

Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida stated the following:

Have been well and personally acquainted with applicant ever since 1862 (38 years). I am a farmer, stock raiser & county commissioner and reside with 15 miles of him. I see him about once per month, have soldiered with him during the Rebellion, have cow hunted with some and I am satisfied that he is not able to make a support by manual labor, and I am convinced that he is fully disabled at least 2/3, that he is suffering as claimed (though of course I am not a Dr. & can not tell) from neuralgia and indigestion. I think this disability has not only attended him since his application for pension but for many years prior.

William J. Walker, age 57 years & resident of Arcadia gave the following statement:

I have known applicant for 40 years, he is a farmer. I was in the army with him in the same regiment. He is now and has been complaining with neuralgia and indigestion for quite a number of years. I am satisfied he is disabled from manual labor at least 2/3. I don't think there has been a year that I have failed to see him at least 6 times. I live in 10 miles of him. He can not perform manual labor.

The Albrittons were listed in the Coker precinct in the 1900 DeSoto County census. In the 1910 DeSoto County census James A., age 63 and Mary F., age 57 were residing in the Lily precinct. Elam S., age 22 and Clara, age 18 were living at home. Mary stated that she was the mother of nine children and that eight of them were still living.

On August 21, 1917 James applied for additional pension monies. He was 71 years old and a resident of Limestone, Florida. He died May 16, 1921 at Limestone and was buried in the Lily Cemetery.

On May 27, 1921 Mary F. Albritton applied for a widow's pension. She died on March 10, 1942 & was buried in the Lily Cemetery. The following obituary appeared in a local paper:

MRS. MARY ALBRITTON, 90, ARCADIA PIONEER, IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Albritton, 89, died at her home at Limestone today. She would have celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary next month. She was known throughout this section as Aunt Mary Albritton.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. R. M. Stidham, Lakeland; Mrs. Elvina Williams, Wauchula; Mrs. J. B. Selman, Bradenton; Mrs. V. O. Fussell, Arcadia; and two sons, A. K. and E. S. Albritton, both of Limestone; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

REFERENCES: "Thomas H. Albritton", South Florida Pioneers, #7; "Francis A. Ivey", South Florida Pioneers, #12; J. A. Albritton