

in support of John Levi's application for a U. S. pension based on his service in the Seminole Indian War. Nevertheless, in 1907, John Levi's widow applied for a Confederate widow's pension based upon her husband's service in Capt. Hendry's company of Munnerlyn's Battalion.

John expanded his cattle operations and Polk County tax lists for 1862 show that he owned 730 head of cattle. After the Civil War, John and his family moved to Orlando, in Orange County, where they lived until 1871. During the post-war years, Mr. Skipper became identified with the Republican party and some of his descendants have remained active in that organization.

After leaving Orange County in 1871, John Levi Skipper and his family moved to Manatee County, in the area that is now Hardee County, several miles east of Zolfo Springs in the Crewsville settlement. He applied for a pension based upon his service in the Third Seminole War, applying first in 1888 and again in 1902.

John L. Skipper died July 24, 1907, near Zolfo Springs. His obituary in the Bartow newspaper reads as follows:

As we go to press news reaches us of the death of Mr. J. L. Skipper, Sr., who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Roberts, fourteen miles east of Zolfo, at the ripe old age of 81.

Mr. Skipper . . . mov(ed) to DeSoto County some 35 or 40 years ago. For several years he has been very feeble being practically helpless. The cause of his death is attributed to old age. He was a man of high honor, and respected by all who knew him. His death occurred Wednesday night at 11:00 o'clock.

Deceased leaves a wife and several children to mourn his demise, among them our townsman and postmaster, E. E. Skipper, and J. L. Skipper, Jr., postmaster at Lakeland.

Several months later, February 23, 1908, Elizabeth Jane (Hollingsworth) Skipper died. Both Mr. and Mrs. Skipper are buried in the Hart Cemetery, Hardee County, Florida.

REF.: Skipper-Roberts Family Bible, originally owned by Martha A. (Skipper) Roberts; Ives' map; Hills. Co. Marks & Brands Book; 1862 Polk Co. Tax list; Martha (Pearce) Mizell Bible owned by J. H. Gardner of Lakeland, Fl.; J. L. Skipper pension & military records for Seminole War; J. O. Parrish, Battling the Seminoles; info from Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Gardner, Lakeland, Fl.; Census: 1850-60 Hills., 1870 Orange, 1880 Manat.

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DE SOTO COUNTY: EARLY MARRIAGES

The early marriage records from the De Soto County Courthouse at Arcadia as copied and contributed by Mrs. Doris Nicholson, Rt. 3, Box 183, Arcadia, Fl. 33821 is continued from Issue #11.

Thomas S. Strickland	Carrie E. Osteen	Jan. 11, 1891	Henry Messer, MG
Horace Clark	Miss S. C. Brown	Jan. 15, 1891	H.H. Norris, MG
Lewis Johnson	Julia Wilson	Jan. 28, 1891	Thos.H. Bolshaw
James Henry Langford	Miss Carrie Viola Lastinger	Jan. 17, 1891	Jas.H. Hayman, MG
Jarrett Whidden	Mary Bennett	Feb. 8, 1891	J.M. Farabee, MG
Hampton Whidden	Virginia Bennett	Feb. 8, 1891	J.M. Farabee, MG