

at Fort Heilaman, East Florida until he was discharged at Thigpen's Deep Creek, East Florida on May 14, 1840. His last service was as a Private in Capt. Aaron Jernigan's Company, 1st Regmt. of Florida Mtd. Volunteer Militia. He volunteered at Trader's Hill, Georgia on Nov. 6, 1840 and was discharged at Moniac, Georgia on May 30, 1841.

Rowland Williams married Nancy Ann "Annie" Sweat in Columbia Co., Florida in the spring of 1839. William Williams, Justice of the Peace, performed the service. Since the early Columbia County records burned the exact date of their marriage is unknown. Rowland probably met Annie while he was in the service in that area. Annie was born on May 13, 1816, daughter of Abner W. Sweat and Rebecca Anderson.

Abner W. Sweat was born in Cheraw District, South Carolina, in 1776, a son of James Sweat. He was brought by his parents in his boyhood to Beaufort District, SC., after the Revolution, and from there they moved to Bulloch County, Georgia. Abner W. Sweat was living in Tattnall County in the 1820 census but by the 1830 census had moved back to Bulloch County. From there he with his family moved to Columbia County, Florida about 1835. He served in the Indian War as a Private in Capt. Aaron Jernigan's company, Jan. 10th to Sept. 30th, 1837.

Rebecca Anderson was born in South Carolina in 1790, daughter of John and Mary Anderson. Her father was born in 1759 in North Carolina. He served as a Private in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War, residing at the time first in Duplin County and then in Bladen County. After the War, he moved to South Carolina and then later he settled in Tattnall County, Georgia. Rebecca Anderson Sweat died in Baker County, Florida on Dec. 26, 1883.

Rowland and Annie Sweat Williams had fifteen children:

1. John Anderson Williams, born April 10, 1840; married 1st, Martha _____; married 2nd, his cousin, Mary Ann "Mollie" Williams, daughter of Thomas & Matilda Herndon Williams, in Polk County on July 30, 1866.
2. Mary Ann Williams, born 1842; married James Washington Mathis (Matthews), 1st; married Edward Whidden, 2nd on April 20, 1867 in Manatee County, Fl.
3. James W. Williams, born 1843; married Clemantine Durrence, in Polk County on Oct. 18, 1865.
4. Nathaniel Knight Williams, born April 11, 1844; married 1st, Susan Smith; married 2nd, Cecilia Durrence (sister of Clemantine) in Orange County on Sept. 3, 1869.
5. Simeon Banks Williams, born Aug. 22, 1845; married Mrs. Narcissus Clemantine Wingate Whidden, widow of Willoughby Whidden, on July 8, 1867 in Manatee County.
6. Martha A. Williams, born 1846; married 1st, John Ticeson (Tison); married 2nd, Joseph Patrick on Oct. 1, 1866.
7. George W. Williams, born June 9, 1847; married 1st, Sarah Ann Gaskins; married 2nd, Minnie _____.
8. Sarah "Sally" Jane Williams, born Feb. 9, 1852; married 1st, James Washington Mathis (Matthews); married 2nd, Washington Morgan.