

WILLIAM WHIDDEN 1802-1853

William Whidden was born in Georgia in 1802. In early records, his name appears as "Whitten". His wife, Elizabeth, (maiden name unknown), was born in Bryan County, Georgia on February 15, 1820. They were living in Florida by 1840 and had moved to Hillsborough County where they were listed in the 1850 census living between Willoughby & Eliza Pennington Whidden and James & Eliza Whidden Green (Eliza was a daughter of Willoughby Whidden), but relationship of William and Willoughby not known. Perhaps a brother. Children of William Whidden:

1. Martha Whidden, born 1833/1834; married, 1st, William Brewer in Hillsborough County on August 8, 1849; married, 2nd, Willard Cumbee on March 8, 1855 in Hillsborough County.
2. Elizabeth "Eliza" Ann Whidden, born 1840; married Alexander Rymer on July 23, 1857 in Hillsborough County.
3. Adaline Marintha Whidden, born 1842; married John W. Daniels on February 11, 1858 in Hillsborough County.
- ★ 4. Jacob John Whidden, born 1844; married on July 20, 1860 in Hillsborough County, Frances Keen, daughter of James M. Keen.
5. Celia Jane Whidden, born 1845; married Gasper Rymer, brother of Alexander, on January 26, 1860 in Hillsborough County.

William Whidden died in Hillsborough County, Florida about November 21, 1853. John E. Bailey was appointed administrator. He was the husband of Lavinia Whidden Bailey, daughter of Willoughby Whidden. Noah Whidden was appointed appraiser of the deceased's estate and an inventory of William Whidden's property was made on November 24, 1853. His widow, Elizabeth, was administratrix.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whidden married Aaron Whittamore on August 17, 1854 in Hillsborough County. In the April 28, 1855 issue of the early Tampa Newspaper, Florida Peninsular, appeared a notice of request for discharge from the administration of the estate of William Whidden late of said county, signed, Elizabeth Whittamore, alias Elizabeth Whidden, admx. On November 13, 1855, Aaron and Elizabeth Whittamore were appointed guardians of the four minor heirs of William Whidden.

Aaron Whittamore later died for on January 29, 1859, Elizabeth Whittamore was made the administratrix of his estate.

On February 2, 1860, Mrs. Elizabeth Whidden Whittamore married Rev. James M. Keen, a Primitive Baptist preacher & widower with several young children. He had moved down from Columbia County, Florida several years before and had settled