

John McABE 1874 - Nov. 19, 1947 (age 73)  
 Joseph McDOWELL Oct. 21, 1893 - Aug. 19, 1959  
 Infant of Charlie & Irene McLEOD 1922 or 23 - 1922 or 23  
 Irene McLEOD Oct. 17, 1906 - 1927  
 Annie McDOWELL Sept. 17, 1892 - Apr. 18, 1974  
 Lewis NOBLES Jan. 2, 1902 - Apr. 3, 1956  
 T. J. OSTEENE 1853 - 1939

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URIAH NELSON EARNEST 1833-1923

Uriah Nelson Earnest was born in Gadsden County, Florida on December 2, 1833, son of Mrs. Mary Earnest (born 1801). The name of Mary's husband is not known, nor is her maiden name. She had one other known son, Elisha Earnest, born c1838.

The Earnest family moved to Taylor County, Florida where Uriah married Benetta Howard about 1858. She was born in Alabama in 1834. They had one child:

1. Alec Andrew Earnest, born 1859; died young.

Uriah, Benetty & Alex Earnest were listed as living next door to Mary & Elisha Earnest in the 1860 Taylor County, Florida census.

During the Civil War, Uriah N. Earnest served in the United States Army. He enrolled at Cedar Keys on May 2, 1864 as a private in Captain W. H. Stebbins Company D, 2nd Regiment of Florida Cavalry. His description at the time of enlistment was given as age 30, 5'7" tall, fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. Uriah was honorably discharged at Tallahassee, Florida on November 29, 1865.

Mrs. Benetta (Howard) Earnest died in 1864 and Alec Earnest may have died at this same time.

In August 1865, Uriah Nelson Earnest married Darces (Dorcas) Ellen Anderson. The ceremony was performed in Taylor County by John N. Barnett a brother-in-law of Miss Anderson. Darces was born on October 17, 1836 in Lowndes County, Georgia daughter of David Anderson and Ann Dukes. Her father was killed by Indians in 1841.

Uriah N. and Darces Ellen (Anderson) Earnest had five children:

2. David Uriah Earnest, born April 3, 1866 according to pension papers (tombstone shows April 3, 1867); died September 29, 1963; married Caldonia "Callie" Whidden, daughter of John H. and Sarah Jane (Phillips) Whidden.
3. Maryan B. Earnest, born December 31, 1869; died October 4, 1943; married 1st, John Thornton; married 2nd Hiram Hall.
4. Wealthan (Wealthy) L. "Norah" Earnest, born Feb. 24, 1872, married Jack Hall.
5. James R. Earnest, born October 11, 1875, married Ginny \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Lewis Payne Earnest, born August 25, 1879; died November 29, 1960; married Sallie Lunn, 1st; married Effie \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd.

In 1870, Uriah Earnest and family were living at Rose Hill, Taylor Co., Florida near Hester Ann Sapp widow of John Sapp who was killed in the Civil War. Hester was a relative of Darces Anderson Earnest.