

5. Jane Elizabeth Bates, born May 10, 1863; died 1891; married on January 24, 1884 Jacob T. Newsome.
6. Mary E. Bates, born December 24, 1865 (stone shows December 25); died February 8, 1907; married January 4, 1889 John B. Prine, son of John B. Prine and Frances K. (Keen) Whidden Webb Prine.
7. Thomas J. Bates, born August 19, 1867; married Claudia Hampton in 1893.
8. Nancy J. Bates, born March 4, 1869; died before 1880.
9. John Fleming Bates, born August 21, 1871; died 1945; married Mattie Jane Skates in 1894.
10. Jessie Veluria Bates, born May 7, 1874; married J. A. Hand in 1893.

John M. Bates served as a private in Captain William H. Kendrick's Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers (1st service). He enrolled January 26, 1856 and was mustered out on August 28, 1856 at Fort Monroe, Florida. He served in Capt. Kendrick's Company of Volunteers (2nd service) from August 28, 1856 until he was mustered at Tampa on December 6, 1856. His last service in Kendrick's Company (3rd service) was from December 6, 1856 to June 6, 1857. George W. Bates, James M. Bates and Robert J. Bates also served in Capt. Kendrick's Company according to Soldiers of Florida.

Prior to 1860, John M. Bates settled in Manatee County near Lily in present day Hardee County. The 1860 Manatee County census shows John M. Bates residing between Oliver Waldron and Thomas H. Albritton. Other neighbors included John Platt, Joshua A. Platt, Isom Deas and William Whidden.

On February 9, 1863 John registered two marks & brands with the Manatee County Clerk: staplefork in one ear & swallowfork and upperbit in the other, branded MB ; staplefork in one ear & swallowfork under & upper bit in the other, branded MB .

In 1870 John M. Bates was enumerated in township 37 which includes Pine Level and Bunker. His neighbors were George Walker, Joshua Platt, Oliver Walker & Enoch Mizell. On July 11, 1870 John registered another mark and brand: under slope staple fork in one ear and swallowfork upper bit in the other, branded MB . He paid taxes on 60 cattle in 1872 and 1873 and on one horse in 1873.

John was listed in Precinct #1 (Pine Level) in the 1880 Manatee Census along with Thomas H. Albritton, T. L. Bates and Bryant Coker.

John M. Bates applied for a pension based on his service during the Indian Wars. On May 24, 1892, Joshua A. Platt, aged 63 years, a resident of section 6 in township 37 south, range 24 east in the County of DeSoto gave the following affidavit:

He has known John M. Bates the claimant for 38 years at least and that he knew him to be destinkly opposed the war of the late Rebellion and destrinkly in favor of its suppression and he was opposed to all persons who was in favor of that war -- and affiant believes that the claim-