

Francis M. Larrison Co C, 31 Ind. Inf.  
 Mary Larrison Oct. 10, 1850 - Dec. 2, 1916  
 Louisa, wife of W. S. Curry July 15, 1823 - Nov. 15, 1883  
 Dwight L. Boroughs 1939 - 1972  
 Mary Catherine Sias 1833 - 1905  
 Corrine S. Griggs 1899 -  
 Charlie W. Griggs Nov. 30, 1893 - Nov. 20, 1970  
 Fla, Cook, U.S. Army, WWI  
 Corine Griggs Mar. 6, 1925 - Feb. 6, 1930  
 Edgar Daniel Sias 1869 - 1966  
 Ida May Sias 1874 - 1926  
 Glenn K. Fitch 1895 - 1974  
 Henry DeCoster 1879 - 1951  
 George E. DeCoster 1872 - 1941  
 Georgia K. DeCoster 1875 - 1950  
 Infant son, Reuben Walden Died 1909  
 Infant son, Elmo Walden Died 1909  
 Mary V. Walden Born Tampa, Fla. May 24, 1905, D. Aug. 3, 1972  
 Frank Branch Walden Born Ft. Meade, Fla. Sept. 20, 1902  
 Died Sept. 23, 1958  
 Samuel L. Roberts 1877 - 1960  
 Alta M. Roberts 1883 - 1963  
 George E. Saunders June 9, 1928 - July 22, 1948  
 Fla, PFC, 442 AFTRP Carrier GP WWII  
 Haulie Knight Cook April 10, 1884 - July 2, 1955  
 Thomas H. Willis Oct. 9, 1884 - Dec. 30, 1966  
 Clarice L. Willis  
 Lovina (Messer) Stephens 1861 - 1957 Eastern Star  
 Thomas A. Stephens 1857 - 1927 Mason

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE LOWER KISSIMMEE RIVER VALLEY

Kyle S. VanLandingham, P. O. Box 1779, Ft. Pierce, Fla. 33450 has contributed the following article which he delivered to the Okeechobee County Historical Society at their meeting in July of 1975.

In 1824, the area on the east coast from New Smyrna on the north to Jupiter Inlet on the south was formed into Mosquito Co. The western boundary was on Kissimmee River. The name was changed to Saint Lucie in 1844 and changed once again to Brevard in 1855. This is how it remained until 1887 when the western portion of Brevard became Osceola County, with the county seat at Kissimmee. In 1905, the southern portion of Brevard County became St. Lucie, with Fort Pierce as the county seat. Finally, in 1917, southern Osceola and western St. Lucie counties were formed into a new Okeechobee County.

Life was quite primitive in this area from the 1870's well into the 20th century. In 1875, Brevard County was still without a courthouse, so a referendum was held that year in which a majority of the voters chose to build the courthouse at Lake View, a community at Lake Marian, near present day Kenansville. A log courthouse was constructed there and it remained the county seat until about 1880. The area was also known as Courthouse Pond.