

No other information concerning the divorce could be found but apparently it was finalized for on July 14, 1860 in Hillsborough County, Mary Ann married Edward Whidden.

James W. Matthis joined the Georgia Confederate Army on Aug. 1, 1861 at Savannah. He enlisted as a Private in Capt. Levi J. Knight's Company C (Berrien Minute Men). This company was later designated as Capt. Thos. S. Wylly's Company and also as Company G, 29th Reg't of Georgia Infantry. Regimental return for August 1862 gives the rank of J. W. Matthis as Corporal and that he was absent - sick in hospital or convalescent camp. His name appeared on a clothing receipt roll at Buckner & Gamble Hospital at Fort Valley, Georgia in Nov. 1864. J. W. Mathews appeared on the list of prisoners of war surrendered to Brig. Gen. E. M. McCook by Maj. Gen. Sam Jones, C.S.A., at Tallahassee on May 10, 1865. His description at this time was given as follows: 6 feet 2 inches tall, black hair and grey eyes.

James returned to south Florida after the Civil War. On April 10, 1867, he married Sarah "Sally" Jane Williams, younger sister of his first wife, Mary Ann Williams. Sally was born February 9, 1852 in Columbia County, Florida. Their children:

1. Henrietta "Etta" Elizabeth Matthews, born Feb. 9, 1868; died Dec. 30, 1959; married in DeSoto County on July 31, 1890 John Sloan, son of Alford Sloan & Celia Whidden.
2. Rhoda Louannie Mathis, born 1868; married Daniel Coker in DeSoto County on Oct. 16, 1889.
3. George Riley Mathis, born 1871; married Catherine Hagen.
4. Martha Jane Mathis, born Nov. 6, 1873; died Sept. 14, 1943; married 1st, Carl W. Walker; married 2nd, John Dailey.
5. Edna Josephine Mathis, born 1874; married Portus Drawdy on Jan. 3, 1896.
6. James Westberry Mathis, born 1876; married Elizabeth Daniels.
7. John Mahlon Mathis, born Feb. 10, 1877; married Ida Smith on Feb. 27, 1901.
8. Henry Washington Mathis, born Jan. 26, 1878; died June 18, 1953; married Bertie Andrews.
9. Blanche Mathis, born 1879; died before 1885.
10. Willie Agnes Mathis, born Jan. 31, 1881; married William Hearn in 1899.
11. Laura Belle Mathis, born Nov. 21, 1886; died Feb. 26, 1965; married William Lacey DeVane in 1901.
12. Walter Mathis, born 1887, died young.
13. Joseph Reuben Mathis, born 1888; died June 8, 1957; married Bessie Worley Thorne.