

W. H. N. O'BERRY Jan. 17, 1889 - Jan. 1, 1926  
Thomas C. BEAGLES Jan. 19, 1891 - Feb. 12, 1972  
Fronie (O'BERRY) BEAGLES Mar. 3, 1887 - Aug. 22, 1971  
Daughter of Dan M. O'BERRY

Kenneth O'Berry BEAGLES Nov. 15, 1922 - Aug. 9, 1924

George W. BATTEN 1845 - 1938

Sarah (O'BERRY) BATTEN 1851 - 1906 Dau. of John Jordon O'BERRY

James Daniel MILLER May 25, 1886 - Sept. 1, 1937

Son of J. B. MILLER

Hattie Belle MILLER Nov. 11, 1884 - May 11, 1950

Maurice Ziegler JOHNSTON Feb. 14, 1911 - Feb. 7, 1977

Son of Chas. H. JOHNSTON

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### WILLIAM HENRY HART AND THE HART CEMETERY

The following history was compiled and written by Vera Crews Bush in collaboration with Blanche Crews Scott, granddaughters of William Henry and Mary Hart. It was contributed by Mrs. Claud S. Hart of Frostproof and Mr. Charles Hart of Okeechobee, and is continued from Issue #19/20.

In 1885 the Hart family suffered its first sorrow. After a long illness with fever, James, the second son, died. There were no doctors nearer than Bartow or Lakeland so they never knew what his ailment was. The nearest cemetery was four miles away and was seldom ever used. The one at New Hope Church was eight miles away. Where the Harts came from, families many times buried their loved ones near their homes, so they decided to do that. Their small son was laid to rest, only a hundred yards or so from the family home. A fence was built around the little grave to keep cattle and hogs from roaming over it, and later a shelter was built over it. A few months later a neighbor, Mrs. James Prescott died and her husband asked permission to bury her near James. It was then Grandfather decided he would be sure that it would be a permanent cemetery. So he deeded, to the dead, five acres of land surrounding the two graves. Knowing that it was to be a permanent cemetery, other families asked permission to bury loved ones there and soon many stones dotted the little cemetery.

Edith, the third daughter in the Hart family, was the first to marry. On December 1, 1886 she and Crawford Crews were married in the Hart home. His family lived near the village of Zolfo, where they had settled soon after moving from central Georgia in 1848 (see editor's note below). Crawford bought a home near by so they began housekeeping there.

In 1886-7 a branch railroad of the Plant system was built from Lakeland south through Bartow, Ft. Meade and Zolfo. The terminus was to be Ft. Myers, but as was the custom in those days when the rails were laid to Arcadia, the company ran an excursion train from Lakeland to the end of the rails at Arcadia. Many of the people had never ridden a train, so Crawford and Edith, and many of their friends, bought

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NOTE: Dempsey Dubois and Piety (Collier) Crews, parents of Crawford Crews, actually settled in the Zolfo area between 1858 & 1860. Family tradition stated in 1848. See S.F.P. Issue #12.