

## STREATY PARKER 1823-1884

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Streaty Parker, a son of Luke and Sophia Parker, was born in Sampson County, North Carolina, May 17, 1823.

In 1831 Streaty moved with his parents from North Carolina to Columbia County, Florida. Luke Parker died in 1838 and in 1843, after passage of the Armed Occupation Act, Streaty's older brothers, John and William, moved to Hillsborough County.

Streaty Parker remained in Columbia County and was married there on Feb. 24, 1848 to Mary Eve Blount, daughter of Readding and Elizabeth (Varn) Blount. She was born in Beaufort District, South Carolina, Dec. 20, 1834 and came to Columbia County in December 1835, when only one year of age. Streaty and Mary Eve (Blount) Parker had the following children:

1. Readding Blount Parker, born Feb. 28, 1849; died Feb. 18, 1891; married Ellen Willingham, Aug. 6, 1868.
2. Elizabeth Parker, born Apr. 22, 1851; married 1st, Thomas W. Smith, Aug. 13, 1868; married 2nd, George W. Morgan, 1880; married Louis Millam, May 12, 1883; married 4th, John D. Gatlin, Apr. 30, 1890.
3. Louis Henry Parker, born Apr. 7, 1854; died May 7, 1921; married 1st, Lutitia Sharpe; married 2nd, Susan Claudia Whitehead, Aug. 7, 1888.
4. Texas B. Parker, born June 19, 1856; married 1st, Robert L. Summerlin, May 31, 1876; married 2nd, H. B. "Arch" Blount, Apr. 29, 1888.
5. William Owen Parker, born Jan. 13, 1859; died July 20, 1860.
6. Thomas Jefferson Parker, born Nov. 20, 1864; died Apr. 5, 1938; married Julian Hankins, Mar. 27, 1888.
7. Robert Lee Parker, born Nov. 16, 1867; died Dec. 25, 1890.
8. Julia C. Parker, born Jan. 3, 1870; married 1st, Thomas L. Marquis, Feb. 2, 1887; married 2nd, Edward Whitehead, Sept. 3, 1905.
9. John M. Parker, born Oct. 21, 1874; died Jan. 7, 1879.
10. Daisy Dietrich Parker, born Oct. 17, 1876; died Oct. 5, 1962; married Strother Booth, Oct. 17, 1894.

In October 1851, Streaty Parker, his wife and two children, along with his in-laws, the Blounts, forming a party of twenty-one white persons and a dozen Negro slaves, left Alligator in Columbia County and arrived at the site of present day Bartow, in Hillsborough (now Polk) County. Streaty established his homestead directly east of where the Seaboard Coast Line tracks now run. Mary Parker joined the Peas Creek Baptist Church on Jan. 8, 1855. In later life she