

thence due south 160 rods to a blased bay tree from thence due west 160 rods to blased Pine tree in the Pine barren and from thence due north 160 rods to the place of beginning embracing one half mile square or one quarter section of land." A drawing of Seth Howard's settlement was sent along with the application (see bottom of page 3). On Mar. 25, 1843, Seth received his 160 acres which was described as the NW 1/4 of Section 36 in Township 28 South, Range 20 East. This land is located just north of present day Seffner. Seth sold this land on Nov. 27, 1849 to John W. Starke for \$460.00.

About 1843, Seth Howard married Harriet C. Weeks. She was born on July 18, 1820 in South Carolina. Their children:

1. Susan Howard, born c1844; married 1st, Furman D. Arnold on Aug. 4, 1859 in Hillsborough County; married, 2nd, William McLeod.
2. Martha Howard, born 1845; died July 31, 1897; married on Apr. 14, 1870, William Whidden son of Willoughby Whidden.
3. Mary M. Howard, born May 1, 1848; died Apr. 12, 1879; married on Mar. 25, 1869 in Manatee Co., Wilson E. Stephens.
4. Francis Marion Howard, born c1851; married Martha "Mattie" Elizabeth Barton on Oct. 5, 1876.
5. Thomas Howard, born Aug. 23, 1855; married on Apr. 2, 1876, Hortense Blount, daughter of Owen R. Blount.
6. Newton J. Howard, born c1856; married Annie Dupree on Jan. 31, 1875.
7. Adeline Howard, born c1859.
8. Laura V. Howard, born Apr. 18, 1861; died Dec. 14, 1926; married William Wiggins on July 3, 1879.
9. George W. Howard, born 1864; died 1946; married 1st, Minnie L. Canon in Lee County on Mar. 4, 1900; married 2nd, Margaret "Maggie" E. Jones on May 3, 1906.
10. Frances E. Howard, born c1866; married J. P. Roberson on May 11, 1886.

On Nov. 17, 1846, Thomas Weeks appointed Seth Howard to be his true and lawful attorney & take care of his business while absent from the State of Florida. A Thomas Weeks died intestate in 1855 and Seth was appointed appraiser of the estate. This Thomas Weeks may have been the father or relative of Mrs. Harriet C. (Weeks) Howard.

Seth Howard registered the following mark & brand in Hillsborough County on April 15, 1851: poplar leaf in each ear, brand "SX".

Seth applied for bounty land based on his Indian War service and in 1852, received a land warrant #65931 for 40 acres. He was dissatisfied with this warrant, having done sufficient service to entitle him to 160 acres. He made an additional application, but had difficulty proving that two of his militia enlistments were under the names of "James S. Howard" and "James Howard" instead of Seth Howard. After many communications between his agent and the Commissioner of Pensions, Seth was able to return the 40 acre warrant & receive one for 80 acres.

During the Third Seminole Indian War, Seth Howard was a member of Capt. William B. Hooker's company. This company was mustered into service Jan. 3, 1856 and was mustered out of service on Aug. 20, 1856.