

In the 1860 census, the Howard family was residing in the Alafia area in Hillsborough County. Nearby neighbors were Mrs. Mary Burnett, J. W. Hendry, Michael Alderman and Isaac Carlton.

During the 1860's, the Howard family attended many of the sermons presented at Alafia by Rev. Jeremiah M. Hayman. Mary and Martha Howard were baptized on Sept. 25, 1864 and Mrs. Susan (Howard) Arnold was baptized on Sept. 26th. Seth and Harriet (Weeks) Howard were baptized by Rev. Hayman at Alafia on Dec. 25, 1864.

Seth Howard was involved in the cattle business as were many of the pioneer families. On Dec. 27, 1869, Seth sold to James M. Hendry for \$1,000 a stock of cattle consisting of 200 head marked under slope and split in each ear, branded 52. This record was recorded in the Manatee County deed books on June 4, 1870.

By 1870, Seth Howard was living in the Ona area in present day Hardee County, near the families of William & Susan (Howard) McLeod, John & Margaret Ann McLeod and William & Martha (Davenport) McLeod. The Howards were members of Maple Branch Baptist Church (this later became New Zion Baptist Church). In November of 1872, Seth was a delegate from his Church to the 6th Annual Session of the South Florida Baptist Association held at Mt. Pleasant Church. During the mid-1870's Seth Howard moved to the Joshua Creek area. In November of 1877, he was a delegate from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at Joshua Creek to the 2nd Annual Session of the Manatee Missionary Baptist Association.

Seth Howard died on Oct. 6, 1887 and was buried in Joshua Creek Cemetery in DeSoto County. Mrs. Harriet C. (Weeks) Howard later lived with various of her children's families. She died on Jan. 25, 1892 and was buried in New Zion Baptist Church Cemetery at Ona.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 & 1860 Hills. Co., Fl., 1870 & 1880 Manatee Co., Fl.; Seth Howard's bounty land application; Armed Occupation Act land application; MINUTES OF OLD PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1976, by Jacksonville Gen. Society; Hills. Co. Marks & Brands, marriages, deeds & probate records; Lee Co. marriages; Manatee Co. marriages & deeds; Joshua Creek, New Zion Baptist, Fort Myers & Ft. Denaud cemeteries; A MEMORIAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE & MINISTERIAL LABORS OF REV. J. M. HAYMAN, O. J. Frier, 1901; Minutes of the South Fla. & Manatee Miss. Baptist Associations.

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MANATEE COUNTY: EARLY CATTLE SHIPMENTS

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June 30, 1860 Shipped from the mouth of Manatee River on board the schooner "Matchless" John CURRY master and bound for Key West 63 head of cattle owned by: WHITAKER, WYATT, GLAZIER, J. GRIFFIN, W. H. ADDISON, G. W. WYATT, McNEILL, TOWNSEND, VANDERPE, CUNLIFFE, RAWLS, ROBERTS, COOPER, CLARK, GATES, L. ADDISON, W. ADDISON.

July 22, 1860 Shipped from Sarasota on board the "Young America" bound for Key West, William LOWE commander. Cattle owned by: WHITAKER, Lucy ADDISON, Wm. ADDISON, CURRY, H. CLARK, J. GRIFFIN, ROBERTS, GATES, JOHNSON, HAWKINS, G. H. WYATT, GOINLY.

Sept. 20, 1860 Shipped from Sarasota on board the "Young America", William LOWE master and bound for Key West 27 head of cattle owned by: HAWKINS, G. H. WYATT, GATES, VANDERPE, CURRY, WHITAKER, CLARK, ROBERTS, TOWNSEND, W. ADDISON.