

8. John Franklin Addison, born 1887; died 1941; married Myrtle O. Derbyley.

On April 30, 1866, Mrs. Amanda Addison registered with the Manatee County Clerk a mark and brand for herself and her young daughter, Mary E. M. Addison. Amanda Addison recorded: swallow fork in one ear, split in the other, brand "A2". For her daughter: crop split & upper bit in one ear, crop in the other, dewlap brand "A2".

David Addison homesteaded in the 1870's in the Platt - Fort Winder area across Peace River from Fort Ogden, where he farmed & raised cattle. David died at Fort Ogden on Mar. 3, 1886 according to two different pension applications of Mrs. Addison but a third one gave his death date as Mar. 15, 1889. No probate papers or deeds were found in DeSoto Co. records to indicate he died in 1889.

In 1902 Mrs. Addison applied for & received a pension of \$8.00 per month from the federal government for her husband's service during the Indian Wars. She received a pension of \$120.00 per year from the State of Florida for her husband's military service in the Confederate Army. F. B. Hagan & Elias B. Keen who had served in Hendry's company during the Civil War along with David Addison gave supporting data for her pension application. Mrs. Addison died about 1912. Both were buried in the Fort Ogden cemetery. Graves are unmarked.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 Leon, 1850 Hills., 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1885 Manatee; 1852 Bounty Land application of David Addison; "John Addison" in Issue #4 of SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS; Hills. Co. Marks & Brands; Fort Ogden & Charlotte Harbor cemeteries; Manatee Co. Marks & Brands; Widow's three pension applications; Marriages & deed records of DeSoto County; Mrs. Myrtle Addison Butler, 508 Westbrook Ave., Brandon, Fl. 33511; Ferguson Addison, 300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, Fl. 33405

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#### DE SOTO COUNTY: CAMPGROUND CEMETERY

This cemetery is located 1 1/2 miles west of Arcadia in DeSoto County on SR 70. A sign on the right side of the road reads: "Pine Level Camp Ground Cemetery one quarter mile south, cemetery maintained with contributions by loved ones, friends and members of the Pine Level Civic Club. Cemetery established before 1850". A new chain link fence was placed around the cemetery and dedicated in May 1972.

The first person buried in the cemetery was a man who was on a running horse when he was hit by a tree limb and killed. No one knew who he was. The southwest section of the cemetery is the oldest section and has very few markers on the graves, but many of the early settlers are buried there. The oldest marked grave is that of Charlotte H. Platt daughter of J. A. & M. T. Platt, born June 3, 1867, died Dec. 11, 1870.

Camp meetings were held in a bush arbor near the cemetery. Revival meetings were held once a year before a Church was established at Pine Level. A clear water branch called Pine Level Branch furnished water for the people at these camp meetings. They came from all over old Manatee County. They camped there several days during the revival, cooking their meals over campfires and sleeping in & under their wagons. Both Baptists and Methodists attended these meetings. Among the circuit riding preachers who attended & preached at these camp meetings were William Henry Messer & his wife Kezianna (Thigpen) Messer, William Penn McEwen & his wife Ruth McEwen, J. M. Hayman & his wife Martha Jane (Carlton) Hayman, John W. Hendry and W. C. Hayman & his wife Sarah (Carlton) Hayman. The Pine Level Methodist Church was established in 1868 and the Baptist Church in 1869.