

SILAS L. McCLELLAND 1834-1862

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Silas L. McClelland was born about 1834, probably in Irwin County, Georgia to Silas and Penelope (Anderson) McClelland. The McClellands moved to Hamilton County, Territory of Florida, about 1836 and thence to Hickpucksassa Settlement, Hillsborough County, Florida about 1846. This is where Silas L. grew to manhood. He joined Salem Baptist Church in Hillsborough County and was baptized October 21, 1855 by Rev. J. M. Hayman.

In the Third Seminole Indian War he enlisted February 18, 1856, as a private at Brown's Store, Hillsborough County, in Captain S. L. Sparkman's Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers. The military record shows that he was on detached service at Fort Deynaud (now Hendry County, Florida) April, 1856. He was mustered out of service August 17, 1857 at Ft. Brooke (Tampa), Florida.

Silas L. McClelland and Susan Elizabeth Wingate were married July 1, 1861 by Benjamin Johnston, N. P., in Hillsborough County, Florida. She was born August 24, 1845 to Mr. & Mrs. William J. Wingate. The McClelland's had one child:

1. Martha Penelope McClelland, born August 8, 1862 (three months after her father's death); died in Tampa, Florida August 18, 1955, buried in New Hope Cemetery; married 1st, Burris P. Sellers, May 9, 1877; married 2nd, William J. Buchanan, September 16, 1883 (he was born June 10, 1860 and died February 27, 1914).

Silas L. McClelland enlisted as a private in Company E (South Florida Bulldogs), 7th Regiment, Florida Infantry, Confederate States of America, April 10, 1862 at Camp Lee, Florida. A short time after enlisting he died, April 20, 1862 at Camp Lee.

Susan, according to probate records, Ledger A, pages 22 and 23, Polk County, Florida, and James Hambleton later were appointed co-administrators of Silas L.'s estate, September 4, 1862. The value of estate was \$1,177.91 and she received as her part \$392.63.

Susan and her daughter, Martha, moved to Manatee County, Florida about 1865. On May 27, 1867, William J. Wingate, Martha's grandfather, petitioned the Probate Court of Manatee County to be appointed guardian of the estate of Martha P. McClelland, minor, being five years of age. He was appointed and the inventory revealed 40 head of stock cattle at \$5.00 per head or \$200.

About 1866 Susan E. McClelland and Henry Collin Crews were married (marriage record has not been found). He was born August 16, 1836 in Camden County, Georgia, to Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey D. Crews, Sr. They had one son, John A. Crews, born 1867. In the 1870 census of Manatee County, Collin Crews' occupation is shown as stock raising and in his household are Susan, age 23, John A., son, age three years, and Martha McLellan, age eight years.