

property. Hooker's name appears on Polk County's 1861 tax list, which was compiled shortly after formation of the new county.

John Irving Hooker died Jan. 2, 1862 and was buried in the old Fort Meade Cemetery. His widow married Julius C. Rockner on Oct. 13, 1864. Lewis Lanier was administrator for John I. Hooker's estate and the appraisement took place, Dec. 10, 1864. Among the items listed were: Confederate money in bonds in the amount of \$9,522, four per cent Confederate bonds totaling \$6400, \$90 in gold, 5,000 head of cattle valued at \$5 per head, and eight Negro slaves valued at \$4850. Also included were 160 acres of improved land valued at \$800 and 80 acres of unimproved land worth \$100.

J. C. Rockner was a prominent cattleman and merchant at Fort Meade. He was born in Europe, Dec. 26, 1839, and was killed in Polk County, July 23, 1877, by William W. "Bill" Willingham. According to the late Will Addison, the two men were involved in a dispute over the alleged stealing of cattle. Willingham was indicted for murder in April 1878 and was acquitted when the trial was held in July 1880.

Cuthbert W. C. (Lanier) Hooker Rockner died in Tampa, Feb. 16, 1894 and was buried in the old Fort Meade Cemetery.

REFERENCES: 1850 & 1860 Hills. Co., Fl. census; Armed Occupation Act file of John I. Hooker; Hills. Co. marriage and Mark & Brand records; 1861 Polk Co. tax list; Polk Co. Minute Book "B"; Polk Co. Circuit Crt. minutes; Polk Co. marriage records; Letter from Capt. F. A. Hendry found in "That Reminds me" column by Ernest B. Simmons, POLK COUNTY RECORD, Mar. 7, 1922; PIONEERS OF WIREGRASS GEORGIA, Vols. III & IV by Judge Folks Huxford; Hooker family file, Polk Co. Hist. Library; interview with Will Addison, 1976.

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HARDEE COUNTY: GARDNER CEMETERY

Continued from Issue #14:

Ernest SWINDALL May 25, 1888 - Feb. 11, 1890
Minnie SWINDALL Nov. 19, 1891 - Jan. 15, 1895
Joseph Conway ROGERS, Jr. born and died Oct. 15, 1898
Sarah SWINDALL Oct. 25, 1898 - Oct. 25, 1898
Infant son of Sam and Fannie SWINDALL Sept. 22, 1912 - Sept. 23, 1912
Infant of H. A. & J. A. ELLIS died at birth
Sarah Frances ALMAND daughter of W. L. & Naoma ALMAND
Feb. 19, 1901 - July 6, 1901
Annie L., wife of J. C. CURRY May 13, 1892 - Jan. 21, 1913
Annie Maude CURRIE 1903 - 1916
Orine, infant of Mr. & Mrs. W. C. STONE
Hattie infant of Mr. & Mrs. W. C. STONE
Josephine infant of Mr. & Mrs. W. C. STONE
William Lee infant of Mr. & Mrs. W. C. STONE
John H. WHIDDEN Jan. 10, 1838 - Aug. 5, 1907
Sarah J. WHIDDEN Mar. 13, 1838 - Jan. 12, 1916
W. W. BURLESON Oct. 5, 1851 - Dec. 15, 1919
(No name) 1882 - 1960
Eugenia SWINDALL Jan. 13, 1881 - Nov. 3, 1906
S. L. SWINDALL Nov. 10, 1841 - May 25, 1928
Sarah E. SWINDALL Dec. 18, 1857 - Feb. 19, 1920
Elsie Clarence POWELL Sept. 13, 1901 - Apr. 17, 1911
Kattie F., daughter of F. M. & Sarah F. POWELL Jan. 17, 1897 -
March 10, 1903