

6. Lucy C. Addison, born 1837, died September 10, 1904; married, 1st, George W. Graham on May 30, 1861 - divorced him on August 9, 1866 in Manatee County; married, 2nd, Henry Randolph McLeod on September 13, 1866 in Manatee Co.

Sometime between January 1847 and August 1849, the Addison family grew tired of the populated northern areas of the state and aimed their eyes on the wild, unsettled sections of south Florida. It probably took them months of hard traveling to reach the rich, new lands of Hillsborough County. They settled along the Manatee River in the Manatee Settlement in southern Hillsborough County. Others living in the community in the 1850 Census were Robert Gamble, Jr., John Craig, Franklin Branch, Ezekiel Glazier, Henry S. Clark, Josiah Gates, William H. Wyatt, E. C. Cooper and Joseph A. Braden. Several of these families had moved down from Leon County earlier. They may have enticed the Addisons to move down to their settlement. John Addison and his family probably lived north of the Manatee River for in 1859, his son, William H. Addison was appointed a trustee of the second district school district covering the area north of the river.

In February 7, 1851, John Addison applied for a Bounty Land Warrent based on his war services in North Carolina. It was approved and he received 160 acres in Hillsborough County.

In the Third Seminole Indian War, John mustered a company of men of his own. Called Lt. Addison's Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers, the company was mustered in at Manatee on Jan. 16, 1856. Six members of John's family and in-laws served in his company: his sons, John A. Addison was Corp.; William H. Addison was the bugler; David J. Addison was blacksmith & farrier; Joel J. Addison was a Private; John's son-in-law, David N. Townsend served in this unit; and Colten Rawls (father of David J. Addison's wife) was Sgt.

In February of 1855, the Seminole Indians made their famous attack on the Braden Castle in the Manatee Settlement. Addison's company was involved in hunting and capturing the band of Indians responsible for the attack. The Lures of Manatee by Lillie B. McDuffee gives the following account (page 93):

"Captain John Addison, accompanied by his son, Lieut. William Addison, and Sergt. Dave Townsend and John Whidden the trailer, set off in search of the Indians and about noon of the same day found them ensconced on Joshua Creek leisurely enjoying a repast of barbecued beef. The sound of the horses' hoofs was muffled by the deep sand which made it possible for the troopers to get within firing range before their approach was noticed.....So sudden and so unexpected was the attack that the Indians were thrown into wildest confusion.....Captain Addison and his men gave chase killing two of the Indians and wounding another. They succeeded in capturing the entire gang and returned with them to Peace Creek."

John Addison is referred to as Captain in several places, but no record has been found to substantiate this title. Soldiers of Florida and service papers from the National Archives give his rank as 1st Lt. Lt. Addison and his company of men were mustered out of service on October 7, 1856.

John Addison then enlisted as the bugler in Capt. John Parker's Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers. He was mustered in on