

stone on Alexander Bell's grave indicates that he served in the Confederate Army from Florida. However, an inquiry to the National Archives has failed to show any Confederate military service. One source says that his widow received a State pension for Confederate service but the Florida Archives reports that no such pension file exists.

In the 1900 census Susan Bell, age 65, is shown residing in Brevard County next door to daughter Alice and son-in-law Wallace Harbin.

On July 12, 1902, Susan Amanda (Stewart) Bell applied for a Federal pension based on her husband's service in the Seminole Wars. She stated that at the time Alexander enlisted in Capt. Knight's company in 1849 he was 5 feet, 7 inches tall, with black hair, black eyes and dark complexion. The pension application was approved and she received payments until her death. Mrs. Bell died June 12, 1913 and was buried in the Fort Pierce Cemetery.

REFERENCES: Census-1850 & 1860 Hamilton Co., Fl., 1880, 1885 & 1900 Brevard Co., Fl.; information & notes provided by Maxwell Walker of Fort Pierce, great-grandson of Alexander Bell; MY PIONEER DAYS IN FLORIDA by Emily Iagow Bell, 1928; PIONEERS OF WIREGRASS GEORGIA, Vols. 3,5; STORY OF FLORIDA by Cash; EAST COAST OF FLORIDA, Vol. 1; tombstone inscriptions Ft. Pierce Cemetery; Brevard Co. deed records; Indian war pension file of Susan Bell; BRIEF HISTORY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA by Cora Hinton, 1976.

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POLK COUNTY: EARLY MARRIAGES

In 1948 the Bartow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution compiled an index to the first three volumes of the marriage records of Polk County. The following listing of marriages from Marriage License Book "A" came from that index which is at the Polk County Hist. Library at Bartow, Florida. Continued from Issue #17/18.

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	BY
Watson W. BLUME	Elizabeth L. PAGE	July 27, 1871	Wm. C. JORDAN, MG
Richard T. CADDIN	Mary E. HARRIS	Nov. 19, 1871	Peter C. HAYS, MG
Peter CARRELTON	Mary POLLARD	Sept 25, 1871	Peter HAYS, MG
John A. DOUGLASS	Mary M. VARN	Dec. 27, 1871	John W. CARLTON Min. of Gospel
Wyley DOUGLASS	Mary WATERS	July 27, 1871	John W. CARLTON
Henry H. ENGLISH	Eliza T. FORTNER	Oct. 5, 1871	Silvester WALDRON, MG
Jacob GODWIN	Ann Jane WATTERS	Feb. 16, 1871	Wm. C. JORDAN, MG
Benjamin HARROLD	Arrina HAMBLETON	Sept 14, 1871	Peter C. HAYS, MG
Joshua HUNTER	Sarah McCLELLAN	Aug. 4, 1871	Danl. STANFORD Min. of Gospel
George HUNTER	Martha AUSBURN	Sept 30, 1871	Peter HAYS, MG
James R. HELSEVINGTON	Caroline P. JOHNSTON	July 23, 1871	Peter C. HAYS Min. of Gospel
William H. JOHNSTON	Sarah A. POLLARD	June 7, 1871	Peter C. HAYS
Pleasant F. STANLAND	Lucy Ann HUTCHINSON	Dec. 26, 1871	Andrew KICKLIGHTER, MG