

DAVID JAMES ADDISON 1824-1886

David James Addison was born in Bladen Co., North Carolina in 1824 son of John and Ellen Addison. David grew up in Leon Co., Fla. His parents had homesteaded near Tallahassee in Leon County prior to 1827. About 1848, the Addison family moved into south Florida settling in southern Hillsborough County in the Manatee Settlement along the Manatee River in what would later become Manatee County in 1855.

On July 23, 1849, David J. Addison enlisted in Capt. Henry S. Clark's company of Fla. Volunteers as a Private. His description at the time of enlistment was given as a farmer with blue eyes, black hair & light complexion. He was discharged at Manatee on Aug. 28, 1849. He enlisted again on Sept. 19, 1849 in Capt. Clark's company in William Fisher's regiment. He served until Nov. 5, 1849 when he was mustered out at Manatee. In 1852, he applied for and received 40 acres of bounty land based on his service in Capt. Clark's companies.

On Aug. 4, 1852 David registered the following mark & brand with the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court: crop & underbit in one ear, underbit in the other brand "52".

From January 16th until October 7th in 1856, David served as a blacksmith and farrier in his father, Lt. John Addison's company of Florida Mounted Volunteers. David Addison was a member of the jury at the Nov. 2, 1858 session of the Circuit Court held at Manatee.

David sold his stock of cattle, consisting of about 150 head, for \$750.00 to his sister & brother-in-law, David N. & Eliza Ann (Addison) Townsend on July 12, 1859.

In 1860 David was living in the Manatee vicinity along with David N. & Eliza Townsend, Alva Graham, William H. & Ann (Townsend) Addison, Mercer Graham, Mrs. Eleanor Rawls, Mrs. Ellen Addison & Joel and Elizabeth (Graham) Addison.

When the Civil War began, David first enlisted on April 1, 1862 at Tampa as a Private in Capt. Gettis' company of 7th Regt. of Florida Inf. This later became Company B of the 7th Florida Infantry. On June 26, 1862, he was discharged because of sickness. In 1864 he enlisted in Capt. F. A. Hendry's company of Independent Cavalry which was a division of Munnerlyn's Battalion.

On Nov. 10, 1863 at Miakka, David James Addison married Isabella Amanda Rawls. She was born in Leon County, Fla. on June 21, 1846, daughter of Cotton (Colton) & Eleanor Rawls. The Rawls family had moved to the Manatee Settlement during the 1850's from the Tallahassee area. Children of David & Amanda Addison:

1. Mary Eleanor "Ellen" Missouri Addison, born Mar. 25, 1864; died Jan. 15, 1853; married in DeSoto Co. on June 10, 1888 Richard Leander Rowland.
2. Charles Allen Addison, born Jan. 18, 1867; married Annie Amelia Lancaster in DeSoto County on Jan. 16, 1892.
3. Alice L. Addison, born 1868; died prior to 1880.
4. Eliza J. Addison, born 1870; never married.
5. Lewis Ander Addison, born Mar. 1, 1873; died June 21, 1930; married in DeSoto County on Jan. 13, 1898 Ola Victoria Whidden.
6. Aminita "Nite" Addison, born 1874; married William Douglas Platt in DeSoto County on June 26, 1901.
7. Jetson Osgood Addison, born 1879; married Ellen Susan Nuener