

3. Harriet Lewis, born April 25, 1861; died Dec. 18, 1948; married Joseph Cooper Pearce. Buried at Hurrah Cemetery at Picnic, Fla.
4. Asa James Lewis, born Jan. 20, 1863; died June 29, 1942; married 1st, Isabelle Johnson; married 2nd, Mrs. Maude Cole Pender.

By 1860, the Lewis family had settled in Colquitt County, Georgia where they were farming. On May 11, 1862, Asa Asbury Lewis enlisted in the Confederate Army as a Private in Capt. Edmondson's Company C, 61st Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry. He died at Staunton, Virginia on June 27, 1862. On Sept. 9, 1864, Mrs. Nancy Lewis widow of Asa Lewis received \$92.60 for her husband's service, from the Treasury Department of the Confederate States:

1 month & 18 days @ \$11 per mo	\$17.60
Commutation for clothing	25.00
Bounty	50.00
	<u>\$92.60</u>

Prior to 1870, Mrs. Nancy Lewis & her four children along with her brother-in-law, Matthew Lewis, his wife & children & mother-in-law, Sarah Wincey, moved to south Florida by wagon and oxen, bringing their livestock and worldly goods. Family friends, the Yates, who had previously moved to Florida, had written and urged the Lewis' to join them in this wonderful country. The families all settled along the Alafia River in the Picnic area, farming and raising livestock.

Nancy B. Lewis died on Dec. 28, 1913 and was buried in Bethlehem Cemetery near Dover, Florida.

References: Census: 1850 Lowndes Co., Ga.; 1860 Colquitt Co., Ga.; 1870, 1880 & 1885 Hillsb. & Polk Co., Fla.; Whidden Funeral Home records at Bartow, Fla.; info from Mrs. Zephyr Alderman of Tampa (g-dau of Matthew Lewis), Mrs. H. M. Wiggins, Ft. Meade (g-dau of Asa A. Lewis), Mr. Ben Pearce, Ft. Meade, (g-son of Asa A. Lewis).

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Page 113: Deputy sheriff, W. R. TRASK, set aside a dower for Mrs. M. A. C. BLOUNT including 1/3 of land owned by N. S. BLOUNT, deceased. 1 Feb. 1881. Commissioners: C. C. GRESHAM, Stephen J. PEARCE, Hiram D. BALLARD, Thomas C. PEARCE. Recorded 8 May 1882.