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Lewis enrolled at Fort Myers on March 18, 1864 as a private in the 2nd Regiment of the Florida Volunteer Cavalry of the United States Army. He was described as being 5' 10" with light complexion, gray eyes and light hair. Joshua A. Platt gave the following affidavit when Lewis applied for a pension:

Lewis B. Platt was forced into the Confederate Army during the late Civil War by conscription against his own wishes and that as soon as he possibly could he left the Confederate Army and joined the Union army and that I know of several men who were shot and killed for refusing to go into service when conscripted and a man who was conscripted and refused to go into the service was in danger of losing his life.

Lewis was honorably discharged at Tallahassee, Florida on Nov. 29, 1865.

Lewis, Nancy and their five children were enumerated in Township 39 (Fort Ogden) in the 1870 Manatee County census. The value of their personal estate was \$3,000. Living next to them were William and Louisa Platt. Lewis paid taxes in 1871 on 400 cattle, 50 hogs & 5 horses, in 1873 on 600 cattle, 30 hogs & 4 horses and in 1877 on 700 cattle and 7 horses. He settled in the Caloosahatchee River valley in Monroe County about 1879. They were listed there in the 1880 census along with William & Laura (Platt) Dyess and John D. & Susan (Platt) Robbins.

The Platt family lived in DeSoto County in the mid-1890's. He was a resident of Arcadia on August 17, 1892 when he applied for a pension at age 63. On June 8, 1895 he was living at Calvinia when he stated that he was unable to earn a support by manual labor because he took cold while encamped at Fort Myers and run in to severe lung trouble & partial paralyzed in left side.

In the 1900 Lee County census Lewis B. and Nancy A. Platt were living in precinct 8 (Allen Place). Neighbors included Caroline Tippins and Stephen B. Platt. McCuen & Martha Platt were living in Myers Town and Lee H. & Laura Clark were residing at Fort Denaud.

Lewis was living at Denaud, Florida on August 21, 1902 and at Immokalee on June 3, 1907 when he applied for additional pension money. H. A. Baldwin of Denaud, Florida and William Henry Whidden gave affidavits stating they had known Lewis for 10 years and 18 years, respectively.

Nancy A. (Barber) Platt died May 23, 1908 and was buried in the Brown Cemetery at Immokalee. Lewis B. Platt died July 17, 1911 and was buried beside his wife.

REFERENCES: Cemeteries: Joshua Creek, Fort Denaud, Brown, Venus Methodist Church; Susan Robbins, 135 N. Clara Ave., DeLand, Fl.; Census: 1850 Putnam, 1860 & 1870 Manatee, 1880 Monroe & 1900 Lee Co.; Lewis B. Platt pension application, Natl. Archives; Manatee Co. marriage records, cattle records, marks & brands, tax lists; Monroe Co. marriages; Lee Co. marriages; DeSoto Co. marriages.