

DANIEL WEBSTER STOKES 1860-1928

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Daniel Webster Stokes was born on March 15, 1860 in Alachua County, Florida. He was the son of Burrell Thomas and Levicy (Altman) Stokes. Burrell was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Confederate Army. He moved his family to Hamilton County, Florida in 1839 and later to Alachua County, Florida. Burrell was living there when the Civil War broke out. He served in Company I, 1st Regt., Florida Cavalry, and was discharged in the fall of 1862 with malaria. He returned home and moved his family to central Florida.

Dan Stokes went to work for William Henry Willingham near the Kissimmee Lake, which is known as the Kissimmee Island area. It was there he met and married Lucrecia Virginia Lewis, the daughter of Isham and Lucrecia (Kirkland) Lewis. Lucrecia, known as "Babe", was born in February 1862 in Polk County, Florida. She was the granddaughter of Richard Kirkland, R. S. She and Dan were married in the fall of 1885.

Dan and Babe built a home at the Kissimmee Lake area close to the old Stokes Landing, where Captain Clay Johnson and other steamboats stopped on trips along the Kissimmee River.

Dan and Babe Stokes had nine children:

1. Robert Tallahassee Stokes, born September 9, 1886; married 1st Dolly Godwin May 5, 1908 at Midland, Polk Co. Fl.; married 2nd Linnie Gibson-Hunter; married 3rd Leona Lee. He died April 15, 1938 at Lake Wales, Fl. and was buried at Lake Wales Cemetery.
2. Julius "Coon" Stokes, born November 26, 1889 on Kissimmee Island, Fl.; married Lucinda Mae Rhoden on Dec. 16, 1911 at Midland, Polk Co., Fl. He died Mar. 21, 1955 at Lake Wales and is buried there.
3. Curtis "Pete" Litton Stokes, born in 1890 in Polk County, Fl. He married Lilian Brown.
4. Annie Lyle "Lute" Stokes, born June 4, 1892 in Polk County, Fl.; married Bus Thomas on Jan. 21, 1912 at Fort Meade, Polk County, Fl.
5. Ruby Stokes, born on September 30, 1895 at Polk County, Fl.; married William Clark at Fort Meade, Florida.
6. Emery Stokes, born in 1898 in Polk County, Fl.; married Veda Collier.
7. Polson Daniel Stokes, born September 13, 1900 at Polk County, Fl.; married Verna Benson.