

represented his Church at the association meetings in 1870, 1871, 1872 and 1875. He 1872 he was a member of the Committee on Letters.

In 1870, David J. W. Boney was living in Township 34 in the Popash area along with Nathan Lowe and John Wood. David was a Justice of the Peace in Manatee County in the 1870's and 1880's and performed many marriages during that period.

On October 5, 1880, David purchased from the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, 120 acres at \$.80 per acre. This land was described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 in Township 34 South, Range 26 East. On this same date, he also purchased 40 additional acres for \$1.00 an acre. This was described as the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, T-34S, R-26E. On July 15, 1882, David J. W. Boney bought 40 more acres from the State of Florida, at \$1.00 per acre. This parcel was described as the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, T-34S, R-26E.

In 1885, David's mother-in-law, Sophie Whidden, age 81 and his nephew, D. W. Boney, age 8, were living with him and his wife. David served as Postmaster at Popash for several years.

David J. W. Boney died on May 4, 1889 of kidney disease, at his homestead at Popash. His property included: 97 cattle, 2 horses, 246 sheep, 2 yoke of oxen, 1 wagon, 10 hogs and 190 acres of land. He was buried at New Hope Cemetery.

On May 24, 1890, Mrs. Lydia A. Boney applied for a pension based on her husband's services during the Indian Wars. She gave her post office as Zolfo Springs, DeSoto County, Florida. Lydia died on Jan. 23, 1910. In her will dated May 26, 1909, she left to C. M. Boney the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S-17, T-34, R-26 and 75 head of cattle branded XB ranging near Popash. She gave Sophia Lowe five dollars. Mrs. Boney may have remarried. When she applied for the Letters of Administration on her husband's estate, she was listed as L. A. Boney, widow, now L. A. Russell. But her estate and will was probated as Lydia A. Boney.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 Hills. Co., 1860, 1870, 1880, 1885 Manatee Co.; Bounty Land Applic., 1855; Widow's Pension Applic, 1890; Marriages of Hills. & Manatee Co.; Salem Baptist Church minutes; SOLDIERS OF FLORIDA; Manatee Co. Circuit Court Minutes & Miscel. Deed Book; records of 2nd Fla. Cav.; South Fla. Bapt. Assoc. minutes; DeSoto County probate records.

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HARDEE COUNTY: GARDNER CEMETERY

This cemetery is located west of U. S. 17 just north of the DeSoto-Hardee County line.

Samuel RENNER Aug. 16, 1864 - Dec. 6, 1952
Etta J. RENNER Mar. 7, 1870 - Mar. 27, 1949
Jesse G. BUSH June 1864 - Dec. 1931
Harry G. BUSH, Fla, PFC, Med Det, 1 Cavalry, WWI
June 28, 1897 - April 20, 1956
Catherine L. KELLER 1927 - 1932
Unmarked adult
Marie L. CLARKE 1883 - 1961
Wesley H. McAFEE, Fla, PFC, U. S. Army Oct. 7, 1936 - Mar. 8, 1970
Toy McAFEE, Fla, Pvt, 124 Inf, 31 Div Nov. 18, 1936
Frank TROWELL Mar. 13, 1934 - May 20, 1934
David U. EARNEST Apr. 3, 1867 - Sept. 29, 1963
Caldonia WHIDDEN EARNEST Dec. 8, 1876 - Dec. 7, 1936