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WILLIAM HENRY BARNWELL 1825-1902

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

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