

NEWTON JASPER ARNOLD 1836-1920

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Newton Jasper Arnold, born December 22, 1836 in Irwin County, Georgia, was the son of John Arnold (born 1804 in SC) and Ellender Baker (sister of Martha Baker Hancock of Irwin County, Georgia--her parents unknown).

Newton had seven brothers and sisters: Martha, Mary, Matilda, (Newton), George, Ruthy, John Burton and Daniel. He and all his brothers served the South in the War Between the States.

In September of 1861 Newton joined the Confederate Army at Lake City, Florida. He was in Company D, 4th Florida Infantry and served until he was discharged at Tampa in May of 1862 because he had lung trouble. His brother George died in service, his brother John Burton lost his right hand in Chickamauga, Tennessee and his youngest brother Daniel joined in May of 1864 and served until the end of the war.

In 1863 Newton Arnold returned to south Georgia where he married Sidney (Raulerson) Rhoden the widow of John Rhoden, Jr. John Rhoden died while in military service for the Confederacy. He was in Company I, 8th Florida Infantry and enlisted May 14, 1862 for a period of three years. He died on November 1, 1862 near Winchester, Virginia. Children of John Rhoden, Jr. and Sidney Raulerson:

- a. William Rhoden, born 1854; married Mary Summeralls, lived in Polk County, Florida. They were the parents of "Long John Bill Rhoden", Sidney, Mary, Lou and Georgia Rhoden.
- b. Lucinda Rhoden, born 1856; married Mitchell Lewis, son of Isham and Lucretia (Kirkland) Lewis. Lived in Polk County, Florida.
- c. George Rhoden, born 1858; married Mary Tyler and raised a large family in Polk County (Newton was living with them in 1910).
- d. Aaron Rhoden, born 1860; married Margaret Hill, daughter of Henry W. and Rebecca Jane (Pollard) Hill. They also raised a large family in Polk County.

The Rhodens are well represented in Polk County and have married into many of the pioneer families of Florida. The 1860 census of New River County (later Bradford County), Florida listed John and Sidney Rhoden with three of their children. Aaron was born later that year.

Children of Newton Jasper Arnold and Sidney (Raulerson) Rhoden Arnold:

1. Albert "Bertie" Arnold, born 1864; married first, Adaline McClelland, daughter of Jesse and Susan (Godwin) McClelland; married second, Lithia Thompson of Whittier, now Kenansville in Osceola County, Fl.; married third, his cousin, Shibbie Smith. Albert had children by all three wives.