby Moyer** of Madison, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephew. Her husband, **John Hadden**, a sister, **Isabelle Collins** and a brother, **Buford Collins** preceded her in death.

[Extracted from the *Madison Florida Voice On-line*, 19 Jul 2010]

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### John and Benjamin Sever

In 1840, **John Sever** was living in Madison County; he and his wife were born around 1784 in Georgia. They had five children under 10 and one son who was between 10 and 14. In 1845, **Benjamin Sever**, born 1822 in Georgia, married **Mary Tillis**, born 1830 in Florida. Not much is known about John and Benjamin. But if they remained in Florida, they would be considered Florida Pioneers. The story is a little muddy right here. A Benjamin Sever shows up in Jefferson County, in 1850, living with his parents, **John and Elizabeth. James**, born 1846, and **Rebecca Sever**, born 1826, are living alone in Madison County. This could be an entirely different family from the Benjamin who married Mary Tillis, or Benjamin and Mary Rebecca? could have temporarily separated, with Benjamin moving back home to be with his parents, who had moved to Jefferson County.

At any rate, **Benjamin** resurfaces again in 1860, in Madison County, with **Mary**, and two children, **James**, same age as James in the 1850 census and **Rebecca**, born 1848.

We don't hear from Benjamin anymore, but in 1870, **James N.** reappears, born in 1846. In 1866, he married **Elizabeth Carlye Keeling**. She was a Civil War widow, and brought four children to the marriage: **George, Margaret, Robert and Mary**. **James** and **Elizabeth** had a son, **Richard**, born in 1868. **James** and **Lizzie** are in Withlacoochee in 1880, with **John Henry**, born in 1872.

In 1910, **James N.** or **Newton** married **Catherine Sloan**, and the couple remained in Withlacoochee. We don't find **Richard** mentioned anymore. **John Henry**, 1872, does carry the family name on in Madison County, with nine children. **John Henry** married **Martha Alice Burnett** in 1896. Martha was also from a Florida Pioneer family. The couple lived in Pinetta, and are buried in Mt. Horeb Cemetery, north of Pinetta. Later their children moved to Lee. John Henry and Martha's children were:

1. **Celeita**, 1896, who died unmarried.
2. **Alex Henry**, 1898.
3. **Mamie Lou**, 1890, who married **Fred Huggins** and died in 1961.
4. **John Robert**, 1903.
5. **Minnie Lee**, 1905, who married **Allen Kinard** and died in 1961.
6. **Willie Cleveland**, 1906.
7. **Felix Tyler**, 1909.
8. **Effie Floyce**, 1913, who married **A. J. Gay** and died in 1974. (twin of Emmie).
9. **Emmie Lois**, 1913, who married **Broward Tindell** and died in 1998. (twin of Effie).

#### Generation Five: Alex Henry

All of John Henry's sons remained in the county and raised their families here. **Alex Henry**, 1898, married **Edna Martha Watson** and died in 1974. Both are buried in Lee Memorial Cemetery. They had the following children:

1. **Gladys Lucille**, 1920, who married **Leonard Chatman Hicks**.

2. **Eula Grace**, 1923, who married **William Leon Welch**.

3. **Virginia Evelyn**, 1930, who married **James Sheldon Wynn**.

4. **Elmer Henry**, 1932, who married **Juanita Laverne Sharpe** and raised his family in Central Florida.

#### Generation Five: John Robert

John Robert, 1903, married **Lula Pauline Newsome**. The couple had the following children:

1. **Lucille**, 1928.
2. **Glen**, 1930, married **Blanche Jackson**.
3. **Gwendolyn**, 1933.
4. **Robbie Nell**, 1935.

#### Generation Five: Willie Cleveland

Willie Cleveland, 1906, married **Dollie Mae Payne**, and the following children were born:

1. **Willie Cleveland, Jr.** 1932, who married **Minnie Jeanette Sumner**.
2. **Agnes Louise**, 1933,
3. **Henry Paul**, 1934, who married **Carol Jean Humphrey**.
4. **Alice E.**, 1935.
5. **Dorothy M.**, 1938.
6. **James S.**, 1943.

#### Generation Five: Felix Tyler.

Felix Tyler, 1909, married **Hazel Lions**. Their children were **Lowell**, 1932 and **Larry**, 1949 were born.

In older documents, such as the census rolls and marriage licenses, the Sever name is spelled several different ways. In fact, **Robbie Sevor Walker**, in her article on **John Henry Sevor** in *Madison County Florida Family History Book*, related that there were three different spellings of the name in the Mt. Horeb Cemetery. A few marriage records show that Severs married in the county. In earlier census records, **Benjamin, James N.** and **John Henry** were Seavers.

Around 1920, the family began to be Sevors and Severs. Today, there are only Sevors and Severs in the phone book in Madison County. We think the name

variations happened when census and other record keepers in the 1800's and early 1900's spelled people's names the best way they could.

*The Madison County Florida Family History Book provided some information for this article. Other information was pieced from census reports on Ancestry.com and from the Madison County Genealogy Website. Sometimes putting the puzzle of family histories together requires a little deduction, and sometimes the pieces might not be in the right place. Please let us know if we haven't put the puzzle of your family together correctly. [Published in the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 3 Oct 2014.]*

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#### **WILLIAM SMILEY COLLINS AND JOHN ANDREW JACKSON COLLINS**

**Doris Collins Keeler** wrote an article in the *Madison County Florida History Book* that provided invaluable information for this article. Mrs. Keeler tells us that the Collins family was one of the first families of Madison County to settle in the Hamburg area. They arrived from Washington County, in central Georgia.

Ms. Keeler tells us that **Joshua Collins**, born in Northern Ireland in 1786, migrated to Washington County and married **Mary McNeil**. The couple had 11 children:

1. **John Andrew Jackson**, born April 20, 1815.
2. **Archibald**.
3. **Lafayette**.
4. **Martha Ann**, born May 17, 1827.
5. **William Smiley**, born March 16, 1830.
6. **Margaret Elizabeth** (Mary), born June 25, 1833.
7. **Ann McNeill**.
8. **Grace**.
9. **Christopher Columbus**.
10. **George Washington**.
11. **Mary M**.

George Washington and Mary died as children. Ann McNeill and Grace remained

in Washington County and raised their families.

**Joshua** died in Georgia in 1840. Around 1848, **John Andrew Jackson, Archibald, Lafayette, Martha Ann, William Smiley,** and **Margaret** all moved to Madison County, along with their widowed mother, **Mary**.

Joshua and Mary's daughter, **Martha Ann** married her first cousin, **Jared I. Collins** in February, 1849 in Madison County. Martha and Jared had the following children:

1. **Levin**, born 1854.
2. **Anna**, born 1857.
3. **Lafayette**, born 1862.
4. **Robert Edgar**, born 1867.
5. **Mary E.**, who died at nine months of age and is buried at Concord Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Keeler believes that the rest of the family moved back to Georgia.

Daughter **Margaret** first married **John David Palmer**; in 1860, **Margaret's** mother, **Mary**, was living with her daughter and two children: **Johnathan**, born in 1857 and **Thomas S.**, born in 1859. By that time **Margaret's** husband, **John David Palmer** had died. By 1870, **Margaret** had remarried **Joel Gramling** and the couple had the following children: **Amie**, born 1868; and **Andrew**, born 1869. **Mary** died in November, 1876, at the age of 86; she was buried in Concord Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

As Mrs. Keeler notes, there are a few missing puzzle pieces in the Collins family history. In the 1840 census, **Dennis, Manning,** and **Thomas Collins** were all here. In 1850, **George Collins** and **John J. Collins** were here. We think there is some connection with these Collins and with Joshua Collins' children. One clue to the connection, according to Mrs. Keeler, is that Joshua and Mary's daughter, **Martha Ann**, married her first cousin, **Jarrid J. Collins**. So Jarrid's father must have been Joshua's brother. Was **Dennis**, born around 1795, who married **Sarah Shingleton** in 1833 in Madison, a brother to Joshua? Possibly

**Mannng**, born 1775, was Joshua's brother. We can't find any more records for **Dennis**, **Thomas** (born around 1815), **Manning**, or **George** (born around 1823). **Manning** may have died, as he was around 65 years old, when he got to Madison County. And **Thomas** may have been a son to **Manning** or **Dennis** and may have moved on, maybe into Brooks County or Columbia County. Another clue to the relationship with **Dennis** and **Manning** with **Joshua** is the fact that a **D. M. Collins**, born in 1831, again possibly a son of **Dennis** or **Manning**, lived next to an **A. Collins** and near **William Smiley**, **Joshua's** son, in Hamburg in 1885. And, **John J.** lived next door to **John Andrew Jackson** and his mother, **Mary**. Possibly, **John J.** also moved to Brooks County. It is a mystery.

Sadly, **Lafayette** and **Archibald**, sons of **Joshua** and **Mary**, and brothers of **John Andrew Jackson** and **William Smiley** served in the Civil War and did not make it home. Although they were in different companies, they were wounded on the same day in the same battle—on September 17, 1862 in the Battle of Antietam in Maryland. They were taken to a hospital in Winchester, Virginia, where they died a month later. They were buried side by side at Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia.

#### Second Generation: John Andrew Jackson

John Andrew Jackson, born 1815, and **Martha Roughton** were married in Georgia in 1837 and had the following children in Georgia:

1. **George Columbus**, born 1838.
2. **John R.**, born 1840.
3. **Elizabeth**, born 1842.
4. **Frances M.**, born 1846.
5. **William R.**, born 1847.

After moving to Madison, the following children were born:

6. **Andrew J.**, born 1851.
7. **Marcy E.**, born 1853.
8. **Martha Ann**, born 1855.
9. **Theodosia**, born 1858.

10. **Archibald**, born 1860.

11. **Eugenia**, born 1864.

John Andrew served in the Florida House of Representatives in 1860, representing Madison, Taylor, and Lafayette Counties. The Civil War took another Collins, John Andrew's son **John R.**, who died of disease in 1861 in Yorktown, Virginia.

In 1872, John Andrew and **Martha's** daughter, **Martha** married **Raif Haines**. **Theodosia** married **Andrew J. Hunt** in 1878. We aren't sure what happened to **William R.** John Andrew and **Martha** were in Columbia County in 1880. **Archibald** seems to have been married there and moved with his family to Texas. We don't know what happened to **Andrew J.** We do find **George Columbus** in Madison County in 1880, married to **Martha Parker**, living at Mosely Hall.

**Third Generation: John Andrew Jackson**  
**George Columbus** and **Martha Parker**, had the following children:

1. **Emma E.**, born 1861, who married **James Kelly**.
2. **Alice Alleana**, born 1867.
3. **Walter Knox**, born 1869.
4. **Mary Mosely**, born 1871, who married **Burnadino Waldron**.
5. **George Alonzo**, born 1875.
6. **Leonard Bert**, born 1878.
7. **Media Madella**.

**George Columbus** and **Martha** lived in the Mosely Hall area of the county. **Walter Knox** married, moved to Suwannee County, and raised his family there. **George Alonzo** raised his family in Taylor County, and we think **Leonard Bert** raised his family in Orange County. It appears that descendants of John Andrew Jackson left Madison County around the early 1900's.

*[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, October 17, 2014]*

#### Second Generation: William Smiley

William Smiley married **Ann Matthews** in Madison County on Sept 7, 1856. They had the following children:

1. **James S.**, born 1857.
2. **Lafayette**, born 1859.
3. **Margaret A.**, born 1861.
4. **John Andrew**, born 1865.
5. **Robert Lee**, born 1866; married **Mary Wright** in 1891.
6. **Thomas J.**, born 1866.
7. **Mary Emma**, born 1859, married **James T. Kelley** in 1885.
8. **William**, born 1870.
9. **Archibald Stephen**, born 1871
10. **Anna**, born 1876; married **Isaac Bass** in 1893.

William Smiley and **Ann** lived in the Hamburg area of the county. Ann died a few days after her daughter **Ann** was born, in 1876. In 1877, William Smiley married **Caroline Wimberly**. William Smiley and **Ann's** son **James** married **M. M. McNair** in 1878; she was over 20 years older than **James**. We think that **James** and his family moved to Brooks County, Georgia, and possibly **Lafayette B.** followed him. We also found **Robert Lee** and **Archibald Stephen** in Brooks County; but, we could not locate **Thomas J.** or **William**.

### Third Generation: William Smiley

**John Andrew**, however, did stay in Madison County, we think. It seems that **John Andrew** married **Martha Eugenia Surles**, and had the following children:

1. **John Russell**, born 1890.
2. **Mamie**, born 1892; **Mamie** married **A. V. Moore**.
3. **Thomas**, born 1894.
4. **Florence**, born 1896.
5. **Baby**, born 1899.
6. **Edward Hazel**, born 1903.
7. **Thelma**, born 1905.
8. **Clarence**, born 1907.
9. **Frank**, born 1915.

**John Andrew** died in 1944 in Madison, and is buried in Nankin, Brooks County. **Mattie** died in 1950.

### Fourth Generation: WILLIAM SMILEY

**Clarence** died as a child; **John Russell**, according to Ancestry Family Trees, married and moved his family to Polk

County; we didn't find records for **Frank** or **Thomas**. However, **Edward Hazel** married **Lola Mae Bass**, lived in Cherry Lake, raised his family in Madison County, and farmed.

By the 1940 Census, **Edward and Lola Mae** had the following children:

1. **Erma**, born 1924.
2. **Ruby M.**, born 1925.
3. **James**, 1929.
4. **Newton**, born 1932.
5. **Baford**, born 1935.

So, **William Smiley Collins**, Florida Pioneer and early Madison County resident, has descendants in the county today, through his son, **John Andrew** and through **John Andrew's** son, **Edward Hazel**. For around 165 years, the Collins family has been an integral part of the fabric of Madison, County, farming, and providing generations of stable, salt of the earth, contributing citizens.

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### Who Was HENRY JOSEPH LINTON?

The story is a common one: three brothers move down from South Carolina to Florida, between 1830 and 1840 and end up in the North Florida, Madison and Jefferson County area. This story of the Linton's started with **Samuel Linton** of South Carolina, who married **Isobel Amanda Montgomery**. The couple had 10 children. The three brothers who moved to North Florida were:

1. **Thomas Jefferson**, born 1798 in South Carolina, married **Carrie Jane Turnbull**, had at least eight children, and died 1871.
2. **Hampton Sydney**, born 1805 in South Carolina, married **Emily Prince Benson** in South Carolina, had at least four children, and died in 1868 in Jefferson County.
3. **Moses Waddell**, born 1807 in South Carolina, married **Lucy Ann Lanier**, had at



least four children, and died in 1885 in Thomas County, Georgia.

In 1840, **Hampton Sydney** and **Thomas Jefferson** were listed in the Madison County census. In 1850 **Moses Waddell** had moved to Thomas County, Georgia. He was a large cotton farmer and moved there from Jefferson County, we think, because he could ship his cotton from Thomas County to St. Marks, Florida by railway. In 1850, **Sydney Hampton** had moved to Jefferson County, raising his family and remaining there the remainder of his life.

Thomas Jefferson remained in Madison County until 1870, when he also moved to Jefferson County. The children of Thomas Jefferson and Carrie Jane Turnbull were:

1. **Caroline**, born 1835, married **Pickens Butler Byrd**.
2. **Samuel**, born 1837.
3. **Thomas**, born 1839.
4. **Mary**, born 1841.
5. **Moses**, born 1843.
6. **Anna**, born 1845, married Arthur Macon.
7. **Sarah**, born 1874.

In the 1860 Madison County Census, there were four Linton listings: **Thomas Jefferson** and **Carrie Jane Linton**, one of the original Linton settlers in Madison County was one family. Another family was **James Alexander**, 1834, married to **Sallie L.** and their daughter, **Margaret J.**, 1858. **James Alexander** was the son of **Moses Waddell**, another of the three brothers migrating from South Carolina. Also listed was **Henry Linton**, born 1836, who was married to **America** (probably **Young**). The couple had no children. Also in 1860, there was a **James T. Linton** living with **Margaret** and **O'Neal McLeod**.

In the 1870 census in Madison County, there were four white Linton listings. Apparently **Henry Linton** had died, because **America Linton** was living with **Eady Dean**, age 27. Also in the 1870 census, another **Henry Linton**, born in 1861, was living with **James H. Quiett** and

his wife, **Margaret A. Quiett** and **Maranda Lamb**, 60 and **Martha J. Lamb**, 24. **Moses**, son of **Thomas Jefferson**, born 1845, was living alone. The fourth Linton listing was **Ellen**, who lived with **Joel W.** and **Margaret Redding**.

**James H. Quiett** must have died because his wife, **Margaret**, married **Frank M. Barrow** in 1874. In 1880, **Henry Linton**, 19, was living with **Margaret** and **Frank Barrow**.

The big question is: Who is **Henry Joseph Linton**, born 1861, who was living with **Margaret A. Quiett** in 1870 and with **Margaret A. Quiett Barrow** in 1880? How is he connected to the two Linton brothers, **Thomas Jefferson** and **Moses Waddell**, who moved into Madison County before 1840? Could **Henry**, born in 1836 be the same person as **Samuel**, son of **Thomas Jefferson Linton**. Was his name **Samuel Henry** or **Henry Samuel**? Then did this Henry marry **America**; birth a son, Henry; die; leave America unable to take care of her son; and then was Henry then raised by neighbors, **Margaret** and **James Quiett**?

Or is Henry from an entirely different Linton family. Interestingly, **Margaret A. Lamb** married **James H. Quiett** in Montgomery, Alabama in 1860. Her mother, **Maranda Lamb**, lived with **Margaret** and **James Quiett** in 1870 and with **Margaret** and **Frank Barrow** in 1880.

If **Henry Joseph Linton**, 1861, is connected to the Linton brothers who moved into Madison County in the 1830's, then the Linton's who currently live in the county are descendants of Florida Pioneers. We don't know Henry's parents and would welcome any help our readers may offer.

In any event, the Linton families who live in Madison County today descend from **Henry Joseph**. Henry Joseph Linton married **Georgia Crawley** in 1884. The couple had the following children:

1. **Thomas J.**, 1887.
2. **Mary**, 1890.
3. **Emma**, 1894.

4. **Josie**, 1895.
5. **William Otto**, 1898.
6. **James**, 1901.
7. **Shella**, 1906.
8. **Ella**, 1906.

Henry and Georgia lived in Suwannee County in 1900; in Madison in 1910 and 1920; in Suwannee in 1930; and in 1940 they were living with their daughter, **Josie**, who lived in Hillsborough County. Henry and Georgia's son **Thomas Joseph** and his wife **Maggie** lived in Suwannee County, eventually moving to Hillsborough County. **James** moved to Plant City; **Emma** moved to Live Oak; and **Ella** and **Josie** moved to Plant City, Hillsborough County.

Henry and Georgia's son, **William Otto** married **Mamie Eliza Rye** in 1917. They raised their family in Madison County. **William Otto**, or **Otto**, and **Mamie** had the following children:

1. **Lila B.**, 1919.
2. **Avalee**, 1918.
3. **Leonard Grayson**, 1924.

The descendants of William Grayson live today in Madison County.

*Does anyone know the answer to the mystery of who **Henry Joseph Linton's** parents were? Are there family stories, Bible records, or letters that might solve the mystery? Please let us know. And please let us know if you see mistakes. Often, deducting descendants involves a bit of guesswork, so we welcome your corrections.*

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 Madison County Carrier, December 17, 2014  
 Letter to the Editor:

I was reading the story that ran on page 5A in this week's Madison Enterprise Recorder and I noticed near the end of the story that you mention that **William Otto** and **Mamie Eliza Rye Linton** had three children; **Lila B.**, **Avalee**, and **William Grayson**. This came as a surprise to me. I am the oldest grandchild of theirs, born to the oldest grandchild (**Louella Sealey Bemby**) who was the oldest child of **Lily**

**Avalee**. The name **Lila B.** is not kept in the family Bible that my great grandmother kept. Unless the child died as an infant or was stillborn, neither I nor any of my cousins or aunts or uncles know about **Lila B.** and one of the joys of my childhood was listening to my great-grandmother tell stories about the family.

Also you had mentioned that the descendants of my Uncle Grayson still live in Madison County and they do. The descendants of my Granny, **Avalee Sealey**, also live in Lee, including all four children of her oldest daughter, Louella: **Jacob Eugene Bemby** (me), **Debra Ann Bemby Leutner**; **Daniel Franklin Bemby** and **Abbie Gail Bemby**, as well as descendants of my aunt, **Mamie Ann King**; my aunt, **Kathy Wilson**; and my aunt, **Lucretia**. The descendants of my uncle, **James** (J.D.) and **Billy** lived outside Madison County.

Thank you so much for publishing the story about **Henry Joseph Linton**. The family is trying to get together the information that you requested in the story. If you could please check and see if there may have been a mistake about **Lila B.** being a child of **Otto** and **Mamie**, we would appreciate it. **Jacob Bemby**.

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*Jacob,*

*Thanks so much for your kind words and for your words of correction, for the article on the Lintons. You are absolutely right about **Avalee** being the same person as **Lilly B.** The mistake was all ours, taken from the 1920 census, where **Lila B.** is listed as the daughter of **William O.** and **Mamie E. Linton**. The 1930 census lists the children as only **Avelie** and **Grayson**. **Avelie** and **Lila B.** are shown as approximately the same age, and we should have realized that **Avelie** and **Lila B.** were the same person and caught that error. Maybe the census taker misunderstood **Avelia's** name in 1920. Hope you can solve the rest of the mystery for us.*

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**Leonard Grayson Linton, Obituary**

**Leonard Grayson Linton** died Monday, September 11, 2006 at his home in Lee. The funeral service was held Friday, September 15, 2006, at the Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel. He was buried in the Lee Memorial Cemetery, Lee. Linton was born in Lee, Florida on September 3, 1923. He was the son of **William Otto Linton** and **Mamie Eliza Rye**. He was a lifelong resident of Lee and a farmer. He was a member of Beulah Baptist church, Lee, where he served as a deacon. He was survived by his wife of 60 years, **Annie Elizabeth Hale Linton** of Lee; two sons, **James Carroll Linton** of Lee; and **Leonard Mason Linton** of Dowling Park; and one daughter, **Retha Faye Kervin** of Lee. He was blessed with nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

*[Extracted from Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 17 Sep 2006]*

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**Alfred Dunlap**, one of the most successful and trustworthy freedmen in the county, was the first man who ever ran a steam gin in Thomas County. He was then the property of the late **Moses W. Linton**, and the gin was put up on the old Linton Plantation, now owned by the Messrs. **McIntyre**, in 1854. Alfred continued to run the gin till freedom, and since that time has been farming for himself. He now owns a good plantation of some five hundred acres, makes a plenty of everything, has a good credit, enjoys the esteem of his white friends and is gradually growing rich.

This newspaper article was written about Alfred Dunlap, a successful Freedman in Thomas County, Georgia. According to the article, he was a slave of Moses Waddell Linton, son of Samuel Linton, Sr. The article can be located on the Georgia Historic Newspapers: South Georgia website. It is from the 16 Oct 1886, *Thomasville Times*.

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**Major Pickens Butler Bird**

According to information found on the website "Find-A-Grave," and the Battle of Olustee.org website, Pickens Butler Bird, husband of Caroline Linton [daughter of Thomas Jefferson Linton] was born January 12, 1833 in Edgefield County, South Carolina. He served as a Confederate Army Officer. A Florida plantation owner at the start of the Civil War, he enlisted in 1861, becoming a 2nd Lieutenant in Company K, 2nd Florida Infantry. By 1863, he was a Major in the 9th Florida Regiment, and he led that regiment at the Battle of Olustee in Florida in 1864. He was wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia on June 3, 1864, and transferred to a Richmond hospital where he died of his wounds a few days later. He was buried in the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

At the following website, there is a letter that was written to Daniel B. Bird, son of Major Pickens Byrd, by Captain James F. Tucker, relative to the death of Major Pickens B. Bird:  
<http://battleofolustee.org/letters/bird.htm>

<b>DEATH NOTICES/OBITUARIES</b>			
Extracted from Funeral Home Memorial Cards/Obituaries submitted by local funeral homes, websites, or Madison Co. Genealogical Society Members			
<b>James Carroll Agner</b>		<b>Montine Ezell Bennett</b>	
Born:	Abt 1922, Madison, FL	Born:	Abt. 1933, Lee, Madison, FL
Died:	12 Nov 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	23 Oct 2014, Madison, FL
Internment:	Barbara Memorial Cem., Madison, FL	Internment:	Lee Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Katie Ruth Garrett Blich</b>		<b>James William Browning, Sr., Rev.</b>	
Born:	26 Jul 1920, Greenville, Madison, FL	Born:	31 Jan 1936, Madison, FL
Died:	16 Oct 2014, Hiawasse, GA	Died:	1 Nov 2014
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Alice Butler</b>		<b>William Henry Cone</b>	
Born:	3 Jun 1922	Born:	1 Feb 1931, Greenville, Madison, FL
Died:	14 Nov 2014, Brooks, GA	Died:	10 Oct 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL
Internment:	Okapilco Cem., Brooks, GA	Internment:	New Hope Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Walter Clarence Copeland, III</b>		<b>Harold Dailey</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1936, Madison, FL	Born:	2 Oct 1929, Tishomingo, MS
Died:	13 Oct 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	16 Nov 2014, Cherry Lake, Madison, FL
Internment:	Oak Ridge Cem., Madison, FL	Internment:	Cherry Lake Bapt Ch Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Edith Hansen Day</b>		<b>Elizabeth Dennis</b>	
Born:	30 Oct 1939, Penn Yan, New York	Born:	19 Jun 1918
Died:	22 Oct 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	22 Nov 2014
Internment:	Hensley Cem., Madison, FL	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Benjamin Roy Dyal</b>		<b>George Edwin Eynon</b>	
Born:	20 Feb 1964, Wauchula, FL	Born:	24 Apr 1924
Died:	17 Nov 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	26 Nov 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Internment:	St. Illa Bapt Ch Cem., Douglas, GA	Internment:	Oak Hill Cem., Brooks, GA
<b>Stanley Richard Ezell</b>		<b>Francis William Fleming</b>	
Born:	18 Dec 1945, TN	Born:	25 Sep 1939m Zainesville, OH
Died:	21 Oct 2014, Lake City, FL	Died:	16 Nov 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>John Edward Hagan, Sr.</b>		<b>Maxie Estelle Harrell</b>	
Born:	17 Sep 1924, Pavo, Brooks, GA	Born:	16 Jun 1927, Athens, AL
Died:	16 Oct 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Died:	14 Sep 2014, Marianna, FL
Internment:	Dixie Cem., Brooks, GA	Internment:	Ebenezer Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Randall Hiers</b>		<b>Sumpter Augustus James</b>	
Born:	3 Nov 1934	Born:	Not Provided
Died:	3 Nov 2014, Thomasville, Thomas, GA	Died:	7 Nov 2014
Internment:	Morrison Bapt Ch Cem., Brooks, GA	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Augustus Lane Johnson</b>		<b>Albert Loomus Jones</b>	
Born:	31 May 1928, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Born:	19 Dec 1935, Homestead, Dade, FL
Died:	17 Nov 2014, Valdosta, Lowndes, GA	Died:	6 Nov 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL
Internment:	Oak Hill Cem., Brooks, GA	Internment:	Mt. Gilead Bapt Ch Cem., Madison, FL

<b>Gussie Cone Joyner</b>		<b>Lawrence Samuel Kerce</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1925, Greenville, Madison, FL	Born:	18 Apr 1947, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Died:	10 Nov 2014, Orange Park, FL	Died:	7 Oct 2014, Tift, GA
Internment:	Evergreen Cem., Greenville, Madison, FL	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Betsy Kimbrough</b>		<b>Eric King</b>	
Born:	17 Apr 1942	Born:	6 Aug 1956, Cherry Lake, FL
Died:	18 Oct 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Died:	11 Nov 2014, Lakeland, FL
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Concord Bapt Ch Cem., Lovett, FL
<b>Vincent Joseph Lukasiewicz</b>		<b>Jackie Austin McCulley</b>	
Born:	16 Apr 1958	Born:	7 Feb 1934, Algood, TN
Died:	28 Nov 2014, Thomasville, Thomas, GA	Died:	26 Oct 2014
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Joseph Conrad Michalowski</b>		<b>Savannah Page</b>	
Born:	7 Aug 1935, South Florida	Born:	16 Oct 1950, Madison, FL
Died:	16 Sep 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL	Died:	27 Sep 2014
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Payton AME Ch Cem., Lowndes, GA
<b>Jack Peacock</b>		<b>Viola Sheffield Pickles</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1937, Waycross, GA	Born:	7 Sep 1927, Taylor Co., FL
Died:	16 Oct 2014, Lee, Madison, FL	Died:	7 Sep 2014, Lake Park, GA
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	San Pedro Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Ward Price, Sr.</b>		<b>Robert Harrell Sanderson</b>	
Born:	20 Mar 1940	Born:	Abt. 1932, North Carolina
Died:	24 Oct 2014, Valdosta, Lowndes, GA	Died:	12 Oct 2014, Madison, FL
Internment:	Oak Hill Cem., Brooks, GA	Internment:	Oak Ridge Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Earl Sasnett</b>		<b>Charles Smart</b>	
Born:	20 Aug 1931, Newton, AL	Born:	10 Jul 1933, Stuart, VA
Died:	11 Sep 2014, Winter Haven, FL	Died:	1 Oct 2014, Lake City, FL
Internment:	Auburndale Memorial Park	Internment:	Okapilco Bapt Ch Cem., Brooks, GA
<b>Evelyn Eason Stewart</b>		<b>Mildred Taylor</b>	
Born:	30 Nov 1914, Tifton, GA	Born:	28 Nov 1916
Died:	8 Nov 2014, Quitman, GA	Died:	12 Oct 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Internment:	Dixie Cem., Brooks, GA	Internment:	Oak Hill Cem., Brooks, GA
<b>Frances Ellen Davis Vasily</b>		<b>Lucile O'Neal Waldrep</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1948, Madison, FL	Born:	Abt. 1913, Winter Beach, FL
Died:	15 Oct 2014, Ontario, Canada	Died:	24 Oct 2014, Madison, FL
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Harmony Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Nicholas Elijan Wertz</b>		<b>Peggy Jean Williams</b>	
Born:	Sep 2014, Madison, FL	Born:	21 oct 1939
Died:	14 Oct 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	17 Oct 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Internment:	Oak Ridge Cem., Madison, FL	Internment:	Welcome Hill Ch Cem., Brooks, GA
<b>Helen Wilson</b>		<b>Homer David Yates</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1959, Midway Island, Hawaii	Born:	21 Aug 1925, Pavo, GA
Died:	9 Oct 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	17 Nov 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Okapilco Ch Cem., Brooks, GA

<b>Guadalupe Ortega</b>		<b>Walter P. Payne</b>	
Born:	7 Dec 1935, Nuevo Leon, Mexico	Born:	Abt. 1944
Died:	14 Dec 2014, Jennings, FL	Died:	17 Nov 2014, West Virginia
Internment:	Evergreen Cem., Jasper, FL	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Shirley Ragans</b>		<b>Howard Spillers</b>	
Born:	8 Apr 1944, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Born:	14 Jul 1932
Died:	1 Dec 2013, Thomasville, Thomas, GA	Died:	14 Dec 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Internment:	Hillcrest Memorial Gardens	Internment:	Welcome Hill Church Cem., Brooks, GA
<b>Marlie Delaine Tillman</b>		<b>Robert Sealey</b>	
Born:	22 Jul 1919	Born:	1976, Madison, FL
Died:	12 Dec 2014, Jacksonville, Duval, FL	Died:	15 Dec 2014, Pinetta, Madison, FL
Internment:	Sardis PBC Cem.	Internment:	Hickory Grove Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Clarence T. Mathers</b>		<b>Betty Surles Sands</b>	
Born:	1923,	Born:	26 Jul 1937, Cherry Lake, Madison, FL
Died:	12 Dec 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL	Died:	7 Dec 2014
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Roselawn Cem., Tallahassee, Leon, FL
<b>Carol Jean Ragans Tuten</b>		<b>Emily Beth Burnett Shirey</b>	
Born:	29 Oct 1937, Madison, FL	Born:	
Died:	Dec 2014	Died:	Dec 2014, Madison, FL
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Oak Ridge Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Christopher "Tater" Smith</b>		<b>Andrew Jackson "Jack" Ward</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1967, Jefferson, FL	Born:	Abt. 1934, Jacksonville, Duval, FL
Died:	22 Nov 2014, Tallahassee, Leon, FL	Died:	4 Dec 2014, Jacksonville, Duval, FL
Internment:	Oakfield Cem., Monticello, FL	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Christeen Zavasky</b>		<b>Marguerite Annette Mixson King</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1935, Pavo, GA	Born:	Abt. 1942, Williston, FL
Died:	21 Nov 2014, Valdosta, Lowndes, GA	Died:	17 Nov 2014, Gainesville, FL
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Ardelia "Delia" Holton Thomas</b>		<b>Grady Cochran</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1918, Columbia, FL	Born:	12 Sep 1946, St. Petersburg, FL
Died:	12 Nov 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	27 Oct 2014
Internment:	Midway Cem., Lee, Madison, FL	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Aguis, Geraldine Todd</b>		<b>Manor, Robert Lee</b>	
Born:	7 Aug 2917, Detroit, MI	Born:	Abt. 1955
Died:	7 Oct 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	24 Oct 2014, Madison, FL
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	New Zion MBC Cem., Greenville, FL
<b>William David "Dave" Braswell</b>		<b>Allene E. Speight</b>	
Born:	15 Sep 1927, Marianna, FL	Born:	Abt. 1939
Died:	4 Oct 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	2 Nov 2014, Lake City, FL
Internment:	Not Provided	Internment:	Not Provided
<b>Elmo Copeland</b>			
Born:	Abt. 1948		
Died:	9 Dec 2014, Gainesville, FL		
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