

Lou Emma MESSER May 24, 1866 - 1915
 Daughter of Peter & Mary MESSER
 Eugene BATES son of James & Nancy (MESSER) BATES
 Nancy E. (MESSER) BATES Jan. 26, 1871 - 1895
 Wife of James Maston BATES
 James Maston BATES Born 1856
 Sula (BATES) BASS daughter of James & Nancy (MESSER) BATES
 Pearl Elizabeth WHIDDEN 1917 - 1921
 Daughter of Cornelius & Mable Bell (BATES) WHIDDEN
 Louisa (BATES) FUTCH Born 1858
 Henry FUTCH Born 1861
 Olivia (HART) BATES Died 1882
 Aaron A. BATES
 Elijah WEATHERLY husband of Aloria BATES
 Minnie WEATHERLY daughter of Elijah & Aloria (BATES) WEATHERLY
 Ida (WALKER) GRIZZELL

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URIAH RAIFORD DURRANCE 1838 - 1917

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Uriah Raiford Durrance was born in Early County, Georgia, Feb. 1, 1838. According to the 1850 census his father's name was D. J. Durrance, but other sources give his name as Jesse or perhaps Jack Durrance. U. R. Durrance's mother was named Maria Elizabeth and her maiden name was possibly Douglas.

Prior to 1850, Uriah Raiford moved with his parents to St. Johns County, Florida, where they appear on the 1850 census. During the 1850's, U. R. Durrance moved to south Florida, settling in Hillsborough County. He enlisted at Fort Brooke Oct. 8, 1857 in Capt. Carter's Independent Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers and served until Feb. 18, 1858.

On Oct. 13th or 14th, 1859 in Hillsborough County, Uriah Raiford Durrance was married to Martha Jane Hancock, daughter of Jordan and Martha (Baker) Hancock. She was born July 9, 1841 in Georgia and moved with her parents to Hillsborough County during the 1850's. U. R. and Martha Jane (Hancock) Durrance had the following children:

1. Jane Adeline Durrance, born Oct. 5th or 9th, 1860; married Benjamin Jackson Parrish, Dec. 20, 1876.
2. Mary Frances Durrance, born Mar. 24, 1862; died Dec. 27, 1905; married Isiah Williams, Mar. 18, 1886.
3. Louisa Durrance, born Dec. 31, 1865 or Jan. 1, 1866; married Hiram Prescott, June 4, 1885.
4. Anna Eliza Durrance, born Sept. 15, 1867; married Noah I. "Sam" Albritton, Jan. 20, 1888.
5. Clementine Durrance, born Oct. 12, 1869; died Apr. 16, 1948; married Roan Williams.
6. Candacy Durrance, born Nov. 12, 1871; died Jan. 20, 1951; married Kittrell Liles Mahon.
7. James Uriah Durrance, born Oct. 3, 1873; died Nov. 5, 1965; married Christine Alderman, Feb. 20, 1903.