

J. H. Watson, of the Masonic Lodge, of this city, of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Celia E. Tillis, aged 80 years and a resident of Fort Meade applied for a widow's pension on March 14, 1895. She received it until her death on July 14, 1899. The following appeared in the local newspaper:

GRANDMA TILLIS DEAD

On Friday, the 14th inst, at the old homestead near Ft. Meade, Mrs. Celia E. Tillis, familiarly and lovingly known to nearly everybody as "Grandma Tillis" died after long and patient suffering and waiting for the final summons.

Mrs. Tillis had lived sixteen years beyond the allotted three score and ten, being 86 years of age last April.

The interment took place at New Hope Church on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Tillis leaves a large number of children, Sheriff Tillis being one of them, and many grandchildren and other relatives to mourn her absence.

REFERENCES: Camden Co., Ga. deeds; Census: 1820 Tattnall Co., Ga., 1820 Camden Co., Ga, 1850 Columbia Co., 1860 Hills. Co., Fl.; bounty land applications of Joseph Tullis & Tapley A. Tullis; New Hope Cemetery, Polk County, Fl.; SOLDIERS OF FLORIDA; pension of Willoughby Tillis & widow's pension of Celia E. Tillis, Natl. Archives; Tillis family file, Polk Co. Hist. Library, Bartow, Fl.; affidavit of Mr. & Mrs. James D. Tillis, May 5, 1938; "Thrilling Story of Battle with Indians near Fort Meade Found Among Papers of Pioneer Family", Tampa Sunday Tribune, Apr. 4, 1954; info from Mrs. Leslie Davis Watson, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Tillis family Bible; INDEX TO THE HEADRIGHT & BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA 1756-1909; Polk Co. & Hills. Co. marriage records.

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HARDEE COUNTY: NEW HOPE CEMETERY

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Joseph B. WILLIAMS, Fla, Lt., JG, USN
April 7, 1931 - October 29, 1957

Rena SYMNADOCIA wife of Joseph D. WILLIAMS
December 14, 1873 - May 5, 1945

Joseph Baxter WILLIAMS Mar. 16, 1856 - April 9, 1924 Mason

Ida Beatrice McLEOD Jan. 29, 1915 - April 2, 1917

1 unidentified grave

Charlie B. ANDERSON, Fla, Pvt, U. S. Army, WWI
Aug. 20, 1892 - Mar. 28, 1974