

brown hair and weight of 145 pounds at the time of his enlistment.

On July 18, 1907 he applied for a pension from the State of Florida, based on his service in the Confederate States Army. It was approved on August 12, 1907 for \$100 per year on certificate #6383.

On July 30, 1909 he applied again for a bounty land warrant based on his service in Capt. Sparkman's Company during the Indian disturbance of 1849. Witnesses were Herbert S. Phillips and C. W. Stevens, residents of Tampa, Florida who had known the applicant 18 and 12 years respectively. There is no record in the BLW file of the warrant being issued or the application being denied.

Berrien, after having his vault made, was riding in a buggy, when the horse which he was driving was frightened by a car and ran away throwing him out. He was carried to Rev. Ed DeVane's residence in Plant City where he died a few days later, May 14, 1913, from injuries resulting from this accident. He was buried in Mt. Enon Cemetery next to his second wife.

Since his only son, Richard, had difficulty getting along with his father, Berrien did not make a will and name him as executor, according to a family source.

Since he died intestate, his heirs petitioned the Court of Hillsborough County, Florida on May 19, 1913 to appoint R. (Richard) R. Platt as administrator, as recorded in Probate Court File #3395. In the final return payments were made in amounts of \$135.60 and \$15.65 to J. S. Lanier, Artie Lanier, Isabel Robertson, B. H. Thrasher, J. M. Keen, Georgia Holloway and R. R. Platt.

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