

(NOTE: The following article appeared on the front page of this issue of the "Fort Ogden News". It deals with the controversial topic of the division of Manatee County into two counties. The first paragraph of this article was too blurred to read)

"WARNING TO THE MIDDLE SECTIONS" OF MANATEE.....Upon this, like all other kinds of subjects, we find a diversity of opinion even among the clearest headed citizens of the county. There seems to be three ideas or plans to reach the object sought, all at war with each other, and each striving to predominate.

Faction No. 1 proposes to divide the county on the Washington line.

Faction No. 2 proposes to divide it on Peace River, and

Faction No. 3 proposes no division at all.

We here in repeat what we have already stated through the press, etc., that in making a division of Manatee County we should look beyond the present. We should be guided by the lessons of the past few years.

Who will attempt to say what section of our county will in a few years hence outstride its competitors in the race of progress?

Faction No. 1 is composed of a few citizens in the eastern and western sections of the county who hope by this unequal division of the county do secure for their respective..... prize which cannot otherwise hope to obtain and which they know a geographical consideration of the matter would forever exclude the.

The "Washington Line" crowd has already made what had the appearance of a cunning effort to get a snap judgement upon the people, by stacking the cards against them and which but for the stubborn resistance of a few would have been successful.

Will the citizens of Manatee County and especially those of the middle section sit supinely idle and allow schemers and manipulators to manage this matter which is of such permanent importance to each individual citizen?

This is no political contest which involves only the success of the individual candidates or the triumph of parties, but it is a question which digs down into the pockets of every citizen of Manatee County and all should feel alike interested.

In conclusion I appeal to my fellow citizens of Manatee County and urge you by every consideration of patriotism, of pride in your county, of faith and confidence in its future greatness to turn out at the primaries upon the day mentioned in the call and send a full delegation to Pine Level on the 15th of March and would suggest that the same be instructed to vote for an equal & natural division of the county or for no division. A. M. WILSON, in "Pine Level Times".

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6-1 A Barnwell Bible record gives the following data: JAMES WHIDDEN, born Nov. 12, 1839, WILLIAM WHIDDEN, born Mar. 1, 1842, MARY WHIDDEN, born May 27, 1851, MOSE WHIDDEN, born Oct. 17, 1853, HARRIET WHIDDEN, born Dec. 11, 1856. MOSE or MOSES A. WHIDDEN married SALLIE E. BARNWELL. He was also called "DICK" WHIDDEN. Are the parents of the above Whidden children the WILLIAM WHITTON (WHIDDEN), born 1815 in Ga. and wife, MATILDA WHITTON (WHIDDEN), born 1820 in Ga. who were living in Hillsborough Co. in 1850? In 1860, WILLIAM WHIDDEN & children: JAMES, WILLIAM,