

In 1877, John Henry Hollingsworth once again applied for the invalid pension he had originally sought twenty years earlier. An accompanying affidavit describes him as having blue eyes; being five feet, eleven and three-quarters inches in height; hair nearly gray; weight, about 150 pounds; medium-stout build; with light complexion. The affidavit is dated April 8, 1878, and says that "the rebellion prevented my ever receiving pension, as my agent said that it was allowed." The application was approved and he received \$8 a month until his death.

John Henry Hollingsworth continued to live in Manatee County about ten miles north of Fort Ogden, his family being shown there on the 1880 census. During the early 1880's, he moved to Monroe Co., settling on the Caloosahatchee River at Fort Denaud. There John Henry operated a ferry, providing trans-

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SIGNATURE OF JOHN HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH

portation across the river. In the 1885 census, he is shown as "ferryman", residing with his wife and three youngest children in Monroe County. Also in the household was the oldest daughter, Martha Jane Alderman, and her four youngest children by William Alderman.

A few years later, John Henry and his family returned to the newly formed DeSoto County, and made their home at Arcadia. Here, on August 15, 1888, Ann (Hooker) Hollingsworth died. She was buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

During his remaining years, John Henry travelled around a great deal, visiting his brothers, sisters and children. In the early 1890's he was staying with his daughter, Martha Jane Alderman. He developed a cancer on the side of his face and his health gradually declined. His oldest surviving son, William Hollingsworth, came down to Arcadia in a covered wagon and took his father back to his home. There, in late 1893, John Henry Hollingsworth died. His body was brought back to Arcadia where he was buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

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