

JESSE MCCLELLAND 1836-1912

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Jesse McClelland was born June 8, 1836 in Thomas Co., Ga., son of Silas and Penelope (Anderson) McClelland. Penelope's parents were living there at that time. Soon after Jesse's birth the McClellands moved to Hamilton County, Florida and later about 1846, moved to Hichepuckasassa Settlement in Hillsborough County, Florida.\* This is where Jesse McClelland grew up to manhood.

During the Third Seminole Indian War, Jesse enlisted December 29, 1855 and was mustered in as a private in Captain Durrance's Florida Mounted Volunteers at Ft. Meade, February 21, 1856. He reenlisted August 22, 1856 at Ft. Frazier, Florida and again as a private at Ft. Brooke (Tampa), Florida, December 22, 1856 and was mustered out June 22, 1857 at Ft. Brooke. At the time of enlistment he was described as being five feet, eight inches tall, blue eyes, black hair and light complexion. He also served at two other stations, at Ft. Capron (north of Ft. Pierce) January 21-31, 1857 and at Ft. Drum, Florida, April 30, 1857.

After his war service he and Susan Godwin were married on Feb. 2, 1860 at Ft. Meade (then in Hillsborough County), Florida by Rev. Levi Pearce. She was born December 19, 1842 to Solomon and Mariah (Tyner) Godwin.

In the 1860 census, Jesse and Susan McClelland were living next door to his father and mother in Hichepuckasassa Settlement in Hillsborough County.

To Jesse and Susan McClelland were born the following children:

1. Joseph McClelland, born December 8, 1861; married Florence Tomlinson, May 7, 1893; died 1926 and was buried at Ft. Kissimmee Cemetery, Highlands County, Fl.
2. William McClelland, born February 28, 1863
3. Maxfield McClelland, born c1864; buried Hart Cemetery, Hardee County, Fl.
4. Elijah I. McClelland, born February 7, 1866; married Josie Register, March 27, 1892; died February 23, 1943 and buried at Little Eden Cemetery, about three miles west of Frostproof, Fl.
5. Nathaniel McClelland, born c1867.
6. Jesse McClelland, born September 30, 1867.
7. Solomon McClelland, born February 20, 1869; married Alice Monts De Oca, January 4, 1891. (also spelled Montes de Oca)
8. Exaline McClelland, born February 27, 1871; married W. H. Carney August 11, 1892; buried Hart Cemetery, Hardee County, Fl.

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\*The spelling of the word Hichepuckasassa was taken from maps by J. Lee Williams, 1837, and Capt. John MacKay and Lt. J. E. Blake, 1839. Some spell it Ichepuckasassa.