

William Henry Locklear settled in south Florida in Manatee County prior to 1878. On August 6, 1878 he registered his cattle mark and brand with the Manatee County Clerk: swallow fork two underbits in one ear; crop split underbit in the other; branded WHL (WHL).

William H. and Alice Locklear and six children were enumerated in precinct #12 in the 1880 Manatee County census. William Henry donated the land for the Sardis Cemetery near Myakka City. Oldest marked grave is 1883.

Clara Ann Alice (Edwards) Locklear died at Pine Level on Dec. 15, 1893 (pension papers show 1892). She was buried at Sardis Cemetery.

Mr. Locklear later settled in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. On April 4, 1894 in Bradenton he married Mary Ellen Gaskins. She died in July of 1897 at Myakka.

William then married Mamie Moseley in Bradenton on Oct. 23, 1901. They were divorced on October 27, 1902.

On November 2, 1902 at Bethany Baptist Church, William Henry married Martha Louisa Bryant. She was born Dec. 20, 1873 in Decatur Co., Georgia. Their children:

12. William Henry Locklear, Jr., born October 4, 1903.
13. Beula Estelle Locklear, born July 22, 1905.
14. Joseph Locklear, born April 9, 1907.

In 1886, William applied for a pension based on his service during the Civil War. He received this up to his death on March 15, 1923 at Sarasota. He was buried at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery.

On June 26, 1923, Mrs. Martha L. Locklear applied for a widow's pension. She received this until she remarried to a Mr. Hunter on November 10, 1924. Louisa died October 29, 1948.

REFERENCES: Census-1850 Madison, 1860 Lafayette, 1880 Manatee; Cemeteries: Bethany Baptist, Sardis, Miakka Methodist, Mound; W. H. Locklear's pension application; Martha L. Locklear's widow's pension application; military service records; Manatee Co. marriages and marks & brands.

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HARDEE COUNTY: FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY

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3 white wooden crosses unidentified

Raleigh WHIDDEN, Co. B, 2nd Reg, 9 Inf, USA
January 20, 1901 - January 7, 1920

James I. WHIDDEN, Co. C, 3 U S Vol Inf, Sp Am War (no dates)

1 white wooden cross unidentified

Cecil F. CRAWFORD Feb. 25, 1899 - Dec. 2, 1972

William Henry ALLEN Jan. 6, 1867 - Oct. 23, 1945 (father)