

JOHN ADDISON 1793-1858

John Addison was born about 1793 in North Carolina. As a young man he served in the North Carolina militia in the war with England in the years of 1812 to 1815. His first service was as a Private in the company commanded by Captain John Nicholson in the Battallion of infantry commanded by Major Lillington. He volunteered at Elizabeth, in Bladen County, North Carolina on July 14, 1812 and was discharged there on December 26, 1812. His second service was as a Private in the company commanded by Captain Caleb Stephens in the Regiment of infantry commanded by Col. Morris Moore. He volunteered at Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina on October 11, 1814 and was discharged at Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina on the 10th of March 1815.

He married Ellen about 1819. Her maiden name is unknown. She was born in North Carolina about 1800. In the 1820 Census of Bladen County of North Carolina, John Addison and his wife were listed without any children.

After 1824 and before 1827, John Addison and his family moved to Leon County, Florida settling in an area near Tallahassee. They were listed in that county in 1830 and 1840. Also living there in 1830 was a James Addison, born 1800/1810 - perhaps a younger brother of John.

In 1834 in Leon County, John Addison bought land from John Grimes and George Hooks. In 1839, Addison sold his land to Joseph Hale.

John Addison was quite a military man as can be seen by his long years of service to his country in the war with England and the Indian Wars. He was a Private in Capt. Cromartie's Detachment, 2nd Regiment, (Mounted), 1st Brigade of the Florida Militia. He enrolled for this term on July 2, 1836 at Tallahassee.

He also was a Private in Capt. Elijah Johnson's Company, 7th Regiment of Florida Militia. He enrolled at Tallahassee on August 7, 1838 for one month's service. His son, William H. Addison, also served in this company.

The children of John and Ellen Addison were:

1. William Henry Addison, born 1823 in North Carolina; married Annie Townsend in Leon County, Florida on January 7, 1847. She was born 1826 and died August 4, 1903.
2. David James Addison, born 1824 in North Carolina, died March 3, 1886; married Isabella Amanda Rawls at Myakka City in Manatee County on November 10, 1863. She was born June 12, 1846, daughter of Colten and Eleanor Rawls.
3. John A. Addison, born 1827; married Mary Townsend in Hillsborough County, Florida on May 11, 1854.
4. Eliza Addison, born 1830, died 1898; married David N. Townsend.
5. Joel Jackson Addison, born September 2, 1833 in Leon Co., Florida; died Feb. 21, 1915; married 1st, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Graham Loper - she was born 1826 and died May 1, 1869; married 2nd, in Manatee County Oct. 5, 1870, Miss Louisa T. Loper, daughter of his first wife.