

4. Sarah Prescott, born Aug. 23, 1857 (tombstone shows 1858); died 1926; married Theophilus "Off" Williams, son of William A. & Sarah A. (Bennett) Williams.
5. John M. Prescott, born July 21, 1860; died Aug. 12, 1934; married Sophia Augusta Sellers on July 31, 1884.
6. Hiram Prescott, born Jan. 6, 1863; died June 8, 1903; married Louisa Durrance, daughter of Uriah Raiford & Martha Jane (Hancock) Durrance on June 4, 1885.
7. Henry Prescott, born May 27, 1865; died single Aug. 28, 1913.
8. Lemuel Prescott, born Nov. 5, 1867; married Jennie Crews.
9. Elvira Prescott, born Apr. 2, 1870; died 1958; married George G. Budd on Feb. 27, 1890 in DeSoto County.

In 1851, Samuel E. Prescott applied for and received a bounty land warrant for 160 acres based on his service in Bryan's and Johnson's companies.

The Prescotts were included in Clinch County, Georgia when it was carved from Lowndes County in 1850 and in Echols County when it was created from Clinch County in 1858. Samuel was the first Tax Collector of Echols County serving from 1859 to 1861.

In 1866, Samuel E. Prescott moved his family to south Florida settling in the Joshua Creek area in Manatee County. He was probably looking for an area that had better living conditions than he had in south Georgia under the reconstruction government in the years following the Civil War.

On March 13, 1867, Samuel registered the following mark and brand in Manatee County: crop & underslope in one ear, underslope in the other, brand SP.

In 1869 Samuel decided to move back to south Georgia. He decided that conditions in Manatee County were as bad if not worse than they were in south Georgia. He didn't like the Joshua Creek settlement and was unfamiliar with south Florida flat woods farming. One of his neighbors told him of an area in northeast Manatee County that was good hammock land and was similar to south Georgia land. Samuel moved there and became the first settler of present day Highlands County. On August 10, 1882 he bought 79.96 acres from the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in that same area where he had homesteaded in 1869. It was described as the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8 in T 35 S, R 28 E or near the present day Highlands Hammock State Park southwest of Sebring, Florida.

In 1892 Samuel E. Prescott applied for a pension based on his service in Swilley's company. He gave his age as 67 years and his Post Office as Crewsville. He received a pension until his death on Jan. 10, 1897. He was buried in the family cemetery on his homestead.

Lucy (Peterson) Prescott applied for a widow's pension in 1897 and she received \$8 per month until her death in October of 1907.

On July 31, 1976 the Sebring Historical Society placed a memorial marker at the Prescott family cemetery to honor Samuel E. Prescott. Mr. Park DeVane stated in his dedication speech: "Mr. Prescott felt that his first duties was to his family, and he carved for them a home here out of this trackless wilderness. Mr. Prescott was the forefather of many hundreds of the Prescott family that extends into the seventh generation. With every good man there is always a good wife. I think