

DANIEL D. COKER 1803-1886

Daniel D. Coker was born on Dec. 3, 1803 according to an old Coker family Bible, probably in South Carolina. He married on May 22, 1833 in Madison County, Florida, Miss Nicy Taylor. The ceremony was performed by Archibald McNeill. Nicy (her name also appears in some records as Eunice or Unity) was born March 30, 1810 according to the Bible record. Daniel D. and Nicy (Taylor) Coker had six children:

1. Wesley A. Coker, born Feb. 26, 1834; died September 27, 1898; married on February 19, 1854, Nancy Jane Carlton, daughter of William and Harriet (Hendry) Carlton.
2. Bryant Coker, born November 23, 1836; died Jan. 4, 1927; married Mary A. Shuman.
3. Daniel Julius "River Dan" Coker, born September 12, 1839; married Martha L. Hampton, 1st; married 2nd, Nannie Lee on Jan. 25, 1887 in Manatee County, Fl. Nannie was a sister of Reason Cowart but went by the name of Lee.
4. Nicy Coker, born 1842.
5. Isham (Isom) T. Coker, born December 27, 1845; died December 26, 1886; married Sarah E. Allen.
6. Laura Ann Coker, born January 11, 1849; died December 27, 1883; married James W. Hampton, brother of Martha L. Hampton.

During the Seminole Indian War, Daniel D. Coker was a private in the company commanded by Captain R. B. Turner in the Regiment of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Major John L. Taylor. He volunteered at Fort Pleasant on February 12, 1838. His description at that time was given as being 5' 9" tall, dark complexion, black hair and gray eyes. He was honorably discharged at Camp Carter. His next enlistment was as a private in the company commanded by Captain Robert D. Bradley in the Regiment of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Col. William Davenport. Daniel volunteered on April 11, 1839 at Miller's Plantation High Station and was honorably discharged at Fort Jackson on April 11, 1840.

The Cokers were living in Madison County, Florida in the 1840 and 1850 census. On December 9, 1850, Daniel applied for bounty land based on his military service during the Indian wars. Warrant #8495 was issued and sent to him on October 3, 1851.

Daniel was listed as a planter in the 1860 Madison County, Florida census. Living next door was Bryan and Mary Coker. Wesley and Nancy (Carlton) Coker had moved to Marion County, Florida along with Nancy's parents.

During the Civil War, three of Daniel D. Coker's sons, Isham, Bryant and Daniel and his son-in-law, James W. Hampton, were members of Company I, 2nd Florida Cavalry of the Confederate forces.

Daniel, Nicy and their daughter, Unity (or Nicy) were living at Moseley Hall outside of Madison in Madison County, Florida in 1870. Bryant and Mary Coker and family had moved to Taylor County, Florida.

On February 7, 1878, Daniel & Nicy Coker sold their land to Burrell H. Baily and moved to south Florida settling in Manatee County prior to 1880.