

On April 14, 1859 John Platt and Aliss his wife of Manatee County sold to John W. Platt of Hernando County for a sum of \$200 a tract of land in Hernando County: the west ½ of the east ½ of section 4, township 26 of range 21 containing 160 acres together with the appurtenances thereto belonging, per a deed recorded in Manatee County.

John and Aliss Platt were recorded in the Lily area in the 1860 Manatee County census. Neighbors were Joshua A. & Martha Platt, Louis B. & Nancy Platt, John & Sarah Collins, Thomas H. & Frances Albritton, John M. & Elizabeth Bates and Oliver & Ann Waldron.

John Platt registered on April 27, 1860 for his children, David H. Platt, Nathan C. Platt, Polly A. Platt and Francis M. Platt the following mark and brand: crop in one ear undersquare in the other; brand ☼ . He registered for himself: underslope and upperbit in one ear, undersquare and upperbit in the other; brand ☼ .

John and Alice and youngest children remained at home during the Civil War. Four sons were in the Union army: Joshua A., Lewis B., John W. and Nathan C. Platt. Two sons were members of the Confederate army: William C. and David H. Platt. David was killed in Tennessee.

In the 1870 census, the Platts were living in the Lily area in T-35 in Manatee County. Neighbors were Morgan Mizell, James Stephens, Frances Hagan, Henry Messer and Stephen Driggers. 1870, 1871 & 1872 Manatee County tax records show that John Platt owned 300 cattle. John owned land at Charlotte Harbor in present day Charlotte County, along with his lands in the Lily area.

John Platt died on February 7, 1874 and was buried in the Campground Cemetery at Pine Level in present day DeSoto County.

Alice Platt was living in Precinct #1 (Pine Level) in the 1880 census of Manatee County along with James A. & Mary F. Albritton, William C. & Louisa Platt, James H. & Martha Graham, Thomas L. and Lavina Thigpin.

Alice (Blackshear) Platt died December 2, 1891 and was buried in Campground Cemetery beside her husband.

REFERENCES: Census: 1800 Brunswick, NC; 1810 Duplin Co., NC; 1820 Bulloch Co., Ga.; 1830, 1840 Lowndes Co., Ga.; 1850 Putnam Co., Fl.; 1860, 1870, 1880 Manatee Co., Fl.; Cemeteries: Campground at Pine Level, Mt. Zion in Pasco Co.; pension applications of Joshua A. Platt, Lewis B. Platt, John W. Platt, Nathan C. Platt, F. B. Hagan; bounty land application of John Platt, 1855; Manatee Co. marriage records, tax records, marks & brands, deed records; Florida Confederate records; Index to the Headright & Bounty Grants of Georgia, 1756-1909; "60 Years as a Florida Cowboy" in THE ATLANTA JOURNAL, Nov. 20, 1932; "The Platt Family Carved out Indiantown Home from Wilderness" in THE STUART NEWS, Jan. 9, 1964.

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HARDEE COUNTY: NEW HOPE CEMETERY

This cemetery is located on Highway 64 between Zolfo Springs and Avon Park, Florida. Listed by James D. and Elizabeth J. Waldron of Miami in February of 1975 and contributed by them. Continued from Issue #27/28:

Frank P. LANIER, Florida, PFC, 224 FLD ARTY BN 29 DIV, WWII  
December 21, 1919 - April 11, 1945