

February 20, 1840. On January 7, 1847, William H. Addison married Annie Townsend. She was born in 1826. Their children:



WILLIAM HENDERSON ADDISON

1. John Hugh Addison, born September 6, 1849; married Caledonia Hendry.
2. William Townsend Addison, born October 12, 1852; married in Polk County on December 30, 1877, Harriet (Godwin) Hilliard Collins, daughter of Solomon Godwin.
3. Henry Addison, born September 30, 1855.
4. Charles Addison, born 1858; died before 1870.
5. Cornelia Florida Addison, born May 24, 1860; died September 19, 1916; married 1st, Samuel Absalom Hart; married 2nd, David Minton Bloodworth on May 29, 1883.
6. Cordelia Addison, born 1862.
7. Victoria Addison, born June 17, 1865; married J. W. Galispie on Oct. 4, 1881.

 About 1848 the young couple, along with others of the Addison family, moved down into south Florida settling in the Manatee River section of Hillsborough County. William served two enlistments in Capt. Henry S. Clark's Independent Company of Florida Volunteers which was composed mainly of friends and neighbors from the Manatee section. He was a Sergeant from July 23rd to August 28th, 1849. He enlisted again at Manatee on August 28th and was discharged on October 18, 1849.

On June 9, 1851, William applied for Bounty Land based on the Act of Sept. 28, 1850. He received a warrant for 80 acres which he later sold. On March 31, 1853, William H. Addison registered the following mark and brand: underbit in one ear, undersquare in the other, brand



During the Third Seminole Indian War, William served as a Bugler in his father, Lt. John Addison's Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers. He was mustered in on January 16, 1856 and mustered out October 7, 1856. His brothers were members of this company also.

William was also a member of Capt. John Parker's Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers. He was mustered in on October 7, 1856 and mustered out December 17, 1856 at Tampa, Florida.

In 1859 William was appointed a trustee of the 2nd district school district covering the area north of Manatee River. He also was a county commissioner during this time.

William shipped many of his cattle from the Manatee area to Cuba, Key West and Nassau during the 1860's.