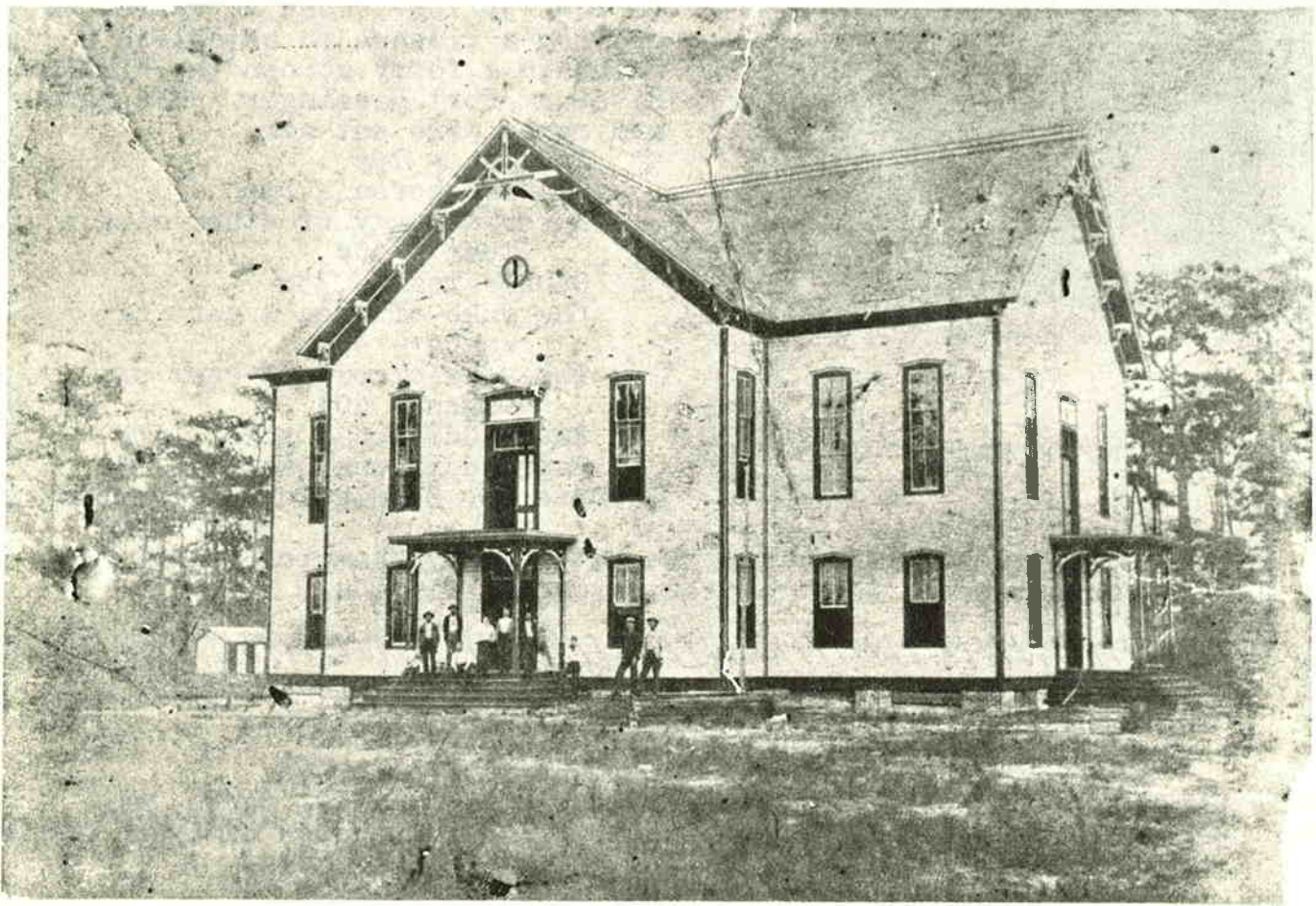


John Johns was born April 7, 1876
 Rhoda Johns was born September 7, 1878
 Laura Johns was born July 4, 1881
 Grover Cleveland Johns was born October 11, 1884
 Fannie Johns was born February 6, 1887
 Dora Johns was born April 17, 1894
 Laura Johns died October 6, 1885
 Dock Johns died October 31, 1914
 Jos Nelson died November 2, 1914

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DE SOTO COUNTY: ARCADIA'S FIRST COURTHOUSE

Due to complaints and disturbances in the eastern sections of Manatee County, Florida, the State Legislature decided that the division of the county into two separate counties would be the most appropriate action. Thus, in 1887, De Soto County was created. The old county seat of Manatee County, Pine Level, was to remain as the county seat of the new county. De Soto County stretched from Lake