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### Fellow Society Members,

Although we have tried hard to keep costs down and still provide you excellent support and interesting newsletters, we have come to the point where we have 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 have 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 will try to work to make this transition as easy as possible. This current newsletter is being provided to our members in three ways: by regular mail, by e-mail (for those who have an e-mail account) and it is also being posted on the Madison County Genealogy Society website on the members only tab.

By January we will be sending all the newsletters by e-mail and also posting them on our website. It will cost us about \$10.00 a year (postage, paper & ink) to send the newsletters by regular mail which we must pass on to our members. If you wish to continue to receive your newsletters by regular mail, we will be happy to accommodate you but need to change your annual dues to \$35.00. Please let us know your wishes.

In an effort to better support our community, we have been working hard on researching our Madison Pioneers and writing articles for Greene Publishing. We have published several in the Enterprise-Recorder and will try to continue and publish another one every two weeks. 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 we have included several in this 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 1 November we will change the username and password on our Members only page to:

**Username: Cherry Password: Lake.**

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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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#### **Cherry Lake Neighborhood 1866 to 1876**

*[By Dr. A. L. Blalock; Published in the Enterprise Recorder]*

This decade followed the emancipation of Southern slaves and in the vicinity of this beautiful lake, the Indians called Ochlawilla, there were numerous plantations joining one another, especially westward over to Monticello and Tallahassee and up to Thomasville, for this seemed to have been attractive to slave owners who had cleared the land and fenced it with pine rails and cultivated with skill and ingenuity, so that it was justly called the “garden spot” of Florida.

#### **GOOD HOUSES**

Already handsome residences were constructed wherever lumber was available. Even many of the slaves lived in framed houses

made of lumber from virgin pine. My grandfather, “**Frink**,” operated the first sawmill (steam) and my mother’s grandfather **Brantley** had some frame cottages for his slaves. Their plantations were south of Cherry Lake and north of Hankins Prairie. *[We believe that the Reverend Dennis Hankins IV went to Madison County Florida in 1829 to carry on the family tradition of tree plantations. The Hankins had been Cypress tree and tobacco farmers in the Georgetown area of SC on the NC border in the 1700s. Reverend Hankins had a large family [and 38 slaves], when he arrived in Florida. He began to purchase property in the Cherry Lake area, north of Madison. In all, he purchased over 2500 acres and started tree farms, many of which might still supply Christmas trees today. His sons, many who stayed in the Madison County / Lafayette County area became prosperous. Sarah Hankins can be found with the family in the 1860 census for Lafayette County. Prior to that, the Reverend and his family can be found*

*in the 1850 census in Madison County. They left many Hankins named places in the area, such as Hankins Prairie and Hankins Pond. The Reverend was also quite the politician too. While I've only tracked one of his descendants, Albert Church Hankins, there are others on the net who have traced the others.]*

Westward from the lake and including part of the lake was the Wyche plantation, then between these last two is what I have known as the Tillman place just about a mile from the intersection of the Quitman and Monticello roads.

At this place, on a high red-clay hill, **Mr. Tillman** had built an attractive two story house. This house is now being further renovated and beautified to become headquarters for Cherry Lake Farms.

At the intersection of the aforesaid roads, Quitman and Monticello, is the location for the industrial center and the steam sawmill is located about a quarter-mile east of where my grandfather "Frink" operated the first steam sawmill, grits mill and ginnery in Madison county, the old mill site being at the beginning of the road to the lake through the Frink and Wyche plantations.

#### CHRONOLOGY

I must first relate my plan of chronology:

One of the first events impressed on my mind was seeing my brother **Will** when he was newborn; his birthday was in 1866, mine in 1862; he was born at the Vaught place, and I at the Frink place; this made me only four years old, and I can recall a few other impressive incidents during the few years that my father managed this fine ante-bellum plantation with ex-slave labor; after which he moved to the Brantley home about a mile north-east, on the Valdosta to Madison road, and having an avenue through a forest of stately pines out to the Monticello-Bellville road, from which could be seen the beautiful, stately residence with orange trees on the side and in the front yard, and large mulberry trees in the background. It was here that my mother's grandmother lived.

It was here that I was permitted to slide down the staircase banister and romp on "all fours" down the broad hallway with my first and second cousins. And here I became intimately associated with my mother's kinfolks, since necessity and a good Providence brought several generations together; for instance: the **Howrens, Hankins, Dukes, Vaughnts, Evants,** and others. Many others of her friends as well

as kinfolks refugee from Jacksonville and other places.

I remember seeing my grandfather Brantley when he died, my father holding me up beside the high-post bedstead. His son (**Tinny**) **Anthony Brantley** and my father were like brothers. He was just back from "the war" and together they operated the two plantations.

I must not go further in details of family history. A majority of these people, especially the slave owners came from the Carolinas and Georgia hence this exclusive and aristocratic society before the war and emancipation of Southern slaves. My father's people lived near Augusta, GA., so we can easily determine that the blood of these folks was a compound of the French and English—a very good and wholesome mixture. My father had an uncle, **Jeff Blalock**, who lived on the road to Quitman just across the line in Georgia, near what was called Nankin. With these data, we will endeavor to relate somewhat of the social, religious and political history of the people of this section of Florida and in Madison county.

#### EARLY SCHOOLING

The first school I ever attended was conducted on the Vaught place, for it was then possible, with the aid of non-slave-owners, to get together a number of children; besides, the "then officials" had appropriated most or all of the public funds to maintain a negro school on the Wyche plantation near the Elbow Pond, and had imported "Yankee school marms" to teach.

The first lady to teach this school for white children was **Miss Mattie Rossiter**, who was sister of **Mrs. James L. Wyche**. His plantation was about two miles north-west of the present, Cherry Lake church. This gives a faint idea of some of the problems of Reconstruction days.

The old Cherry Lake church house stood about one hundred yards south-west of the present building and was constructed of hewn logs and had a very high pulpit. I recall that I once stood on a wooden box in this pulpit to "say my speech." My Mother told me that once her uncle **Jimmie Hewren**, a devout Methodist minister who was first a captain of a vessel on the Atlantic, became so enthused in a sermon that he leaped over the book board and shouted all around the chancel rail. When attending church the men stacked their guns and other weapons in the back corners of the building, not knowing what time the Indians might interrupt the service.

But, when I made my speech, there was a railing dividing off nearly half of the benches in the rear of the house, for the slaves to occupy. I was told that they were served in the communion after the white folks finished.

#### ON GOOD TERMS

I know that there were formed strong ties of friendship between colored slaves and their masters in this neighborhood that held firm even towards the children and grandchildren for more than twenty years after emancipation.

Let me mention that I have a small Bible presented to me as a prize in Declamation by a Re-publican official the night I "said my speech," No, he was not a Negro, but near that time Madison county had one as Clerk of the Court.

This first school I attended was taught by a Mrs. Bryant in an outhouse on the Vaught plantation. She was employed by private subscriptions; neighboring farmers loyally became patrons, namely, the **Townsend**s, **Wetherington**s, **Dutton**s and others. Two of my schoolmates were **Martin** and **Joe Vaught**, whose mothers were daughters of **Lawrence Tooke**, the biggest slave-owner in Madison county, who cultivated acres of land extending back to the Madison-Thomasville road to me known as the Smith plantation, for as in the case of the Frink plantation, a Mr. **Chandler Smith**, an honorable successful merchant in Madison, purchased all this land at public outcry.

The **Townsend**s had settled south of the Vaught place and above the Hankins Prairie. **Mr. Dutton**, I think, was originally from Philadelphia, Pa., and was a patron of this school, having several sons and daughters of school age. He was a merchant, and sold goods in a storehouse across the public road in front of where **Mr. Clyatt** now lives, but his home was some distance back east and adjacent to the Frink plantation. Though he had only a few slaves, he must have been successful, for he had acquired a valuable tract of hammock land which my father afterwards purchased, cleared and cultivated. I often wonder and regret how much oak and hickory timber I saw burn in log heaps on this land west of the Quitman-Madison road.

#### CHANGES COME

We are forcibly reminded of what radical changes time, war and death can make in a community even in one short decade of time. This community school was moved to the **Jim Wyche** plantation five or six miles north-west of the Vaught place and beyond but nearer the

Tillman place. The house was located at the corner of a long rail fence on the approach to the antebellum home of **James L. Wyche**, brother of **John Wyche**, whose plantation practically joined and extended east to the lake and cornered in the lake. The house the school started in was a log house with a stick and clay chimney. There was a dry clay hole just back of the chimney where Luscious Coffee taught me to play mumble-peg. I soon got to be proficient and could push his nose in the dirt about as often as he mine. The teacher was an old gray-haired man named **Atkinson**. At that time the Negroes had a flourishing school of over 200 pupils on the **John Wyche** place near the Elbow pond being taught by Yankee adventuresses. But I must tell you more about our school at the corner of the fence.

Civilization and refinement always rally around schools and churches. In a few years a substantial school house with glass windows was erected in the place of the log house, and a commodious building was erected for the Missionary Baptists. Then they were called Ochlawilla school house and Cherry Lake churches. This brought in as patrons many fine families, many living beyond the state line in Georgia, for instance, the **McNairs**, the **Groovers** and the **Bentleys**. Thus was the foundation, or beginning, of a society (neighborhood) that meant much to the state of Florida socially, politically and religiously in after years.

**Judge Tillman**, living in the beautiful house on the red clay hill and having a store across the road (the remains of which may be seen at this date), had been very successful and, having two sons and a daughter in school, was a useful patron, for he was instrumental in bringing a noted teacher, **Mr. J. Lany Brooks**, from Bellville, in Hamilton county, to teach, and following him came the Stapler boys to board with Mr. Tillman and go to school.

#### GIRLS SUPPLY TEACHER WITH CHEWING TOBACCO

Mr. Brooks had an enviable reputation as a teacher for boys, and he got along well with the girls—they kept plenty of chewing tobacco on his desk. **Eugene Tillman** said he dreaded the whipping at home but not the one at school—he invariably had on two pair of pants and once a sheep skin under his coat. When the rawhide began to rattle, the teacher made him remove his coat. My brother will was one of his smartest boys, so the first and only time he bent

him across his knees and began to paddle, but soon shoved him off on the floor, telling him to go back to his seat. Will had nailed him with his teeth.

I used to be sorry for **Eugene Tillman** and **Jim Wyche, Jr.**, for it seemed that every day one or the other got a thrashing, some days both. They were not especially bad boys, but would not study for advancement, and old man Brooks undertook to whip it into them. I will always cherish the memory of fishing and hunting and horse racing with Jim Wyche, for he seemed to be endowed with a full share of the sporting blood of his ancestors. I heard that his father was a leader of the famous and beneficent Ku Klux Klan.

### GOOD SCHOOL

On the whole, that school was a howling success, for a large proportion of the boys became successful, prominent men in after life, and all of the girls faithful, good wives, mothers and housekeepers. Mr. Brooks settled and built a home where **John Sales** lives, and became by election the first Superintendent of Public Instruction of Madison county that the Democrats landed in office. Then the whites began to get some of the school funds. Cherry Lake neighborhood began to blossom.

*[Last two sentences are unreadable.]*

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### Mrs. Maude Wyche Died Saturday

On Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, after a lingering illness which had lasted for some time, Mrs. **Maude Waring Wyche**, widow of the late **James L. Wyche**, passed away at her home in this city. The deceased had been in very poor health for several months, and for this reason her death was not unexpected. Her indomitable will power prolonged her life more than one time before the final summons came.

Mrs. Wyche was born in Madison on Nov. 24th, 1870, and was therefore nearly forty-one years of age at the time of her death. On Jan. 24th 1894 she was married to **James L. Wyche**, also of Madison, who preceded her into the Great Beyond on Jan. 16th 1907. Of this union two sons were born, **Laurence** and **Waring**, both of whom are yet quite young.

The deceased had lived the greater part of her life in Madison. With the exception of a few years, her life was spent in the county of her birth. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church of this city, a member of the Home Mission Society of that church, of the W. C. T. U. and of other organizations. Although the

latter part of her life was filled with suffering, she endured it with the greatest patience until the end came.

Those who survive her are two sons, Lawrence, age 13 and Waring, age 9; two brothers, **B. G.** and **M. H. Waring** of Madison; and two sisters, **Mrs. C. W. Barnard**, of Pinetta and **Miss Mary Belle Waring**, of this city.

The funeral was held at the cemetery Sunday morning, the Rev. Dr. Hudson, pastor of the deceased, performing the last sad rites.

*[Extracted from the Enterprise Recorder, 22 Sep 1911]*

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### 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](mailto: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?

### When was Madison County Created?

In 1821, Florida became a Territory, purchased by the United States government from Spain for \$5,000,000. In 1827, Madison County was created, from Jefferson County, and

was one of only 15 counties in Florida. At this time, Madison County included present-day Lafayette, Taylor and Dixie Counties. In 1845, Florida became a state. And, in 1856 Lafayette and Taylor were created as separate counties out of Madison County.

#### **When did Pioneers move into Madison?**

The first census available for Madison was in 1830. At that time, there were 44 free white families here and 263 slaves were in the county.

By 1840, 243 families were living in the county. In 1850, 500 families were here. A large number of these families were born in South Carolina.

What did the Pioneers see when they moved to Madison?

**Beth Sims**, in *The History of Madison County, Florida* reports that in 1821, "There was a settlement at Pensacola, a larger, more sophisticated town at St. Augustine, a small village at St. Marks. In between was a virtual jungle, occupied by wandering Indians, smugglers, runaway slaves, cattle thieves and a few respectable cattle herders and settlers."

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.

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#### **Where Did All Those Pickels/Pickles Come From?**

*Written by Rebecca Sellars  
for the Madison Genealogy Society*

A search of The White Pages over the internet yields 61 Pickles/Pickels in Madison County and 26 in Taylor County. Where did they come from? Likely someplace in Georgia; and before Georgia, the Pickles moved from South Carolina.

**Michael Pickels** was born in Georgia and arrived with **Jacob** and **Elizabeth Pickels**, who were probably his parents, in the 1830's. Jacob and Elizabeth were born in South Carolina. Michael and Jacob were counted in the 1840 census as heads of households. There were two people, including Michael, in his household: Michael, whose age was between 20 and 29, and a female between the age of 20 and 29, who was probably his wife, **Dicy Carolyn West**. Jacob's household included three people: Jacob, whose age was between 40 and 49; a female, probably

Jacob's wife **Elizabeth**, who was between 30 and 39; and one male, maybe another son, who was between 10 and 14 years old.

True Florida Pioneers, the Pickles family meets the definition of the Florida State Genealogical Society as a family who settled in Florida before Florida became a state, in 1845.

**Michael** and **Dicy Carolyn West** were married on Oct 1, 1840; census records indicate that Dicy was born in South Carolina. They had ten children: **Elizabeth Pickels**; **Jacob Pickles**, who married **Julia**; **Mary Polly Pickels**, who married **Ephraim Bass**; **Robert A. Pickels**, who married **Sarah Bass**; **Julia Ann Pickels**; **William Roeann (Bill) Pickels** who married **Cornelia Murphy**; **Sarah (Sally) Pickels**; **James Piney Pickels**, who married **Eliza Coker**; **John Berry Pickels**, who married **Nancy Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pinkard**; and **Levi Pickels**.

On July 10, 1844, Michael received a land grant of 40 acres in the Hopewell area from the Federal Land Grant office in Tallahassee. He voted in the 1845 Florida statehood election. And, he served in Captain Livingston's Company, Taylor's Battalion, Middle Florida Mounted Volunteers in the 1838 Indian Wars.

Michael and Dicy's six sons left quite a few descendants, many who still call Madison and Taylor County home.

Their oldest son, **Jacob Pickels**, shows up in Louisiana in 1880, married to **Ellen**. Their second son, **Robert A.** and his wife **Sarah Bass** were counted in the 1910 census in the Mosely Hall area, with nine children: **Rosa Ella Pickels**; **Alexander Pickels** (1871-1925); **John S. Pickels** (1873-1920); **Millidge Pickels** (1878); **Stella Irene Pickels**; **Sally Pickels**; **Mattie E. Pickels**; **Tesey Pickels**; and **Mamie Pickels**.

Michael and Dicy's third son, **William (Bill) Roeann Pickels** and his wife, **Cornelia Murphy**, had the following children: **Radford Pickels**; **Hosannah Pickels**, (1880-1960); **Eliza Pickels** (1882); **James Avery Pickels** (1883-1965); **William Pickels, Jr.** (1885); **Georgia Ann Pickels** (1887-1967); and **Delila Pickels** (1895-1928).

The fourth son, **James Piney Pickels** and his wife **Eliza Coker** had the following children: **Mary Frances Pickels**, **William Michael Pickels**, **Henrietta Pickels**, **Jack Pickels**, **John "Olen" Pickels**; **Dellar Pickels**; **Roberta Pickels**; and **James Sidney "Sid" Pickels**.

**John Berry Pickels**, Michael and Dicy's fifth son, and **Nancy Elizabeth Pinkard** had the

following children: **Albert Earnest Pickels**(1888); **Robert Lee Pickels** (1891-1956); **James Russell Pickels** (1893-1951); **Randall P. Pickels** (1899); **Wilford Pickels** (1901); **George Pickels** (1903-1979); and **Alma Pickels** (1908).

After Jim died in 1925 Liza went to live with her daughter **Dellar Hunter** in Perry. When a girl during the Civil War the Yankee Soldiers came by and asked her about her brothers. Her reply was that she didn't know but if she did she wouldn't tell them. Her house was burned during the war. Liza lived to be 101.

We're not sure what happened to **Levy Pickels**, the sixth son. He is four years old in the 1860 census, but we don't see him after that.

Why are some families, all with the same ancestor, **Michael Pickles**, known as Pickles and some as Pickels? Apparently the census takers in different years spelled Pickles in different ways, causing some of the Pickles branches to be Pickels and some to be Pickles.

Many of the Pickles/Pickels families lived in the San Pedro and Mosely Hall area of the county and many are buried in the San Pedro Cemetery. Many family members have been active in the New Home Baptist Church. We see that all of the local Pickels/Pickles came from Michael and his wife **Dicy Carolyn West**, who pioneered in Madison County in the 1830's and who raised six sons and four daughters. Four of the sons, **Robert A. Pickels**, **William Roeann Pickels**, **James Piney Pickels**, and **John Berry Pickels** seemed to have remained in Madison and themselves raised large families. These four sons of Michael and Dicy who lived in Madison County and raised large families left a large legacy of Pickles/Pickels descendants, many of who live here today. In addition, the daughters and daughters-in law connect the Pickles/Pickels families with numerous other Madison pioneer families, such as the Cokers, Besses, Pinkards, Williams, Holtons, Albrittons, Murphys, Hunters, Tutens, Cruces, Newsomes, Lambs, and Burnetts.

Michael and Dicy Pickles have left a proud legacy of hardy, industrious, family-oriented, good solid citizens. Michael and Dicy's family has enriched Madison County for over 180 years.

*[Extracted from the Enterprise-Recorder, 16 May 2014]*

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## SAMUEL AGNER

*Written by Rebecca Sellars*

*for the Madison Genealogy Society*

Around 1861, just in time for the Civil War, **Samuel and Mary Martha Tittle Agner** moved into Madison county. Samuel and Mary settled 6 miles northeast of Madison, near present day County Road 254, and they brought all 8 of their children. The Agners moved from Greenwood County, South Carolina. Samuel was around 40 years old, and Mary was around 35.

Shortly after he arrived, Samuel served as a private in the Confederate Army, from 1862-1865; he served in Captain **John Westcoat's** Company of Madison County, which was Company I, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Florida Infantry. Wounded in the left foot in 1864, he was hospitalized and "rendered unfit for manual labor". In 1884, Samuel was granted a land patent of 80 acres of land; the family had lived on the land already for 7 years.

The eight children of Samuel and Mary Martha were:

1. **Margaret J. "Maggie" Agner** (1848-1930) who taught school in various locations throughout the county: Pine Hill, Friendship Academy, New Prospect, Suwannee River, Midway, and West Farm.

2. **Samuel M. Agner** (1853-1930's) married first **Mary M. Jenkins**; his second wife was **Lenore M. "Nora" Parker**; his last wife was **L. C. Bass**. Samuel and his first wife, Mary Jenkins, had 7 children: **Mary Belle Agner**, (1874-1941) who married **Henry Raines** and lived near Pine Grove Baptist Church; a son who died in infancy; **Anna Agner**, who married **W. L. Lamb** and who lived in Live Oak; **W. Eddie Agner** (1879-?) who married **Cordelia Lanier**; **John Oscar Agner** (1882-1960's) married **Lizzie Martin** and settled in Taylor County; an infant son, **Perry Agner**, who was born and died in 1884; and **Colina "Lena" Agner** (1888-?) who married a **Mr. Knowles** and settled in Avon Park. Three children were born to Samuel and his second wife, Nora: **Ernest Agner** (1895-?); a daughter **Talmdage Agner** (1898- ?); and **Leslie Agner** (1900-?). Samuel M. and his second wife Nora Parker received 160 acres of a land patent in 1896.

3. **Thomas Sloan Agner** (1854-1925) married **Laura "Lollie" Belle Sealey**; his second wife was **Rosa Lou Stokes**. Thomas Sloan and his wife, Lollie had one son, **Thomas Cecil Agner** (1887-?) With his second wife, Rosa Lee Stokes, five children were born: **Samuel Geiger Agner**



(1894-1973); **Mollie Agner** (1897-1899); **Josie Agner** (1899-?) married **Dewitt Fortner** and had four children; **James Marshall Agner** (1903-1904); and **Teddy Alice Agner** (1905-?) who married a **Mr. Brown**. Thomas and his family lived a short while in Madison County, then in Lowndes County, then in Suwannee County.

4. **Ann M. Alice Agner**, 1856-?, married **Joseph A. Ambrose**; her family farmed in Columbia and probably Suwannee Counties.

5. **John Lewis Agner** married **Barbara Isabelle Stephens** and raised their family in Madison.

6. **Sarah "Sally" Agner** (1859-1908) married **John Francis "Frank" Webb**; their family ended up in Live Oak.

7. **Lucy** (1862) died as a child.

8. **Martha S. "Mattie" Agner** (1868-1947) married **Henry May**. When she died, Mattie was living on land homesteaded by her father.

You may recognize some of the descendants of **John Lewis Agner** (1857-1929) and **Barbara Isabel Stephens**. They farmed land adjoining Dusty Miller Road, and the Agner descendants today live in the same spot. John and Barbara had 7 children, and 3 of their children raised families in the county. Many of their grandchildren still live in the county. **John Quincy Agner**, (1888-1970) lived in Madison and farmed; he never married. **Samuel Hugh Agner** lived from 1892-1911. **Helen Douglas Agner** married **Moses Fligh**; the couple owned a grocery store in Jacksonville and had no children; **Edith Isabel Agner** married **Jesse Alonzo Summers** and lived in Providence with their 6 children.

John Lewis and Barbara Stephens' daughter **Nina Agner** married **Berry Martin Williams**. They lived on the land patented to **Samuel Agner**. Their two daughters were **Annie Barbara "Bobbie"** who married **Gordon Stanton Martin Sr.** and lived in Jacksonville; and **Dorothy Elizabeth "Dot"** who married **Daniel Marvin Reeves** and lived in Madison County.

**John Lewis** and Barbara's son, **Willie James** (1896-1977) married **Fannie Lou Pulliam** and the couple had 13 children, raised in Madison County: 1. **William Alexander** married **Birdie Marie Burnett** from Tennessee and lived in Tennessee; 2. **James Carroll** married **Coantha "Kitty" Cole**, raised four children in Madison, farmed, and was a Nazarene minister; 3. **Raymond Lewis** died as

a young child. 4. **Joe Dean** married **Arlidine Reaves**, farmed, drove a school bus, and had 5 children; Joe's second wife was **Helen Carroll Mills**, and his third wife was **Angelus Miller**; 5. **Mildred Davis Agner** worked for many years in Dr. Bibb's office; 6. **Wesley Cole Agner** married **Mary Alice Sawyer**; Cole farmed and drove a school bus; he and his wife had 6 children. 7. **John Pendleton** and **Verdie Mae Fouraker** had five children. 8. **Robert Quincy Agner** married **Joyce V. Price** from Kentucky; he pastored churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and in Madison. The couple had 3 children. 9. **Arthur Paul Agner** taught school many years in Colorado and some years in Georgia. 10. **Shellie Mae Agner** married first **Dean Archie Rees** and lived in Indiana. The couple had 3 children. Shellie next married **Arthur "Art" Duran** and they had two children in Colorado. 11. **Samuel Hugh Agner** married **Mary Ella Williams** and worked mostly as a contractor and carpenter. Samuel and Mary Ella had 3 children. His second wife was **Carolyn Jones LaPoint**; and his third was **Janice Drawdy Ritchea**. 12. **Barbara Joyce Agner** married **Johnnie Lewis Williams, Sr.**; they had 4 children. 13. **Walter Parrish Agner** was the last child of Willie James and Fannie Lou.

John and Barbara's son, **Carradine "Dean" Agner** (1898-1981) and **Silviria Clide Stewart** farmed all of their lives in Madison County and had 10 children. 1. **Carradine "C.D."** married **Joyce Ann Smith**. 2. **Virginia Nell Agner**, married **Marjell Otis Dobbs**. 3. **Viria Susan Agner** married **Manzie Wallace "Acey" Wall**. 4. **Baby Agner** lived only a few hours. 5. **Nancy Elizabeth Agner** married **Theodore "Ted" LeRoy Martone**; she died in Cleveland, Ohio. 6. **Jimmie Martin Agner** married **Bonnie Nadine Smith**. 7. **William Quincy Agner** died at age 2. 8. **Hilda Mae Agner** married **James "Jimmy" Tillis Dixon**. 9. **Dianna Lois Agner** married **Allen Wayne Rehberg**; and 10. **Lewis Michael Dale Agner** married **Cassandra Jane Browne**.

Lots of descendants of **Samuel** and **Mary Martha Agner's** son, **John Lewis**, and his wife **Barbara Isabel Stephens**, remain to this day in Madison, some still farming original family land from the 1870's. Willie James and Fannie Pulliam and their 13 children, and Carradine and Silviria Clide Stewart and their 10 children have made lasting imprints in Madison County. Farmers, solid citizens, community minded people, and in general fine folks, members of the

Agner clan have enriched the lives of everyone who came in contact with them for quite a few years.

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### **Fountain Hayne and Spencer Cone**

*Written by Rebecca Sellars  
for the Madison Genealogy Society*

For over 180 years, the Cone Family has been planted in Madison County soil, in the Greenville area. **Fountain Hayne Cone**, born around 1803 in Craven, North Carolina migrated through South Carolina, where he met his wife **Anna** and where his first son, **Edward** was born. He arrived sometime before 1833; records show that Fountain voted in the 1833 election. Fountain was here before Florida became a state in 1845 and probably just after Madison became a county in 1827.

Several more children: **Jane, William, Fountain, Jr., and Queen Ann** were all born in the county. Fountain served in four different militias, as a private, sergeant, and as a captain. Anna died sometime between 1860 and 1868, and is said to be buried in New Hope Cemetery. Fountain then remarried **Zilpha**, who was around 43 years his junior and had six more children: **Frances, Zylpha, John J., Amanda, Henry, and Robert**.

A little while after Fountain arrived, his younger brother, **Spencer**, born around 1805 also in Craven, North Carolina, arrived in the Greenville area, by way of Georgia, where he married his wife **Rebecca** and had the following children: **William H., Mary, Sarah, and Spencer**. **Nancy** and **Florida A.** were born in Madison County. Spencer may have had a second and third wife: **Bertha**, born in Georgia and **Tabitha**, also born in Georgia.

Both Fountain and Spencer were counted in the 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. Fountain also lived to be counted in the 1880 census, where he was listed as 77 years old and feeble.

In 1850, **Jesse Cone**, also born in North Carolina, was in Jefferson County. According to one source, Jesse, born in 1813, was the half-brother of Fountain and Spencer. Jesse was married to **Adeline** and living with the couple was **Fereby Cone**, age 75, possibly Jesse's mother. By 1860, Jesse and Adeline also had several children in Jefferson County.

Fountain's first three sons stayed in the Greenville area and raised their families. The

three sons of Anna and Fountain were: **Edward, William, and Fountain H., Jr.**

Edward married late, at age 42, **Jemima Gill**, and had the following children: **Queen M., Alford M. and Blanch G.**

William married **Zilly** and had **Anna** and **Sarah F.** His second wife was **June**. William had two more daughters: **Flory E. and Martha L.**

Fountain Hayne, Jr. married **Emily Shephard** and had the following children: **M. Ann, Jane, and Dora**. A 10 year old boy, **Benjamin**, was listed in the 1870 census after the other younger girls, so possibly Benjamin was not a son or was the son of Emily only. While married to his second wife, **Lydia Willis**, Fountain, Jr. had the following children: **Sumpter Roscoe, Ollie Mae, Blanch A., and William Dewey**.

Fountain's sons from his second marriage were **John J., Henry, and Robert**. John J. married **Missouri** and lived locally. Henry married **Lottie** first and then **Quincy** and had **Amanda** and **Anna**. Henry also lived in the Greenville area. We're not sure how long or where Robert lived.

Fountain had quite a few grand-daughters and the following grandsons, who mostly were loyal Greenville citizens: **Alfred Morris** (son of Edward Calvin); and **Sumpter Roscoe** and **William Dewey** (sons of Fountain, Jr.).

Alfred Morris, who was born in 1880, married **Gussie Letchworth** and had the following children: **John C., Thomas J., Grover Cleveland, Walter M., Woodrow Wilson, Irene, Nellie Mae, Alfred Morris Jr., Gussie, Edward Calvin, and Margaret Corrine**. Finally, there were some boys in the family.

**Sumpter Roscoe** married **Nellie** and defected to the Asheville area of Jefferson County, which is only a few miles from the Hamburg area where some of the Cones lived. He had the following children: **Fountain B., William T., and Sumpter L.**

William Dewey wound up in Jacksonville, married to **Sarah B.**, and had a son, **Admiral**. He was later married to **Belle** and had **Malcolm, Helen, Alvin, Mary and Betty**.

Spencer Cone, Fountain Sr.'s brother, had two sons, **William H. and Spencer, Jr.** William H. married **Elizabeth** and had **Lydian, Sherman W., John, James T., Amanda, and Feriba**.

Spencer, Jr. married **Elizabeth** and had **Nancy, Henry W., Frances, Josephine, and Salety**.

Spencer, Sr. also had quite a few granddaughters and the following grandsons: **Sherman W., John, and James T.** (sons of **William H.**); and **Henry W.**, (son of **Spencer, Jr.**).

Sherman W. married **Jamimey** and had **Ella, Minnie, William H. and James E.** Sherman raised his family in Greenville. We are uncertain if John and James T. grew up and raised families.

Henry W. married **Lottie** and had **Eulus O'Quinn**. He also married **Quincy** and had **Amanda and Annie**. Henry W. also raised his family in Greenville.

So, if you've ever known any Cones by the names of Fountain, Spencer, William, Henry, Edward, Alfred, Sherman, Sumpter or by any other name in the Greenville area, you can be sure they are descended from either Fountain OR Spencer CONE, and you can be sure that they have come from good, hardy people who have farmed our land, supported this county, and remained loyal to Madison County for over 180 years. Congratulate the next Cone you meet!

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#### **GEORGE JACKSON BLAIR**

*Written by Rebecca Sellars  
for the Madison Genealogy Society*

Do you know any Blairs in Madison County? Want to know how long the family has been here? A long time!

#### **First Generation**

**George Jackson Blair** was born November 26, 1816 in Hancock County, Georgia but had moved down to the Madison area by the early 1840's. He was a son of **Richard Blair** and **Elizabeth Synthia Smith**. Florida did not become a state in 1845, which emphasizes that this was a pioneer family.

George settled in the Hickory Grove area and married **Emily Jane Williams** in 1841. **Willie**, born February 11, 1825, was a daughter of Roland and **Susannah (Lewis) Williams**. George and Willie had 10 children: **William Thomas** (m. **Sarah E. Tillis**); **Mary Ann Frances** (m. **Marion Frank Warner** and settled in Suwannee County; **Emily Jane** (never married); **Amanda Florida** (never married); **George Elbert** (m. **Sarah France "Fannie" Warren**); **Cynthia Susannah** (m. **Marion Frank Warner** and later m. **M. L. Leslie**); **Sarah Ann Elizabeth** (m. **Isaac Daniel Gramling**); **Richard Groves** (died an infant); **Polly Ann**

**Virginia** (m. **George W. Rykard**); and **Roland Jackson** (m. **Mary Susannah Gramling**).

George voted in Florida's first statewide election in 1845. He was living in the Hickory Grove Community, near Pinetta, Florida, where he was listed in the census as a farmer. He died young, at age 42 and was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. His wife, Jane, who lived 26 more years, was buried in Hickory Grove with her family, next to her sister **Priscilla Prudence (Puss) Williams Gramling**.

Most of George and Jane's children stayed right in Madison County. And a good many of their children's children's children are still here.

#### **Second Generation**

Three of George's sons remained in the Madison: **William Thomas, George Elbert, and Roland Jackson**.

**William Thomas**, George's oldest son, was born April 1, 1843 in Madison. On August 19, 1861, he enlisted in the Civil War in Captain Langford's Company of Madison Grey Eagles at Fort Clinch. This company became Company "G," 3rd Florida Infantry Regiment. Only July 26, 1862, he was hospitalized in Atlanta, GA. He was discharged on November 18, 1862, in Alason, TN but served a second enlistment, for the duration of the War in Company E, 11th Florida Infantry Regiment. William married the former **Miss Sarah E. Tillis**, daughter of **Richard** and **Mary E. (Coward) Tillis**. They had five children, most of whom all stayed in the Withlacoochee area. Their children were: **Mary Jane** (m. **William D. Lamb**); **Richard Jackson** (m. **Mattie Jane Blair Henderson**); **Laurie Elizabeth** (m. **Thomas A. Morris**); **John T.** (m. **Pheoby Lyla Witt**); and Henry Franklin (m. **Charlotte Williams** of Douglas, GA).

In 1902, William was granted a Confederate Soldier's pension of \$96.00 a year. This was increased to \$120 in 1907, on account of his age and general disability. William earned his living as a farmer and was a member of the Mt. Horeb Church. William died on October 12, 1919 and Sarah died April 10, 1907. They were buried in the Mt. Horeb Church Cemetery.

**George Elbert**, George's second son, and his wife **Sarah Frances "Fannie" Warren**, raised their family in the Withlacoochee and Cherry Lake areas of the county. Both George and Fannie were buried in the Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

The youngest son, **Roland Jackson**, married **Mary Susannah Gramling** (his first cousin and daughter of **William Asa Gramling** and

**Prudence Priscilla Williams**). They were the parents of eight children: **Wilson Neil** (m. **Nita Virginia Wells**); **William Edwin** (m. **Mae Leola Buchanan**); **Roland Jackson** (m. **Dena Dora Hall**); **Ruth Priscilla** (died at age 3); **Bertha Jane** (m. **Franklin Mance Hammock**); **Mary Willie** (m. **Ira Beaty** and then divorced); **Gladys** (m. **Kenneth Paul Beaty**); and **Vivian Grace** (m. **James Ashley McCall**). Roland was a farmer and a staunch Christian. He and his family were very active in the Hickory Grove UMC. They believed strongly in education and as a result, five of their children became teachers.

### Third Generation

Two of William Thomas' sons stayed in Madison: **Richard Jackson** and **John**. They lived in the Withlacoochee settlement. Richard Jackson was born September 9, 1869 and married Mattie Jane Blair Henderson about 1899. They were the parents of **Berta Lee** (m. **Ernest Taylor**); **Mary Marie** (m. **Carlton Hunley**); **Sarah Retha** (m. **Lamer Gaston**); **Edgar Homer** (m. **Eunice Bass** and later **Lillie Sue Cox**); **Mae Ardell** (m. **John Timothy Hollingsworth**); and **Richard** (died of measles at an early age). John was born about 1872 and married Pheoby Lyla Witt in 1890. They were the parents of five children: **Janell**, **John**, **Elbert**, **Sallie** and **Katie**.

George Elbert had two sons who stayed in the county and raised a family: **Comer** and **Hunter**. These brothers stayed in the Withlacoochee and Pinetta area.

Roland Jackson had three sons: **Wilson Neil**, **William Edwin "Ed,"** and **Roland Jackson, Jr.** who also spent most of their lives in Madison.

### Fourth Generation

**Wilson Neil**, son of **Roland Jackson**, had four children: **Wilson Neil "Ben"** (m. **Betty Ann Kinard**); **Nita June**; **Murray Davis** (m. **Barbara Jo Allen**); and **Patrick "Pat" Wells**. **William Edwin "Ed,"** and **Mae Leola Buchanan** were the first couple to be married in the new Madison County Courthouse in 1914. They were the parents of eight children: **Ira Edwin** (m. **Lois Marie Richardson**); **Wiley Buford** (m. **Sadie Bennett**); **Leona** (m. **Cecil Wilbur Coleman** and later **Abner James Gay**); **Jimmie Wilson** (m. **Grace Nelson Bennett**); **Mildred Delilah** (m. **George Washington Vaughan**); **Mary Frances** (m. **Dolpha Cantrell**); **Buck**, who had five children; and a baby boy, who died at birth. Neil was a retired school teacher and farmer. He attended the Florida Normal

Institute, taught school in Madison for 33 years, and was a member of the Hickory Grove Methodist Church and a veteran of WWI.

**Roland Jackson, Jr.**, and **Dena Dora Hill** had a son, **Ray**.

### Fifth Generation

Many of the next generation are still around or remembered: To mention just a few: children of **Wiley Buford** and Sarah Lee (Sadie) Sands are: **Wiley "Delbert"** (m. **Martha Jane Andrews**); **Brenda Elaine** (m. **Richard Parks Baker**); **Hugh "Wetzel"** (m. **Betty "Marilyn" Collins**); **Gwynn Morgan** (m. **Mary Susan Herndon**); **Dale Maury** (m. **Jane Fender** and later **Margaret Ann Brown Sever**); and **Clay Andrew** (m. **Bobbi Lynne Quinn** and later, **Donna Wright**).

That makes at least seven generations of Blairs who lived in and served Madison County. Seven generations of Blairs helped to build and form Madison County. Most of our lives have been touched by members of this good, solid, family oriented, stable group of folks. Again, Madison County is the better for George Jackson Blair and his descendants.

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## DANIEL BURNETT

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When one has lived in a county for a few years, he can sense which folks have been around for a long time. Maybe one knows longtime residents because their name is common. It could be that those who have lived in Madison for years have lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. The stories of early days that long term residents tell are a clue. Or maybe one can tell because the folks who have been around so long seem to feel a pride or an ownership in their county. But there is something even deeper that runs in long term residents that the rest of us see. There is a confidence that Madison is their home; it has been, and it will be their home.

Born in South Carolina, **Daniel Burnett** and his wife, **Hannah Gornto**, came to Madison before Florida was a state, around 1840. He is listed in the 1840 census, along with his son,

**James Burnett.** Born in South Carolina, Daniel arrived in Madison County after a stopover in Bulloch County, Georgia, where he had received land in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery. Daniel and his family settled around the Cherry Lake and Hamburg areas and have lived in this area for many generations.

#### Second Generation

**DANIEL** and **Hannah** had four children: **Mary Burnett**, born around 1806 and married **William Knight**; **Daniel Burnett**, born in 1817, and died 1903 married first **Martha Ann P. Sever** and then **Francis T. Grambling**; **James Burnett** was born between 1810-1820 and married **Sarah Jane Guiton**.

#### Third Generation/Daniel

**Daniel** and **Martha P. Sever** had 7 children: **Peyton Pierce Burnett**; **Capers Peter Burnett**; **Daniel William Burnett**; **James T. Burnett**; **David Felix Burnett**, **Mary S. Burnett** and **Elizabeth Maude Burnett**. **Daniel** and **Frances Terrell Gramling** had 6 more children: **Margaret B. Burnett**, **Emma D. Burnett**, **John Burnett**, **Samuel Henry Burnett**, **Nancy C. Burnett** and **Marshal O. Burnett**. **Daniel** and his wives lived in the Madison and Hamburg areas their whole lives, and at least three of their sons married and raised their families also in the Madison/ Hamburg area.

#### Third Generation/James

**James** and his wife, **Sarah Jane Guiton** had 5 children: **William Burnett**, **Thomas Burnett**, **Nancy Nelly Burnett**, **James Burnett**, and **Samuel J. Burnett**. At least two of their sons raised families in Madison.

#### Fourth Generation/Daniel

From **Daniel** and **Martha Sever's** family, **David Felix Burnett** married **Rebecca Jane Paul**; they lived in Madison, Hamburg, and Cherry Lake. Their children were **Rosella Burnett**, **Alonzo J. Burnett**, **Daniel Felix Burnett**, **George Paul Burnett**, **Lewis Washington Burnett**, **Mary Agnes Burnett**, and **Louis Burnett**.

**Daniel** and **Martha's** son, **Daniel William Burnett** married **Mary Elizabeth Morrow** and had the following children: **Madge E. Bennett**, **Martha Elizabeth Bennett**, **James Daniel Bennett**, **William H. Bennett**, **Capel Pellar Bennett**, **Samuel Felix Bennett**, **S. P. Bennett**, **Mary Frances C. Bennett**, and **Mazze Bennett**. **Daniel** and **Mary Elizabeth** raised their family in Madison, Hamburg, and Cherry Lake.

From **Daniel** and his second wife, **Frances Terrell Gramling**, **Samuel Henry Bennett**

married **Carrie L. Wilson** and had the following children: **Carl Washington Bennett**, **George Forest Bennett**, and **Samuel Paul Bennett**. **Samuel** and **Carrie** lived in the Madison area.

#### Fourth Generation/James

**James** and **Sarah Jane Guiton's** son **William Bennett** married **Sarah Elizabeth Dansby**, and had the following children: **William Shelton "Shelt" Bennett** and **Daniel Bryan Bennett**. **James** died at age 26 as result of wounds in the Civil War. He died in a hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

**James** and **Sarah Jane's** son, **Samuel J. Burnett** married **Martha Burnett** and had the following children: **William Jackson Bennett**, **Henry Bennett**, **Samuel Bennett**, **Jobe Bennett**, **Martha A. Bennett**, and **Rose Ann Bennett**.

If you've managed to make it to the end of this article, whether you are a Burnett, a kin, or an obsessive article reader, you may have seen some familiar names—Daniel, Samuel, and William Burnetts abounded. You will probably be even more familiar with some of the fifth generation Burnetts.

#### Fifth Generation/ Daniel

Children of **George Forest Burnett**, who married **Martha Church Croom** were **Mary Martha Bennett**, **George Forest Bennett, Jr.**, and **Carlton Croom Bennett**.

#### Fifth Generation/James

Children of **William Shelton "Shelt" Bennett** and **Ella Jane Loper** were **William A. Bennett**, **Council Moyer Bennett**, and **Joseph Russell Bennett**. Children of **"Shelt"** and his second wife, **Rhoda Henderson** were **Rosa Lee Bennett**, **Eva Mae Bennett**, **Kathleen Bennett**, **Ruby E. Bennett**, **Katie Bennett**, **Minnie Belle Bennett**, and **Mary Helen Bennett**.

Thank you, Burnetts, for being here so long and for taking such good care of our county. We love you.

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#### SILAS COKER (1790-1841)

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With just a few Coker's left in Madison County, one would hardly know how early the Cokers arrived and what a serious impact the

Coker family has had on the County. **Silas** came to the county in the late 1820's with his wife **Ann** and six children: **Daniel D.** (1803-1886), who married **Nancy Eunice Taylor**; **Jonathan**, (born 1805) who married **Nancy**; **John**, (born 1812) who married **Elvia Elizabeth Hankins**; **James Allen**, (born 1814), who married **Mary Catlett**; **Nathan**, (born 1823) who married **Margaret Easters**; and **Silas** (1827-1918); Three more children were born after **Silas** and **Ann** arrived in the county: **Arthur D.** (1830-1865), who married **Patience Pridgeon**; **Michael**, (born 1833) and **Elvina** (born 1834). The Coker family arrived, as many early pioneers did, from South Carolina, with a detour through Georgia.

On the 1930 census, **Silas** and his family were one of only 44 families who lived in the Madison, Taylor, Lafayette area.

The May 1831 election for the territorial delegate to Congress was held at the homes of **Dennis Hankins** and **Silas Coker**. **Silas'** precinct was probably located in the South West area of Madison County. February 10, 1835, **Silas** was appointed as a Justice of the Peace.

In 1856, Taylor and Lafayette Counties were split from Madison County. The Coker families seemed to have lived right around the area that was divided, so some of the families, in the 1860 census, were residents of Taylor County, some lived in Lafayette County, and a few remained in Madison County. In 1860, **Daniel D.** was in Madison County; **Jonathan** died around 1852 and it appears that his son **James** lived in Taylor County; **John**, **James Allen**, and **Nathan** were in Taylor County; and **Arthur D.** was in Lafayette County.

**Daniel D.** remained in Madison County until around 1875, when he moved to Manatee County. Many of his family settled there.

In 1940, the last census of public record, there was one Caucasian Coker family in Madison County: **Rufus Washington**, (1884-1972), who was married to **Effie Rebecca Noble**. The couple had the following children: a son **Elmer**, (born 1913); a son **Hazel**, (born 1917), and a daughter **Thelma**, (born 1912). **Rufus** was the son of **John Thomas Coker** and **Susan Triplett**. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, in Greenville. **John Thomas Coker** was the son of **John Coker** and **Elvia Elizabeth Hankins**; apparently **John** remained in Madison County while the rest of his siblings and parents were residents of Taylor County. **John** was the third son of **Silas Coker**. By 1872, **Silas** had 173

descendants. Today, many more Cokers exist, throughout Florida and Georgia, descendants of **Silas**. Although **Silas** and his family were instrumental in settling Madison, very few Cokers remain here.

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### **The Campbell Pioneers of Madison County**

*Written by Rebecca Sellars  
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**John Campbell, Sr.**, born in Scotland in the 1770s, came to the US after the Revolutionary War on the same ship as his future wife, **Mary Nicholson**. They were the parents of five children: 1) **John Campbell, Jr.**; 2) **Neill Campbell, Sr.**; 3) **Flora Campbell**; 4) **Sarah Campbell**; and 5) **Mary Campbell**. **Mary** died about 1820 and he later married **Susan** whose last name is currently unknown. Although both of **John's** sons moved to the Florida Territory and helped to establish Madison Co., FL., many of their descendants ended up moving further south.

1) **John Campbell, Jr.** was born 4 Jul 1800 in SC. He married a Miss **Nancy Taylor** on 20 Dec 1820 in Appling Co., GA. In March 1825, they moved to the Florida Territory, settling first in Gadsden Co. By August 1829, they had moved to Madison Co. settling near Mosey Hall. In 1838 he joined the Middle Florida Mounted Volunteers at San Pedro Station, Madison Co. In late April or early May 1838 he was wounded in action with the Seminole Indians and on 27 May 1838 died at his home, where he was buried. In late 1841, **Nancy** and her unmarried children moved to Melender's Settlement, Hillsborough Co., FL where she lived the remainder of her life. She died 28 Sep 1884 and was buried at the Clearwater Cemetery. **John** and **Nancy** were the parents of: 1) **Mary Campbell** born Sep 1822, died 3 Jul 1890. She married first **Ferdinand Whiddon** (1818-1840) on 26 Jun 1839 in Madison Co., FL. He was killed by Indians in 1840 where he was serving as a 2nd Lt. in the Seminole War. She later married **David Benjamin Turner** (1819-1868). Both **Mary** and **David** were buried in the Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL; 2) **Elizabeth Campbell** born 25 Feb 1825 and died 17 Dec 1890. She married **James Parramore McMullen** who served as a Captain in the CSA. He was born 11 Jun 1823 and died 17 Apr 1895. Both **Elizabeth** and **James Parramore** were buried in the McMullen Cemetery in Clearwater,

Pinellas Co., FL; 3) **Catherine Campbell** born 1 Jul 1827 in Gadsden Co., FL. Catherine passed away in 1858 in Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL. She had married **Daniel Scott Whitehurst**, who was born in 1816 in Jasper, Hamilton Co., FL and killed during the War Between the States at Boca Ciega Inlet, Florida. They were the parents of five children; 4) **William N. Campbell** was born 16 May 1830 and died 26 May 1896. He served in the War Between the States as both an infantry man and a seaman. He died at Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL and was buried in the Clearwater Municipal Cemetery. He married **Florida A. Harn**. Florida was born 26 Feb 1838 and passed away on 13 Jan 1910. She also was buried in the Clearwater Municipal Cemetery; 5) **Margaret Ann Campbell** born 17 Apr 1833 and passed away on 21 Apr 1909. She married **Daniel McMullen**, born 12 Jul 1825 and died 5 Aug 1908. They were both buried in the Largo City Cemetery, Largo, Pinellas Co., FL; 6) **Lavinia Jane Campbell** was born 25 Feb 1836 and passed away in 1884. She married **Robert J. Whitehurst**, born 5 March 1831 and died 20 Oct 1916. They were both laid to rest in the Anona Pioneer Cemetery, Largo, Pinellas Co., FL.

2) **Neill Campbell Sr.** was born 3 Nov 1802 in Marlborough District, SC. He met his wife, **Elizabeth Taylor** (born July 19, 1809), in Appling Co., GA and they were wed on 14 Oct 1824. After their marriage, they also moved to Madison Co., FL settling near Moseley Hall. Neill joined the Florida Territorial Militia to fight in the second conflict with the Seminole Indians (Florida War, 1835-1842). Harmony Baptist Church was founded in the southwestern portion of Madison County. The Campbells were early members and Neill served as a deacon for many years. In November 1873, the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church was organized and the Campbell family shifted to it, with Neill becoming a deacon in Aug 1874. Neill died 15 Mar 1875 and Elizabeth died 26 Sep 1883. Both were buried at the Campbell Cemetery in Madison, Florida. It was sometimes known as the "Old Neilly Field." Neill and Elizabeth were the parents of: 1) **Alexander Neil Campbell**, born in 1826, married **Margaret Ann Lee**; 2) **Nancy Campbell**, born 1830, married **John A. McDonald**; 3) **James R. Campbell**, born 1834, married **Jane Elizabeth Lanier**; 4) **Lavinia Campbell**, born 1842, married **Daniel J. DeVane**; 5) **Neill Campbell, Jr.**, b. 1843, married **Julia Williams** and later **Susan Elizabeth Tedder**; 6) **Elizabeth**

**Campbell**, b. 1847; 7) **Sarah A. Campbell**, b. 1849; 8) **Flora J. Campbell**, b. 1851, married **George H. Tedder**

2A) **Neil Campbell, Jr.**, son of **Neil Campbell, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Taylor**, was born Oct 1843 in Madison Co., FL. On 20 Aug 1861, he enlisted in the Florida Volunteers, Co. "M," 2<sup>nd</sup> Florida Infantry (Confederate). He was taken prison on 9 Apr 1865, at the Appomattox Court House, VA. On 1 Jan 1874 in Madison Co., Neil married Miss **Julia Williams** who was born 7 Apr 1854. They were the parents of three children: **James Wesley Campbell**, **John Alexander Campbell**, and **Lulu Arline Campbell** who was born 20 Aug 1879 and died 11 Oct 1882). Julia died on 6 Sep 1879, shortly after Lulu's birth, and was buried along with her daughter in the "Old Neilly Field." Shortly after Julia's death, Neil moved to Taylor County. On 28 Dec 1883 he married **Susan Lovely Elizabeth Tedder**. She was born 2 Oct 1844 and died 15 Jul 1900. Both Neil and Susan were buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Perry, Taylor Co., FL.

2B) **Alexander Nicholson Campbell**, son of **Neill Campbell, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Taylor**, was born 20 Jan 1826 in Gadsden Co., Florida Territory. While still very young, his parents moved to Madison Co., where he remained the rest of his life. At the age of 12, he enrolled at Camp Taylor, Florida as a private in Captain Richard B. Turner's Company, 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment, First Brigade, Florida Mounted Militia. (It is possible that a James Smart served as a substitute for him.) On 25 Jan 1847 he married **Margaret Ann Lee**, daughter of **Elam Zadoc Lee, Sr.** and **Annie Dill**. Margaret was born at Fort Gaines on 1 Oct 1832 in Early Co., GA but came to Madison Co. with her parents about 1842. In 1849, Alexander moved his family close to his parents' home. On March 1863, Alexander enrolled in the Confederate Army at Madison Co. He served as a corporal in **Captain Charles Begg's** Independent Co. (Bradford Avengers), Florida Infantry, later known as Company "E," Eleventh Florida Infantry. On 2 Mar 1870 he purchased the land on which the "Old Neilly Field" or "Campbell Cemetery" is located. Margaret died on 30 Apr 1903 and two years later Alexander died on 10 Aug 1905. According to the Madison County Cemetery Book by **Joseph Eichelberger**, they were both buried at the "Little Brown Church Cemetery," the name Mr. Eichelberger to the Campbell/Spradley Church Cemetery (or "Old

Neilly Field") on Co. Road 150, Madison, Florida because he did not know the official name of the church and because it was located near a "Little Brown Church." Margaret and Alexander were the parents of the following children who remained in the Madison area: 1) **Allen Dennett Campbell** born 15 Dec 1854, died 2 Jul 1916, married **Winnie Jane Spradley**. Both were buried at the Little Brown Church/Campbell's Church Cemetery. 2) **Margaret Nancy Campbell** born 27 Jul 1879, died 24 Jul 1963, married **Thomas Jefferson Mathers**. Both were buried in the Lamont Walker Cemetery.

Their daughter, 3) **Annie Elizabeth Campbell** married **Richard William Spradley**. They both moved to Burleson, TX and were buried there. The remainder of their children moved to the Dade Co., FL area. They were: 4) **William Wesley Campbell** who married **Mary Jane Reams**; 5) **Thomas Alexander Campbell** who married **Amanda Elizabeth Mathers**. 6) **John Richard Campbell** who married **Sallie Tillman Eason**; 7) **Emma Margaret Campbell** who married **John Lumis Chambers**; 8) **Neill Willard Campbell** who married **Julia Bell Lanier**; and 9) **Mary Alice Campbell** who married **Robert Joseph Mathers**. Robert and his wife were two of Miami's oldest pioneers, moving to Miami in 1900. He was killed in an automobile accident on Pembroke Road in Hallandale. At the time of his death, he was president of the Diamond Furniture Company.

3) **Flora Campbell**, daughter of **John Campbell** and **Mary Nicholson**, was born about 1805 in SC. She married **David Rowell, Jr.** on 20 Oct 1833. They were the parents of three children: **Elizabeth Rowell**, born 2 Sep 1834; **Thomas Rowell**, b. 4 Dec 1836, died 1 Jan 1838; and **Mary Rowell**, b. 11 Aug 1839. David died in Lowndes Co., GA in 1847 and his estate was administered by his widow, Flora and her father, Neil Campbell. There is no indication that they ever lived in Madison Co., FL., but they were just across the state line from Madison Co. in GA.

4) **Sarah W. Campbell**, daughter of **John Campbell** and **Mary Nicholson**, was born about 1816 in Appling Co., GA. She married **Hugh Nunez**, son of **Daniel Nunez** (1775-1815). After the death of Daniel Nunez, his sons **Hugh** and **Daniel**, as minors, were taken to Tattnall Co., GA where they were placed in the charge of **Allen Johnson** who was appointed their guardian on 7 Aug 1815. Hugh was first

married to **Sarah Virginia Carter**, daughter of **Richard Carter**. In Nov 1842, Sarah and Hugh were married. They were the parents of 1) **George W. Nunez**, born 1842, 2) **Frances E. Nunez** born 1844 who married **Elbert M. T. Smith**, 3) **Mary Caroline Nunez** born 1846 who married **David Young**, 4) **Jasper V. Nunez**, born 1847, 5) **Newton C. Nunez**, born 1848, 6) **Sarah Angeline Nunez**, born 1850 who married **Henry Rush**, and **Hugh C. Nunez**, born 1851, who married **Theodosia Patterson**. In 1854, **Sarah Campbell** married **John McPherson** and had three more children. There is no indication that they ever lived in Madison Co., FL.

5) **Mary Campbell**, daughter of daughter of **John Campbell** and **Mary Nicholson**, was born about 1805. In the early 1820s in Appling Co., GA, she married **Malcolm Hugh Morrison**, who was born about 1800 in NC. Malcolm died about 1845. They were the parents of two children: **Daniel** and **John Morrison**. There is no indication that they ever lived in Madison Co., FL.

**Allen Dennett**, (1854-1916) the son of **Margaret** and **Alexander Campbell**, was the son who remained in Madison County. He and **Winnie Jane Spradley** had 13 children: **Lenora Inez** (1876-1933), married to **Jessie Andrews**, died in Indian River, FL; **William Asa** (1878-1923) married to **Edna Donaldson**, lived in the Madison area; **John Thomas, Sr.** (1879-1937), married to **Nina Hamilton**, lived in the Madison area; **Sylvia Floyd** (1881-1959), married to **Samuel Adams**, lived in the Madison area; **Dennett Caraway** (1882-1932) married to **Mamie Cruce**, lived in the Madison area; **Emma Jane** (1884-1931) married to **Colin Lewis**, lived in the Taylor area; **Pearl Lee** (1860-1947), married to **George Andrews**, lived in the Madison area; **Rosa Bell** (1888-1920), married to **William Lewis, Sr.**, lived in the Shady Grove, Taylor area; **Elam Neal** (1890-1961), married **Effie Spradley**, moved to Polk County; **Richard Ernest** (1892-1958), married **Sarah Godwin**, ended up in Thomas County, GA; **Margaret Georgia** (1889-1992) married **Charles Kersey**, lived in Indian River; **Robert William** (1899-1901); and **Nellie Mae** (1901-1986), married **David Denmark, Sr.** and died in Leon County. Six of Allen and Winnie Jane's children were buried in Harmony Cemetery. Possibly, two of Allen and Winnie's sons, **John Thomas, Sr.** (1879-1939) and **Dennett Caraway** (1882-1932) may still have descendants in Madison County. A few



Campbell families remain in the county. Many, many more Campbells remain imprinted in the history of the county, especially in the Harmony Church area.

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### **JOSEPH FLOWERS (1790 to around 1878)**

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Sometime before 1840, Joseph Flowers and his wife **Charity Spurlock** arrived in what was known in the census records as Middle Florida, Madison, Florida Territory. Like many of the Madison pioneers, Joseph was born in South Carolina and spent some time in Georgia. Joseph, who was born around 1790, married Charity in 1917 in Laurens County, Georgia.

By 1850, when census takers began recording names in the family, 8 children were living in the house, and the census taker reported that all were born in Florida. **James** was born in 1830, **Elizabeth** in 1832, **Susan** (also called **Loraney?**) in 1836, **Joseph** in 1839, **Benjamin** in 1840, **Jesse** in 1842, **Henry** in 1843, and **Mary** in 1844. By the 1860 census, another child, **Amanda** had arrived in 1851. It appears that **Shadric**, born 1820 in Georgia, and **Ephraim**, born 1819 also in Georgia were older sons, not listed in the household in 1850; **Shadric** was living with the Hartridge family and Ephraim was living with the Dewey family. **John** probably was another son, who married **Nancy Dukes** in 1848. Don't know if Joseph had two daughters named **Elizabeth**, but an Elizabeth Flowers married **Henry Dewey** in 1843, so possibly Ephraim was living with his sister in 1850. In the 1870 census, another daughter, **Nettie O.**, was living with her mother, Charity.

Joseph and his wife Charity both lived until sometime after 1870, when he was around 80 years old. A planter, in 1860 the value of Joseph's estate was \$1400.

#### Generation Two

**Shadric** may have had a daughter; he married **Ann**, and in 1880, was living in Bradford County with Ann and 5 year old **Genie**. **Ephraim** apparently did not marry. In the 1870 census, **John** and **Nancy** had **Mary E.**; in 1880, John and Nancy lived in Hamburg. Don't know what happened to **James** or **Henry**. So Joseph left descendants through 3 sons: **Joseph**,

**Benjamin**, and **Jesse**. **Loreny** apparently did not marry. She was living with her sister? **Elizabeth Dewey** in 1870, who had married **Henry Dewey** in 1843.

#### Generation Two/Joseph

Records suggest that **Joseph** married **Rebecca Rykard** in 1850. They had the following children: **William H.**, **Simon P.**, **Margarete H.**, **Thomas J.**, and **Vachael H.** **Joseph** must have died around age 25; Rebecca is listed as the head of the household from 1860 to 1900. **Rebecca** is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, and her headstone says that she was born 16 June, 1833 and died 29 October, 1908.

#### Generation Two/Benjamin

Married to **Mary Ann Lewis**, **Benjamin** had the following children: **Alice**, **Benjamin**, **Elizabeth L.**, **Richard Henry**, **Daniel**, and **Jennie**. Benjamin fought in the Civil War, and was wounded five times in one battle. **Benjamin** and **Mary Ann** raised their family in Hamburg. According to his headstone at Ebenezer Cemetery, he was born 21 April, 1836 and died 13 June, 1912.

#### Generation Two/Jesse

**Jesse** married **Lurany (Lorena)**, and the couple had the following children: **Joel** (born 1868), **Henry D.**, (1870), **Jesse Russell**, (1873) **John T.**, (1876), **David Hunter** (1879), **Julia** (1882), **Maggie M.** (1885), **Addie E.** (1887), and **Carrie E.** (1888). In the Civil War, Jesse enlisted in Monticello in 1861 in Company I, Florida 1<sup>st</sup> infantry Regiment. He was described as 6' tall, and as having a dark complexion, dark hair and dark eyes. In Ebenezer Cemetery, where Jesse was buried, his headstone tells us that he was born 27 April, 1838 and died 27 April, 1889.

#### Generation Three/Joseph

Of Joseph, Jr. and Rebecca's children: **William H.**, **Simon P.**, **Margarete H.**, **Thomas J.**, and **Vachael H.**, we were able to trace the following: **Vachael** married **Ida**, whose parents, according to one of the family trees on Ancestry, were **Louisa** and **William Benjamin Cave**. It appears that they had all girls: **Ada M.**, (born 1886) who married **Thomas Hart** in 1902; **Molly R.** (1887) married **Luther Williams**, 1910; **Carrie B.**, (1890); **Janey T.** (1890), who married **Robert Pridgeon** in 1905; and **Gussie I.** (1892). **Vachael** and **Ida** remained in the Hamburg area. They were both buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. **Vachael's** headstone gives the following dates: born 11 December 1860; died 21 August 1925. **Ida's** headstone reads 30 January 1867—6 June 1948.

We were unable to locate any information about **William H.**, except that he was born 12 Oct 1852 and died 1 Oct 1889 and buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. We also found that **Simon P.** was born Nov. 13, 1854 and was buried Jan 21, 1897, according to his headstone at Ebenezer Cemetery. **Thomas J.** also was buried at Ebenezer Cemetery, with his headstone inscribed with his birth as 8 May 1858 and his death 5 June, 1889. It seems that neither **William H.**, **Simon P.**, nor **Thomas J.** married and had children.

#### Generation Three/Benjamin

**Benjamin** and **Mary Ann** seemed to have lived in and raised their family in the Hamburg area. Their daughter **Alice** married **T. J. Hammer** in 1905; (an Eliza Flowers married Bailey Flowers in 1887; we are not sure if this is Benjamin's daughter, Lizzie;) **Richard Henry**, born around 1873, did not appear to marry and have children. **Ephron Daniel** married **Isadora Bond** in 1909. **Dan** and **Isadora** wound up in Pinellas County, with two children—**Daniel R.** and **Georgia Bernard**. **Benjamin** married **Rachael L.** and had the following children: **Benjamin H.**, **William J.**, **Homer**, **Floyd**, **Ottis F.**, and **Lillie M.** **Benjamin** and **Rachael** moved to Brooks County.

#### Generation Three/Jesse

**Jesse** and **Lurany's** children that we were able to trace were: **Joel**, **Henry D.**, **John T.**, **David Hunter**, **Jesse Russell**, **Julia**, **Margaret M.**, **Adeline E.** and **Carrie E.** **Julia** married **J. J. Flynn** in 1902. **Margaret M.** married **Sydney DeLoach** in 1911; **Adeline** married **John Frank Martin** in 1918. **Carrie** married **J. B. Hughey** in 1909 and **Theodore Loper** in 1916. **David Hunter** married **F. Katherine Scarborough**; the couple did not appear to have children; it appears that they lived in Hardee, DeSoto, and Dade Counties and were buried at Ebenezer. **David Hunter's** headstone reads 14 February 1879 through 6 July 1937. **Joel** died in childhood.

**Jesse** and **Lurany's** son **Henry** married **Amanda ?**; the couple, in 1900, had **Walter**, (born 1892); **Etha**, (born 1894); and **Allen**, (born 1899). They were living in Wakulla County. By 1910, they were living in Taylor County, and had **Aline**, (born 1900); **Raymond**, (born 1902), and **John**, (born 1904). In 1920, they were living in Holmes County and had added to their family, **Ione**, (born 1913). By 1930, **Henry** was back in Madison County, with daughter **Etha** and grandchildren **Wilmer**, **Lester**, and

**Maxine**. Also in Madison, in the 1940 census, was **Raymond W. Flowers**, 38 years old, and living with his mother and father, **Henry** and **Amanda**.

Another son of **Jesse** and **Lurany** was **Jesse Russell**, who married **Mrs. Rebecca Wilson** in 1899. **Jesse** and **Rebecca** lived in the Hamburg area all of their lives, but didn't appear to have any children. **Jesse's** headstone, at Ebenezer Church, reads 16 March, 1873—27 February, 1944.

Although **Joseph Flowers**, who arrived in Madison County before 1840, had 12 or 13 children, by 1940, we can be sure of only one descendant in Madison County, **John Thomas**, son of **Jesse** and **Lurany**, born in 1875, who married **Lula Williams** in 1918. **John T.** and **Lula** had the following children: **John T.** (born in 1920); **Jesse D.**, (born in 1921); **Herbert**, (born in 1922); **Wyatt**, (born in 1924); and **Minnie R.**, (born in 1926). Most likely, **John T.** is buried at Ebenezer, with many of his ancestors.

There are some mysteries about **Flowers** descendants. **William Henry Flowers**, (1876-1943), married **Edna Merritt** in Madison County. He was born in Hamilton County, and raised his family mostly in Hamilton and Suwannee County. **William Henry** and **Edna** had the following children: **Mary**, (born around 1904); **Cloe** (born around 1908); **Albert Cleavon** (1909-1984); **Collis**, (born around 1911); **Retis Clinton** (1913-1971); **Charlie Hardy** (1915-1971); and **B. F.** (born 1918). Some descendants of **William Henry** and **Edna** have lived in the Lee area for around a hundred years. We haven't been able to figure out who **William Henry's** parents were and would welcome any light that could be shined on this mystery.

Some real Madison Pioneers stories came up when researching **Joseph Flowers**. One of **William Henry's** descendants told about hearing from his grandmother, who had heard from her grandmother, about having to flee to the stockade in Madison, where Four Freedoms Park is now located, to escape from Indian attacks. This grandmother also told about living in a log cabin, looking out the cracks in the wall, and watching Indians circling the cabin. She had a young baby, which she nursed, to keep the baby from crying.

Another question that hasn't been answered is where **Edwin Flowers** came from. He was born around 1916 in Madison, and in

1940, lived in Madison; he married **Janie Hicks** in Madison in 1935. He is buried in Stonewall Cemetery in Lee. His father was **Edwin Luther Flowers**, born in Brooks County.

Many of the descendants of Joseph Flowers lived in Madison County in the Hamburg area, attended Ebenezer Church, raised their families, and were buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. Like other Madison Pioneer families, other descendants of Joseph Flowers moved on to form and be part of new communities. Those who remained left quite an impression in the Hamburg area of Madison County.

*NOTE: A reader requested that the Flowers family Be featured in this column. We offer our apologies for any mistakes, and we welcome Flowers family input. [Extracted from the Enterprise-Recorder, 22 Aug 2014]*

#### \*\*\*\*\* **DENNIS DRIGGERS 1875—Part 1**

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A quick short article on the original Madison County Pioneer, **Dennis Driggers**, turned out to be a little more complicated than expected. Dennis Driggers arrived in Madison County before 1840, and was listed on the 1840 census, before Florida became a state. So, Dennis Driggers is a true Florida Pioneer. Lots of references were used to write this article, including various family trees on Ancestry.com, census records, Googled family histories, information from *John Lastinger Family of America*, by Mrs. **Aurora C. Shaw Lastinger**, Genealogist, 1960, and **Clydie Driggers Russell's** article on her father, **Sim Driggers**, in the *Madison County Florida Family History Book*. And there are probably quite a few mistakes. Please, Driggers Family, help us set the record straight, if you see errors.

You see, the story is complicated by the often told story of two brothers, bringing their families to a new territory to start a new life. And to add to the confusion, the brothers, as often brothers did back then, named their children with the same names.

It seems that **Jonas** (born 1755) and **Elenor** (born 1754) **Driggers**, from South Carolina, by way of Bulloch County, Georgia, where they died, had the following children: 1. **William**, born 1776 in South Carolina, and died in Columbia County, Florida, who married **Emily Lastinger**. 2. **Jonas, Jr.**, born 1777 in South Carolina. 3. **Dennis**, born 1778 in Georgia, and died in Madison County, who married **Elizabeth**

**Neville**. 4. **John**, born 1781 in Georgia and died in Georgia. 5. **Simeon**, born 1785 in Georgia, and 6. **Catherine**, born 1782 in Georgia.

Dennis was in Madison County before 1840; he would have been around 65 years old. Also in the county, in Dennis' household on the 1840 Census was another male, who was between 50 and 59 years old, possibly his brother, **William**. No records were found to indicate that William lived in Madison County. However, it is believed that William and several of William's children were in the county in 1840 and 1850—possibly **Matthew, Jacob** and **Simeon**. Some of William's children remained in Bulloch County, Georgia, where the family lived before moving to Madison County. Other children of William moved into Lowndes County, Georgia, and over to Lafayette, Columbia and Baker Counties, Florida.

According to various sources, Dennis, who was married to **Elizabeth Neville**, had the following children: **Dennis Franklin, Jr., Marantha**, who married **Alfred Williams, Andrew Jackson, Simeon**, and **Berrien**. In 1840, Dennis served in Bradley's Company, Florida, with the Mounted Volunteers.

The children of **William**, Dennis' brother, were **Mark, Sarah, Rebecca; Mary Ann; Elender; Jonas**, born in 1814 and died in Columbia Florida; **Jacob**, born 1815, married **Nancy**, and died in Florida; **Simeon**, born in 1816 and married **Catherine Collins** in Madison and died in Florida; **William H., Jr.**, born 1817 and died in Florida; **Emily (Mily)**, born 1819 and died in Levy County, Florida; **Matthew**, born 1821 and married **Louisa Elliston** in Madison; **Catherine; Elizabeth; Penina L.;** and **Diana**.

#### **Generation Two**

In 1850, only Dennis and Elizabeth's children had families in Madison County.

1. **Andrew Jackson**, born 1824, and married to **Mary Polly Williams**, in 1845, had **Elisha**, born 1846, and **Rosa**, born 1848. We think **Alfred** was born to **Andrew Jackson** and **Mary Polly** in 1852 and **William** in 1854. **Andrew Jackson** died around 1855; in 1860, **Rosa Ann, Alfred, William** and **Elisha** were living with **William and Mary Clemons**. Likely, Mary, Andrew Jackson's widow, remarried a Clemons, as there were also younger Clemons children in the household.

2. **Simeon B.**, born around 1812, and married to **Elizabeth Gornto**, we think, had **Elisha W.**, born 1846; **Rebecca J.**, born 1848;

**Matthew**, born 1853; **Elizabeth**, born 1853, and **Louisa**, born 1861. **Simeon** enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 in Gainesville and died Feb. 9, 1865, as a POW in Ohio. His widow **Eliza** and daughter **Louisa** were in the 1870 census in Madison County in one household. Next door were the rest of Simeon's children: **Elisha**, **Rebecca**, **Matthew**, and **Elizabeth**. We think **Elizabeth** married **Thomas Jewel** in 1881.

3. **Dennis Jr.**, born around 1817, and married to **Elizabeth Sapp**, born 1826, had the following children: **James E.**, born 1839; **Mary M.**, born 1842; **Dennis III**, born 1843; and **William J. (Jacob?)**, born 1845. In 1870 **Dennis, Jr.** was in Lafayette County, married to **Sarah Ann Parker**, and had **William**, born 1858 and **Matthew**, born 1860. **Dennis, Jr.** died in 1880, after being a Private in the U.S. Army in the Indian Wars, and in the Civil War. He is buried either in Live Oak, or in Lafayette County.

#### 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 **James**, born in 1872; **Mary Ann**, born in 1875; **Isabella**, born in 1877; **William Burton**, born in 1881; **M. J.**, a daughter, born in 1884; **Zilla I.** born 1887; **Abbee**, born 1890, **Ella**; born 1878, and **Ada**, born 1882. **Ella** married **Lawrence Winn** in 1896, and apparently he died shortly after the marriage, because she was 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: **Elisha Charlie** or **Charlie** (we think), **J. E. M.**, 1883; **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 the *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** in 1895 and **Gracie** in 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 Mickle**, 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.**

**E. C.**, 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 think 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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The above photograph presents a good likeness of **Hon. Charles E. Davis**, ex-Mayor of Madison and one of the most prominent lawyers in the third Judicial Circuit of Florida, of which circuit he aspires to be States Attorney and asks the support of all democrats in the approaching primary.

Mr. Davis is the son of **W. T. Davis**, of Madison, and is a native Floridian, having been born near Aucilla in Jefferson county in February 1873. When but an infant Mr. Davis removed with his parents to Madison and it was here that he has lived for the greater part of his life.

The subject of this sketch was educated at the University of Florida, located at Lake City

from which institution of learning he was graduated with honors in 1892. Having chosen the legal profession as his vocation in life Mr. Davis, after the completion of his literary education entered the law school of the famous Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., and completing the prescribed course was graduated with the degree of B. L. in 1894.

Returning to his home, in Madison, Mr. Davis at once entered into the active practice of law, and since his first appearance in the courts of his State his success as a lawyer has been pronounced and continuous. He has engaged in nearly all of the celebrated cases which have been adjudicated in the courts of this county since 1894. His legal opinions are valuable because of the fact that they are given only after careful study of the matters at issue.

In 1898 Mr. Davis was married to **Miss Leila Stoy** of Lake City, two children blessing this union.

In Madison county where he is best known, Mr. Davis enjoys the friendship of all, and our people esteem him for his worth, his honesty, honorable and upright life, and we believe we state only a fact when we say that in his aspirations for the States Attorney-ship of this circuit, Madison county will back him to her full voting strength.

Since the attainment of his majority Mr. Davis has taken an active part in the politics of county and State and has been a delegate from the county to nearly every State and Congressional Convention. He is now the member of Madison county for the State Democratic Executive Committee. Since the retirement of **Judge E. J. Vann** from the bench this county has had neither judge nor States Attorney, and in all fairness we submit that it is now our turn, and in Mr. Davis we feel that we are supporting a candidate in every sense qualified and fitted for the particular duties of States Attorney. Mr. Davis has strong supporters in every county of the circuit who assure him that they will leave no stone unturned to secure his nomination. He is grateful for these assurances of support, and trusts that his friends throughout the counties composing the circuit will continue their work in his behalf, promising, in the event of his election, that he will render faithful and efficient service to all the people of the Third Judicial Circuit.

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### **Greenville High School Graduates, 1926-1958**

*[A special thank you to Mr. Allen Thigpen and Gaines Starling for providing us with the following information.]*

#### **Class of 1926**

Browning, Edwin

#### **Class of 1927**

Cone, F. C.

Martin, Inez (Mrs. T. W. Weston)

Parker, Willie

Powell, Myrtle (Mrs. J. R. Nix)

Rogers, Emera (Mrs. Emera Rogers Williams)

#### **Class of 1928**

Laney, Elizabeth (Mrs. Elizabeth Nogel)

Mason, Loren

McLeod, Freddie (Mrs. F. A. Vickers)

#### **Class of 1929**

Bird, Carlos; Deceased

Brannen, Cecil H.

Brannen, Lily

Cone, Agnes (Mrs. Agnes Blount)

Davis, Vivian (Mrs. Vivian Cone)

Edwards, Albert (Mrs. David Byrd)

Fain, Madel (Mrs. Madel (V.W.) Green)

Laney, Irene (Mrs. Irene Byrd)

Mason, Leon

Patrick, Andrew

Stanley, Selma (Mrs. Selma McWilliams)

Vickers, Frank

#### **Class of 1930**

Armistead, Katherine

Armistead, Nettie Mae (Nettie Mae Willis)

Bishop, Myrtle (Mrs. John Cone)

Folsom, Bartlett (William B.)

Hutchinson, Inez (Mrs. Inez Fetner)

Porter, Eva Mae, Deceased

#### **Class of 1931**

Allen, Ben Charles

Andrews, Eulela (Mrs. Eulela Hoover)

Brannen, Pearl (Mrs. Pearl B. Oliver)

Davis, Willie Mae (Mrs. O. F. Grubbs)

Fain, Emma Grace (Mrs. F. E. Swanson)

Laney, Burton

Vickers, Katherine (Kathryn V. Holloway)

#### **Class of 1932**

Cone, Eva (Mrs. Marvin Day)

Grey, Hazel (Mrs. H. F. Thalgott)

Hutto, Katherine (Mrs. Terrell Futch)

Laird, Martha E. Jean (Mrs. J. A. Miller)

Scarboro, Ruby (Mrs. Ben Keller)

Woodward, Dorothy (Mrs. Ben Stanland)

**Class of 1933**

Andrews, Thelma (Mrs. John Schlieman)  
Brannen, Jessie (Mrs. Lawton Burnette)  
Bush, Bessie (Mrs. Schley Tyson)  
Cone, Grover  
Davis, Lola (Mrs. A. F. Pippen)  
Laney, Beatrice (Mrs. A. M. Day)  
McLeod, Sidney  
Ranew, Corrine (Mrs. Corrinne R. Lee)  
Scarboro, Orie (Mrs. Robert Layman)  
Soles, Rosa Lee (Mrs. G. W. Sonerindyke)  
Stanley, James  
Taylor, Howard  
Terrell, Herman  
Vann, Wilbur  
Zeigler, Coleman

**Class of 1934**

Alcorn, Elva (Mrs. Zack Winsey)  
Andrews, Eunice (Mrs. Eunice Adams)  
Bailey, Robert  
Bishop, Gladys  
Cone, Thetis (Mrs. Arthur Bishop)  
Cooper, Lewell M.  
Dawson, Ted  
Edenfield, Inez  
Green, Lillian Herndon (Deceased)  
Howell, Charles Ray  
Laney, James  
Marshall, Sidney  
McLeod, William  
Merriman, Rachel  
Oaks, Harrison  
Parker, Alvah Lee  
Powell, Katherine (Mrs. Cecil Brannen)  
Stanley, Kathryn (Mrs. B. D. Wadsworth)  
Stokley, Bernice  
Taylor, Evelyn  
Whiddon, Shellie B.  
Whitfield, Eileen

**Class of 1935**

Andrews, Ada Bell (Mrs. Ada Bell Davis)  
Andrews, Wynema (Mrs. Paul D. Byrd)  
Bailey, Hazel (Mrs. Hazel Alford)  
Bishop, Bernice (Mrs. R. W. Pittman)  
Cone, Walter  
Davis, Willie G. (Mrs. A. M. Larson, Jr.)  
Fagan, James  
Knight, Mary Julia  
Miller, J. Albert  
Moat, Ward Lee  
Powell, Beth (Mrs. Jim West)  
Terrell, Mary (Mrs. Ike Hutto)  
Van, Pearlie Mae (Mrs. Simmons)  
Waldrep, Mary (Mrs. Sam Howard)

**Class of 1936**

Byrd, Wilbur P.  
Campbell, Evelyn (Mrs. Evelyn Worley)  
McHargue, Edith (Mrs. Edith Hudson)  
McLeod, Marion  
Ranew, Rena (Mrs. John Dodge)  
Sloan, Mary (Mary Sloan Jacques)  
Watts, Carolyn

**Class of 1937**

Thompson, Minnie Bell (Mrs. Wilbur Day)  
Shea, M. L.  
Penson, Grace  
Day, Andrew  
Laney, Donald  
Walker, Louella (Mrs. Bill Lamb)  
McLeod, Vivian (Mrs. Vivian Woodlee)  
Wood, Jeanette (Mack Hadden)  
Cone, Irene (Mrs. Jake Waldroff)  
Cone, Myrtice, Mrs. Myrtice Wood  
Brown, Corrine (Mrs. L. Blankenship)  
Simmons, Minerva (Mrs. Clarence Andrews)  
Lewis, Willard

**Class of 1938**

Brown, Betty  
Byrd, Robert E.  
Cooksey, Ila (Mrs. F. M. Mixon)  
English, George I., Jr.  
Grey, Haywood  
Hudson, M. G. (Mrs. Ralph Smith)  
Jones, Eulus  
King, Faith (Mrs. Faith Myers)  
McHargue, Dewey  
Parrish, Bulah  
Studstill, Archie  
Thompson, Lottie Mae (Mrs. Carl Wells)

**Class of 1939**

Cone, Nellie Mae (Mrs. Nellie Mae Day)  
Henderson, Eunice  
Jarvis, Jake  
Letchworth, Ollie  
McLeod, Dora (Mrs. Sonny Murphy)  
Moore, Lucile (Mrs. Lucile Moore Cruce)  
Mugge, Carmelia (Mrs. Donald Jefferies)  
Prince, Gloria (Mrs. Jason C. Outler, Jr.)  
Reams, A. D., Jr.  
Sapp, Magdaline (Mrs. Magdaline Morgan)  
Sapp, Wilma Ruth Shackelford, (Mrs. Leroy Barlow)  
Sayers, Thelma (Mrs. Thelma Sayers Jones)  
Slaughter, Homer  
Smith, Vivian  
Thompson, Ruby (Mrs. Ruby Prosperi)  
Woods, Evelyn (Mrs. Evelyn Woods Lines)

**Class of 1940**

Blanton, Mozell (Mrs. Lee McGuire)  
 Byrd, Joseph E.  
 Hamrick, Allie Mae (Allie May Lewis)  
 Hamrick, Vera (Mrs. Vera Cone)  
 Holland, Cecil  
 Holland, Vera Stephens  
 Lewis, Lula Mae  
 Martin, Jewel (Mrs. Jewel Barfield)  
 Page, Ernest M., Jr.  
 Prince, Marjorie (Mrs. MacKenzie)  
 Strickland, Myrtice (Mrs. Myrtice Lupari)  
 Thigpen, Bonnie (Mrs. Shelton McLeod)  
 Gayle, Martha (Mrs. Martha G. Summerall)  
 Goodman, Minnie Lee (Mrs. William G. Wyatt)  
 Powell, Dorothy (Mrs. Wesley Holland)  
 Wood, Helen Pearl (Mrs. Helen Pearl Collins)  
 Browning, William Henry  
 Skipper, Myra  
 Bailey, Evelyn (Mrs. Sam Scarboro)

**Class of 1941**

Andrews, Estelle (Mrs. Dennis Warren)  
 Andrews, Inez (Mrs. A. M. Cone, Jr.)  
 Andrews, Ulva Lee (Mrs. Ulva Lee Lawson)  
 Cone, Alfred, Jr.  
 Diese, Ruth  
 Edwards, Ora  
 Giles, Burnett  
 Hudson, Lillian (Mrs. Dan Chason)  
 Jones, Eugenia  
 Kinsey, Delores (Mrs. Truman Cruce)  
 King, Ruby  
 King, Rubeye  
 Lewis, Nellara (Mrs. Pershing McLeod)  
 Oglesby, Muriel (Muriel Oglesby McKown)  
 Page, Virginia (Mrs. Virginia Fulford)  
 Ranew, Jannie (Mrs. W. E. Kelley)  
 Reams, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Mary E. Anderson)  
 Scott, R. A., Jr.  
 Seago, Girlie (Mrs. Girlie Seago Yates)

**Class of 1942**

Bailey, Overa (Mrs. Vernon Sinclair)  
 Bailey, Walter  
 Brown, Mary  
 Brown, Ruth (Mrs. Ruth Shaft)  
 Clements, Austin  
 Cone, Edward, Sr.  
 Fagan, Mary (Mrs. Eddie Jones)  
 Floyd, Carroll  
 Grey, Martin Luther  
 Holland, Harriet (Mrs. Harriet Wittig)  
 Hudson, Stella (Mrs. Stella Berger)  
 Jones, Sammy  
 Laney, Joseph  
 Lewis, Martha J.

McLeod, Doris (Mrs. Tom Bridges)  
 Prince, Patricia (Mrs. Johnny Marker, Deceased)  
 Sapp, Juanita (Mrs. David Cruce)  
 Sherrod, Rose Ellen (Mrs. Rose Spurgeon)  
 Slaughter, Hazel N.  
 Thigpen, Brunnell (Mrs. James Sheffield)  
 Taylor, Mary  
 Thompson, Annie  
 Voyles, Lois (Mrs. Burnette Giles)

**Class of 1943**

Bishop, Walter Lee  
 Brown, Maxine (Mrs. Maxine Brown Dykes)  
 Browning, Carroll  
 Cone, Pauline  
 Day, Marcus  
 Day, Morris J.  
 English, Charlie  
 Hamrick, R. S.  
 Harrison, Mary (Mrs. J. C. Lee)  
 Hunter, Oliver  
 Jackson, Etoile (Mrs. Jack Stewart)  
 King, Betty Bennett  
 King, Charlie Bennett  
 King, Connie (Mrs. Connie Byrd)  
 Marshall, Huel C.  
 Mathers, Albert  
 Moore, Catherine (Mrs. George I. English)  
 Mugge, Patty Ann (Mrs. Joe Reams)  
 Powell, Reid  
 Reams, Joe  
 Scott, Estelle (Mrs. Bert Barlow)  
 Sessions, David  
 Sheffield, Josephine (Mrs. W. T. Knowles)  
 Skipper, Dorothy Merle (Mrs. Dorothy Merle Misser)  
 Spradley, Margie  
 Taylor, Jim  
 Turlington, Olin  
 Tuten, Mildred (Mrs. Thomas H. Bryant)  
 Woodle, Carl

**Class of 1944**

Barfield, Laura Nell (Laura Nell Gulin)  
 Cone, Gussie (Mrs. Edward Joiner)  
 Cooper, Virginia Patrick (Mrs. Edward Ingram)  
 Cox, Jasper, Jr.  
 Day, Marna Lee (Mrs. Vic Isgro)  
 Day, Myrdean (Mrs. Woodroe Norris)  
 Davis, Jewell  
 Frazier, Bill  
 Holland, Thomas  
 Hornesby, Margaret (Mrs. Charles Scarboro)  
 King, Evelyn, Mrs. Edgar King  
 Leggett, Albert Lee, Jr.  
 Letchworth, George  
 Lightsey, Doris Jean



Mathers, Ewell  
 McHargue, Harold  
 Miles, Geraldine (Mrs. Geraldine Bush)  
 Norris, Bertha (Mrs. Marcus Day)  
 Page, James Harrison  
 Powell, Marion (Mrs. Charles Fagan)  
 Sayers, Mattie (Mrs. Robert Rhines)  
 Sessions, Valree  
 Taylor, Kathleen (Mrs. Clyde Walker)  
 Watson, Lucretia  
 Williams, Gerald  
**Class of 1945**  
 Bailey, Gloria (Mrs. Gloria Sellers)  
 Bailey, Lois (Mrs. Lois Bailey Miller)  
 Bishop, Gerald  
 Brown, Louise  
 Browning, Lelia Blanche  
 Cox, Edna Day  
 DeLoach, William R.  
 Dieas, Benjamin  
 Edwards, Dorothy Lacey, Voncile (Mrs. Oliver Hunter)  
 Floyd, Harris  
 Hornesby, Roger  
 Hudson, Nathlyn (Mrs. Austin Clements)  
 Kerr, John  
 King, Carolyn  
 Langston, Earl  
 Lewis, Mary Beth (Mrs. E. B. Cooper)  
 Renew, Winford  
 Scott, Linton (Deceased)  
 Smiley, Derril  
 Taylor, George Earl  
 Thigpen, Syvalene

**Class of 1946**

Boaty, Kenneth Paul, Jr.  
 Butler, Thelma (Mrs. Tilford Norris)  
 Chason, Lois (Mrs. R. F. Martin)  
 Cone, Estelle (Mrs. Estelle C. Leggett)  
 Crittenden, Jack  
 Day, Juanita (Mrs. Juanita Foland)  
 Huffmaster, Dorothy  
 Pitts, Cristell (Mrs. Wade Stokely)  
 Legget, Lettie Lou (Mrs. J. L. Loper)  
 Mathers, Margaret  
 Sheffield, D. E.  
 Simmons, James Purvis  
 Spradley, Ida Vee (Mrs. H. H. Walker)  
 Studstill, Bonnie (Mrs. Richard Wynn)  
 Taylor, Augusta (Mrs. James Barclay)  
 Thigpen, Bertha (Mrs. H. K. Sale)  
 Thompson, Mary E. (Mrs. Leon Lang)  
 Warren, Edwina (Mrs. Donald Laney)

**Class of 1947**

Bailey, Lillian (Mrs. Carl Taylor)  
 Barclay, James  
 Brown, Gilbert  
 Cone, Herbert  
 Floyd, Betty (Mrs. Melton Griffin)  
 Green, Kenneth  
 Loper, Jessie Lee  
 Mathers, Myrtice  
 Prince, Maitell (Mrs. George Mays)  
 Scott, Alvin  
 Sever, Ellen (Mrs. Roscoe Andrews)  
 Sistrunk, Marvin  
 Smiley, Charles  
 Thigpen, Bert  
 Thigpen, Claude Henry  
**Class of 1948**  
 Anderson, Barbara (Mrs. Gilbert Brown)  
 Bailey, Tom H.  
 Blanton, Bertha Mae (Mrs. L. A. Touchton)  
 Brown, Bobby  
 Cone, Corine (Mrs. James Simmons)  
 Cone, John H.  
 Crittenden, Doris (Mrs. Allen Watson)  
 Day, Edwin L.  
 Day, Elsie Mae (Mrs. Hoyt Carlton)  
 Day, Orvis  
 Johnson, Bethel R.  
 Laney, Julina D.  
 Lane, Bernice (Mrs. Paul Byrd)  
 Lewis, Harriet (Mrs. Marvin Kirkland)  
 Merrell, Louella  
 Methvin, Arthur G.  
 Parrish, Jean (Mrs. Vasser Clements)  
 Rogers, Malcom  
 Sever, Willard G.  
 Smith, Martha Jane  
 Warren, Betty J. (Mrs. W. W. Bullock)  
 Zelma, Bishop (Mrs. Bert Thigpen)  
**Class of 1949**  
 Barfield, Betty Jean  
 Beaty, Mary Evelyn (Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parrish)  
 Browning, Buddy  
 Browning, Marianne (Mrs. Marianne Green)  
 Burnett, James  
 Burnett, M. C.  
 Byrd, William Clyde  
 Day, Charles Wallace  
 Day, Jeanette (Mrs. Lovy Cooper)  
 Frohock, Tootsie (Mrs. James Replogle)  
 Hamrick, Kay  
 Kinsey, Rollace  
 Mathers, Dewitt  
 Norris, Doris (Mrs. Doris Newman)  
 Reams, Carole (Mrs. Sanford Joyner)  
 Reams, Ruth Scruggs

Scarboro, Beryl  
Scott, James R.  
Sever, William  
Sistrunk, John F.  
Smily, Hilda (Mrs. L. C. Lynch, Jr.)  
Walker, John

**Class of 1950**

Glennon, Joyce (Mrs. John Wingham)  
Houck, Catherine (Mrs. Douglas Scott)  
Johnson, Phillip  
McHargue, Virgil  
Kinsey, Margaret  
Leggett, Martha Bryan (Mrs. Buddy Brown)  
Stanley, Beatrice (Mrs. Charles Capayne)  
Studstill, Tommy  
Warden, Annell (Mrs. Charlie English)  
Brown, R. W., Jr.  
Cox, Mary Lou  
Sever, Elbert  
Reams, Myrna Ann (Mrs. Myrna Ann Green)  
Bailey, Arie Bell  
Day, Edna Earl (Mrs. Jerry Payton)

**Class of 1951**

Bishop, Olivia Ann (Mrs. John LaMottes)  
Blanton, Launa (Mrs. Tommy Tuten)  
Blount, Nelson  
Braswell, Billy  
Brown, Evans  
Cone, Pearl Dean (Mrs. Pearl Dean Hubbard)  
Day, Lloyd  
Johnson, Hjalma E.  
Jones, Peggy (Mrs. Peggy Ownby)  
King, Lamar  
Lewis, Cosette, (Mrs. Jack Sistrunk)  
Maddox, Winona (Mrs. Max Gates)  
Newman, Georgia (Mrs. Billy Braswell)  
Patrick, E. Lamar, Jr.  
Studstill, Peggy (Mrs. Virgil Lewis)  
Thigpen, Lillian (Mrs. Sonny Harris)  
Wyn, Shirley (Mrs. George Gnann, Jr.)

**Class of 1952**

Aman, Franklin  
Bailey, Laverne  
Bailey, Nita Jewel (Mrs. M. C. Burnett)  
Barclay, Grace (Mrs. H. Hall Battle)  
Blanton, Ewell  
Burnett, Leon  
Coker, Betty (Mrs. Wilton Terrell)  
Cook, Floyd  
Cruce, June (Mrs. Ray W. Koke)  
Handley, Clarence Irvin  
Huggins, Kenneth  
Kirkland, Jack  
Letchworth, Jack

Mathers, Ethel, (Mrs. George Bass Jr.)  
Mueller, Hilda  
O'Quinn, Thelma (Mrs. Jack Letchworth)  
Pate, Florence (Mrs. Willard Scott)  
Prince, Claudia  
Sands, Henry  
Scott, Myrtice  
Shea, Thomas  
Smith, Bernard  
Stokely, Gerald  
Taylor, Elizabeth  
Tuten, Jody  
Waldrop, Billy

**Class of 1953**

Andrews, Sarah (Mrs. Tommy Henderson)  
Barfield, Helen (Mrs. Helen Torney)  
Cone, Irma Jean  
Hamrick, Geneve  
Henderson, Rudolph  
Henderson, Adolph  
Henderson, Ruth (Mrs. Jack Ward)  
Henderson, Tommy  
Jarvis, Pasco  
Leggett, Jo Ann (Mrs. Grover Boothe)  
Letchworth, Jean (Mrs. Elton Parker)  
McLeod, Laura Nell (Mrs. H. E. Johnson)  
Sheffield, Betty Jean  
Stokely, Helen (Mrs. William Crawford)

**Class of 1954**

Bishop, Lawrence  
Blair, Betty Jean (Mrs. Virgil McHargue)  
Blanton, Betty  
Day, Hoyt  
Day, Winton  
Elam, Wayland  
Hagan, Patrick  
Handley, Marlene (Mrs. Nelson Blount)  
Jones, Albert  
Jones, Patricia Ann  
Morgan, Corene (Mrs. Charles Bishop)  
O'Neal, Jack  
O'Quinn, Dot (Mrs. Rodger Blair)  
Scarboro, Ronnie  
Scott, Alec  
Seago, Ray  
Warren, Tommy  
Wilkins, J. W.

**Class of 1955**

Barclay, Bernice  
Barfield, Myrlen  
Bishop, John Edwin  
Bishop, Lee C.  
Bishop, Virginia  
Boothe, Jo Ann

Brasell, Sue (Mrs. J. D. Hunter)  
 Brown, Johnny  
 Capps, Hattie Ann Lewis  
 Carrol, Inez  
 Clark, Ruth  
 Clayton, Shirley Ann (Mrs. Evans Brown)  
 Coker, Doris Jean (Mrs. Bobby Boothe)  
 Cruce, Doris Studstill  
 Day, Isaac Mitchell (Boots)  
 Driggers, Pasco  
 Fagan, Bo  
 Fulford, Jane (Mrs. Jane Hutto)  
 Henderson, Wilford  
 Howard, Anna Elizabeth (Mrs. Ance Stewart)  
 Kinsey, Clinton  
 Kinsey, Quinton  
 Loper, W. C., II  
 Mugge, Caroline Ann  
 Newman, Nathan  
 Patrick, Mary Ann (Mrs. Chandler Raines)  
 Patrick, Sarah (Mrs. E. L. Patrick)  
 Sands, Ira  
 Sever, Andrew E., Jr.  
 Spradley, Gwenolyn  
 Studstill, Cecelia (Mrs. Ira Sands)  
 Tanton, David  
 Tuten, Helen  
**Class of 1956**  
 Blanton, C. J.  
 Blanton, Harold  
 Bobby, David  
 Brannen, Daisy Mae  
 Bush, Sarah  
 Chason, Henry  
 Cone, Sylvia  
 Cone, Tom, Jr.  
 Earp, Curtis, Jr.  
 Green, Harvalyn  
 Hutto, Billy, William E.  
 Jackson, J. W.  
 Jones, Elizabeth  
 Kelley, Tom Ray  
 Lawson, Madeline (Mrs. Nolan Ginn)  
 McDaniel, Betty (Mrs. Buck Driggers)  
 Mercer, Lee Von  
 Morris, Betty (Mrs. Boots Day)  
 Norris, Eurline (Mrs. James Kinsey)  
 O'Quinn, Albert  
 Thigpen, Gerald  
 Wilson, Manning  
 Wynn, Calvin  
 Wilson, Dorothy (Mrs. Arnie Meadows)  
**Class of 1957**  
 Barclay, Johnnie Mae  
 Benton, Jerry

Cone, Lucille (Mrs. Gerald Thigpen)  
 Blount, Milton  
 Braswell, Gordon  
 Clayton, Harrison  
 Cone, Frank Wayne  
 Day, Terry  
 Day, Wayne  
 Elam, Boyt Lee  
 Fletcher, W. H.  
 Goodman, Lavonne  
 Handley, Cecil  
 Harrell, Geraldine  
 Henderson, Nellie Mae  
 Herring, Carl  
 Howard, J. D.  
 Hutto, Marjorie  
 Lewis, Aaron  
 Mathers, Francis  
 McMath, Bonnie (Mrs. Jerry Letchworth)  
 Mugge, Jackson  
 Page, William Lester  
 Pate, James W.  
 Pickles, Bobbie Jean  
 Scott, Lewis B.  
 Scott, Margie (Mrs. Leo Mercer)  
 Sheffield, Franklin  
 Tanton, Genella  
 Walton, Barbara  
 Wells, Edwina (Mrs. Calvin Wynn)  
 Wood, David F.  
**Class of 1958**  
 Aman, Carol Jo  
 Andrews, Paul  
 Bailey, Ralph  
 Bailey, Wallace  
 Blanton, Albert  
 Blanton, Emma Lee  
 Brady, Lavonne  
 Clark, Barbara  
 Cone, Frankie  
 Elam, Jerry  
 Handley, Evelene  
 Harper, Mack  
 Jones, Linda Lee  
 Kinsey, Howard  
 Martin, George  
 McCall, Earl  
 Miller, Dennis  
 Morgan, Betty  
 Porter, Jimmy  
 Sever, Glenn  
 Spradley, Dillard  
 Studstill, Wallace  
 Warren, Ruth Ann  
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## New Enterprise Newspaper Extractions

23 Mar 1904

### Mortuary

Seldom has our community received a severer shock than when on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> inst. it became known that **Rufus E. Dickinson** was very ill. In connection with his brother's death just a few days previous, it came as a double blow, and a gloom settled over all which was deepened on Thursday when it became known that he had passed away. His two youngest sons and devoted wife were with him, his other daughters were summoned, and everything that love could suggest or medical skill devise was used to avert the dreaded end. He was unconscious the whole time and suffered no apparent pain, passing quietly through the Portals as a son entering his Father's house. His body was tenderly borne home for interment and when it reached Tallahassee **Governor Broward** with several members of his cabinet met the sorrowing party and accompanied them in the transfer to the S.A.L. depot. The train was met here by the largest concourse of people we have ever seen here in attendance on a funeral. The remains were borne directly to the cemetery and laid away, **Revs. Bradford and Cole** conducting the services.

**Rufus E.**, eldest son of **Rufus** and **Julia Dickinson**, was born at Bellville, Fla., August 14, 1848, being almost 57 years of age at his death. His parents moved here when he was five years old, and with the exception of 18 months spent as a merchant in Quitman and another brief period as express manager between Jacksonville and Savannah, he spent his long and useful life here as bookkeeper, mill man and finally one of Madison county's most successful farmers. He was a county commissioner for several terms, twice assistant chief clerk of the House of Representatives besides other positions of public trust. For many years he was an earnest Christian and the beloved superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school and held that position the year he lived in Carrabelle. He made warm friends among the young men there, one of whom said "if we had more men like him we'd all be better." An hour before his seizure he tenderly called his little boys to him and lovingly counseled them concerning their duties to God.

We feel that it would be unnecessary to add eulogy to this, a simple record of a well spent life. It is the record of a life full of love to God and his fellows—a life without a stain. "We see through a glass darkly" but He who rules knew

that he was ripe for the Heavenly gardening. He leaves four brothers, one sister, four sons, four daughters and a sorrowing wife to whom our deepest sympathy is extended.

Died on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> inst., **William H. Gassett**, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Deceased was born in Taylor County, Georgia. In early life he professed religion and was a consistent and active member of the M. E. church, south. He served for nearly thirty years as superintendent of various Sunday schools in Georgia and Florida and gave this branch of church work much of his time and attention. He was married in Taylor County, in 1863 to Miss **Cassandra Horne** by whom he had several children, the only one who survived infancy being **Sarah Elizabeth**, wife of **R. S. Bowen**. Mr. Gassett served two years in the Confederate army and was with Johnson at the surrender. After the war he moved to this county and lived near Hamburg for several years. He returned to Georgia and lived there until about three years ago when he came back to Madison. Deceased had been in failing health for about two years and confined to his bed several weeks before his death. He was conscious of his approaching end and frequently expressed his faith in Christ and willingness to give up the sufferings of this life for the hopes and pleasures of the one in heaven. He is survived by his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Bowen, and five grandchildren

### Proceedings Town Council

Council met this March 15<sup>th</sup> pursuant to adjournment. Present: **Councilmen Fraleigh, Burton and Davis**. A communication from **D. E. Davis**, chairman, and **A. Livingston, Jr.**, secretary, certifying the nominees of the mass meeting for the various offices, was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

**Walter Bunting** was elected councilman to serve the unexpired term of **J. F. Lines**, resigned, and being present was duly sworn in by the mayor. Councilman Bunting was appointed to fill the place on all committees heretofore filled by Mr. Lines.

The chairman of the Ordinance committee was instructed to prepare the ballot and otherwise arrange for the general election. The following named citizens were appointed as inspectors and clerk for the town election April 14<sup>th</sup>: **Barton McLeary, F. P. Shaffer** and **C. E. Sharpe**, inspectors, and **B. G. Waring**, clerk.

*[There is a Barton McLeary, b. 1877 and d. 1917, buried in the Old Jacksonville City Cemetery. Frederick*

*Postell Shaffer was born 15 Nov 1846 in Madison and died 2 Sep 1912 in Madison. He was a son of Dr. Robert H. Shaffer and Elizabeth Wright Shaffer. He was married to Mary Putnam. F. P. Shaffer was buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Madison, FL. C. E. Sharpe could possibly be Chandler Emery Sharp, born 28 Jan 1870 and died 5 Jun 1932. He was buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Madison, FL. B. G. Waring was born 16 Mar 1878 in Madison, FL and died on 17 Dec 1961. He was buried in the Oakridge Cemetery, Madison, FL.]*

#### RUN-OVER LOCALS

**Mrs. H. V. Morrow** who has been ill with measles, is now convalescent.

**Mrs. G. C. Dougherty** visited relatives in Valdosta from Friday to Monday.

**E. C. Hassell** [Edward C. Hassell, born 17 May 1848, died 15 March 1916] has purchased the Harmeling home and will hold it for rent.

**Mrs. Bessie Griffin** of Valdosta is visiting her father, **Byrd Belote**, this week.

**Mrs. Tom Beggs** has been quite sick for a week but is now greatly improved.

**Mr. Emmett Gee** of Valdosta came Saturday and was the guest of **Mrs. Matt Thornton** for several days.

**Miss Minta Fonda** who has had a delightful visit to loved ones in New Orleans is expected home tomorrow.

**Byrd Belote** has been too stiff-necked of late to speak to his friends. No, not because he is proud, only an unusually serious carbuncle on his jaw.

**Charlie Beggs** was out of town a day last week. The sight of an old Madison boy always brings up tender recollections. Don't slight us next time, Charlie.

**Mrs. J. D. McMullen** arrived Tuesday night from her home at Fargo after a visit of some length with relatives. For the present, she is with the family of her brother, **J. P. Cox**.

**Rev. Cole** will fill his Rocky Spring appointment Sunday morning but there will be the usual Sunday school, League and night services. The Orange Blossoms will meet after Sunday School. After an enjoyable visit in the city as the guest of **Mrs. Albert S. Munroe**, **Miss Lucy Shaffer**, one of Madison's most charming young ladies, returned to her home Tuesday—Quincy Times.

#### From Moseley Hall

**Rev. Smith** of Sampala filled his monthly appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. After service he and family were guests of **T. J. Redding**.

**Rev. Hacker** failed to meet his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday night, so the usual prayer service was conducted by **Miss Gladys Patterson**.

We are sorry to hear that little **Mabel Swift** is quite sick.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ola Sanders** spent Sunday here with their parents.

**Mrs. Scott** of Greenville came Sunday to visit her brother, **C. W. Sanders**.

**D. W. Davis** and family spent Saturday and Sunday very pleasantly with his mother above Madison.

**Joe Redding** says he will have ripe tomatoes in a few days. Guess he will become famous as a gardener if he continues in the business a few more years.

The death angel has visited our little village and our people are shocked and saddened at the death of **Mr. C. W. Sanders** which occurred at an early hour Monday night.

#### TOWN TOPICS

**Randell Rowe** spent Friday in Mayo on business.

**Matt Thornton** spent Sunday with his family.

**Mrs. Hall's** condition is thought to be much more favorable for the past several days.

**Miss Katherine Kues** is making her home during her stay here with **Mrs. Will Taylor**.

**Mrs. F. W. Carroll** and **Miss Bertie Grace Carroll** arrived Tuesday and are visiting Mrs. Columbus Smith this week.

**Plumley** and **R. E. Dickinson** of Atlanta, and **Miss Hattie Lou Dickinson** of Ocala are with their sister, **Mrs. R. V. Dial**.

**Mrs. S. R. Whaley** of Ocala who came on Thursday to attend the funeral of her lamented father returned home Monday.

**Mrs. Jane Paul**, who makes her home with her brother, **Clark Martin**, is better this week. All her friends are greatly relieved for she has been dangerously ill.

**John Kent** and family have returned from Live Oak, John says, to stay. He is holding down a chair at Goza's shop and will be glad to have his friends call on him.

**Misses Olive Ulmer** and **Lula Bird**, two of Monticello's attractive young ladies, spent a portion of two days in town this week in route from Gainesville to their home. They were guests of the Misses Coggins.

**Hugh Sutton** of Perry visited **E. C. Hassell** and family the early part of the week. It will interest his friends here to know that he bought

out the Blair, Hinely, Sutton Co., at Perry and will continue the business in his own name.

The breaking of a spoke was the means of averting a serious accident Sunday afternoon. A horse attached to an empty—fortunately—buggy ran away and in his frightened career collided with **W. H. Dial's** buggy. The occupants of the latter were a driver, a nurse and the Dial baby, **Elizabeth**. The runaway team caught the wheel and but for the parting of a spoke might have over turned them. As it was, boy, nurse and child were thrown out and badly shaken and frightened.

**Dr. Ruter** returned Thursday from Carrabelle where he had been to render professional services in the illness of **Mr. Dickinson**.

**Miss Julia Pope** who has been visiting her aunt, **Mrs. Randell Pope**, returned to her Jacksonville home Monday. Miss Pope has had a delightful stay, and made many warm friends who hope for her return at a future date.

If **Bill Dale** isn't performing his official duties right up to the scratch these days, bear with him. He has got his hands full with nursing a girl baby left at his house by a stork last Saturday. Bill says of course he is satisfied but we all know he would rather have had it a boy whom he could have raised up as a town marshal.

**Tom Beggs** has returned from the north and the feminine world of Madison will doubtless be dazzled by the exquisite and tasteful array of spring novelties he bought while there.

**Mr. Alexander Wylie**, of London, a distinguished guest of **Beattie A. Inglis**, spent several days this week with **Mrs. Mede Love** at Quincy.

Many friends sympathize with **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tooke** in the death of their infant who brightened their home with a brief visit and then on Saturday returned to the Heavenly Father.

Returning from a most pleasant fishing trip to Sarasota, **Mr. Charles T. Carroll** of Monticello stopped over Thursday night and Friday with his sister, **Mrs. Columbus Smith**. **Frank Carroll**, another brother, spent Sunday with her.

#### Colored Department

**Sam Humphry** and **Sallie Bonner** were married on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**S. M. B. 51** gave a concert Friday at the Masonic hall in town. It was managed by **Fred Brown** and was a success.

**S. M. B. Union** at Hamburg was a success. The next meeting will be at Rocky Spring the fourth Sunday in April.

The four-months old baby of **Judson Dixon** was buried Friday evening and the mother is quite sick. They have our sympathy and prayers.

**Jas. A. Crosby** received a telegram one day last week announcing the illness of **Jake Perry** at Fernandina. While there Perry died, leaving a wife and 5 children who have the sympathy of many friends.

**Rev. McDonald** went to Tallahassee this week to witness and assist in the conferring of the degree of D. D. upon **Rev. J. B. Hankerson**. His wife accompanied him as far as Greenville to spend a few days with her parents.

**C. A. Shaw** of Brunswick has been spending a few days with his aunt, **Mrs. Tom McLeary**. He is an old Madison boy who is doing well at barbering in Brunswick. Before leaving he called and had his name entered in the subscription list.

**Martha D. Greenwood**, of Greenville, died on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Sirmans where she was teaching school. She was one of our best teachers and for a number of years has taught in this and Jefferson county. She sang "There is sunshine in my soul" and then her spirit took its flight. A husband, several stepsons and a host of friends mourn her loss. The funeral took place at Greenville on Thursday evening, **A. B. Osgood** officiating.

#### March 30, 1904

##### Monument to Dixie Women Macon, Ga., The Veterans Now Engaged in This Patriotic Work.

The grizzled veterans of Macon are engaged in the task of erecting a monument in that city to the women of the south who, by their love, sacrifice and devotion made possible the heroism of 1861-1866. As old age creeps on them, the boys of the sixties are now passing away rapidly. It is their heart's desire to see this work, so long delayed, begun and at least, the base or pedestal placed in position to receive the monument proper. They believe that every old soldier who reads this will recall what our women did during the trying period and will want to contribute something if but a trifle.

Every son and grandson of an old soldier, having heard the story of the devotion of the women of the south, will want to contribute. The idea of erecting this monument in Macon, a little in front of the new city hall and auditorium, originated with the members of the **R. A. Smith Camp**, United Confederate Veterans.

#### LEE LOCALS

Our little town is improving. A new and up-to-date hotel has been recently thrown open to the traveling public by **D. C. Rowe**, one of our energetic young business men. A millinery store has been opened at the Brass old stand by Mrs. **Vannie Neeley**. Paint and whitewash has been applied in many places; prosperity seems to be smiling on the people of this part of God's moral vineyard for which we are appreciative and thankful.

**Mr. N. Brass**, one of our oldest citizens, has moved his family to Jackson county. He will engage in the mercantile business and in the fall will run a cotton gin in connection. We very much regret the departure of our old friend and his estimable wife.

**Miss Essie Goodwin** returned home Monday from Valdosta and left on Thursday for Fernandina to visit a very sick friend.

The 4-month old child of **Joe McDaniel** was buried at Stonewall Methodist Church Sunday morning. The burial service was conducted by **Rev. D. G. McDonald**.

#### TOWN TOPICS

**Mesdames Susan Smith, Clyatt and Alex Smith** have returned to the plantation.

A building which will be used as the express office is being erected on the northeast corner of **Mrs. P. S. Coggins** lot.

Many who have learned to appreciate the excellent gardening of "stuttering **Frank**" will regret to learn that the poor old fellow died suddenly last Saturday. This old Negro was well known and respected by all.

**Joe J. Dickinson** arrived Monday from Estelle where he has been teaching for several months past. Joe will be a candidate for assistant clerk of the House and will go to Tallahassee Sunday to prosecute his campaign. We wish him success.

The J. E. Hardee Co. gave their annual spring opening Tuesday and it was indeed a gorgeous and beautiful array of lovely things to ravish. The eye of women kind and empty the purses of

their menfolk. The fair sex turned out in masse and it was a regular gala occasion.

**Mrs. Clark**, the aged and respected mother of **Mrs. Amanda Winfield**, died very suddenly Friday morning and was buried Sunday in the city cemetery.

**P. J. Parramore** of Sanford came up Friday and spent the night with his brother, **W. L. Parramore**. These devoted brothers had not seen each other for several years and their reunion was peculiarly a delightful one.

**Massie Belote** of Valdosta, superintendent of the Henderson, Cranfor Buggy Co., a son of **Byrd Belote**, made a flying visit Saturday evening to see his parents and returned Sunday morning with his sister, **Mrs. Clinton Griffin** and her two sons.

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#### Zipperer Obituaries

**Mrs. W. W. Zipperer** of Clearwater, FL died at the Morten F. Plant Hospital last Friday morning, March 12, 1937 at 4:15 o'clock. She was ill only one week with double pneumonia. She was born in Madison County, Florida on September 3, 1907, being only 29 years of age. She was married to Mr. **Willie Zipperer** several years ago. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband, Mr. **W. W. Zipperer**, two children, **Erie** and **Walter**; her father, Mr. **Ivey Ragans**, Madison; five brothers, Messrs. **Jim** and **J. I. Ragans** of Clearwater, **Cecil** and **Gordon Ragans**, Madison and Mr. **Thomas Ragans**, Greenville, two sisters, Mrs. **Lillian Sinclair**, Clearwater, Miss **Robbie Ragans**, St. Petersburg, and also a host of other relatives and friends. [Extracted from the *Madison Enterprise-Recorder*, 19 Mar 1937]

Mr. **S. L. Zipperer** was born February 13, 1859, in Effingham County, GA, near Savannah. When he was seven years of age he moved with his parents to Lowndes County, GA, near Valdosta. On October 29, 1879 he married **Mary Frances Hunter** of Lake Park, GA and of this union, nine children were born. The widow and five children, **Mrs. P. M. Webb**, of New Smyrna Beach, FL; **Mrs. L. F. Rains**, of Live Oak, FL; **Mrs. S. T. Corbett**, of Tallahassee, FL; and Messrs. **L. E.** and **H. Q. Zipperer**, of Pinetta, FL, survive him, besides three sisters, one brother and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. **Shady L. Zipperer**, long-time Madison County citizen, who died Tuesday night, will be laid to rest at Mt. Horeb Cemetery

Friday. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 26 May 1944]*

**James Albert Zipperer**, age 67, prominent citizen, former postmaster, merchant and farmer, passed away at the Madison County hospital Tuesday, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Zipperer was for 31 years connected with the Post Office Department, both at assistant postmaster to his father and later as postmaster. At the time of his death he was engaged in general farming and in the mercantile business operating Zipperer's Feed and Seed Store. He was a member of the Burnham Christian Church near Jasper. Survivors include his widow, **Mrs. Mary McCall Zipperer**, of Madison; two sons, **Edgar A. Zipperer**, of Macclenny; and **P. M. Zipperer**, of Gainesville; two daughters, **Mrs. Paul Calhoun**, of Gainesville; and **Mrs. Edwin B. Browning**, of Madison; two sisters, **Mrs. E. Harrison**, of Madison and **Mrs. Porter Plant**, of Thomasville, GA; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the graveside in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews, including Messrs. **John Hall Dees**, **S. M. Dees**, **R. M. Dees**, **Bryant Dees**, **R. J. Murphy**, **Edward Murphy**, **Hubert Murphy**, **Avon McCall**, **Bobby McCall**, **Edwin McCall** and **John Havron**.

*[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 2 Mar 1951]*

**Edgar A. Zipperer**, age 48, of Macclenny died Tuesday in a Jacksonville hospital after a short illness. He was the son of **Mrs. J. A. Zipperer** and the late **Mr. Zipperer**, and was a native of Madison and spent his boyhood here. Funeral services will be held Friday January 14th at the Kay-McCabe Funeral Home in Jacksonville with interment in Riverside Memorial Cemetery. Survivors are his widow, one daughter, **Miss LaNelta Zipperer**, of Macclenny; one son, **James A. Zipperer**; and three grandchildren of Jacksonville; his mother, one brother, **Pennywell Zipperer**, of Gainesville; and two sisters, **Mrs. E. B. Browning**, of Madison, and **Mrs. Paul Calhoun**, of Gainesville. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 14 Jan 1955]*

**Mrs. J. A. Zipperer**, age 75, died Thursday afternoon at the Madison County Memorial Hospital of a heart attack. Mrs. Zipperer was a native of Hamilton County but had lived here during most of her married life. She was a

member of the First Baptist Church and was active in all church activities. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star and as head of Madison's Associated Charities was known and highly regarded over the county for many charitable deeds to persons bereft of possessions through fires, and other misfortunes, and was available at all times to those in distress. Some years ago Mrs. Zipperer was well known in business circles, having served as clerk in the post office for many years, and prior to that she taught school. Survivors are one son, **P.M. Zipperer** of Gainesville; two daughters, **Mrs. Edwin Browning** of Madison, and **Mrs. P. W. Calhoun** of Gainesville; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, **G. M. McCall** of High Springs, and **T. E. McCall** of Atlanta. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of the **T. J. Beggs Jr** Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Ridge cemetery. The **Rev. James T. Barber** officiated assisted by **Rev. Lacy J. Basham**, pastor of the First Baptist church, High Springs and **Walter Whitlock** offered music. Active pallbearers were Messrs. **Francis Phillips**, **Carl Smith**, **Sam Lamb**, **T. M. Raines**, **Turner Holton**, **C. P. Kelly**, **Dr. J. M. DuRant**, **Dr. W. J. Coggins** and **Dr. A. F. Harrison**. Deacons of the First Baptist Church were honorary pallbearers. Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. **P. M. Zipperer** and five children and Mr. and Mrs. **P. W. Calhoun** of Gainesville; Mr. **G. W. McCall** and daughter, **Mrs. Dale Smith**, and granddaughter, **Sharron Smith**, of High Springs; **T. E. McCall** of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. **Edwin McCall** of Panama City; **Mrs. G. A. Chutz**, of New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. **Guy Summers**, High Springs; **Edwin B. Browning**, Mr. and Mrs. **C. R. Horne**, Mr. & Mrs. **Oscar Cowart**, Tallahassee; **Mrs. T. C. Raines** and **Mrs. W. E. McEachern**, Gainesville; **Mrs. George Hymen**, **Mrs. Fleta Hill**, Mr. and Mrs. **Joe McCall**, Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Deas**, Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Murphy**, Mr. and Mrs. **R. J. Murphy**, Mr. and Mrs. **R. M. Deas** all of Jasper; Mr. and Mrs. **G. F. McCall**, G. F., Mrs. **G. F. McCall**, **Mrs. P. F. McCall**, and **Mrs. Emma Mathis**, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. **John H. Havron** and son **Johnnie** of St. Mary's Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. **Gordon Murphy**, **James A. Zipperer**, **Mrs. E. A. Zipperer** and Mr. and Mrs. **P. F. Pierce**, of Wauchila. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 31 Jan 1958]*



**H. Q. Zipperer**, 72, died Sunday following a long illness. He was a resident of Pinetta. He had retired from being engaged in farming several years ago. He is survived by his wife, b; one son, **Hilbern Zipperer**; and two granddaughters, all of Pinetta; one brother, **L. E. Zipperer** of Thomasville, GA; two sisters, **Mrs. S. T. Corbett** of Tallahassee and **Mrs. P. M. Webb** of New Smyrna Beach and other relatives. Funeral services were held at Beggs Funeral Home with burial in Mt. Horeb Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 7 Aug 1964]*

**H. T. Zipperer**, age 72, of Pinetta, passed away Sunday morning after a long illness. He was a member of the Pinetta Methodist Church and retired from farming several years ago. He is survived by his wife, **Mrs. H. T. Zipperer**; one son, **Hilbern Zipperer** and two granddaughters all of Pinetta, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandchild, Two sisters, **Mrs. L. E. Zipperer** of Thomasville, Ga., **Mrs. P. M. Webb** of New Smyrna Beach, FL. He also had a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of T. J. Beggs, Jr. Funeral Home in Madison. Interment followed in Mt. Horeb Cemetery, North of Pinetta. Officiating was Rev. W. J. Windsor. Organist and Music by **Mrs. C. Vernon Ragans**. *[Extracted from the Madison Carrier, August 12, 1964]*

**Jack J. Zipperer**, 77, died Friday at Jennings. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Burnham Christian Church near Jennings. He is survived by four sons and four daughters, one of whom is **Mrs. J. R. Sapp** of Greenville. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, August 21, 1964]*

**Mrs. Horace S. Zipperer**, age 84, of Lowndes County, GA passed away last Thursday in the Quitman Hospital. She was a sister of **Mrs. Esther Bailey** and **Dan Chason** of Sirmans. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise-Recorder, 25 Aug 1967]*

**Mr. William (Presley) Zipperer**, 68, of Route 3, Valdosta, passed away Friday night, November 11 at his residence after a long illness. He was born in Lowndes County and had lived here all his life. He was a farmer and had worked for the Griffin and Wells lumber companies many years before his retirement. He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist church. Survivors

are: his wife, the former **Winnie Lee Burns**; two sons, **Billy Zipperer** of Twin Lakes and **Edgar Zipperer** of Valdosta; three daughters, **Mrs. Wilmer Strickland** of Madison, Fla., **Mrs. Larry Howell** of Valdosta, and **Mrs. Betty Foulker** of Valdosta; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Sumner Funeral Home with the Rev. Tony Collins, pastor of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, and the **Rev. Tom Kelley**, pastor of Redland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery. *[Extracted from the Madison Enterprise Recorder, November 18, 1983]*

**Azell B. Zipperer**, 80, of Madison, died Monday at Madison County Memorial Hospital after a long illness. The Hamilton County native had lived in Madison most of his life. Mr. Zipperer was an exterminator with Zipp's Pest Co. and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Madison, Madison Masonic Lodge 11, Free & Accepted Masons, the Madison Shrine Club and the Morocco Temple. He was a former U.S. postmaster and had served as a Republican state committeeman for many years. Survivors include a daughter, **Jenny Andrews**, Madison; his stepmother, **Ree Zipperer** of Jasper; a sister, **Ann Hiers**, Jennings; three granddaughters and a great-granddaughter. Services will be at 11 a.m. today at the First United Methodist church of Madison, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery, Madison County. *[Extracted from the Madison County Carrier, 28 Jan 1987]*

**Ree Zipperer**, 98, of Jennings, died yesterday in Hamilton County Memorial Hospital, Jasper. The Parrot, Ga. native was a homemaker and a member of Burnham Christian Church. Survivors include a daughter, **Ann Hiers**, Jennings; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Burnham Christian Cemetery near Jennings. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight at Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper. *[Extracted from the Madison Carrier, October 30, 1992]*

**Mr. Hillbern Zipperer**, 82, died Nov. 28, 1997. Beggs Funeral Home, Madison, Chapel, Madison FL. *[Extracted from the Jacksonville Times-Union, November 30, 1997]*

**Vernon Zipperer**, 86, of Dasher, passed away suddenly Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, 1997 at South Georgia Medical Center. Mr. Zipperer was

a lifelong resident of the Dasher Community, was a self-employed carpenter and was a member of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church near Valdosta. He is survived by four sons, **Virgil Zipperer** of Atlanta, **Gerald Zipperer** of Tallahassee, **Ronnie Zipperer** of Huntsville, Ala. and **Milton Zipperer** of Valdosta; two daughters, **Virginia Deadman** and **Brenda O'Connor**, both of Jacksonville; three sisters, **Sara Dasher** and **Lillie Alderman**, both of Lake Park and **Rena Gay** of St. Augustine, Fla.; two brothers, **Paul Zipperer** of Valdosta and **Ollie Zipperer** of Clyattville; 10 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Funeral services were 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 1998 at Passmore-Sumner Funeral Home with interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery. *[Extracted from the Madison Carrier, 9 Jan 1998]*

**Winnie Lee Zipperer**, 83, of Valdosta, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001 at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. She was born in Jacksonville and had lived in Lowndes County for the past 70 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Redland church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Pressley Zipperer**, a son, **Wendell Zipperer**; three granddaughters and two grandsons. Survivors are two sons and daughters-in-law, **Billy** and **Joan Zipperer** of Lake Park, **Edgar** and **Patricia Zipperer** of Valdosta; three daughters and sons-in-laws, **Pauline** and **Wilmer Strickland** of Madison, Fla., **Wilma** and **Larry Howell** and **Betty Foelker Parker**, all of Valdosta; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, **Margarett Coleman** and **Ethel Boone**, both of Jacksonville; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Valdosta Chapel of Music Funeral Services, Inc. with burial following in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery in Lowndes County. Visitation will begin after 2 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 7-9 p.m. *[Extracted from the Valdosta Daily Times, August 24, 2001]*

**Marjorie Frances Hadden Zipperer**, age 91, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, in Smith Northview Hospital in Valdosta, Ga. She was a native and lifelong resident of Pinetta, Fla. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Madison, Fla. Survivors include her daughter, **LaNora Zipperer** of Pinetta and her granddaughter, **Dr. Tracy Jean Revels** of Spartanburg, S.C. She is also survived

by one great-niece, **Martha Anderson** of Jacksonville, Fla. She is preceded in death by her husband, **Hillbern Q. Zipperer**, and a daughter, **Jean Zipperer Conway**. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, in the chapel of Beggs Funeral Home in Madison, Fla. Burial will follow in Mt. Horeb Cemetery in Madison County, Fla. The family will receive friends at Beggs Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, P.O. Box 6299, Deltona, Fla., 32728-9987 or to a charity of your choice. —Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel. *[Extracted from Madison Florida Voice On-Line, 25 Jan 2009]*

**Hazel I. Weeks Zipperer**, 84, of Inverness, died Sunday, February 26, 2006, at the Hospice Care Unit of Citrus Memorial Hospital. A native of Valdosta, she was born May 13, 1921, to the late **Henry Weeks** and **Dolly Woodard Weeks** and moved to Inverness, FL. 9 years ago from Tampa. She was a retail clerk in a department store and Methodist by faith. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Jane White**. Survivors include: two sons, **Alan Zipperer** of Inverness and **Wayne Zipperer** of Plant City, FL. She is also survived by two sisters, **Mozelle Black** of Tampa, **Maudell Weeks** of Tampa; three grandchildren, **Matthew**, **Jenne**, and **Ashley**; and two great grandchildren, **Madelyn** and **Riley**. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 4, 2006, in the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church with burial following in the church cemetery. *[Extracted from musicfuneralservices.com, 30 Mar 2009]*

**John Kyle Zipperer, Jr.**, 64, of Valdosta, died suddenly on Thursday, 30 April 2009 at South Georgia Medical Center. Born in Valdosta, on 20 September 1944, Mr. Zipperer was a lifelong resident of this area. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War. Mr. Zipperer was a farmer, having farmed land that has been in his family since 1823. In 1997 his farm, the Zipperer-Dees Station Farm was honored as a Georgia Centennial Family Farm by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division which honored family farms in continuous operation for over 100 years. Seven generations of his family have lived, worked and played on this farm. Mr. Zipperer had been a good steward of the farm and its land and he maintained his farm and equipment in a meticulous manner. Mr.

Zipperer loved to rebuild antique tractors, especially Ford 8N tractors. He greatly loved his family, his friends and treated all people with kindness and respect. Mr. Zipperer loved the Lord and served Him in the mission field of life. Survivors include his wife, **Dolores Brogdon Zipperer**, of Valdosta; three daughters and sons-in-law, **Millie and Michael Sopt**, of Quitman, **Mandy and Elliott Jackson**, of Decatur, and **Emily and Chris Sandoval**, of Valdosta; five grandchildren, **Kyle and Matthew Sandoval**, both of Valdosta, **Laney, Ramsey and Grant Jackson** of Decatur; his mother, **Mary Emily Husbands Zipperer** of Valdosta. Also surviving are his sister and brother-in-law, **Mary Sue (Tyson) McLane**, of Lake Park; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, **Beverly (Greg) Catoe** of Spartanburg, SC; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, **Joseph (Sharon) Brogdon** of Madison and **Freddie (Kitty) Brogdon** of Lilburn; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends; and his faithful dog, Buzz. He is preceded in death by his father, **John Kyle Zipperer, Sr.** Funeral services will be held for Mr. Zipperer at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, 2 May 2009 in the chapel of Carson McLane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in McLane Riverview Memorial Gardens. [Extracted from *Madison Enterprise-Recorder (On-line)*, 2 May 2009]

**Frank A. "Butch" Zipperer**, age 63 died Tuesday December 29, 2009 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. Butch was born in Madison, FL. and his family moved to Gainesville in 1947. He is a graduate of Gainesville High School and Santa Fe Community College. Butch worked for the Crom Corporation for 30 years. His interests were teaching hunting safety courses, Nascar, and Gator football. Butch served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Corps. Butch was preceded in death by his father, **Pennywell Zipperer**, his brother, **"Buddy" Zipperer** and three sisters, **Ginia Zipperer**, **Helen Zipperer**, and **Snookie Zipperer**. He is survived by his mother, **Rosa Green Zipperer** of Gainesville, FL., daughter, **Lisa Lanelle Paulson**, son, **Samuel Alex Zipperer**, six grandchildren, Brandon Tate, Virginia, twins **Aaron & Andrew Zipperer** and **Jolie & Lana Paulson**. Funeral Services will be held Saturday at 11:00 A.M. with a visitation from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the Milam Funeral Home Chapel, Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Gainesville, FL. Services are under the care of Milam Funeral and

Cremation Services, 311 S. Main St., Gainesville, FL. 352-376-5361. [Extracted from the *Florida Gainesville Sun*, 1 Jan 2010]

**Jack Frank Zipperer**, was born 22 Sep 1939 in Madison, Florida. He was a son of **Jackson J. Zipperer, Jr.** who was born on 20 Nov 1920 in Jennings, Hamilton, Florida and **Illa Gertrude Hammock** who was born 24 Jul 1920 in Pinetta, Madison, Florida. Jackson and Illa were married on 23 Dec 1938 in Madison, Florida. Jackson died 4 May 1985 in Lake Como, Putnam, Florida. His funeral services were held at the Burnham Christian Church near Jennings, Florida. He was survived by four sons and four daughters. Illa died 1 Feb 1990, also in Lake Como, Putnam, Florida. Jack Frank died 28 Jan 1940 and was laid to rest in the Burnham Church Cemetery, Jasper, Hamilton, Florida. [Extracted from *Our Family History website*]

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#### **Lewis Ben "Luke" Stewart**

**Lewis Stewart** was born in Madison County, Florida, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1905. He was a son of **William Benjamin "Ben"** and **Ida Rosalie McClelland Stewart**. Lewis' father **Ben** owned Stewart's Grocer and Market in the town of Madison until his death in Thomasville, Georgia, in December of 1929 of what was probably stomach cancer. Ben's death occurred just at the beginning of the Great Depression. The money from three insurance policies Ben owned was deposited in one of the local banks. When the banks failed, all that money was lost. This left his family with large hospital and funeral bills. However, one policy had been slow to pay out and when the family received this money it was used to pay some of the bills. His family was left with a sad, stressful financial future.

In July 1932, Lewis married **Edith Eloise Glass**, a farmer's daughter. They were married at the Baptist parsonage in Greenville, Florida. As Lewis courted Eloise, spending time with her on the family farm, he began to develop an interest in farming. He decided to leave the family store to the rest of his family and become a farmer. In 1936, after initially renting land to farm, he and Eloise bought 910 acres of the E. E. West Plantation. This was the same West family that built "The Crescent" in Valdosta, Georgia. Today it is home to the Valdosta Garden Club. Lewis purchased this property for \$4.75 an acre. The property was a sad sight. The house itself was really not livable. There was no water, no

lights, and of course no plumbing. This very quickly turned this "city boy" into a REAL farming man. Lewis had so much to learn about farming and so much work to do, with very little money. Progress was going to be slow. Lewis was a family man and wanted to provide well for his family. His first priority became the home they were to live in. Two daughters arrived shortly. **Frances Eloise Stewart** was born in 1939 and **Bennie Rosalie Stewart** in 1942.

Life was going well for Lewis and Eloise until 1942. When the United States entered the War in the previous year, it became increasingly difficult to get necessary supplies and materials. Gasoline was especially difficult to get. Farming programs were now being studied and with county and state initiatives, farm life was getting better. Money was now available and a wider variety of crops was grown, to increase the family income. Lewis worked at improving his forest land and even today some of his improvements can still be recognized. Irrigation was added through two natural wells. The wells were found while walking over the farm. Lewis once said, "From the rock formation, the Indians may have used these wells to furnish water for their families and animals." Lewis created a holding pond in order to work the irrigation system. These wells irrigated 300 acres of open crop land, along with some permanent pasture.

The farm, with all the different crops had become too large, and it was more than one "city boy" could handle. Between 1940 and 1989, three young families lived on the Stewart farm. There were 25 children born on this farm. Eloise was kept busy running to get mid-wives. One particular man named Bosey never worked for anyone other than the Stewart family. Bosey died on the farm and was buried by the Stewarts.

One of the changes President Roosevelt had instituted back in 1935 was the creation of the Rural Electric Authority, known as the REA. \$75,000 had been allocated for bringing electricity into rural areas. Cooperatives such as the Tennessee Valley Authority were established. Locally, a group of Madison County citizens, with Lewis being one of them, were

selected to go south and get enough subscribers so that electricity could be brought to rural Madison County. Lewis had many memories of those trying days, walking through woods, plowed fields and unplowed fields. July 24, 1940, Tri County Electric Cooperative was established. Membership in those early days cost \$3.00. An average monthly bill ran between \$2.50 and \$3.50. Many members had only a single light hanging from the ceiling by a drop cord. Membership today is about 750.

Lewis' next adventure was to become a school bus driver. Probably Frances' starting school was the driving force behind that. He was always a hard worker, with lots of ideas and the determination to see those ideas come to life. Because of his love of hunting he, along with other family members, created a successful hunting club, known as The Madison Hunting Club. This lasted from 1959 to 1999.

Lewis died the 10th of March 1988. He was the last living trustee that had signed the original application for Trip County Electric. Over a 20 year period, he served as trustee, secretary/treasurer, vice-president and president. Eloise has stated, "The one thing I can say about Lewis is that he always went with his ideas and dreams. The only think I know of that he did not follow was to accept an offer to play baseball . . . maybe even becoming a professional (?). I know he always wondered about this, but I know he was happy being a "city boy" turned REAL FARMING MAN."

*[Provided by John Ludwick]*

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#### **In Memory of Mr. Ben Stewart**

Mr. **Lewis Ben "Luke" Stewart** was born on November 19, 1905, in Madison, Florida. He died on March 10, 1988, in Valdosta, Georgia. His funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, 1988 at 4:00 P.M. in the Chapel of T.J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons Funeral Home, Madison, Florida. Minister: Rev. **Jim Walkup**. Organist: **Mrs. Joseph S. McCain**. Interment: Oak Ridge Cemetery, Madison, Florida.

*[Extracted from Funeral Card T.J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons Madison, Saturday 12 March, 1988]*

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<b>Doris Aikens</b>		<b>Angela Lavette Lewis Alexander</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1961	Born:	Abt. 1969, Madison, FL
Died:	Aug 2014, Valdosta, GA	Died:	8 Jul 2014, Orlando, FL
Interment:	Antioch Cem., Cherry Lake, FL	Interment:	Bethlehem MBC Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Blanche Sessions Asbell</b>		<b>Oma Rae Baker</b>	
Born:	4 Feb 1915, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Born:	13 Mar 1924
Died:	8 Apr 2014, Thomasville, GA	Died:	25 May 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Okapilco Baptist Church Cem., Brooks, GA
<b>Estelle Colvin Bass</b>		<b>Paris Blair Bass</b>	
Born:	28 Nov 1926, Lee, Madison, FL	Born:	Not Provided
Died:	23 May 2014, Tallahassee, FL	Died:	6 Apr 2014
Interment:	San Pedro Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	San Pedro Cem., Madison, FL
<b>David Mikel Bateman</b>		<b>R. Stanley Baxley</b>	
Born:	6 Dec 1973, Valdosta, GA	Born:	15 Feb 1925, Hilda, SC
Died:	20 May 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Died:	16 Aug 2014
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Lee Memorial Cem., Lee, FL
<b>Henry Earl Bentley</b>		<b>Helen Ruth Blair</b>	
Born:	10 Dec 1933, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Born:	5 Nov 1937
Died:	27 Apr 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Died:	26 Apr 2014, Gainesville, Alachua, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Louise Beggs Bland</b>		<b>Daniel Franklin Blount</b>	
Born:	10 Dec 1933, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Born:	5 Nov 1937
Died:	27 Apr 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Died:	26 Apr 2014, Gainesville, Alachua, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Bonnie Jean Bowen</b>		<b>Roy Clarence Brantley</b>	
Born:	27 Apr 1960, Madison, FL	Born:	21 Jan 1935, Madison, FL
Died:	16 Apr 2014, Tallahassee, FL	Died:	31 May 2014, Lexington, NC
Interment:	Corinth Cem., Lee, FL	Interment:	First Baptist Church of Welcome Cem.
<b>Jack Burke, Jr.</b>		<b>Virginia Lee Cherry</b>	
Born:	27 Jul 1931, Greenville, FL	Born:	20 Mar 1924, Ft. Myers, FL
Died:	17 May 2014, Perry, FL	Died:	19 Jun 2014, Lee, FL
Interment:	Evergreen Cem., Greenville, FL	Interment:	Macedonia Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Willie Moye Cody</b>		<b>Myrtice Anita Davis Combass</b>	
Born:	4 Mar 1931, Madison, FL	Born:	13 Jan 1926, West Palm Beach, FL
Died:	23 Aug 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	16 Apr 2014, Tallahassee, FL
Interment:	Payton AME Ch. Cem., Valdosta, GA	Interment:	Beulah Baptist Cem., Lee, FL
<b>Billy Charles Cone</b>		<b>Vera Hamrick Cone</b>	
Born:		Born:	Abt. 1923
Died:	16 Apr 2014	Died:	21 Jun 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Evergreen Cem., Greenville, FL

<b>Traci Dell Connel</b>		<b>Murray Ronald Cornelius, Sr.</b>	
Born:	29 Aug 1975, Madison, FL	Born:	3 Mar 1943, Rome, GA
Died:	13 Apr 2014, Sand Rock, AL	Died:	17 Aug 2014, Tallahassee, Leon, FL
Interment:	Midway Baptist Cem., Lee, FL	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Oretha Barfield Davis</b>		<b>Harold Elmo Dryman</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1924	Born:	11 Aug 1966
Died:	15 Apr 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	14 Jun 2014, Valdosta, GA
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Kenneth Lee Eakins</b>		<b>Calvin Eddins</b>	
Born:	7 Dec 1958, Monticello, FL	Born:	Not Provided
Died:	21 Jul 2014, Buena Vista, VA	Died:	Aug 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Evergreen Cem., Greenville, FL	Interment:	Evergreen Cem., Greenville, FL
<b>Lois Fisher</b>		<b>Cecil Columbus Fitzgerald</b>	
Born:	12 Dec 1930	Born:	Ab. 1920, Rochelle, GA
Died:	26 May 2014, Thomasville, GA	Died:	13 Apr 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Orlando, FL	Interment:	Hopewell Bapt Cem., Moultrie, GA
<b>Ronnie Lee Fox</b>		<b>Mattie Lou Clark Furney</b>	
Born:	4 Jul 1959, Orlando, FL	Born:	12 Feb 1925
Died:	26 Jul 2014, Valdosta, GA	Died:	21 Apr 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Eugene T. Gaston</b>		<b>Michal Gluszc</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1949	Born:	12 Aug 1981, Ostroleka, Poland
Died:	22 Aug 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	11 Jul 2014, Greenville, FL
Interment:	Ebenezer Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Marcheta (Pat) Godwin</b>		<b>Tabitha Samantha Graham</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1925, Tamaqua, PA	Born:	7 Apr 1975, Madison, FL
Died:	25 Jul 2014, Coolidge, GA	Died:	14 Aug 2014, Tallahassee, FL
Interment:	Cherry Lake Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	Oakridge Cem., Madison, FL
<b>Bessie L. Green</b>		<b>Esther Hartsfield Gueltzow</b>	
Born:	Not Provided, Madison, FL	Born:	Abt. 1946, Lamont, Madison, FL
Died:	21 Aug 2014, Crawfordville, FL	Died:	19 Aug 2014
Interment:	Boyd Methodist Cem., Perry, FL	Interment:	Walker Cem., Lamont, Madison, GA
<b>J. Frank Guntner</b>		<b>Marty Hart</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1928, Westville, FL	Born:	17 Apr 1942
Died:	23 Aug 2014, Lee, Madison, FL	Died:	15 May 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Interment:	Lee Memorial Cem., Lee, FL	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Patricia Gail Hendricks</b>		<b>Elizabeth Thomas Hicks</b>	
Born:	6 Apr 1949, Lowndes, GA	Born:	19 May 1917, Attapulugus, GA
Died:	25 Jun 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	3 Aug 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Culley's Meadow Wood Mem. Park, Leon, FL
<b>Kathryn Leatrice Hiers</b>		<b>Leo Franklin Holden</b>	
Born:	13 May 1931, Morven, GA		28 Dec 1945, Perry, FL
Died:	14 May 2014, South Pasadena, FL		10 Aug 2014, Shady Grove, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA		Fellowship PBC Cem., Shady Grove, FL

<b>Jackie Eugene Hood</b>		<b>James Steven Howard</b>	
Born:	31 Oct 1938, Jacksonville, FL	Born:	19 Oct 1953, Albany, GA
Died:	12 Jun 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	28 Aug 2014, Valdosta, GA
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Jerrie Chambley Jackson</b>		<b>Bobby James</b>	
Born:	8 Jun 1939	Born:	Abt. 1943, Greenville, Madison, FL
Died:	23 Jun 2014, Valdosta, GA	Died:	1 May 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Concord Cem., Greenville, Madison, FL
<b>Joseph Jones</b>		<b>Alice Williams Ketter</b>	
Born:	26 Apr 1951	Born:	Abt 1916
Died:	26 May 2014, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Died:	5 Jun 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Okapilco Baptist Cem., Brooks, GA	Interment:	New Zion Cem., Greenville, Madison, FL
<b>John W. King</b>		<b>Mary June Taylor Korb</b>	
Born:	5 Aug 1958, Chattahoochee, FL	Born:	6 Dec 1939, Quitman, Brooks, GA
Died:	1 Aug 2014, Lake City, Columbia, FL	Died:	23 Aug 2014, New Jersey
Interment:	Evergreen Cem., Greenville, FL	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Milford Clark Lamb</b>		<b>Donna Lee</b>	
Born:	29 Oct 1932, Vienna, GA	Born:	10 Sep 1965, Perry, FL
Died:	21 Aug 2014, Valdosta, Lowndes, GA	Died:	29 Jul 2014, Shady Grove, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Friendship PBC, Shady Grove, FL
<b>Martha Langford Lloyd</b>		<b>Charles Robert Miller</b>	
Born:	27 Feb 1933, Cross City, FL	Born:	Abt. 1960, Piqua, OH
Died:	9 Jun 2014, Greenville, Madison, FL	Died:	3 May 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Pisgah Cem., Perry, FL	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Arthur Thompson "Tommy" Miller, Jr.</b>		<b>Jesse Ray Mitchell</b>	
Born:	31 Oct 1951	Born:	Not Provided
Died:	17 Jul 2014, Tallahassee, Leon	Died:	4 Jun 2014
Interment:	Old Bethel Cem., Brooks, GA	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Reva Garbett Mitchell</b>		<b>Willis Mason Moore</b>	
Born:	Not Provided	Born:	Not Provided, Recovery, GA
Died:	6 May 2014	Died:	15 Jun 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem, Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Mt. Pleasant Cem., Gadsden, FL
<b>Eugene Russell Newsome</b>		<b>Joseph Donel Odom</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1918, Madison, FL	Born:	Abt. 1933, Madison, FL
Died:	9 Jun 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	25 May 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Hanson Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	Lee Memorial Cem., Lee, Madison, FL
<b>Dorothy Lucille Chamlee Pridgeon</b>		<b>Jessica Dawn Parker</b>	
Born:	22 Oct 1924, Atlanta, GA	Born:	Not Provided
Died:	27 May 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	12 Aug 2014
Interment:	Oakridge Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>John Benjamin Register</b>		<b>Bobby Roffe</b>	
Born:	18 Sep 1952, Madison, FL	Born:	13 Mar 1954, Madison, FL
Died:	7 Jul 2014, Tallahassee, Leon, FL	Died:	4 Aug 2014, Clyattville, GA
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Not Provided



<b>Robert D. Roy</b>		<b>Alvie Leroy Rushing</b>	
Born:	23 Nov 1938	Born:	10 May 1951
Died:	28 Jul 2014, Jesup, GA	Died:	27 Jul 2014, Hahira, GA
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Tammy Tunese Salter</b>		<b>Gerald Clinton Spearing</b>	
Born:	Ab. 1969, Madison, FL	Born:	28 May 1939, Cayo Costa Island, FL
Died:	Jul 2014, Madison, FL	Died:	29 Jun 2014, Valdosta, GA
Interment:	Bethlehem Ch. Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Pearl Futch Stalvey</b>		<b>Martha Carolyn Clemens Taylor</b>	
Born:	8 Apr 1911, Cook Co., GA	Born:	8 Nov 1947
Died:	3 Jun 2014, Thomasville, GA	Died:	28 Apr 2014
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA
<b>Randy Lee Tennyson</b>		<b>David Quincy Thomas</b>	
Born:	4 Dec 1946, Camilla, GA	Born:	Abt. 1920, Madison, FL
Died:	10 Jun 2014, Valdosta, GA	Died:	21 May 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Pinecrest Cem., GA	Interment:	Midway Baptist Cem., Lee, Madison, FL
<b>Edith Juanita Daniels Thomas</b>		<b>Raymond Austin Thompson</b>	
Born:	18 Aug 1924, Wewahitchka, FL	Born:	24 Feb 1929, Barwick, GA
Died:	1 May 2014, Advent Christian Vill.	Died:	19 Aug 2014, Dixie, GA
Interment:	Midway Baptist Ch Cem., Lee, FL	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Stephen L. Thompson</b>		<b>Thelma Webb Thornton</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1920	Born:	About 1919, Lee, FL
Died:	4 Jun 2014	Died:	14 Apr 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Pine Grove Cem., Madison, FL	Interment:	Corinth Cem., Lee, Madison, FL
<b>James Curtis Treadwell</b>		<b>Wayne Russell Walker</b>	
Born:	25 Jan 1935	Born:	2 Sep 1940, Trenton, FL
Died:	27 Aug 2014, Brunswick, GA	Died:	13 Jun 2014, Tallahassee, FL
Interment:	Oak Hill Cem., Quitman, Brooks, GA	Interment:	Not Provided
<b>Ann Mathis Wilkins</b>		<b>Albert Wilson, Jr.</b>	
Born:	Abt. 1939, Lee, Madison, FL	Born:	Abt. 1974
Died:	20 Jul 2014, Tampa, FL	Died:	30 May 2014, Knoxville, TN
Interment:	Midway Cem., Lee, Madison, FL	Interment:	New Zion MBC Cem., Greenville, FL
<b>Madge Simpson Waller</b>		<b>Jake S. Phillips</b>	
Born:	Not Provided	Born:	6 May 1919, Granite Fall, NC
Died:	20 Apr 2014	Died:	25 Apr 2014, Madison, FL
Interment:	Not Provided	Interment:	Oak Ridge Cem., Madison, FL
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Died:	13 May 2014, Tallahassee, FL	Died:	6 May 2014, Madison, FL
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Beaty, Mitchell Robert	Hall, Shanna Lee	27 Oct 1978	WK-448
Bennefield, Glenn M.	Hall, Sallie	18 Oct 1982	WL-64
Bloom, Henry	Hall, Lillian	7 Aug 1943	CI-262
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