

1907. On his footstone is the inscription, "1st Lt. Fla Mt. Vol. Conf. States Army". His father, Peter Platt, served in the same company.

Berrien made an application for bounty land on Jan. 20, 1874 based on his service in the Indian Disturbance of 1849 in Capt. Sparkman's Company. A question existed as to whether the application was signed by Berrien Platt, although John C. White and Rabin Raulerson swore they served with Berrien in said war and both signed as witnesses before W. H. Kendrick, a Notary Public. Later a bounty land warrant, #113 742, for 160 acres was issued to Lincoln and Willard, attorneys for the applicant. Since a question about his signature existed, the government sent John Lee Benton, a special agent, to investigate the authenticity of said application. On Apr. 4, 1879 he secured a sworn statement from Dorian Penelope in which she stated her husband, Berrien Platt, was absent on business in the lower part of the state and would not return until about the 20th of the month. She further stated, "that she has no knowledge or information as to his (Berrien) having applied for or received a land warrant from the government for his services in that, or any of the Indian Wars of the State." She further stated, "That she is acquainted with Capt. W. H. Kendrick, but does not remember of having ever heard her said husband say anything as to having applied for a land warrant before or through the said Kendrick, or anyone else." The witness to her mark for signature was Richard R. Platt; and at the time this statement was made, they were living six miles east of Cork (Old Dover) in Hillsborough County, Florida. The compiler found that Berrien Platt assigned the said warrant to a John Metter of Yankton, Hutchinson County, Territory of South Dakota, in Dade County, Florida on April 10, 1875 before W. H. Gleason, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dade County.

According to family tradition, Berrien and Dora Ann had marital difficulties. So during the summer of 1884, Dora Ann in the company of her son, Richard, went to visit her daughter in Crawfordville, Florida. Berrien threatened, "if she left, not to come back."

Dora Ann Platt, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Georgiann Gullett in Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida died on September 1, 1884. Although Berrien sent money to have her body returned home, because of a break down in railroad communications, it did not arrive until after her funeral and burial in Crawfordville. A few years after her death, Berrien Platt was married to Mrs. Rosa J. Turner on Feb. 10, 1886 at Plant City, Fl. by E. S. Tyner. She was a widow, but her former husband is unknown to the compiler. Rosa was born Sept. 2, 1843 and died Apr. 19, 1890; and was buried in Mt. Enon Cemetery. No children were born from the second marriage.

Berrien Platt joined Mt. Enon Primitive Baptist Church in 1898. From old Church records, Berrien was an active member and leader serving as a "runner" which was a messenger between Churches in that area. A problem and a division of the Church over doctrine occurred in 1908 and Berrien was one of a group who were excommunicated. This group formed another Church nearby.

On August 29, 1902 Berrien Platt applied for a pension based on his Seminole Indian War service. Signing supporting affidavits were two comrades in service, Isaac Shepherd and Henry Sistrunk. In a supporting statement, he listed his living children as Georgia Gullett, Isabelle Robertson, Richard R. Platt, Asalean Lanier and Artie Farr. On May 27, 1903, he was awarded a pension of \$8 per month on certificate #4365.

In his pension application, he is described as being five feet, seven or eight inches in height, light complexion, with blue eyes,