

MAXFIELD McCLELLAND 1838-1909

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Maxfield McClelland was born July 4, 1838 to Silas and Penelope (Anderson) McClelland. It is most likely that he was born in Hamilton County, Florida as he stated in his Indian War pension application on July 21, 1902. His parents were living in that area in 1840. But in a later application for a Civil War pension dated April 7, 1908 he stated that he was born in Berrien County, Georgia (Berrien County was created in 1856 from Irwin, Coffee and Lowndes counties). His parents were living in the Irwin County area in the early 1830's.

About 1846 the McClellands moved to south Florida settling in the Hichepucksassa Settlement in Hillsborough County. They were listed there in the 1850 census and this is where Maxfield grew up.

During the Third Seminole Indian War Maxfield enlisted in Capt. Durrance's Independent Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers, Dec. 22, 1856 as a private at Ft. Brooke (Tampa), Florida. He enlisted again in this company August 22, 1857 and was mustered out Jan. 22, 1857. Later on Aug. 17, 1857 he enrolled in Capt. Sparkman's Independent Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers at Ft. Brooke as a private. During this enlistment he served at these stations: Sixteen Mile Camp, N. E. Tampa, Sept. 30, 1857; Ft. Kissimmee, Nov. 31, 1857 and at Big Cypress Dec. 31, 1857. He was mustered out as a private at Ft. Brooke Feb. 16, 1858, and on this date he enrolled in Capt. Edward T. Kendrick's Independent Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers. He was stationed at Ft. Meade March 30th and April 30th, 1858, and was mustered out at Ft. Brooke, May 13, 1858.

On March 18, 1861 at Fort Frazier in newly created Polk County, Maxfield McClelland was married to Mary Crews. She was born in December 1841 in Georgia, daughter of Isham and Elizabeth (Bryan) Crews. They had one daughter:

1. Mary Isabell McClelland, born August 5, 1880; married James Holly Baucom May 24, 1900 in DeSoto County; married 2nd, Mr. Summerall.

The Polk County tax records show Maxfield McClelland on the rolls for the years 1862, 1869 and 1870. On May 5, 1884 he qualified as the administrator by the Probate Court of Polk County on his mother, Penelope McClelland's estate. On July 22, 1888 he was baptized by Rev. J. M. Hayman at New Salem Baptist Church located in Polk County.

Before 1900 the Maxfield McClellands moved to DeSoto County settling near Zolfo. They were included in the Zolfo precinct 11 in the 1900 census. In his household were his wife, Mary I.; daughter, Mary I.; mother-in-law, Elizabeth Crews (born 1795); two boarders, James H. Baucom and Addie Carrol. Nearby neighbors were John Altman and the Bethea family.

On July 21, 1902 Maxfield applied for a pension based on his service in the Third Seminole Indian War. A pension was approved on certificate #4972. At the time of enlistment he was described as five feet, six inches in height with grey eyes, light hair and sallow complexion and by occupation a farmer.

Maxfield applied for a pension to the State of Florida on April 7, 1908 based on his service in the Confederate States Army. In answer to a question about wounds received during the war, he replied that he "was hit several times with bullets but no permanent disability resulted." Captain J. W. Whidden made a supporting statement, "Disability from age