

JOHN PLATT 1793-1874

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John Platt was born in North Carolina on October 5, 1793, son of Joshua and Amy (Newell) Platt. He was probably born in Brunswick County as his father was living there in 1800 census and other records show members of the Newell family living in that area also. Joshua Platt was shown living in Duplin County, North Carolina in the 1810 census numeration. His family group consisted of his wife (between the age of 26/45), one son (between age of 10/16), three sons (between the age of 0/10) and three daughters (between age of 0/10). Adam Platt listed in the 1800 and 1810 Duplin County, N. C. census as over the age of 45 is probably the father of Joshua Platt. There is a family tradition that an Adam Platt was an early ancestor.

The Platt family moved to Bulloch County, Georgia prior to 1817. In that year, John Platt received a land grant of 190 acres and Joshua Platt received land grants for 190 acres and 200 acres in Bulloch Co. The 1820 Bulloch County census listed Joshua Platt, John Platt and David Platt (John's brother). In 1822 John Platt received a land grant for 640 acres.

John Platt married Alice Blackshear about 1827. She was born in Houston County, Georgia May 10, 1807, daughter of Jacob and Judy (Moore) Blackshear. Their children:

1. Joshua Arron Platt, born June 20, 1828 in Lowndes Co., Ga.; died April 28, 1899; married 1st, Martha T. Bates--she died May 4, 1879; married 2nd, Eliza Ann Thigpen April 17, 1881.
2. Lewis Blackshear Platt, born October 6, 1829 in Lowndes Co., Ga.; died July 18, 1911; married Nancy Barber (or Barker per pension) at Fort Dade on Oct. 22, 1852.
3. Eliza Jane Platt (later records show Elizabeth Jane), born Oct. 7, 1833 in Lowndes Co., Ga.; died May 28, 1902; married on Nov. 4, 1852 Francis Burdette Hagan, son of Malachi & Elizabeth Hagan.
4. John Wesley Platt, born Dec. 26, 1833 in Lowndes Co., Ga.; died Jan. 6, 1920; married July 7, 1859 Mary Jane Jackson. 1850 census shows Eliza J. Platt born 1832 and John Wesley Platt born 1834 but each of their tombstones give the year "1833".
5. William Conyer Platt, born Jan. 17, 1836; died Dec. 27, 1880; married Louisa D. O'Neal July 9, 1859 in Manatee County, Fl.
6. David Hamilton Platt, born 1840; died in Chattanooga, Tennessee about July 6, 1862 while a member of 7th Florida Infantry, CSA.
7. Nuel (Newell) M. Platt, born 1842; died at age 13.
8. Nathan Cicero Platt, born Feb. 14, 1845 on Santa Fe River; died May 13, 1930; married Florida (Hagan) McDonald on Oct. 1, 1868.