

Perry, Dora and Berry. Mr. Collier died June 2, 1896 and was buried in the Bowling Green Cemetery. His grave is marked but erroneously gives his death date as June 27, 1897. The marker states that he was 72 years of age.

After Mr. Collier's death, his widow married Matthew Talley on Aug. 4, 1896.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 Gadsden Co., Fl., 1860 Lafayette Co., Fl., 1870, 1880, 1885 Manatee Co., Fl., 1880 Brevard Co., Fl.; Calvin C. Collier pension file; estate records of Henry Collier, Dooly Co., Ga., Manatee Co. marriage & mark and brand records; DeSoto Co. probate files; Bowling Green & Crewsville cemeteries; interviews with Dora (Collier) Hall, daughter of John Collier, Sr., Ft. Pierce, Fl. and Veda (Collier) Fulwider, granddaughter of John Collier, Sr., Okeechobee, Fl.; family Bible record of John Collier, Sr. in possession of Dora (Collier) Hall; correspondence with Stella (Crews) Romano, Miami, Fl.; photo of John Collier, Sr. courtesy of Dora (Collier) Hall of Ft. Pierce, Fl.

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ABSTRACTS FROM THE "PUNTA GORDA HERALD"

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Apr. 11, 1902 J. B. SMITH and Miss Fannie SHEFFIELD, both of this city were married Sunday.

Apr. 25, 1902 Mr. Joseph H. CUSHING drowned in Alligator Creek Saturday. He was perhaps the first settler of this section. He settled on Alligator Creek thirty years ago. In 1882 he married Miss Lizzie a daughter of Talbert MORGAN.

Mrs. J. C. HOBSON nee Sallie E. AVANT died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. WHITE, in Punta Gorda. She was born in Buena Vista, Georgia, Jan. 12, 1862 and married W. A. COTTLE in Andalusia, Alabama on Nov. 18, 1877. This union was blessed with one offspring, Mrs. Willie A. WHITE. On Oct. 1, 1878, she was left a widow and in 1882 moved with her parents from Georgia to Maitland, Florida. In 1885 the family came to Cleveland, Florida. Mrs. COTTLE married Jno. Cary HOBSON on Jan. 6, 1888 and seven children were born to this marriage. Mrs. HOBSON's mother, Mrs. S. A. JOHNSON of Tampa was with her daughter in her last illness.

Mr. James Henry SWIFT died on Sunday. He was born in New Harmony, Indiana on Aug. 14, 1847. He worked for the railroad and lived in Evansville, and New Albany, Ind., Nashville, Tenn. and Louisville, Ky. On Jan. 31, 1870, in Evansville, he married Miss Eliza CURNICK. In 1892 he moved from Louisville to Punta Gorda arriving here on Nov. 4th. He was a member of the town council and mayor. He leaves a wife and four children; James L. SWIFT of Port Tampa, Mrs. W. A. ROBERTS, Magnus T. SWIFT and Miss Annie SWIFT of this City.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. J. H. BOWMAN, a son, on April 23.

May 2, 1902 William MARSHALL, Sr. died April 25th in Chicago. Funeral services were at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rockford, Ill., where he had been an elder for 20 years. He was born July 30, 1837, in County Arnagh, Ireland. His parents moved to America in 1841 and located near Belvidere, Ill. He was a law student at