

JOHN LEVI SKIPPER 1826-1907

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John Levi Skipper was born in Camden County, Georgia, November 23, 1826, the son of Martha Pearce. His maternal grandparents were John



JOHN L. & ELIZABETH SKIPPER

and Ann (Cain) Pearce. It is believed that his father's name was Gabriel Skipper. Martha Pearce, in her family Bible, notes that "John L. Pearce was born November 23, 1826". Also, in 1902 when John L. Skipper applied for a pension based upon his Seminole Indian war service he stated that he had been discharged from his company under the name of John L. Pearce. A number of years after the birth of John Levi, Martha Pearce married Joseph Mizell.

John Levi Skipper moved to Hillsborough County, Fla. during the 1840's and on Oct. 8, 1849 he was married

to Elizabeth Jane Hollingsworth, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Colwell) Hollingsworth. She was born about 1829 in Sampson County, North Carolina, and moved with her family to Alabama, Georgia and finally to Hillsborough County, Florida in 1842. John Levi and Elizabeth Jane (Hollingsworth) Skipper had the following children:

1. David Henry Skipper, born Dec. 8, 1850; died Sept. 28, 1921; married 1st, Florida Ann Smith, Nov. 26, 1874; married 2nd, Dolly Powell, 1889.
2. Jonathan Shaw "Jack" Skipper, born March 4, 1854; died Sept. 28, 1905; married Letitia Guest, Jan. 3, 1880.
3. Enoch Eugene Skipper, born July 31, 1856; died Nov. 2, 1920; married Martha E. Blount, Jan. 25, 1882.
4. Stephen Skipper, born May 2, 1859; died April 27, 1942; married Mary Cornelia Hart, July 17, 1890.
5. Martha Ann Skipper, born Sept. 20, 1861; died Feb. 5, 1947; married James Irvin Roberts, Nov. 16, 1875.
6. Joseph Lee Skipper, born May 24, 1864; died Sept. 6, 1947; married Minnie Merritt Nunnally, May 7, 1891.
7. Thomas Cooper Skipper, born May 12, 1866; died young.
8. John Levi "Bud" Skipper, born June 19, 1867; died July 26, 1940; married Jessie Carlton.
9. Mary Jane Elizabeth Skipper, born May 19, 1871; died Dec. 7, 1954; married Samuel A. Hart