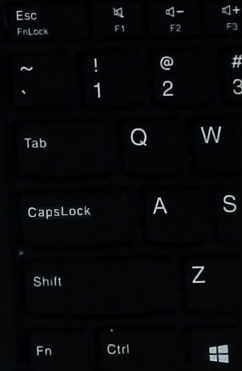


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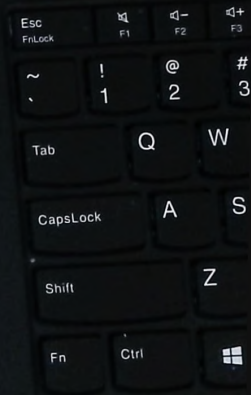
Clerk W. C. Zimmerman lead a grand and colorful life as a Civil War soldier and first Clerk of the Circuit Court for Citrus County among other occupations. But much of his story occurs even before coming to Citrus County, which happened after the Civil War and during the Reconstruction Period.

W. C. Zimmerman was born April 13 th, 1838, in Elmore Alabama. After graduating from high school, he went on to attend Princeton University. During this time at Princeton the Civil War broke out and he returned to Alabama to join the Confederate forces. At the same time he married a woman by the name of Julia Gorree, which in 1862, produced a son called Conway King Zimmerman.

The Confederate company which Zimmerman joined was commanded by a relative of his wife, Captain Porter King. Upon enlisting into the Army Zimmerman was given the rank of Sergeant, and later he received a battlefield commission to Lieutenant in the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment. It has been said that this was one of the most highly respected Confederate fighting units. Zimmerman also served in the Confederate Army of Virginia for two and a half years, but he became ill and was posted home.

After returning to Alabama, Zimmerman did recover and was awarded the rank of Captain in the Alabama Reserves. This meant he was required to raise his own company, which he did with the help of friends, relatives, and anyone he could enlist to assist. According to a diary written by wife Julia, W. C. Zimmerman and his company opened the battle of Blakely, Alabama, which was to be the last land battle of the Civil War. With the goal of defending Mobile, they fought for six days, against odds of five to one. The troops were "reserves", consisting of mostly old men and young boys and they were still

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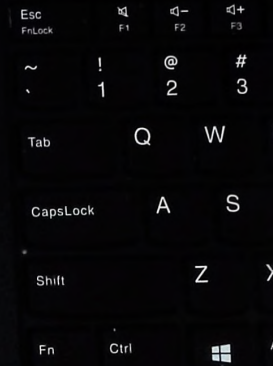


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W. C. Zimmerman was taken prisoner on the 5th of April 1865, at Blakely, Alabama. As
all defiant prisoners of war are required to do Captain W. C. Zimmerman escaped his
Union forces, and reached the nearby Appalachian River. From there he swam for one and
one-half miles until reaching a swamp on the opposite side, and from there made his
way through a reed brake forging ahead for several hours. Other men were also captured,
but later were released or fled including a younger brother named Eugene Zimmerman,
who was born in 1846. Eugene would eventually follow W. C. to Citrus County.

It was said by Porter King of W. C. Zimmerman, "There never lived a nobler man
or one more free from deceit than Zim." And there probably were no truer words said,
than a remark made by Zim, himself, after his capture. After losing all his clothing, his
pocketbook, and personal goods, his remark was "I hate losing my little Testament more
than anything else." Grateful for his life and his Bible, he looked upon everything
else as of little importance.

After the war ended, Zimmerman spent time around Montgomery and
Selma, Alabama looking for work and a new occupation. However, these were poor and
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Withlacoochee River and then other areas throughout Citrus County.

But before leaving Alabama, W. C. and Julie would have another son named Thomas J. born on October 26, 1866. Thomas was named for his grandfather Zimmerman. Sometime after April 30, 1867 and before the end of 1868, W. C. 's wife Julie and their first son Conway King died for reasons unknown. And for reasons we do not know W. C. ended up marrying Julie's sister Laurie (Aunt Lally) who was widowed with children. Their surnames were Nelson. Along with Thomas and Laurie's children, there would be two more children produced from this second marriage, before the Zimmerman's finally relocated to Florida. The first was Carl born in 1868, and then later Felton born in 1876, both in Alabama, according to the 1885 census for what was then called Hernando County.

At some point between the years of 1876 and 1886, W. C. Zimmerman came to the Cove Bend area of Citrus County. Zimmerman, who lead a truly active and admirable life during the Civil War would continue to do so upon his relocation to Citrus County. Prior to the separation, in June 1887, of Citrus County from Hernando County W.C. was the Superintendent of schools for Hernando County. According to public records, Zimmerman had many business dealings with Senator Austin Mann, who was highly responsible for the arrangement that led to the split of Citrus County from Hernando County. Mann and Zimmerman both were part owners in a steamboat landing which was on the Tsala Apopka Lake, in Tompkinsville, which later changed its named to Inverness. This was part of the Orange State Canal system. Soon they would sell out because their real interest lay to the West in a small community not far from present day Lecanto.

Because of Senator Mann's connection to this community it became known as

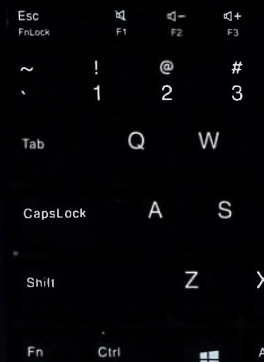
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Mannfield. He suggested to the legislature that the new Citrus County's seat of government be located in the very same Mannfield. The legislature, following this suggestion ^{and} let Mannfield become the temporary county seat until such time as the citizens of the new county could vote on the matter.

On August 1, 1887, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners held its first meeting in a rented church. How these men were selected is not in the record, however, it is believed that they were appointed by the governor, with recommendations by Senator Mann.

As the story goes for three years elections were held, with no deciding factor to delineate the permanent county seat. Everyone knew that the original backers of the Orange Transit Canal system, Landrum and Priest, wanted the seat in Inverness. They even decided the present day site to the county. Still, Mann, Zimmerman and others had their own ideas. Several locations appeared on the ballot, existence, but none got a plurality, which required one more vote than half of all the votes cast. Then on April 10, 1891, an election was finally held and Inverness received nine more votes than fifty percent. This ^{clearly} ~~was decided~~ ^{issue between} the Mann and anti Mann factions, ^{created} ~~creating~~ an atmosphere of ambiguity and many claimed election fraud.

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arrived from Inverness. They "immediately upon the announcement of the outcome of the election, a hundred hands began the tearing down of the walls of the Circuit Court, and the Clerk's Office and loading up the County property and records for removal. It being impossible to transact any further business, a motion to adjourn and meet at Inverness on the 20th of April, 1891, was unanimously passed." "A. E. Williard, Chairman and W. C. Zimmerman, Secty., and Clerk." The only item that presented a problem at this point was the noble character of Captain W. C. Zimmerman, who sat as if petrified. The building was emptied except for the desk, chair, papers and presence of Clerk of the Court Zimmerman, who at this point being the gentleman that he was continued to sit in his chair steadily copying the minutes of the meeting and refusing to move when requested. The Sheriff gave orders and Zimmerman, still in his chair was loaded on the wagon...desk, chair, bag and baggage were all carried off on a bumpy ride to Inverness never ceasing to write the minutes.

Zimmerman continued to act as Clerk of the Court for Citrus County until 1901, when Walter Warnock took over. Then according to records, Zimmerman left Citrus County shortly after this time and died 4th of July 1907. He is buried along with other family members in the Dunedin Cemetery, in Pinellas County, Florida.

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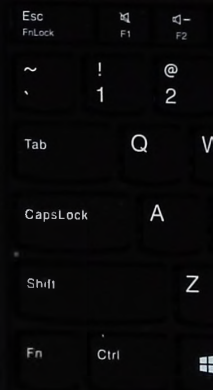
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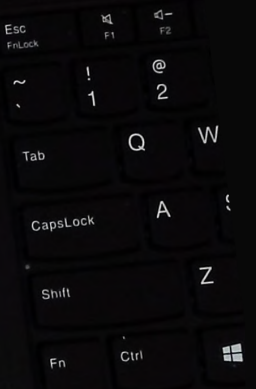
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KEY OFFICIALS of Citrus County, shown in front of the Courthouse, in the 1890s, were Henry Brooks, Gus Priest, Walter Wameck, Sr., Ernest Payne, Capt. W. C. Zimmerman, George Carter and George de Muro. (WWW)



PROMINENT CITRUS COUNTIANS, mostly public officials, pose neatly on steps of the old Courthouse, circa 1904. Front row, L to R, George Carter, Walter Wameck, Sr., George Boswell, Henry L. Brooks, Gus Priest, Judge George de Muro, Col. J. Mason Young; second row, L to R, Mr. Barnes, Lecanto, (next three unidentified), Capt. W. C. Zimmerman; third row, L to R, Ben Wilson, County School Supt. R. L. Turner, Charles Miller, Bill Spivey, D. A. Tooke; fourth row, L to R, Ed Bowman and Jim Ruff. (RB)

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Floral City Twice As Big As Miami

Arlington was a community described as being 23 miles north of Brooksville and five miles west of the Withlacoochee River, in the vicinity of present day Inverness. The 1886-87 Gazetteer showed the village of 50 was settled in 1881. P. J. Peacher was listed as postmaster. "There is a stage line to Brooksville twice a week, fare \$1.15", the volume noted, and added, "Mails received Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday." "It had a church, school, saw mill, one store and wants a hotel to supply present needs." Oranges, bananas, pineapples, and vegetables were reported successfully grown in Arlington.

The Reverend Young was listed as pastor of the Union Church. M. B. Van Ness had the saw mill. Banana growers were R. E. Anderson, Samuel McCall and P. J. Peacher. Orange growers listed were William Baldrige, S. M. Barton, J. R. Biggs, T. Chase, H. T. Colley, C. H. Lewis, R. M. Barton, J. Beagles, T. E. Biggs, R. W. Cochran, William Herron, Samuel McCall, P. J. Peacher, John Rodgers, Samuel Rodgers, J. S. Perkins, C. C. Todd and M. B. Van Ness. Mrs. L. Lord was cited as a pineapple grower, and vegetable and truck farmers listed were Baldrige, F. E. Biggs, Mrs. Lord, J. Beagles, J. R. Biggs, McCall and Peacher.

Arlington was one of the communities that supplied settlers to Inverness. Today virtually no trace of Arlington remains. The principal business establishments, a large dance hall and several houses occupied the knoll on which Mr. and Mrs. Louis Connell have their home. The Connell lake then was called Gopher House pond. The huge old live oaks on the shore of the lake cover what was then one of the most famous picnic grounds in Florida. Pioneer organizations from miles around used to gather under these shade trees for all day "jubilees."

FLORAL CITY'S FIRST BOOM

Another settlement blossomed in the area in 1883 when two or three families started the village of Floral City. A year later it had 30 or 40 families, and by the time the 1886-87 Gazetteer was published it boasted a population of 300.

It also had a school, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian Church organizations, steam saw mill and five stores. The publishers suggested "A furniture factory would pay here." Land was going for \$10 to \$50 an acre.

James W. Fleming was the postmaster and notary public, as well as operator of a grocery and the Floral City Hotel. Other stores were J. M. Baker & Co., general merchandise; G. B. Kirksey, grocer; Nelson & Bro., groceries and hardware; Turner & Clements, drugs and merchandise; J. C. Clements had the sawmill, and Miss Sallie Liles was listed as the sole teacher.

Farmers and grain planters in Floral City in the mid 1880's, and their acreages, were J. C. Clements, 20; J. A. Hampton, 20; Joseph Robertson, 15; H. W. Zellner, 10, and M. R. Zellner, 20.

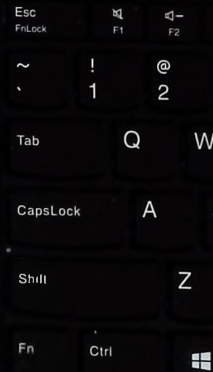
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The Birth of Citrus County

Citrus County was born on June 2, 1887.

That is the day Gov. E. A. Perry signed into law a measure passed by the Legislature to slice Hernando County into three parts to create Citrus and Pasco and Hernando Counties.

There had been agitation to "secede" from Hernando for some time, primarily because of the hardship of reaching the county seat, Brooksville, over the sand trails, to attend court or transact other official business.

Representing Hernando County in the Legislature that year were State Sen. A. S. Mann and State Reps. Frank Saxon and James Latham.

Among those from this part of the county to go to Tallahassee to lobby for a new county were Nick Barco of Red Level and Albert Willard of Homosassa.

The bill was introduced in the House by Representative Latham. It was entitled, "An act to Divide the County of Hernando, and to Create and Establish the Counties of Pasco and Citrus from portions of Hernando."

The geographical boundaries proposed for Citrus in the bill read: Commencing at a point on the Withlacoochee River on the section line dividing sections 12 and 13, township 21, range 20, E.; thence along said line west to the southwest corner of section 9, township 21, range 19, E.; thence north along said section line to township line dividing 20 and 21; thence west along said township line to the Gulf of Mexico; thence north along said Gulf to the mouth of the Withlacoochee river, and thence up said river to the points of beginning." It covered an area of 396,800 acres.

The bill provided for Citrus County to remain a part of the First Congressional District, at that time represented by Congressman R. H. M. Davidson, of Quincy. U. S. Senators from Florida at the time were Wilkinson Call, of Jacksonville, and Charles W. Jones, of Pensacola.

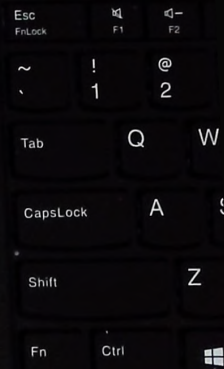
Citrus was to remain part of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of which former Gov. H. L. Mitchell, of Tampa, was Judge, and S. M. Sparkman, of Tampa, was State Attorney.

The bill sailed through both Houses of the Legislature. Only Rep. McKeen Carleton of Putnam County in the House and Sen. C. W. Stevens of the 10th Senatorial District (Madison County) voted against the bill.

Within four hours after the measure passed the Legislature, Governor Perry had signed it into law. It was reported that Willard's friendship with the Governor helped to speed up the paper work.

The legislation spelled out that the town of Mannfield would be the temporary county seat of Citrus County for two years "and until removed by a vote of the registered voters of said county." Mannfield sat in the geographical center of the new County.

Holding its first session in the Mannfield Church in August, 1887, the first Board of County Commissioners consisted of J. M. Baker, chairman, P. G. Peacher, O. P. Keller, J. T. Landrum and L. L. Leamoll. The first business was to approve bonds of the appointed officers: Capt. W.



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C. Zimmerman of Floral City, who had been serving as County School Superintendent of Hernando County, as Clerk; J. C. Priest, as Sheriff; William M. Brooks, of Floral City, Tax Assessor; Daniel Tompkins, Tax Collector; Nick Barco, Treasurer; J. T. Allen, Surveyor, and J. C. Phillips, attorney.

The establishment of the temporary court house in September, 1887, was in the Moffat house in Mannfield. Several years later, in 1891, the temporary court house was moved to the Gaffney house in Mannfield with a rental of \$19 a month.

Between 1889 and 1890, many county seat elections were held to establish the county site. Each election failed due to the shortage of the majority votes.

Finally, the voters did approve a move to Inverness in an election on May 4, 1891. The vote was 267 for Inverness, 258 for Lecanto, and one vote for Gulf Junction. The latter is another of the "ghost towns" from the past.

During that time of swaddling clothes for the infant Citrus County, politics seemed to be the order of the day. Of course, the hassle over where the county seat would be was fierce. An account of what went on came to us from a colorful politician and local historian, Judge E. C. May. In 1955, Judge May wrote a guest column for the author of this book when a political writer for *The Tampa Daily Times*. Judge May did not come to Citrus County until 1892, right after the switch of sites, but he pieced the story together like this:

NIGHT THE COURT HOUSE WAS STOLEN

"Citrus has always been a one party County. There has never been enough Republicans to count but that made little difference. At least, for the first 30 years, we were governed almost exclusively by factions, and at times campaigns became a bit caustic.

"About the time Citrus County was organized, Jim Priest, Jake Landrum, George Boswell, George deMuro, Henry Martin, Frank Dampier and perhaps some others organized and incorporated a company which they called the Florida Orange, Canal and Transit Co., with the primary object of developing transportation on our lakes and rivers.

"They made elaborate plans, most of which came to naught with the great freeze of 1895, which destroyed the orange industry. But they did dig the canal from the Withlacoochee River to the lakes near Floral City, which is still there, and they made some more of their programs stick. They bought land and laid out the town of Inverness and announced that it was, or soon would be, the County Seat. It soon was, and still is. From the first, these six men and their friends were in control of politics and government of the new County.

The opposition was too weak to do much about it, but at least one man tried. I have told this before, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes our early day politics...

So far as I know, there is no man living who knows the background nor where he came from, but he was the most colorful character ever to flash across our political horizon. A. S. Mann came to this territory before Citrus County was organized and before the coming of the railroads. He became prominent and went to the State Senate. I do not know how he got there, but he invested much money in lands and timber in the territory which later became Citrus County, and planned canals and other major improvements.

"He became strong in local politics and had much influence with the coming railroad people. He organized a town in the central part of the County, two miles south of Lecanto, and named it after himself, Mannfield, and the railroad headed that way, and was expected to pass through the town. When the County was organized it became the County Seat.

"For some reason which possibly had to do with the discovery of phosphate, the railroad changed its course near Holder and headed for Inverness. Much of the work on the old right-of-way from Holder to Mannfield is still visible.

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Seat instead of Mannfield. This, as may be expected, brought on a political fight and there was much feeling. An election was called to determine where the seat of government should be located permanently and the fight was on. Mannfield and Inverness were the main contestants, and it was said the fight was not always confined to words, but was often of the knock-down-and-drag-out variety.

"Mann led his own faction and the F.O.C. and T. Company led the Anti Manns. Jim Priest was sheriff and official spokesman for his faction. The fight waxed bitter and when the votes were in, each side claimed the victory. There were charges and counter charges and the Mann faction became convinced that the Anti Manns would steal the Courthouse or at least the records, and they ordered their attorney to get an injunction against them.

"The only judge available lived in Tampa, but was holding court in Dade City. The lawyer mounted and rode furiously but when he arrived, Court had adjourned and the Judge was on the train, standing at the depot and ready to pull out for Tampa. The lawyer made it, but before he could get his temporary injunction the train had moved out of the station and was on its way.

"There was no other transportation and he went on to Tampa and came back the next day, but that was too late. When he arrived in Mannfield with his papers there was no one to serve and nothing to restrain. Officers, records and court furniture and fixtures were in Inverness where they still are. It appeared that the Anti Manns decided it was safer to act before an injunction could be served, so, while the lawyer slept in Tampa they took horses and wagons and moved everything movable and that had anything to do with the County government and by 8 o'clock the next morning Inverness was the official County Seat, which it still is."

In the guest political column, Judge May then related an anecdote about Senator Mann's bid for reelection:

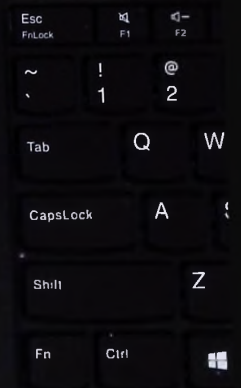
"In those days, the country man dressed in 'britches' and shirt. When night came on, he took off his shoes — if he had any, stepped out of his pants and was ready for bed. It was called 'sleeping in his shirt tail.' When the Senator came on to speak the Anti Manns were loaded for bear. Jim Priest was their spokesman. In the middle of the Senator's oration, Jim held up his palm and shouted: 'Hold, Senator! I have a question to ask you!' 'All right, Mr. Priest, what is it?' 'I have it on good authority sir, that you sleep in a nightshirt! I now demand that you tell this audience if that is true?' 'Yes, Mr. Priest, that is true.' 'Did you sleep in a nightshirt LAST NIGHT?' 'Yes, Mr. Priest, I did.'

"That was enough. The sheriff turned to the crowd and shouted: 'Did you hear that, men?' Shouts and laughter agreed that it had been heard and the sheriff continued: 'Fellow citizens! You have heard our Senator boldly assert that he sleeps in a nightshirt! He is not ashamed of it and admits he slept in it LAST NIGHT, and he comes here today and asks you sovereign citizens of this good County to vote for him! Neighbors, any man who does not sleep in his shirt tail is an aristocrat, and by no stretch of the imagination should an aristocrat be a Senator from Citrus County! If you vote for him, some may think you have a tetch of aristocracy, and you will never be able to live it down!' Few voted for him and the Senator lost the election. He sold his large holdings and left the County, never to return."

MORE ABOUT MANN

A glimpse of Austin S. Mann is seen in an article in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* (Vol. LV, Number 1, July 1976, Page 6-7) by Linda Vance on "May Mann Jennings and Royal Palm State Park." Mrs. Jennings, wife of Gov. William Sherman Jennings, was the daughter of the Manns.

According to Miss Vance the Manns moved to Florida shortly after May's birth in Centerville, N. J., in 1872. They settled at Crystal River, where Mann practiced law and cultivated one of the largest citrus groves in the area. In 1883, Austin Mann was elected State Senator from Hernando County.



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The article stated that "He (Mann) had a stormy but distinguished career in the Legislature, being a populist leader and a free-thinking progressive. He is remembered mainly as the father of good roads' and an ardent backer of the proposed Cross-Florida barge canal. "This information came from a research paper by John Q. Langford, Jr., on "Senator Austin S. Mann," University of Florida, 1950, 1-7, copy in the P. K. Yonge Library.

Miss Vance reported that after graduation from St. Joseph's Convent in St. Augustine, May Austin accompanied her father to Tallahassee and spent the 1891 legislative session working as his assistant. It was during this period she was courted by Jennings, at the time a handsome young judge from her county, and they were married in the Spring of that year. Her biographer noted that May Mann helped advance the political career of Jennings, as she "inherited much of her father's political ability."

A first-hand account of that fateful day in Citrus County history — the day they moved the court house to Inverness — was told many years later by J. C. Priest, son of Sheriff Jim Priest. The *Chronicle* quoted him thusly:

"The old frame court house was put right where Jut's Bar is now and later Barrett and Thompson had a grocery store at the same place.

"I was five years old and I helped move the court house by helping push the wagons up the sand hill and getting a fine free ride down the hill when the mules went at a gallop. There were only two teams to move the whole court house.

"Captain (W. C.) Zimmerman, the Clerk, had refused to move out of his office and just sat there when they got ready to move the building. He was against moving the court house all along.

"The sheriff, who was my father, J. C. Priest, asked the attorneys for Inverness what to do with Captain Zimmerman.

"Bob and Hub Anderson of Ocala, the attorneys, told the sheriff: 'By God, move him,' so my father ordered two men to pick him, his chair and desk and put him in the wagon, and the last time I saw Captain Zimmerman was in a high run to Inverness.

"The sheriff ordered that the captain was not to be allowed out of his chair until they got to Inverness. And when the attorneys told the sheriff, Jim beat the wagon to Inverness. And when they got Zimmerman in his room in the court house, they got him to go to the front door and declare the Citrus County court house legally moved to Inverness.

"The anti-Inverness crowd had employed a Colonel Dupre to enjoin the sheriff from moving the court house to Inverness and the Colonel rode a mule to Dade City where the court was. But by the time he got there court was over and the train was pulling out for Tampa.

"The judge was Governor Mitchell and state attorney was Tom Palmer. The sheriff had wired Palmer ahead of time to represent Inverness.

"Dupre jumped on the train with the judge and they argued the case all the way to Tampa. He got back to Mannfield the next day and he had lost his case.

"But if he hadn't lost the case, the court house would have been moved anyway."

One of the prominent lawyers reported involved in that court battle over the county seat was Col. Thomas Payne Lloyd. The incident was recalled recently in a letter from Colonel Lloyd's daughter, Miss Lucy Lloyd, of Landsdowne, Pa., to her niece, Mrs. John D. Weekly, the former Miss Mary Lloyd, of Tampa.

"Miss Lucy" wrote: "I think the most exciting event in my family experiences was early in the days in Florida. There was staged a legal contest to decide would Inverness or a village named Mannfield be the big town of Citrus County. Crowds were violently interested. The top lawyer in the city of Jacksonville was engaged for the contest. My father, a good lawyer, was elected to be his rival speaker.

"And guess what! My father won! And he was so sure of winning before his victory was declared, he had friends with vehicles, moving certain items in his possession, dispatched on

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All Sorts of Things and Weather

*All sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together,
To make up a year
And a Sphere.*
- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It was not until 1899 that Citrus County began recording its weather. And even since then, there have been hits and misses on keeping the data.

Albert Carlin, of Citrus Springs, a member of the Citrus County Bicentennial Steering Committee undertook the job of researching the subject of weather for this history, and in the doing turned up a wealth of information. He is a retired training director of the old U. S. Weather Bureau.

He discovered that the lowest temperature ever recorded for Inverness was 14 degrees which was the reading that cold morning of Feb. 13, 1899. This record came almost immediately after the recordkeeping was started by W. C. Zimmerman, who kept track of the weather from February to December, 1899. The highest temperature recorded was 105 degrees on Sept. 7, 1955.

Other official weather watchers for the area include veteran W. H. Miller, who kept rainfall only from February to April, 1900, then the full observation, temperature and rainfall, in the periods June, 1900 to October, 1914; May, 1915 to July, 1917; October, 1917 to September, 1925; and for May, 1926.

Observer Miller was followed by Sam H. Roundtree, who kept rainfall only during September, 1926, and full observation between October, 1926 and February, 1927; Phil Robinson, from June, 1928 to November 1928. Adam Noble, (President of the Inverness Town Council in 1922 and Mayor in 1925) from January, 1929 to November, 1937; W. H. Wright, December, 1937; Frank Morris, (member of Town Council in 1925) from January, 1938, to July, 1941; J. H. Spivey, October, 1941 to May, 1951.

Since August, 1951, the U. S. Weather Bureau "Climatological Data" records indicate only that observations are taken by the "City of Inverness." But Carlin says local inquiry disclosed that the observers since 1966 are as follows: Edward DeArcas, February, 1966 to December, 1967; Thomas D. Heath, January, 1968 through mid-1969; and James W. Voigt, mid-1969 through the present.

Apparently the weather observations were taken at the old water plant until 1966, when they were moved to the sewage plant, and where they are still taken.

There is some annual summary weather data missing for Inverness, according to Carlin. There may be fragments of data in some of the years listed below but not enough to make an

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End of the 19th Century

In 1893, a famous artist — George Inness — came to Citrus County and immortalized on canvas landscape scenes around Crystal River and Homosassa. He painted "Home of the Heron," depicting a scarcely distinguishable heron flying into the diffused glow of the evening sun as it filters through the pines. The scene is actually found just off U.S. 19 between the two west coast communities, and is typical of the hammock land found in Citrus County. The famed painting now hangs in the Chicago Museum of Art. Inness spent his later years at Tarpon Springs and was a frequent visitor to this section. He is believed to have found inspiration for his "The First Cathedral" in this area. This picture, a woodscape of lofty hickory, ash and magnolia trees that form transepts and naves and corridors that stretch into infinity, brings immediately to mind the poet's observation that "God's first temple was the woods." Inness, Sr., was regarded as one of the few world respected American artists of the mid-19th century. He died the year following his painting of the "Home of the Heron," in 1894, at the age of 69. His son, George Inness, Jr., also was a noted painter and many of his great works hang in the Universalist Church in Tarpon Springs.

While other denominations established churches early in Inverness, it was not until 1893 that the Episcopalians moved in. At that time a site near the present church building was given to the Diocese of Florida "for use by an Episcopal church." The donors are listed only as Jackson, Chipping and Ward and are said to have been associated with the Southern Pines Development Company interested in phosphate mine activities in the Inverness area.

Nothing is recorded further until 1913 when Bishop William Crane Gray made the first bishop's invitation to an "unorganized mission." The congregation at that time met in members' homes and later at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Main Street. In 1914 the property was deeded to St. Margaret's mission and the first church built. The church shared its vicars during those years with Brooksville, Bushnell and at one time, Dade City.

The Rev. Merrill Norton, in 1960, was the first resident vicar to serve St. Margaret's. He also served St. Ann's at Crystal River during his seven year stary. In 1956, two contractors and an architect reported to John Roscow that the faulty foundation of the building made it impractical to use the building permanently. So a building fund was started, and in 1974, a new church building was dedicated, with the Rev. James Shortess, vicar, as Master of Ceremonies.

It was in 1893 that the Crystal River Methodist Church was started with a part-time minister, whose salary was \$150 per year. A building was erected at the northeast corner of Citrus Avenue and Crystal Street in 1908. Just a mission then, it had 20 regular members and five officers. The services were more or less sporadic until about 1950, when the Rev. Robert D. Sommers became the pastor. He added members to the roll and regular services were begun. Roy Thompson was a trustee and treasurer, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Drew Edwards were prominent members and officers of the church.

Another unit of the Masonic Lodge was begun in the county when Floral City Lodge No. 133, F & A.M., was chartered by Grand Master Angus Peterson on Jan. 18, 1893.

Charter members were John W. Allen, Walter E. Armstrong, James M. Baker, William J. Baker, Hugh Borland, Isaac M. Barion, William M. Brooks, John W. Benton, Jacob C. Clements, James A. Hampton, Joseph W. Knight, William M. Lawrie, Frank J. Lewis, Solomon D. Moon, Marcus L. McCoy, Columbus M. "Bess" Rooks, Frank S. Rawls, Abram J. Tooke, James B. Young and William C. Zimmerman.

James M. Baker was the first worshipful master. Others have been: J. C. Clements, 1894; J. B. Young, 1895; J. W. Knight, 1896-97; S. D. Moon, 1898; J. W. Knight, 1899, 1900-01-02-03-04; R. L. Clark, 1905; H. O. Snow, 1906-07; R. L. Clark, 1908; J. W. Knight, 1909; W. A. Bushnell, 1910; A. C. Johnson, 1911; W. A. Bushnell, 1912; A. C. Johnson, 1913; E. B. Green, 1914.

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The correspondent also reported the turtling season here runs from March until October. "The turtles spread their nets across the channels near the coast," Wilcox wrote, "and when a turtle swims against a net its struggles indicate its presence to the men who are watching, and they immediately proceed to capture it. The turtles from this portion of the coast are taken to Cedar Key and put into pens until they are forwarded North."

CLOSING THE 70s

It was in 1879 a company organized in Ocala obtained a charter for the Dunnellon Short Railroad which ran from Ocala, via Dunnellon, to Homosassa. It also became known as the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad.

Before leaving the decade of the 1870s, let it be noted that Jesse Anderson Landrum of Pleasant Grove was born in 1875 when the community was called Double Hammock. His father, Jacob Turner Landrum, and his wife's father, James Craig Priest, were big land owners in the Inverness area, and donated land for a court house and for many church sites and parks. They also owned 11,000 acres in what is now Hialeah, a Miami suburb, which they sold for ten cents an acre upon being told it was worthless. They also had two-thirds interest of the Florida Orange Canal and Transit Co. Landrum's father was County Commissioner for a long time when the county was first divided. Both Jacob Turner Landrum and James Craig Priest fought in the Civil War and Landrum was a prisoner of war in Maine.

Jesse Landrum was taught by a number of itinerant school teachers who taught for about four months and then moved on to some other place. Landrum himself taught school for one year, and served as a school trustee from 1907 to 1945. When he was 16 his father gave him 40 acres of land, and when he married, in 1895, his wife's father added another 35 acres. He developed successful farms and ranches on the property. He married Martha Amanda Priest on Christmas Day. Jesse Landrum died Feb. 21, 1962.

A delightful review of the Landrum family and of Pleasant Grove itself has been written by one of the modern members of the "clan" — Mrs. Joe Nick (Catherine Landrum) Barco. She interviewed Turner S. Landrum when he was 91 years old. Mrs. Barco's expert sketch follows:

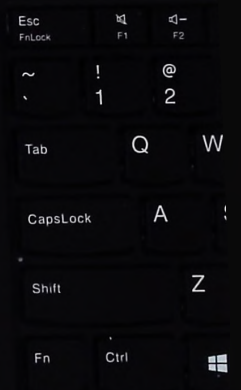
"The Landrum family of Pleasant Grove were the offspring of Jacob T. Landrum, who came here from somewhere in Georgia when he was around 12 years of age, which would have been about 1860. He ran away and joined the Confederate Army when he was 14. He married Elizabeth McDaniel and their children were William, Jane, Jesse, Even, Eugenia, John, Turner and Frances. All except Eugenia lived nearly all their lives in Citrus County and all except her have died here except John who died in Atlanta. However, his residence was Citrus County at the time of his death. Frances and Turner are yet living, she nearly 90.

"Jacob Landrum was one of the first County Commissioners of Citrus County when it was formed. James Craig Priest of Pleasant Grove was the first County Sheriff. Jacob had one brother, Bill, who went to South Florida and lived with the Indians. Their sister, Becky Landrum Sturgis, lived to be 106 years of age.

"When the county seat was changed from Mannfield to Inverness, Jacob bought the old court house building and moved it to his home and built a dining room and kitchen from it. Turner Landrum remembers buying warm soda pop at the Mannfield court house when he was a boy. He said it was in small bottles and was more or less like the present day Kool Aid.

"Jacob, as a Confederate soldier, was captured by the Yanks and imprisoned for several months. He and other ex-Rebel soldiers liked to sit on the court house steps at Inverness and reminisce about the Civil War, and sometimes photographers would come along and photograph them. Some of the old timers were Gene Zimmerman, Charles Whidden, James C. Priest, Charles Marsh and George Boswell.

"Turner Landrum has always lived in Citrus County, either in Pleasant Grove or in Inverness.



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published list showed Confederate soldiers in Citrus County who were on the State pension rolls were: Edwin L. Smith, Joseph M. Hay, John M. Hurst, George W. Higgins, Canulus A. Mason, David Lock, Thomas F. Barnett, Obediah E. Edwards, Eugene Zimmerman, James W. McNabb, Thomas P. Beck, James C. Priest, John U. Martin, Edward B. Richardson, Joseph D. Bennett, John H. Gerock, Richard E. Quinn, William A. Turner, William C. Turner, Jacob T. Landrum, John Cambrell, Neil A. McMillan, William T. Dampier, Stephen P. Marcy, Chambers Graham, Richard B. Waller, Newman M. Ruff and Charles Peterson. The widows drawing pensions were Mesdames Nancy J. Stafford, Mary A. Sanford, Ann C. Lee, Lou M. Russell, Emma E. Vincent, Ella Croft, Jane Payne, Martha Gleaton, Eliza J. Dyess, Mary E. Guynn, Mattie B. Willis, Mary M. Allen, Louise F. Morrison, Sarah Jane Peters, Sarah Josephene Peters, and Jane E. Mecklin, Martha A. Freeman and Mrs. Goethe and S. M. Wilson.

A few weeks earlier, the *Chronicle* had published a list showing "among the old Confederate Soldiers who served four years in the army, now living in Citrus County, are the following named, with their present ages: J. H. Gerock, aged 84; A. D. Tompkins, 78; R. E. Quinn, 75; William Leggett, 75; G. W. Young, 71; N. M. Ruff, 72; C. Graham, 70; J. T. Landrum, 69; E. L. Smith, 69; J. W. McNabb, 68; W. H. H. Witten, 69; J. H. Dale, 76.

The article in the paper asked, "Do the old soldiers get enough honor in their old days to half pay for their hardships and dangers in those four years?"

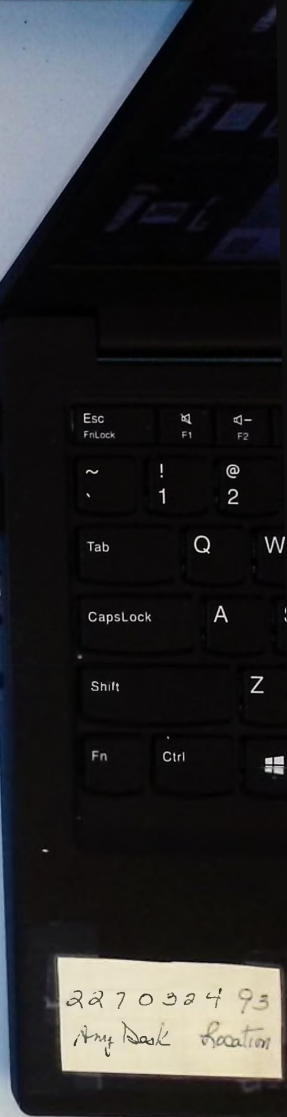
A thriving business in Inverness in this era was a lumber mill, originally known as West, Coffee & Co., but in 1911 changed ownership and its name to West & Reaves Lumber Co. The owners were Col. W. S. West and Dr. H. A. Reaves.

The huge mill was just south of the City limits. Nearly 1,000 persons were employed by it—more than were within the City limits—and each time an effort was made to incorporate the area, the mill voted it down. Mrs. Viola Tooke, whose parents were pioneers here, remembers well how the big business covered several blocks along where South Seminole and Pine Streets are now, and extended to Lake Tsala Apopka. A railroad carried logs from Chassahowitzka to the mill. Houses for the blacks and a slab pit were on the hill overlooking the lumber company, and the glow of all-night slab fires kept the sky aglow. Area folk could buy slabs for their fireplaces and heaters at 50 cents a wagon load. Chunks of drass from Kelly's turpentine distillery were used for kindling. A huge planing mill provided for dressed lumber and the business was well known throughout the state. The industry was razed in the 1920's after serving as a landmark for more than a decade.

In the 1911 session of the Legislature, Citrus County Representative introduced a bill to create Bullock County out of a small portion of Citrus, and the southwest corner of Marion and southern portion of Levy Counties. There was strong opposition to it from Marion County and the bill did not pass.

Should the names of young ladies who attend public dances be publicized? This question confronted the *Chronicle* and was dealt with, thusly: "There was a dance announced for the new Masonic Temple Auditorium Tuesday night which was well attended by the young people of the town. We do not believe there is any harm in practicing the terpsichorean art, and are only too glad to announce such entertainments, however, we have often been requested to suppress the names of ladies attending which is a custom that demands abolition. If such a place is not becoming to a lady she should not care to go there, and then newspapers will not mention their presence. Be consistent, girls, and any newspaper will aid you, rather than do otherwise."

Inverness got a new church group with the organization on Oct. 10, 1911, of the First Presbyterian Church. The 25 charter members were Mr. and Mrs. E. Port Graham, Miss Mary Graham, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Johnson, Miss Jarda Johnson (Mrs. B. G. Langston), Miss Ada Johnson (Mrs. Joe Savary), Mr. and Mrs. James K. Kelley, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shaw, Mrs. J. E. Johnston, Strauss L. Lloyd, H. W. Story, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Smith, Sr., Master James Smith, Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Mecklin, Miss Fannie Penland, Mrs. J. B.



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president, H. J. Dame, secretary pro tem, and W. H. Ross, treasurer. The group was organized to fight efforts underway to force the fencing of cattle throughout Florida. The new Association passed a resolution noting less than one per cent of the county was under fence. It went on, "Whereas, there is a large area of the county bordering on the Gulf coast that is fit only for grazing, being marshy and subject to overflow by the tides, etc." The cattlemen opposed the legislation sought by the No Fence League of Florida to require fencing. *The Tampa Times*, a strong advocate of a no fence law, conceded the law was not likely to pass in the 1921 Florida Legislature. Copies of the Citrus County resolution went to State Sen. Pasco Wilson of the 9th District and State Rep. M. C. Scofield of Inverness.

Another organization, the Historical and Scientific Society, was formed in Inverness with Attorney Strauss L. Lloyd as president.

REMEMBERING THE VETS

In Hernando, ladies of the community observed Confederate Memorial Day by cleaning up the cemetery and putting flowers on the graves of the old Confederate veterans buried there. Those remembered were Judge Edward Croft, William G. Croft, Thomas R. Bailey, Charles E. Nickerson, Francis M. Lamon and Samuel R. Frink.

The following year, on Jan. 2, 1922, Citrus County Confederate veterans still living attended a meeting of Theodore Brevard Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at a New Year's dinner at the Dixie Hotel. Those attending were Dr. A. W. Lamar, C. Graham, J. C. Priest, J. I. Grambrell, Eugene Zimmerman, M. J. W. Dean and W. S. Paul.

An Inverness leader, George W. Scofield, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the convention in St. Petersburg in May, 1922.

The advent of the automobile was still getting a "bad press" in 1922. Newspapers carried the story about the automobile being indicted on charges of immorality by the DeKalb County, Ga., Grand Jury.

"The advent of the automobile has opened new and grave dangers to the moral purity of our young people," the Grand Jury presentment declared, and recommended that mothers refuse to permit their daughters to go on "joy rides" unchaperoned. "Numbers of young lives are wrecked or started on the road to ruin," they said.

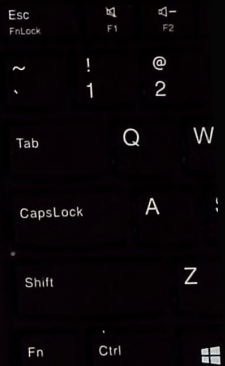
Crystal River gained valuable citizens in January, 1919, when Dr. and Mrs. Porter James Hudson came to town and he became a general practitioner. No matter what time of day or night, Dr. Hudson was always willing to go to homes of those who were ill, and particularly during the malaria epidemic times he was a very busy doctor. He helped to wipe out malaria from Citrus County. He often told of being paid by his patients with farm foods rather than cash. The family was active in the First Baptist Church and Dr. Hudson became a deacon in 1922. He also was a school trustee, and active in the Masonic lodge in Inverness.

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A sad note from Cuba: Felton Zimmerman, 52, who grew up in Inverness, was assassinated in Camaguey, where he was cashier of the Cuba Railroad. His father was the first Circuit Court Clerk of Citrus County and an uncle was still residing in Floral City in 1926.

As the county was modernizing in the boom, the Women's Clubs of Citrus County started circulating petitions against the "open range" for stock. The petitions called on the County Commissioners to call an election on the issue. The Crystal River Woman's Club really was perturbed later on when cows entered the yard of the Clubhouse and destroyed the cedar tree which had just been planted that day!

King Football was inaugurated at Citrus High School in the fall of 1926. An enthusiastic reporter told the story this way: "Playing the first football game in its history, the Golden Hurricanes of Citrus High School blew against the Brooksville Tangerines and scattered them over the field and when twilight wreathed the sky with its fantastic shapes and colors, it illumined a score board set up in the hearts of Citrus High supporters that read: 'Inverness, 6; Brooksville, 6.'"

THE GOLDEN HURRICANES

Robert F. Banks was the Hurricane coach. The Inverness touchdown was made by quarterback Captain "Bitsy" Mimms, who circled right end in the second quarter. The CHS team was composed of Nathan "Nat" H. Boswell, Jr., left end; Bruce Webb, left tackle; Cross, left guard; Brown Dumas, Sr., center; Williamson, right guard; Albert "Toby" Pridgen, right tackle; Phillips, right end; "Bitsy" Mimms, quarterback; Milton Boswell, left halfback; Luther, right halfback, and O. Frank Scofield, fullback.

The following week, the Hurricanes rolled over the Crystal River High School team, 25 to 0. Members of the Gulf Region team were listed as Charlie Miller, right end; R. Levins, right tackle; Ralphe Hood, right guard; Billy Smith, center; Fred Holland, left guard; Harley Levins, left tackle; George Ray, left end; Mason Baxter, quarterback; Nook Adams, right halfback; C. L. Haynes, left halfback; and Louis Baxter, fullback.

Floral City Chapter No. 164, Order of Eastern Star, was organized on April 14, 1926. Chosen first Worthy Matron was Mrs. Stella Love, who had joined the order in Sebring in 1922 and was then a member of Inverness Chapter No. 65, where she had served as Worthy Matron in 1925. Ed S. Carter was named first Worthy Patron.

Charter members were Mrs. Love, Mrs. Gertrude Landrum, Mrs. Mattie D. Perry, Mrs. Frances C. Smoak, Mrs. Daisy D. Love, Mrs. Nannie L. Dunn, Mrs. Alice Adkins, Mrs. Eva B. Davis, Mrs. Emma Goolsby, Mrs. Ola J. Townsend, Mrs. Etta V. Tooke, Mrs. Amanda Baker, Mrs. Susie Carter, Mrs. Carro C. Castel, Ed S. Carter, John W. Castel, W. H. Dunn, J. T. Love, S. D. Moon, W. A. Adkins and Frank P. Moon.

Mrs. Stella Love was to serve later as Grand Instructor for District 10. The chapter helped in raising funds to build and equip the new Masonic Building in Floral City. In 1969, the Eastern Star sponsored the Floral City Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

A list of Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Floral City O.E.S. follows:

1926, Stella Love and Ed. S. Carter; 1927, Stella Love and Ed. S. Carter; 1928, Gertrude Landrum and Ed. S. Carter; 1929, Frances Smoak and W. R. Townsend; 1930, Daisy Love and W. R. Townsend; 1931, Etta V. Tooke and C. L. Lowman; 1932, Mary Jane Jones and C. L. Lowman; 1933, Ola Townsend and W. R. Townsend; 1934, Eva B. Davis and Tom Ed. Townsend; 1935, Nannie L. Dunn and Harvey L. Dunn; 1936, Flora Brown and Collier Brown; 1937, Fannie Puckett and Collier Brown; 1938, Louise Puckett and W. R. Townsend; 1939, Lois Allen and W. R. Townsend.

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Hernando residents were overwhelmingly opposed to reactivating the City Council and resuming operations as an incorporated community. A preferential vote taken Aug. 11, 1953, by the Hernando Civic Club showed 62 per cent were against reviving the City charter and nine were for it.

A new bank, the Crystal River Bank, was chartered in December, 1953, with George H. Brannen, Sr., as president, W. H. Edwards of Crystal River as vice president and Barney Howard of Wildwood as vice president and cashier. The capital stock was \$50,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of \$15,600 were listed.

The site of the Yulee Sugar Mill at Homosassa became a State Park as the Florida Board of State Parks and Historic Memorials accepted a deed to the two-acre tract from the Citrus County Federation of Women's Clubs. A delegation of club women went to Tallahassee to present the deed. Since 1934 the Federation had owned and maintained the park. Miss Laura M. Zimmerman, president of the Federation, presented the deed to John D. Pennekamp, chairman of the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Octavious Love of Floral City observed their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 26, 1953, at their home on Marvin Avenue where they had resided the past 44 years. Their early married life was spent four miles from Floral City on Hampton Island, where they built a home near the birthplace of Mrs. Love, the former Miss Daisy Hampton.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hampton, began housekeeping at the site nearly 100 years before. Miss Hampton attended rural schools, the first being a little log house at the site of what is now Dampier Cemetery near Inverness. She continued her education at Scruggs Landing, later attending the Fort Cooper school near her home. For a short while she lived with her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. (Elizabeth) Duval and attended the Floral City school.

Mr. Love, a native of Tennessee, met the lady of his choice when he visited his brother, C. T. Love, teacher at the Fort Cooper school, who boarded at the Hampton home. Mr. Love — he was called "Dad" — died in March, 1955 at the age of 85, and just a week before the couple's 65th wedding anniversary. The Loves were parents of nine children, all living at the time of the 1953 anniversary, and three of them lived in Floral City. Mrs. Love served as president of the Floral City Woman's Club for seven years. The couple were members of the Floral City Church of Christ. Before his retirement, Love was a prominent citrus grower. Mrs. Love celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary on April 26, 1964.

There was a big celebration in the Gulf Region of the county in 1953. More than 300 persons gathered Nov. 7 to pay tribute to the county's two oldest physicians, Dr. W. B. Moon and Dr. P. J. Hudson. The affair was sponsored by the Homosassa Civic Club. Mrs. Mary MacRae related the history and contributions of the past.

At the end of the Civil War, a family named Moon left North Carolina and started west. So it was, W. B. was born in Indiana, though by heritage a Southerner, in 1870. He was graduated from the Hospital School of Medicine in Louisville, Ky., in 1897. Dr. Moon first practiced in Montana, then came south for his wife's health. They arrived in Crystal River in 1911. He took the State examination and began practice in Lakeland in 1912.

In World War I, Dr. Moon was a captain and served as chief sanitation officer at Fort McClelland, Ala. He came back to Crystal River after his discharge in 1919. A year later, bad luck

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profusion in the locality, and the Ax Fibre Company, which made fibres from the cabbage palm, and which were used by industry in manufacturing brushes.

There was an ice company, which was important in icing the carloads of fish which were sent to market each morning. The town boasted of 11 mercantile establishments, two millinery parlors. (Margaret Ward noted: "Hats were very important in those days; no lady appeared on the street without her hat and gloves and *certainly* never entered church not wearing her Sunday hat.") There also were four barber shops and two turpentine farms. On Shell Island were several cottages maintained for tourists who came here for tarpon fishing. There were six churches and the Board of Trade.

UNITY, LIBERTY, CHARITY

The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs had been organized in 1895 and admitted to the national organization in 1898. The women took as their motto, "In great things, Unity; in small things, Liberty; in all things, Charity."

The Crystal River affiliate of the organization was formed in February 1921, stemming from the original Improvement Society. The first president was Mrs. D. A. Daughtry. The club met in a church building until it was able to purchase a small building, which had been used for storage during World War I. This building, with additions and many restorations, served until 1971, when in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Club it built a new club house. The only surviving Charter member and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Edwards, gave a splendid downtown, tree-shaded lot to the Club and the members moved in 1972 into a new home completely paid for, fully equipped and furnished.

From the beginning, the club program was ambitious and encompassed literature, music, arts, education, conservation, civics, gardening and welfare. In the early days, members responded to the roll call with the quotation from one of Lincoln's speeches, Shakespeare's plays or the name of a bird or animal native to Florida.

The Club women are proud of their record of service to the community; such projects as working with and for the Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, the Key Training Center, for the Library and having given \$500 for the new library wing, and for many other civic improvements. Trees were planted in the new cemetery, and the old cemetery was cleaned up and the Confederate graves were marked with flags. In 1953, the Junior Women's Club was organized with Anne Erickson as president.

When Mrs. Estelle Brass was president of the Senior club, in 1954, the Yulee State Park at Homosassa became a reality. The Women's Club became upset that a place of such historical significance was in such a sad state and joined with the Citrus County Federation of Women's Clubs to have it designated as a Florida State Park. And, so it was.

Among those who have served as president of the Women's Club following Mrs. Daughtry were Mesdames Julia Rawls, C. A. Miller, Linda Martin, Susan Ward, Etta Rubin, Julia Faloney, Beatrice Wise, Cora Ackorn, Gladys Perry, Estelle Brass, Bell Land, Anne Erickson, Laura S. Zimmerman, Louise Pollack, Ily Kelley, Bea Vickry, Rose Castle, Irene Pugh, and others.

Homosassa was featured in a book called "Florida Enchantments", published in 1908 by a father and son writing team, A. W. and Julian A. Dimock. It described the Citrus County coast as a veritable Utopia, and one of the authors noted, "As I gazed on the marvelous spring, in the perfect peace of that balmy day, the spirit of the Fountain possessed me and I dreamed that I had found what Ponce de Leon so long and so vainly sought."

The retreat had become a mecca for adventurous Americans. "There were scholars and sportsmen, naturalists, geologists and botanists, travelers and scientists of national reputation, and neither a pedant nor a snob in the bunch."

The authors reported that for dinner they had venison, wild turkey and duck, sweet potato

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the paper said.

Holders of phosphate property came under attack from the *Chronicle* in a September 1912 issue: "The big drawback that is holding Inverness down was never better illustrated than in the case of D. E. Sutton and family this week. Mr. Sutton had been connected with the mill here as head sawyer, but resigned last week, but by no means desires to leave this section. He is anxious to embark in farming operations near here, but soon found out that desirable lands were tied up by phosphate men who pay but little taxes on same, and where the lands have been thoroughly prospected and found not to contain rock in paying quantities. The amount of land thus involved is wonderful, and relief must be had from some source. A person should not be allowed to own lands in large quantities unless it is put to some good use for which it is adapted. Thousands of acres are thus tied up in Citrus County, and strenuous measures will have to be resorted to in order to relieve the stress."

A pioneer citizen of this area was F. M. Townsend, who died in 1912. He was born in Jefferson County in September 1838. He served in the Indian War with Capt. Bill Kendrick in 1836 when he was only 18 years old. He also served with distinction in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. In the winter of 1873 he moved to Hernando County, living that year at Brooksville, but moving the next year to the home place at Istachatta.

Townsend took a leading part in helping to develop Hernando County (Citrus at that time was a part of Hernando), and it was he who established the public highway via Istachatta and which was known as the old stage line between Tampa, Brooksville and Wildwood. He was instrumental in having established the telegraph lines between Brooksville and Wildwood and to Bay Port and to Cedar Key, and was a pioneer in the navigation of the Withlacoochee River.

He served his county as Tax Collector, and also served as Hernando's member in the lower House of the Legislature. He always took a deep interest in the advancement and development of Hernando County and was in the foremost ranks helping to push his county to the front, according to the *Southern Argus*, published at Brooksville. Six children survived him. They were Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman, Dunedin; Mrs. E. T. Posser, Dunedin; Miss Kate Townsend, vocal teacher in Columbia College at Lake City; T. E. Townsend, Istachatta; F. M. Townsend, Jr., San Antonio, Tex.; and J. F. Townsend, Madison.

Another old-timer died about this time. He was M. M. Gaston, who was once postmaster of Inverness but who of late had been living in Punta Gorda. He died in Illinois, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. The *Punta Gorda Herald* obituary noted that Gaston was born in Foxville, Ill., Oct. 1, 1842. He married and came to Florida early in 1876, settling at Aerdonda in Alachua County five miles from Gainesville. Later he moved to Inverness, where he served a term as postmaster and took a lively interest in public affairs.

In 1895 he took up his residence on one of the Ten Thousand Islands, moving from there to Punta Gorda about 1897, and engaged in truck farming and fruit growing as well as the poultry business.

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Brooksville, the county seat was not readily available to the
average man. In 1887 a delegation went from Hernando County
to Tallahassee to present a petition to divide the county. On
the 2nd day of June a bill was introduced in the House and
Senate, "To divide the County of Hernando, creating the Counties
of Pasco and Citrus." Albert Willard, a hotel operator from
Homoassa, and Nick Barco of Red Level were the delegates
sent to see that the bill was introduced by the right officials.
Senator A. S. Mann took charge, and having the ear of Governor
Ferry, the bill was signed less than four hours after passing.

Mannfield (sometimes Mansfield), named in honor of the
Senator, was designated as the County Seat until elections
could be held to find out the wishes of the people. The first
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with the following officials, all appointed by the Governor:

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| | J. T. Landrum |
| | James S. Baker, Chairman |
| | J. C. Priest |
| Sheriff | J. C. Phillips |
| Tax Assessor | Nick Barco |
| Tax Collector | Daniel Tompkins |
| Clerk of Court | W. Z. Zimmerman |
| Attorney | J. W. Allen |
| Treasurer | J. W. Fleming |
| Surveyor | |
| County Judge | |

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Elections were to be held within two years after a bill of division was passed. At this meeting, the Attorney, J. C. Phillips, agreed to receive the sum of \$25 per month for his legal services for all the county offices. Later in the month, at a meeting held in Brooksville, a decision was made to rent a house owned by C. W. Moffat at Mannfield, to be used as a court house for a period of two years. The rent of \$10 per month was to be paid by improvements made on the property. On May 3rd, 1888, new Commissioners were elected, Landrum being the only one to retain his seat; Albert Willard and Dr. Charles Dunklin were chosen from the west side of the county and M. F. Zellner and O. O. Spooner from the east side.

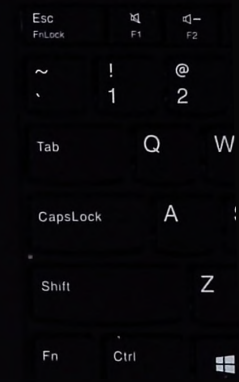
The first election to decide the county seat was held March 7th, 1889. Crystal River led but no community carried sufficient votes to qualify. On August 3rd, 1889, a second election was held and the name Inverness (a Miss Nat Baker gave name to the area) is heard for the first time when it polled 268 votes out of a total of 581, just short of success. Prior to the elections, a group of financiers purchased 160 acres of land...the site of the present day Inverness...and had the land surveyed by a Mr. Mason of the Florida Orange Canal and Transit Company which promised to do great things for the County. A town plat was made by John E. King of Lecanto, still the Tax Collector for Hernando County, having been elected before the division. Francis Marion Dampier was

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engaged to clear the land so that streets and avenues might be marked. There was no 'town' of Inverness and only two people lived on the acreage but the little settlement of Tompkinsville began west from a line drawn from the existing school area to the lake. Six indecisive elections were held, the votes going up and down with none having enough to declare a clear majority for any community. On April 4th, 1891, the seventh election was held. Five days later at the courthouse in Mannfield the Commissioners gathered to count the votes. Zellner, Spooner and Landrum awaited Chairman Willard and Commissioner Dunklin. Wearied of awaiting their arrival Landrum was chosen in Willard's place and the count began; 526 votes had been cast, Inverness receiving 267, Lecanto 258, and Gulf Junction 1. Inverness having received the scant majority was declared to be the permanent location of the new County Seat. At that moment Captain A. E. Willard appeared and assumed the duties of Presiding Officer.

Colonel Robert L. Anderson, attorney for interested parties, rose and made a speech, "Inverness has been chosen by law," and he further suggested that, "All county property, records, and papers be at once removed to Inverness to be placed in a building which has been tendered by citizens this day, which building to be designated as the Court House of Citrus County until another place shall be approved. Removal of said property to be made by citizens who have this day offered transport



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same free of charge. These citizens to be under the supervision of J. C. Priest, Sheriff of the County."

The anti-Inverness crowd had employed C. M. Dupree, an attorney, to represent them. Mr. Dupree jumped up with a restraining motion. "Matters should not be undertaken with such unseemingly haste." He reported that a number of citizens were going to seek an injunction to restrain any person from removing county property and further, he was going to Brooksville, where Court was in session, to secure such a restraint from the presiding judge. Dupree strode out of the Court House, mounted his horse and rode off. J. H. Priest, son of J. C. Priest, the Sheriff described the incident thusly:

"By the time he (Col. Dupree) got to Dade City (where the Judge had gone to from Brooksville) the court was over and the train was pulling out for Tampa. The Judge was Governor Mitchel and States' Attorney was Tom Palmer. The Sheriff had wired Palmer ahead of time to represent Inverness. Dupree jumped on the train with the judge and they argued the case all the way to Tampa. He got back to Mansfield the next day and he had lost the case.

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Commissioners' room, Lawyer Anderson's suggestion was made a motion by Landrum and passed unanimously. Shouting men backed the waiting vehicles up to the Court House and swarmed into the building. Chairman Willard enjoined the Sheriff to see that care was taken of the county property as books, records, furniture went pell-mell into the wagons. Soon ordinary moving became too slow and huge metal bars were used to flatten the walls, now safes and heavy furniture could be rolled into the conveyances. Presently, the building was empty except for the desk, chair, papers and presence of Clerk of the Court Zimmerman. That gentleman sat in his chair steadily copying the minutes of the meeting and refusing to move when requested. The Sheriff gave orders and Zimmerman, still in his chair, was lifted bodily and placed in a wagon along with his desk and papers. He was not allowed to leave his chair until the entire party reached Inverness. Zimmerman never ceased writing the minutes.

The Sheriff cracked his whip and fell in behind the cavalcade; a Negro was instructed to close the gate to the abandoned courthouse. Cowboy whoops, Rebel yells, and catcalls enlivened the way. As the group neared the Tompkinsville-Inverness line, singing started and men and women sang and danced their way down to a little store opposite the present Courthouse...probably built for just this purpose by an Irishman named James Gaffney. In a few hours the Courthouse was in

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Nick Barco
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working order even to the Clerk's Office. Zimmerman read aloud what he had written as he was jolting along on his ride behind Frank Dampier's four mules.

"Immediately upon the announcement of the outcome of the election, a hundredhands began the tearing down of the walls of the Circuit Court, and the Clerk's Office and loading up County property and records for removal. It being impossible to transact any further business, a motion to adjourn and meet at Inverness on the 20th of April, 1891, was unanimously passed."

"A. E. Willard, Chairman.
W. C. Zimmerman, Secty., and Clerk"

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 Site Inventory Form

Site No. 227032493

Site Name Zimmerman House Survey Date 2/87-5/87
 Address of Site 8441 E. Orange Ave., Floral City
 Instruction for Locating _____

Location Investment Co. Add IR Subdivision name _____ block no. _____ lot no. _____

County Citrus
 District name if applicable NA

Owner of Site: Name Robert Figley
 Address 1819 Skyland Dr.
Clearwater FL 33515

Type of Ownership private Recording Date _____
 Recorder: Name & Title Murray D. Laurie, Consultant
 Address 3504 S. W. 30 Terrace, #29C
Gainesville, FL 32608

Condition of Site: Integrity of Site: Original Use residence

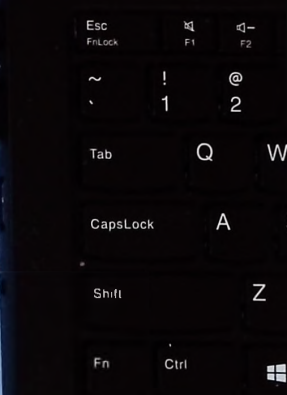
Check One Excellent Altered Present Use residence
 Good Unaltered Dates c 1900
 Fair Original Use Cultural/Phase American
 Deteriorated Restored/Date Period
 Moved/Date _____

NR Classification Category Building Date listed on NR _____
 Threats to Site: _____

Check One or More
 Erosion Transportation
 Development Fill
 Deterioration Dredge
 Borrowing
 Other (See Remarks Below) _____

Areas of Significance: architecture

Significance:
 Built by George Higgins, a builder who moved to Floral City from Brooksville in the 1890s, as his home. Higgins also built the Baptist Church and was the Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He built several other homes in Floral City. Higgins also built the Floral City Methodist Church (1884), still standing.
 W. C. Zimmerman was Citrus County's first clerk of the Circuit Court; he also served as the School Superintendent. Captain Zimmerman was also a farmer and a citrus grower in the Floral City area.



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of good transportation and with only sand roads and trails to
Brooksville, the county seat was not readily available to the
average man. In 1887 a delegation went from Hernando County
to Tallahassee to present a petition to divide the county. On
the 2nd day of June a bill was introduced in the House and
Senate, "To divide the County of Hernando, creating the Counties
of Pasco and Citrus." Albert Willard, a hotel operator from
Homsassa, and Nick Barco of Red Level were the delegates
sent to see that the bill was introduced by the right officials.
Senator A. S. Mann took charge, and having the ear of Governor
Perry, the bill was signed less than four hours after passing.

Mannfield (sometimes Mansfield), named in honor of the
Senator, was designated as the County Seat until elections
could be held to find out the wishes of the people. The first
meeting was held August 1st, 1887 in the church at Mannfield
with the following officials, all appointed by the Governor:

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| COMMISSIONERS: | F. J. Peacher |
| | O. P. Keller |
| | J. T. Landrum |
| | James S. Baker, Chairman |
| Sheriff | J. C. Priest |
| Tax Assessor | W. M. Brooks |
| Tax Collector | Daniel Tompkins |
| Clerk of Court | W. Z. Zimmerman |
| Attorney | J. C. Phillips |
| Treasurer | Nick Barco |
| Surveyor | J. W. Allen |
| County Judge | J. W. Fleming |

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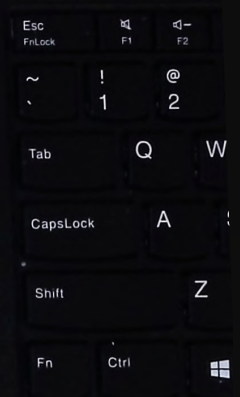
same free of charge. These citizens to be under the supervision of J. C. Priest, Sheriff of the County."

The anti-Inverness crowd had employed C. M. Dupree, an attorney, to represent them. Mr. Dupree jumped up with a restraining motion. "Matters should not be undertaken with such unseemingly haste." He reported that a number of citizens were going to seek an injunction to restrain any person from removing county property and further, he was going to Brooksville, where Court was in session, to secure such a restraint from the presiding judge. Dupree strode out of the Court House, mounted his horse and rode off. J. E. Priest, son of J. C. Priest, the Sheriff described the incident thusly:

"By the time he (Col. Dupree) got to Dade City (where the Judge had gone to from Brooksville) the court was over and the train was pulling out for Tampa. The Judge was Governor Mitchel and States' Attorney was Tom Palmer. The Sheriff had wired Palmer ahead of time to represent Inverness. Dupree jumped on the train with the judge and they argued the case all the way to Tampa. He got back to Mansfield the next day and he had lost the case.

But if he hadn't lost the case the courthouse would have done been moved anyway."

The Clerk of the Court, Zimmerman, was never in favor of moving the courthouse and sat as if petrified. In the



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Commissioners' room, Lawyer Anderson's suggestion was made a motion by Landrum and passed unanimously. Shouting men backed the waiting vehicles up to the Court House and swarmed into the building. Chairman Willard enjoined the Sheriff to see that care was taken of the county property as books, records, furniture went pell-mell into the wagons. Soon ordinary moving became too slow and huge metal bars were used to flatten the walls, now safes and heavy furniture could be rolled into the conveyances. Presently, the building was empty except for the desk, chair, papers and presence of Clerk of the Court Zimmerman. That gentleman sat in his chair steadily copying the minutes of the meeting and refusing to move when requested. The Sheriff gave orders and Zimmerman, still in his chair, was lifted bodily and placed in a wagon along with his desk and papers. He was not allowed to leave his chair until the entire party reached Inverness. Zimmerman never ceased writing the minutes.

The Sheriff cracked his whip and fell in behind the cavalcade; a Negro was instructed to close the gate to the abandoned courthouse. Cowboy whoops, Rebel yells, and catcalls enlivened the way. As the group neared the Tompkinsville-Inverness line, singing started and men and women sang and danced their way down to a little store opposite the present Courthouse...probably built for just this purpose by an Irishman named James Gaffney. In a few hours the Courthouse was in

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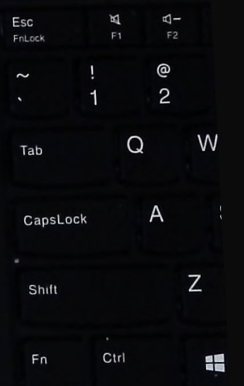
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working order even to the Clerk's Office. Zimmerman read
aloud what he had written as he was jolting along on his ride
behind Frank Dampier's four mules.

"Immediately upon the announcement
of the outcome of the election, a
hundredhands began the tearing down
of the walls of the Circuit Court, and
the Clerk's Office and loading up
County property and records for removal.
It being impossible to transact any
further business, a motion to adjourn and
meet at Inverness on the 20th of April,
1891, was unanimously passed."

"A. E. Willard, Chairman.
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Floral City: Twice As Big As Miami

Arlington was a community described as being 23 miles north of Brooksville and five miles west of the Withlacoochee River, in the vicinity of present day Inverness. The 1886-87 Gazetteer showed the village of 50 was settled in 1881. P. J. Peacher was listed as postmaster. "There is a stage line to Brooksville twice a week, fare \$1.15", the volume noted, and added, "Mails received Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday." It had a church, school, saw mill, one store "and wants a hotel to supply present needs." Oranges, bananas, pineapples, and vegetables were reported successfully grown in Arlington.

The Reverend Young was listed as pastor of the Union Church. M. B. Van Ness had the saw mill. Banana growers were R. E. Anderson, Samuel McCall and P. J. Peacher. Orange growers listed were William Baldrige, S. M. Barton, J. R. Biggs, T. Chase, H. T. Coffey, C. H. Lewis, R. M. Barton, J. Beagles, T. E. Biggs, R. W. Cochran, William Herron, Samuel McCall, P. J. Peacher, John Rodgers, Samuel Rodgers, J. S. Perkins, C. C. Todd and M. B. Van Ness. Mrs. L. Lord was cited as a pineapple grower, and vegetable and truck farmers listed were Baldrige, F. E. Biggs, Mrs. Lord, J. Beagles, J. R. Biggs, McCall and Peacher.

Arlington was one of the communities that supplied settlers to Inverness. Today virtually no trace of Arlington remains. The principal business establishments, a large dance hall and several houses occupied the knoll on which Mr. and Mrs. Louis Connell have their home. The Connell lake then was called Gopher House pond. The huge old live oaks on the shore of the lake cover what was then one of the most famous picnic grounds in Florida. Pioneer organizations from miles around used to gather under these shade trees for all day "jubilees."

FLORAL CITY'S FIRST BOOM

Another settlement blossomed in the area in 1883 when two or three families started the village of Floral City. A year later it had 30 or 40 families, and by the time the 1886-87 Gazetteer was published it boasted a population of 300.

It also had a school, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian Church organizations, steam saw mill and five stores. The publishers suggested "A furniture factory would pay here." Land was going for \$10 to \$50 an acre.

James W. Fleming was the postmaster and notary public, as well as operator of a grocery and the Floral City Hotel. Other stores were J. M. Baker & Co., gen. mdse.; G. B. Kirksey, grocer; Nelson & Bro., groceries and hardware; Turner & Clements, drugs and mdse.; J. C. Clements had the sawmill, and Miss Sallie Liles was listed as the sole teacher.

Farmer and grain planters in Floral City in the mid 1880's, and their acreages, were J. C. Clements, 20; J. A. Hampton, 20; Joseph Robertson, 15; H. W. Zellner, 10, and M. R. Zellner, 20.

Orange growers and acreage were J. M. Baker, 10; B. F. Boswell, 8; J. C. Clements, 10; W. A. Duval, 10; J. A. Hampton, 10; Sam and James Pyles, 25; J. R. Williams; H. W. Zellner, 4; J. H. Barrs, 4; G. J. Boswell, 10; J. W. Duval, 15; J. W. Fleming, 10; James Robertson, 4; W. S. Turner; E. A. Zellner 6; M. F. Zellner 6, and W. C. Zimmerman, 10.

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All Sorts of Things and Weather

*All sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together,
To make up a year
And a Sphere.*
- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It was not until 1899 that Citrus County began recording its weather. And even since then, there have been hits and misses on keeping the data.

Albert Carlin, of Citrus Springs, a member of the Citrus County Bicentennial Steering Committee undertook the job of researching the subject of weather for this history, and in the doing turned up a wealth of information. He is a retired training director of the old U. S. Weather Bureau.

He discovered that the lowest temperature ever recorded for Inverness was 14 degrees which was the reading that cold morning of Feb. 13, 1899. This record came almost immediately after the recordkeeping was started by W. C. Zimmerman, who kept track of the weather from February to December, 1899. The highest temperature recorded was 105 degrees on Sept. 7, 1955.

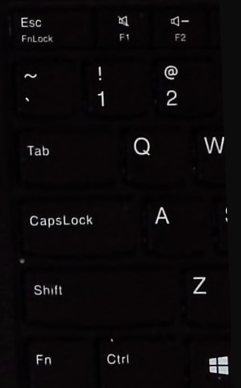
Other official weather watchers for the area include veteran W. H. Miller, who kept rainfall only from February to April, 1900, then the full observation, temperature and rainfall, in the periods June, 1900 to October, 1914; May, 1915 to July, 1917; October, 1917 to September, 1925; and for May, 1926.

Observer Miller was followed by Sam H. Roundtree, who kept rainfall only during September, 1926, and full observation between October, 1926 and February, 1927; Phil Robinson, from June, 1928 to November 1928, Adam Noble, (President of the Inverness Town Council in 1922 and Mayor in 1925) from January, 1929 to November, 1937; W. H. Wright, December, 1937; Frank Morris, (member of Town Council in 1925) from January, 1938, to July, 1941; J. H. Spivey, October, 1941 to May, 1951.

Since August, 1951, the U. S. Weather Bureau "Climatological Data" records indicate only that observations are taken by the "City of Inverness." But Carlin says local inquiry disclosed that the observers since 1966 are as follows: Edward DeArcas, February, 1966 to December, 1967; Thomas D. Heath, January, 1968 through mid-1969; and James W. Voigt, mid-1969 through the present.

Apparently the weather observations were taken at the old water plant until 1966, when they were moved to the sewage plant, and where they are still taken.

There is some annual summary weather data missing for Inverness, according to Carlin. There may be fragments of data in some of the years listed below but not enough to make an



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for pleasant houses & have taken such a
claws; already it is said that they have
The indignant yankees are beginning
this evening.
there last afternoon. A corp of cavalry
flag over Christ Church. I am told that
than yesterday the eve of Good Friday
& wound up with the "Star Spangled
the house & treated us to that delightful
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over Lee. I trust it is not so. But still
A salute has just been fired in hono
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The news today is that our Lee has
after 6 o'clock P.M.
General order No. 1 (yankee) &
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versation with a squad of yankees
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April 12—From my window I see
treatment.
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Started to the graveyard
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Courage my heart, the
I have witnessed the

April 3, 1865

Dear Miss Sallie,
Col. Burnet, Gen'l. Maury's chief of artillery was killed last Friday or Sat. at Spanish Fort. He was buried yesterday. When he was killed Gen. Maury sent a request to Capt. Harrison asking him to take the body on board the Morgan until he could send a boat to take him to town and Capt. H. refused and ordered the officer whom Gen. M. had sent on board to leave the ship. Did you ever hear the like. The Navy is horrified. . . . This officer was a Capt. Gillespie, who has won the undying gratitude and admiration of this community by administering a dose of corporal chastisement to the unpopular captain. Gen. Maury told him very plainly what he thought of the affair and this evening he was relieved from the command of the Morgan.

The second letter is from Lt. Thomas Harrison (no relation to Capt. Harrison—lately of C.S.S. Morgan) to his wife-to-be Miss Mary Waring in Mobile.

April 7, 1865—C.S.S. Nashville, below Blakeley

Your kindness My Dear Friends was fully presented to me this morning by the arrival of the nice basket containing the cake-eggs and "all right" and for which you will please accept my grateful thanks. My silence must be attributed to a want of time, we have been busy night and day—as well as to a want of news as we have been some distance above Blakeley as indicated on the map which I enclose. . . . The enemy have been unusually quiet for several days and the loss on our side slight. Yesterday at Spanish Fort our loss was one killed and 11 wounded; at Blakeley, 2 killed and 12 wounded. The enemy have made no impression on our works. We are now below Blakeley—to guard our communications with Spanish Fort. Since the removal of your cousin "Gall-Worm-Wood" (Capt. Harrison) the Morgan has been doing good service. She was struck yesterday . . . no one hurt . . . Regards to Mrs. W., Mr. W. and all friends, Very truly

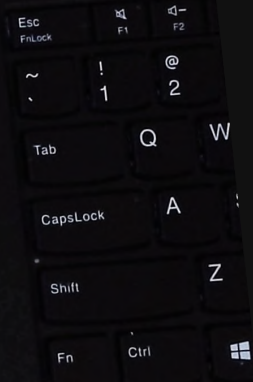
Cousin Tom

One of the observers when the Federal troops marched in was a teen aged boy who wrote the following letter to his sister on a plantation up state.

Mobile, April 12, 1865

Dear Sister:
I have a sad tale to tell you. Mobile has fallen and we are

now under Yankee dominion. I will give as full an account of the capture as I am able. . . . The last of the Confederate army left the city before day break this morning, followed by all the steam boats, including the blockade runners and by the gun-boats which brought up the rear. The garrisons of the Battery Huger and Battery Tracy escaped with the rest. About 11 o'clock Mayor Slough, Caleb Price and Dr. Ketchum went in a carriage with a white flag to meet the Yankees who were landing troops at the lower toll gate on the bay road and to negotiate the terms of surrender. At 2:30 o'clock, as I was walking out on the gallery I saw some soldiers dressed in blue going down Royal St. I called Ma and she said they were Yankees who had come to hoist the flag of the dis-United States over Mobile and I ran after them and followed them till they stopped at the Battle House, where they went in and having eaten dinner they went up on top and hoisted it. They took off their caps and gave three cheers for the capture of Mobile. . . . Just before they raised the hated gridiron, they stepped in front of the Custom House and mayor S. made a short speech to the crowd . . . telling the citizens to go to their homes and to behave as quietly as possible. The mayor then went with the Yankees to the Manassas Club room where each got a cigar and returned into the carriage smoking . . . About an hour afterwards one of the Yankee generals, accompanied with his staff, rode along Conception St. He was followed by two carriages and an ambulance filled with Yankee officers among them the renegade Farragut. The despicable gridiron was then raised above the Market. In a little while the officers were riding all over the city. One group passed me and I gave three hearty groans. About 4:30 P.M. the advance of the Yankee army reached the city. And at the same time one of their boats the "General Banks" arrived at the foot of Government Street. As soon as the negroes and some white people saw the boat at the wharf they rushed down the street shouting and hurraing. They shook hands with the detestible Yankees and were invited by them to go on the boat. Soon the deck was crowded with the colored "gemin of African scent" and their white livered breathren. Giddie Sue and I walked down to look at her but we wouldn't go on the same wharf that she was at. She brought on her Gen. Granger and staff. About 6 P.M. another regt. of the house-burners



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April 13—From my window I see
 A most hateful sight. There stand
 vasion with a squad of yankee
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marched through Mobile to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." They came in very quietly with the poorest bands in Yankee-
 dom, for each band consisted of nothing but 10 fifers and ten
 drummers . . . About 8 P.M. another re-inforcement . . . one
 or two brigades this time. They came in yelling with their
 hand (real brass bands this time, no mistake) playing "Hail
 Columbia," "Yankee Doodle" and "Columbia the Gem of
 the Ocean." They were singing something as they marched
 along but as Ma would not let me go out in the street I
 couldn't hear very distinctly . . . I am sorry to say they were
 cheered by some people on the streets. The negroes were very
 glad to meet them. They shook hands with the Yankees telling
 them that they were glad they had come, for they (the negroes)
 has been "waiting a long time for them to come." Mr. Hall
 (the one that lives on Monroe St.) shook hands with the first
 Yankee officer that came. Pa doesn't know how to bear up
 under the misfortune. He takes it *very, very* hard. But we are
 all hopeful and expect the French before Autumn. Your
 brother,

Willie (Fulton)

The following—and concluding—entries in the
 story of *MOBILE: 1861-1865* are from the journal
 of Mrs. Laura Roberts Pillans from the grim days
 in the spring of 1865. Mrs. Pillans, the daughter of Dr. Willis
 Roberts, pioneer doctor at the old Mobile City Hospital, had
 married Mr. J. Palmer Pillans in 1845. She was the grandmother
 of Miss Laura Pillans, Mr. Harry Pillans and Mr. Palmer Pillans,
 all of Mobile.

March 12, 1865—The weather clear & cold. Twenty one vessels
 in the bay; five of them monitors. Twenty thousand Yankees
 have advanced as far as Gonzalez, a little village twelve miles
 west of Pensacola. They shelled both sides of the bay yester-
 day. It is supposed that our trial is approaching. I believe
 our people will meet the attack with calmness & resolution &
 will sustain the spirit & resolution of the soldiers sent here
 for defense.

March 27—Day dull cloudy, raining occasionally. The attack
 upon Spanish Fort commenced. The firing very heavy & has
 now continued all day nearly. May the brave garrison be
 able to hold out. Public anxiety is intense.

March 31—Col. Burnet killed at Spanish Ft.



The final assault on Fort Blakely—Hager's Weekly

April 2—Wrote to Sophy today.
 April 9—Dreamed last night that Blakely had fallen. Was told
 a few moments after that Spanish Fort had been captured.

April 10—Blakely captured with most of the garrison. Many
 were shot or drowned. Evacuation of the city ordered. Oh my
 darling, my only son, must I part with you perhaps forever.
 Be still my heart! Now comes the hour of trial. Where now is
 your boasted patriotism? Alas! I could have parted from him
 more cheerfully if the prospects of our beloved Confederacy
 had been brighter, but this, the darkest hour of all! Richmond
 captured, Petersburg surrendered, Mobile about to be evacu-
 ated. My boy! "So young, so high spirited and confident."
 "Cheer up Ma, we will whip the Yankees yet." I hear his
 proud words & see yet the defiant smile.

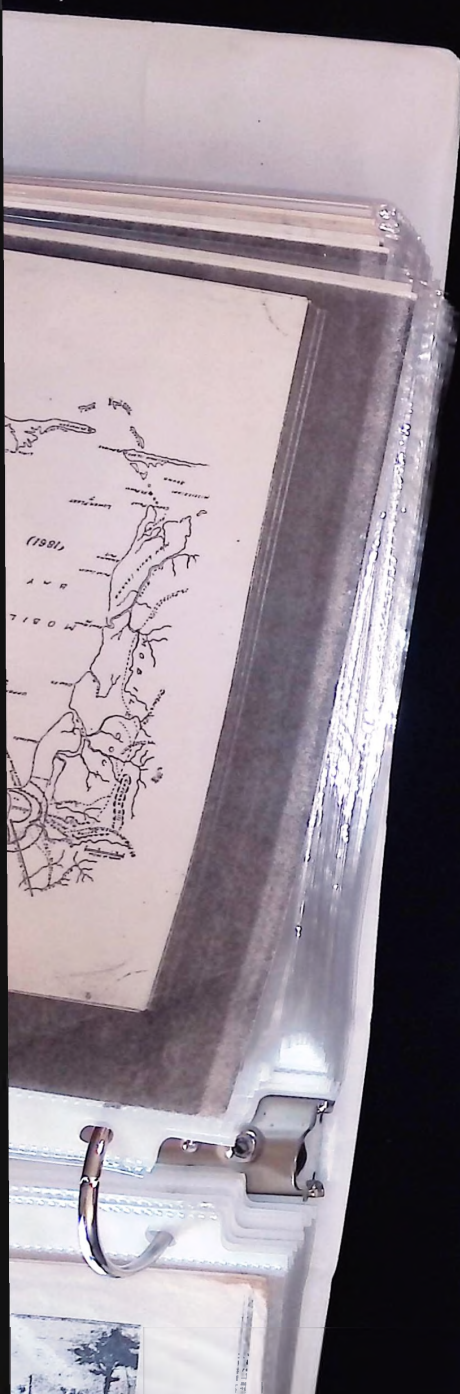
April 11—Most of the army gone. I saw them march past with
 resolute step. Perhaps I shall never look upon a gray coat
 again. At five o'clock my husband, my good affectionate best
 friend, left me, left me alone to witness the fall of this dear old
 city. As the guns upon forts Huger & Tracy boom out with
 heavy roar, the sound fills my heart with bitter sorrow.

April 12—The last Confederate gun was fired at battery "Hu-
 ger" about sunset. Since then a heavy calm has fallen upon
 the city. The last company of infantry marched out this
 morning at 6 A.M. & a small detachment of cavalry is prepar-
 ing to follow & then we shall be at the mercy of the captors.

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I have witnessed the last expiring struggle of my poor mother. Courage my heart, the news from our Lee is good. Sherman's army defeated, it is said, & the Yankee general a prisoner. Started to the graveyard but a gentleman sent me word I had better get back home at once for that the Yankees were coming into town. I hastened back as fast as I could but my heart was convulsed with irrepressible emotion. 5 P.M. The Yankees after being received with loud hurrah by assembled traitors who rushed to the wharf to greet their friends hoisted the hated evil banner of tyranny over the "Battle House" & then marched quietly to the suburbs. They have only conducted themselves according to the rules of civilized warfare, but they are so seldom accustomed to act with such moderation that some of our people seem to be carried away by such unexpected treatment.

April 13—From my window I see the yankees pass constantly. A most hateful sight. There stands Willie H. in amicable conversation with a squad of yankees. Does none of the blood of his brave cousin tingle in his veins or has it turned to water? General order No. 1 (yankee) No citizen to be allowed out after 6 o'clock P.M.

The news today is that our Lee has been defeated with a loss of thirty thousand men & that by this has surrendered to the yankees.

A salute has just been fired in honor of the yankee victory over Lee. I trust it is not so. But still I fear. Last night we were treated to a vocal serenade. A yankee soldier stopped before the house & treated us to that delightful air "Yankee Doodle" & wound up with the "Star Spangled Banner." The bitterness of the race is often exemplified but never more conspicuously than yesterday the eve of Good Friday when they raised their flag over Christ Church. I am told that no service was held there last afternoon. A corp of cavalry passed up the street this evening.

The indulgent yanks are beginning to unsheath their claws: already it is said that they have been looking around for pleasant houses & have taken such a fancy to our neighbour Maguire's house as to signify to him their wish to possess it & so Mr. M— has nothing else to do but give it up peacefully. The screw begins to turn a little.

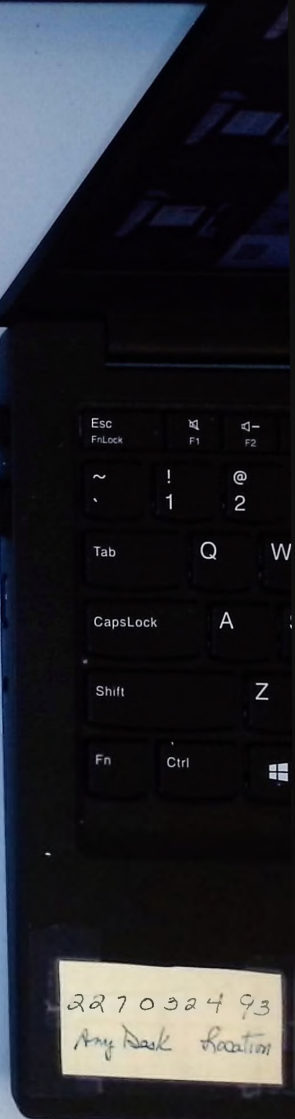
It is rumored that France has recognized our nationality just when, as the yankees say, we have lost it.

April 15—I had occasion to send a letter to New Orleans & wanted a U. S. postage stamp. Mr. Rollins asked a yankee officer if he could accommodate him with one. He immediately handed him one for which Mr. R— tendered him a dime. "Oh no!" said Mr. yankee, "Tis but a trifle, but on second thought I believe I will take it as a remembrance of this occasion," and pocketed the money. Having to go down to a justice of the peace to get out a writ to sue for a stolen horse & cart, on my way down passed Mrs. Duval's residence & in front a yankee sentinel was pacing.

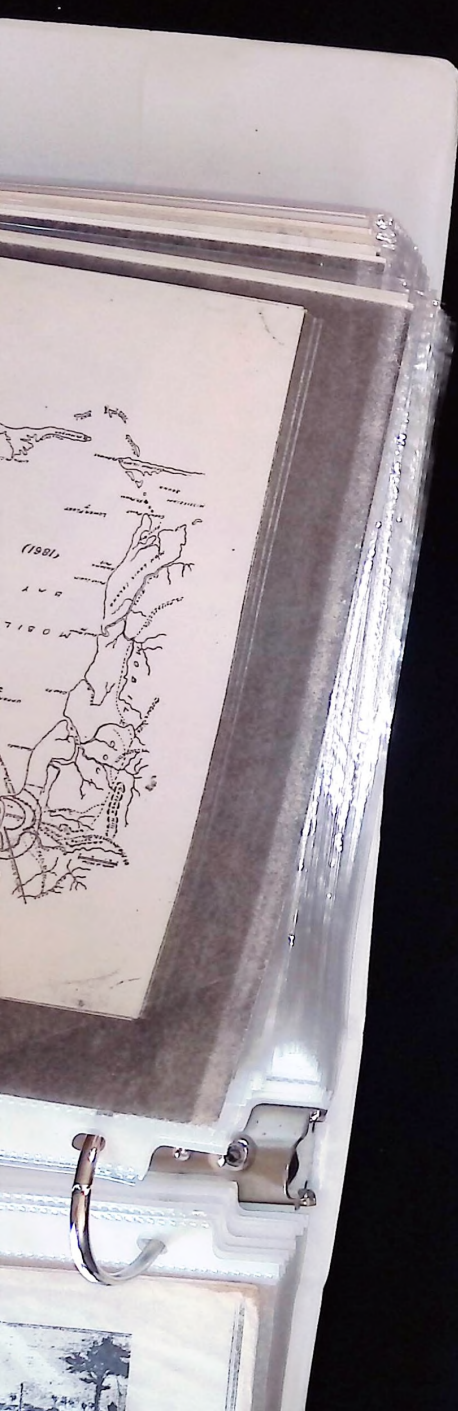
This morning Edith, who sleeps with me, suddenly called out in her sleep "Oh Papa Papa! They told me you would never breathe any more."

Harvey, the negro that went off with our soldiers, returned & told me that the troops that went off on the boats were most of them captured & that the boats were now after them. I went down at once to seek information. I went to the Provost Marshal & asked for a pass to visit the prisoners if any should arrive tomorrow.

It is said today that the rumors concerning the capture of our boats is false for none have been taken. When I first heard the news, not knowing where to go to get it confirmed, I thought the best plan was to go direct to Canby's house & learn what I could. I was directed to Mr. Stuart's but after wading across the street until I was nearly up to my knees, for it had rained heavily, I was told by a federal officer that he was not in but that I could speak to Osterhaus, Genl Canby's chief of staff. I told him I did not wish to see Genl Osterhaus. He then sent a negro to show me where I would probably find Genl Canby. I started back through the mud but when I got half way I got fairly stuck in the mud & whenever I lifted a foot I left my shoe so that I was in despair. Just then the same Capt. who spoke so kindly to me before came up & saying "With your permission" set me upon the side walk. I thanked him but could not forbear to tell him I had little thought I should ever have occasion to thank a federal soldier for anything. He was a young Irishman. I believe I shall never declare what I would do under any given circumstances again for this morning I should have declared I would have scratched out the eyes of any yankee who would presume to speak to me, but I was so overwhelmed with grief & consternation that I should have accepted a passage upon the back of the sea



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Northern vessels wherever she could find them, and was second only to the Alabama in the number she sank. In addition to this, the Florida armed and sent out some of her captured prizes, with separate crews, and they did almost as much damage as the Florida herself. She was one of the few Confederate vessels that actually sailed from a Confederate port, and much stress was laid upon this by England when arbitration of the matter was had at Geneva. The only way the Federals could capture the Florida was by attacking her when off guard in a neutral



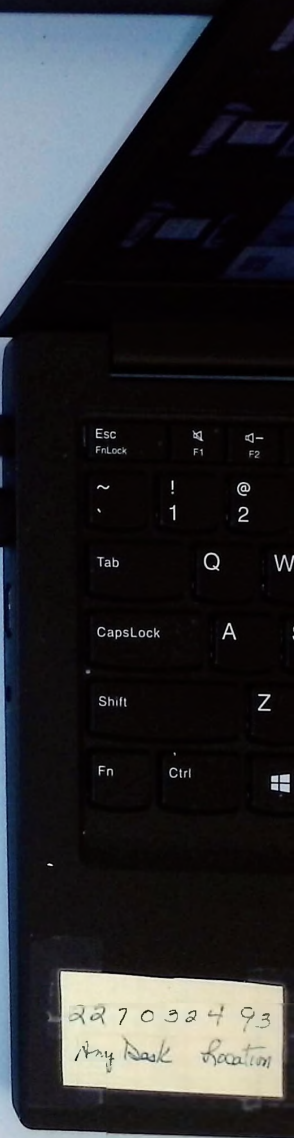
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South American port, while her captain was ashore, and even then Stone was able to wrap her flag around his sword and throw them into the sea through a port-hole. There were many blockade-runners coming in and out, but the Florida was the only Confederate man of war that went to sea from Mobile.

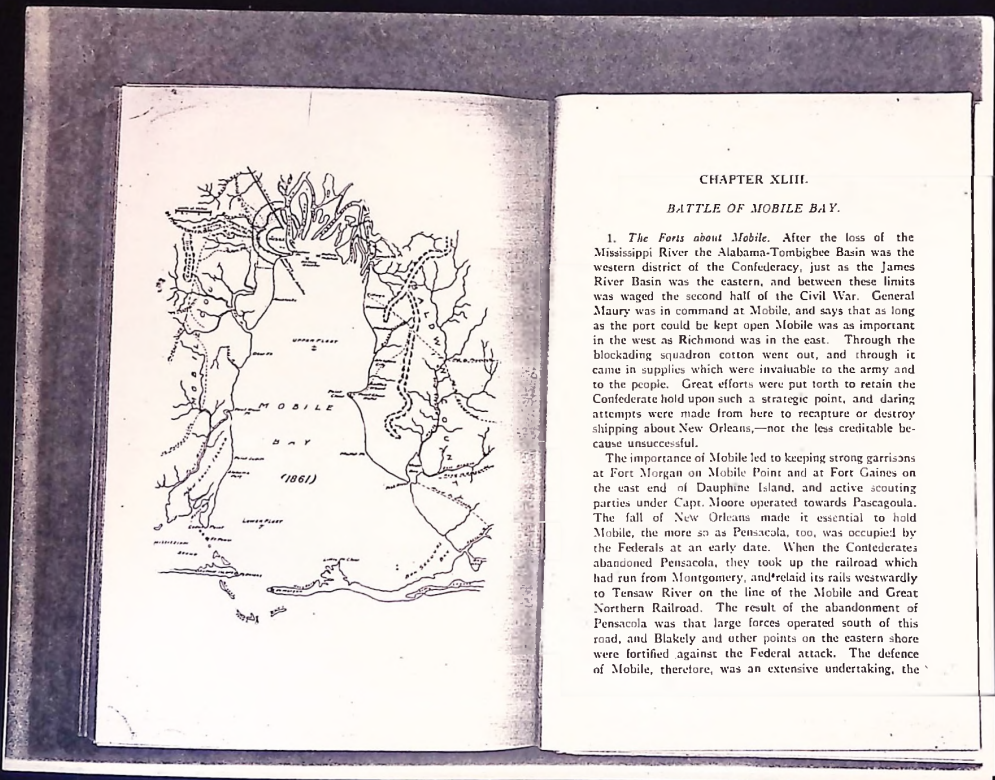
8. *The Bay Fleet.* After the surrender of New Orleans, Mobile became the principal port of the Confederacy on the Gulf of Mexico. It was not only strongly defended by

forts on the land side and at the mouth of the Bay, but there was much local activity in naval matters. Expeditions were organized against Pensacola and New Orleans, and a squadron constructed for defence of the harbor, made up of river and Bay steamboats. It was not of the highest type, but it was the best that could be done, and promised to serve the purpose. Its three wooden gun-boats were called the Gaines, the Selma and the Morgan. Noah K. Ludlow, son of the theatre manager, had run on the Alabama River and Mail Line before the War and now, as Confederate engineer for this district, fitted up the Gaines and Morgan, and they were in service before the Tennessee came down the river. On them were a number of Mobile men, some who had never been in a naval engagement. Simon Klosky was there looking after the meals. An active officer was Thomas L. Harrison, executive officer on the Morgan. The Morgan was fortunate enough to escape serious injury in the battle, only one man being wounded, and after the surrender of the other vessels Harrison ran her through the enemy's fleet on a starlight night up to Mobile in safety,—the only vessel saved of the Confederate fleet. The Morgan and her officers were able to render good service in the subsequent operations about Spanish Fort and Blakely.

9. *The Submarine Hunley.* One new form of warfare took its origin in Mobile in 1863, when William A. Alexander and others superintended the construction of the first submarine boat, the Hunley, at Parks and Lyons iron works in the southern part of the city. It was tried successfully in the river and Bay. A crew of eight men managed her and she went down and came up as was planned. Attempts were made to attack the blockading vessels, but they remained too far out, and it was not here that she was to meet the enemy. The Hunley was shipped



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CHAPTER XLIII.
 BATTLE OF MOBILE BAY.

1. *The Forts about Mobile.* After the loss of the Mississippi River the Alabama-Tombigbee Basin was the western district of the Confederacy, just as the James River Basin was the eastern, and between these limits was waged the second half of the Civil War. General Maury was in command at Mobile, and says that as long as the port could be kept open Mobile was as important in the west as Richmond was in the east. Through the blockading squadron cotton went out, and through it came in supplies which were invaluable to the army and to the people. Great efforts were put forth to retain the Confederate hold upon such a strategic point, and daring attempts were made from here to recapture or destroy shipping about New Orleans,—not the less creditable because unsuccessful.

The importance of Mobile led to keeping strong garrisons at Fort Morgan on Mobile Point and at Fort Gaines on the east end of Dauphin Island, and active scouting parties under Capt. Moore operated towards Pascagoula. The fall of New Orleans made it essential to hold Mobile the more so as Pensacola, too, was occupied by the Federals at an early date. When the Confederates abandoned Pensacola, they took up the railroad which had run from Montgomery, and relaid its rails westwardly to Tensaw River on the line of the Mobile and Great Northern Railroad. The result of the abandonment of Pensacola was that large forces operated south of this road, and Blakely and other points on the eastern shore were fortified against the Federal attack. The defence of Mobile, therefore, was an extensive undertaking, the

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more so as General Grant at one time planned marching there from Vicksburg, and Sherman did make a raid which inflicted much damage on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. Neither of them, however, reached Mobile. The actual danger was from the sea.

2. *Building the Tennessee.* While war paralyzed agriculture and every other business, there was one thing which the South owes to the Civil War, and that was the development of the Mineral Belt. It had long been known, but except in taking coal little use had been made of it. A short railroad had been built northwardly from Selma, which had the ambitious name of Alabama and Tennessee Railroad, but it had not got very far before the war stopped it. The Confederate government, now took charge



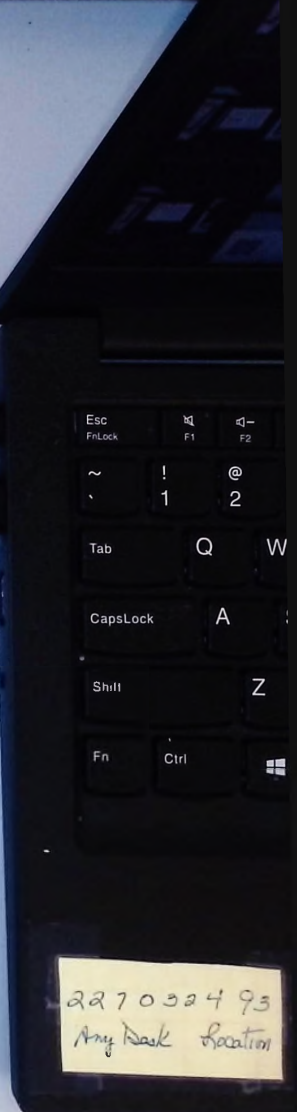
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not only of the coal mines but of the iron mines and mills also, and at Selma built arsenals and foundries which played a great part in the War. Oak and pine forests were also accessible and Ap. Catesby Jones made of the Selma works what the Tredegar works were at Richmond. It was at Selma the government hurried forward the building of the ram Tennessee in 1863 and 1864, and laid her keel while her other timbers were yet growing in the forests and the iron for her armor was still in the mines up the Cahaba valley. She was 209 feet long and 48 wide, and was never completed, but as soon as possible was towed down to Mobile to receive her five inch armor. This was fitted on a heavy pine and oak frame, slanting at an angle of 45

degrees. She carried two pivot rifled guns at the ends, and two in broadside on each side, and was finally thought to be in condition to meet the enemy daily expected at Fort Morgan. She now drew thirteen feet, and the Dog River Bar allowed but nine, and so it was necessary to sink wooden caissons or tanks and attach them to her, and, when they were pumped out, they raised her also and carried her over the bar. Then she hastened down to join the three gunboats which had been guarding the Bay. Of these the Morgan was the largest, and she carried only two seven-inch rifles and four thirty-two pounder guns. Admiral Buchanan, who had commanded the Virginia at Hampton Roads, was in charge of the Confederate squadron, and the Tennessee was his flag-ship. His whole force was four hundred and seventy men and twenty-two guns.

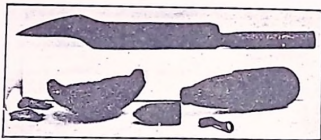
3. *Farragut and the Fort.* It was as important for the Federals to capture Mobile as it was for the Confederates to defend it, and Admiral Farragut had been able to get together for this purpose a squadron consisting of fourteen wooden steam vessels and four iron monitors, carrying in all twenty-seven hundred men and one hundred and ninety-nine guns. He waited outside the Bay until early one morning, when he thought the inflowing tide would turn the fuses of the torpedoes away from his boats, and then steamed in, his ships lashed two and two. The monitors were on the side towards Fort Morgan, the Tecumseh in the lead. Second in line came the Brooklyn with her mate, and next the flagship Hartford, with Farragut tied in the rigging. As the stately procession neared the fort, both sides began a murderous cannonade. Suddenly the Tecumseh lurched, and in a few seconds sank, struck by a torpedo. As the boat was going down, and men were struggling for their lives, the lieutenant and the captain

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met at the narrow iron ladder. The lieutenant stepped aside, when Captain Craven said, "After you, Lieutenant,"—but after the Lieutenant came the rushing waters, and Craven died at his post. A little boat had pushed out to save the few who did not go down with the *Tecumseh*, and the Confederates chivalrously refused to fire on them, despite the Union flag defiantly raised. The *Brooklyn*, with her torpedo protector, wavered and backed, confusing the whole column, and giving the gunners in the fort an opportunity of which they made good use. It was then Farragut from the rigging uttered his famous



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exclamation, "Damn the torpedoes, go ahead," pushed the *Hartford* to the front and restored order, and led the column amidst the galling fire into the Bay. One shell from bastion 5, fired by Capt. Whiting, exploded the boiler of the *Oneida* and killed or wounded forty men.

But the fort was now passed and the fleet was inside the Bay beyond range of the fort guns. The garrison could only watch what followed, and far away at Cedar Point people, among them a little boy named Dorton, gazed on one of the great battles of history until the smoke obscured the scene.

4. *A Naval Battle.* The Federal fleet could fire over 9,000 pounds of shot at a broadside. Confederate 1,500 all told, and in the engagement which followed, one Confederate gunboat was sunk, another captured and another finally got away to Mobile. The ram seemed to seek shelter for repairs under the guns of the fort, but then, to the astonishment of friend and foe, the *Tennessee* boldly made straight up the Bay to attack the Federal squadron. Vessel after vessel rammed and fought her, but she held her own, unwavering, seeking the



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flagship *Hartford*, which, however, was too swift and kept out of her way. She engaged the whole fleet at once, in one of the most heroic naval combats of history, and did not desist until her plates were loosened, port shutters jammed, smoke stack carried away, many of the crew wounded, Admiral Buchanan disabled, and the steering apparatus shot

away, so that she was as helpless as a log.
5. *The White Flag.* There was no use fighting longer. The heat and smoke became unbearable and the guns could not be manned. The wounded Buchanan reluctantly gave the order to hoist the white flag, and soon a Federal officer came aboard to receive the surrender. All honor and courtesy was shown to the defeated, and Farragut,

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after making arrangements with Fort Morgan, sent Buchanan and the wounded prisoners in a vessel around to Pensacola.

6. Fort Gaines. Troops landed on Dauphine Island had already driven the Confederates into Fort Gaines, which the next day was invested by land and sea. Farragut induced Col. Anderson to come out to the fleet and convinced him that resistance was useless and could only result in loss of lives, and so, without notice to Gen. Page at Fort Morgan, Fort Gaines, was surrendered with all its stores. The Pelham Cadets, Mobile's home guard of young men, had lately been sent down, and they were captured too with the regular garrison. Over 800 men



THE TENNESSEE AFTER THE BATTLE

and twenty-eight guns were the fruit of the surrender. Fort Powell, guarding Grant's Pass, had been found untenable, and Colonel J. M. Williams the night before set a fuse and got all his men safely through the deep water to Cedar Point before the explosion which blew the fort to pieces.

7. Fort Morgan. General Page was much mortified at the surrender of Fort Gaines, and had no intention of giving up. General Granger landed at Navy Cove with an overwhelming force of Federals, and after approaches, run gradually closer from day to day, by the 22nd Fort Morgan was as completely invested by army and navy as had been Fort Bowyer. Page had about 500 men

against 5,000, besides the whole fleet, most of whose vessels were now inside the Bay and so not within the range of the fort's heavy guns, which faced the Gulf. The discipline of the garrison continued perfect, and stood the test of an unbroken bombardment, whose thunders were heard at Mobile, thirty miles away. Many shells were thrown into the fort, the pine walls of the octagon citadel were fired, with increasing danger to the magazine, and at last the walls were breached in several places. Further defence was useless, and, after spending the night destroying everything possible, General Page surrendered. The Federals occupied the fort and sent the prisoners to New Orleans. Farragut's fleet now patrolled the Bay, and, except for the Obstructions, at the mouth of the river, Mobile was left defenceless from the sea.

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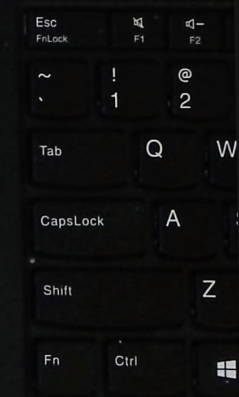
THE END OF THE WAR.

1. *The Federal Advance.* Admiral Farragut did not venture to try to pass the Obstructions at the mouth of the Mobile River as he had those in the Mississippi, and Mobile was left unattacked for over a year. The Federals held Pascagoula to the southwest and Pensacola to the southeast, but attempted no advance far from their fleet. After the capture of Fort Morgan, however, Mobile was practically bottled up. The Federals devoted their attention to Sherman's March to the Sea, which cut off the Alabama-Tombigbee Basin from the east, and it was only in the Spring of 1865 that they proceeded against Mobile itself. The plan adopted was to advance from Pensacola with the view of reducing the forts on the Tensaw. This done, transports could go through the delta to Mobile River and to the city itself.

2. *Spanish Fort.* Most of the Confederate forces had been withdrawn to the East and only five thousand troops remained at Blakely on the Tensaw River and at Spanish Fort at the mouth of its branch, the Apalachee River. The forts could not be approached by water because of the torpedoes, and the attack planned by General Canby was therefore to throw his forty-five thousand troops from the land side on the two river forts, and to this end his whole army, including a column under General Steele from Pensacola, advanced towards Spanish Fort, commanded by Randall L. Gibson, afterwards senator from Louisiana. The actual fort which had come down from Galvez' time was the kernel of the Confederate defense, but earthen works extended north and south from it for many miles. On the right was Fort McDermott, in the centre Red

Fort, while a swamp protected the left. It was a long line for fifteen hundred men to defend, but they did so successfully for thirteen days. Even in war time men can be friendly, and the opposing riflemen in pits far in advance of the main lines came to exchange courtesies, such as gifts of tobacco, and even told each other yarns, and all without neglecting to keep their superiors posted as to the situation. The principal gun in Red Fort was an eight inch Columbiad, cast at Selma in 1863 and manned by Louisiana artillery men commanded by Slocum. This gun did terrific execution, and finished her war record by dismantling a whole fortification, and, while the sand bags were still removed for that shot, Federal gunners dismounted her and killed several men at their post by her side. The Lady Slocum still survives, and was for a long time on the green grass in the centre of lower Government Street. The fleet out in the Bay endeavored to get within range, and three vessels were blown up by torpedoes before it succeeded; but enough torpedoes were picked up by boats to make a passable channel, and war vessels were then able to fire upon the forts from the rear. The Federals also explored the swamp and finally found a passage through it. As this would cut him off from Blakely, Gibson abandoned his works and retired up the river.

3. *Blakely.* Blakely had once been an important city, but had lived to see its trade transferred to Mobile, and under its beautiful oaks hardly a hundred people lived in war times. There was deep water at its landing, and from there Mobile could be easily approached, and therefore it was defended by earthworks far out in the piney woods, garrisoned by three thousand men under General Liddell, with Cockrell as his second in command. It had been attacked by General Steele with thirteen thousand, but it successfully repulsed them. When Spanish



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Fort was surrendered, it was reinforced by Gibson's little force, but this brought upon it the whole Federal army. The Federals gradually advanced their trenches, and finally on April 9th—the day on which General Lee surrendered in Virginia—the Confederate works were stormed and many prisoners taken. Part of the attacking force was made up of negroes, and they are said to have treated the prisoners with brutality. Nearby there had been two forts called Huger and Tracy on the banks of the Tensaw River, but they could not be held after the fall of Blakely; and so they were evacuated, and the garrisons passed over to Mobile.

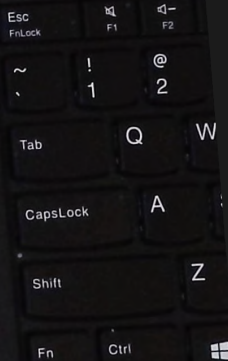
4. *The Surrender of Mobile.* General Maury had been by means of telegraph in direction of affairs, but with the loss of Blakely and Spanish Fort found himself in command of only five thousand troops, while the Federals numbered ten times as many and were in complete control of the Bay and rivers. He accordingly on April 11th withdrew up the Mobile & Ohio to Meridian and left Mobile in charge of the civil authorities. The actual approach of the Federals was not from the river delta; General Granger and other officers came across the Bay in boats and landed at South End. After the Confederate troops had left there was much uneasiness in the city, as it was not known what action the Federals might take. Many citizens buried their silver and valuables for protection. When it was learned that the army had landed on the Bay shore, Mayor Slough and other citizens took carriages down the Shell Road on the twelfth of April, and, using a sheet as a flag of truce, met the Federals and surrendered the city.

5. *Under the Military.* It was a sad day when the citizens saw men in blue parading the streets, some of them negroes, but the best of order was preserved. General

Granger took possession of the public buildings, and many of his officers and soldiers were quartered in warehouses and private residences. Little trouble was experienced and after a few days affairs settled down. Papers published during this time are very small in size and contain little news; for everything was under military control. Troops were encamped on vacant lands at Government and Hallett Streets, at the Barracks on Texas Street and further south, and at other points in the suburbs, while guards with fixed bayonets walked up and down the streets in front of public buildings and all places where officers resided. The Confederate Capt. Moore captured two guards and made his escape, but fighting was ended. The Federal boats were at the wharves, troops were everywhere, and the cotton which the Confederates had left in the warehouses was seized.

6. *Maury's Retreat.* After General Maury dismantled the works at Mobile he retreated to the north with forty-five hundred men, including three field batteries, and on the march occurred the last engagement of the war—a cavalry affair between the Federal advance posts and the Confederate rear-guard under Colonel Spence. All armed vessels and steamers were taken up the river by Commodore Farrand at the same time that Maury retreated and torpedoes were planted to stop the Federal fleet. This was part of the movement which was to concentrate the Confederate forces of the South West at Meridian.

7. *General Dick Taylor.* The ranking officer in the South West was General Dick Taylor, son of President Zachary Taylor. He had commanded the Trans-Mississippi department, and after the defeat of General Hood at Franklin succeeded him at Tupelo, Mississippi. Just as General Canby had been operating from the south, General Wilson had been leading a movement southward



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Sometime between 1876 and 1886, W. C. Zimmerman came to Citrus County and according to Mrs. A. L. Griffin, the granddaughter of Eugene Zimmerman, Eugene came to Citrus County in 1893 and settled in the Cove Bend area of the Wilhiacoochee River. There he built a small house and farmed some land. The fruits and vegetables were hulled by horse and wagon throughout the area and sold to the phosphate workers. Eugene fought in Cuba during the Spanish-American war and stayed there after it was over. Later

from the Tennessee Valley, and had captured Selma and its foundries from General Forrest,—Forrest's first and last defeat. The surrender of Lee, and the Convention of Johnston and Sherman showed that the end of the war was at hand. Members of Congress and several Southern governors were with Taylor, and he now determined the course of events in the South West.

8. *An Armistice.* General E. R. S. Canby was in command of the Federals at Mobile, and, carrying out the request of Generals Johnston and Sherman, he and Taylor arranged a meeting a few miles up the railroad. Canby was escorted by a brigade with a military band, accompanied by many officers in full uniform; Taylor and one officer came down the road on a hand car propelled by two negroes. The two generals greeted each other cordially, and, retiring to a house, soon agreed upon a truce, after which all the officers partook of a bountiful luncheon together, when Taylor heard the popping of champagne corks for the first time in years. When the band struck up Hail Columbia, Canby ordered it changed to Dixie, but, to cement the reunion of the two sides, Taylor insisted that Hail Columbia be resumed.

9. *Taylor's Surrender.* After the capture of President Davis, Taylor was notified that the armistice must come to an end, as President Johnson, who had succeeded upon the death of Lincoln, had disavowed it. Taylor and Farrand on the one side met Canby and Admiral Thatcher on the other May 8, 1865, at Citronelle, and an honorable surrender was arranged. The Confederate officers kept their side-arms, mounted men retained their horses, which were private property, and all public stores and ordnance were turned over to the proper departments of the Federal army. Privates were paroled on rolls signed by their officers, and Taylor retained control

of the railways and steamboats in order to transport his troops home. On the Tombigbee River east of Meridian were thousands of bales of cotton belonging to the Confederacy, which had been guarded and were now turned over to the United States treasury agent. Gold of the Bank of Tennessee, which Governor Harris had kept intact, was with the army and was taken back to the Bank at Nashville. As Taylor was well acquainted with the country, Canby got him to direct the movement of the United States troops so that occupation would be effected to the best advantage and to the least annoyance of the people. They agreed also that Governor Clark of Mississippi and Governor Watts of Alabama, who were present, should summon their legislatures so as to repeal the ordinance of secession and to abolish slavery. Taylor remained at Meridian until all arrangements were carried out, and then came down to Mobile. Canby took him with his man Tom and two horses by boat over to New Orleans, where had been Taylor's home, and there he was able to arrange a surrender of the Trans-Mississippi department, except that some men preferred to retire to Mexico.

10. *The Women and the Flag.* The United States flag again waved over the whole country. The South had fought until it was absolutely exhausted and nowhere was there any thought of further resistance. The freeing of the slaves, which President Lincoln had decreed as a war measure, was accepted as a fact, and was legalized by amendment of the state and Federal constitutions. It was hard to give up the dream of independence, and it was harder for those who had lost friends in battle to be reconciled to conquest. Men were compelled to accept the situation, but the Mobile women still refused, and would have nothing to do with the Northern officers, many of whom were gentlemen in every sense of the word. It so happened

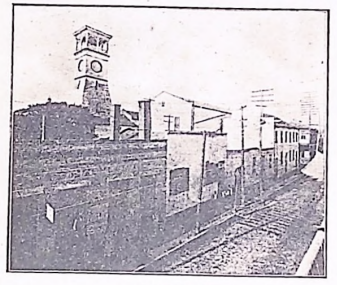
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that on Government Street the military headquarters were in the middle house in the block between Hamilton and Lawrence, whose curved stairways went up to a gallery of the French style, while the naval headquarters were across the street in a handsome brick house occupied during the War by Admiral Buchanan. In front of each were sentinels and the Union flag floated over the sidewalk; but ladies going down town, on shopping or other errands, would not pass under it. Instead, when they reached the corner from either direction they would pick up their skirts and go out into the middle of the street, in sunshine or in rain, and, looking neither to the right or left, pass beyond the hated emblem. No insult was offered, but Federal officers made it perhaps harder than insult by laughing at them.

11. *The Explosion.* While General Maury had carried away all stores possible, on the surrender of General Dick Taylor at Meridian and other commanders in the South West, much of every kind, especially ammunition, fell into the hands of the Federals, and was brought by river and rail to Mobile and stored into cotton warehouses. The city in this way became one great arsenal. Suddenly on May 25th in the afternoon the city was shaken as by an earthquake. Warehouses were demolished, residences and public buildings injured all over town, and men and animals killed by the shock. Men and women fled for safety and for some time no one knew what had happened, except that those who had looked to the north had seen, as one boy recollects seeing, a vast column of fire and smoke ascending and branching out on all sides like a huge umbrella, surpassing any that ever hung over Vesuvius; and it then settled down as a pall upon the town. Military guards were at once placed around the centre of the disturbance. It was found that the ammunition stored



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NOTE:

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Rev. Eugene Zimmerman
7204 San Carlos Road
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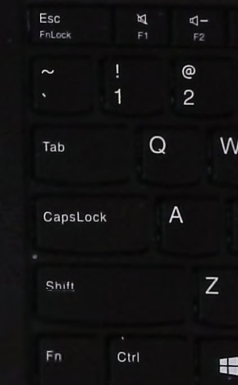
Clerk Zimmerman's first wife was Julia Gorie. They were married in Perry, Alabama in 1862. This marriage produced a son, Thomas J. Zimmerman who was born in Alabama in 1866.

Laurie Gorie became the second wife of W. C. Zimmerman. Her first husband was a Mr. Nelson, however, at present we do not know what happen to Julie Gorie or Mr. Nelson. But whatever happened resulted in Clerk Zimmerman marrying Laurie who was Julie's sister. From Clerk Zimmerman's second marriage were two children, Carl who was born in 1868, and Felton who was born in 1876, both born in Alabama.

W. C. Zimmerman had a younger brother Eugene Zimmerman who was born in Alabama in 1846. They both enlisted from the state of Alabama and were in the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment. W. C. was at Princeton when the Civil War started and went in as a Lt. Then the 2nd Alabama Reserve made him a captain. The brothers opened the last battle of the war, the battle of Blakey, Alabama. W. C.'s brother, Eugene was captured during the war, but evidently released. After the war they were going to Brazil, but came to Citrus County instead. There is still a colony of Americans in Brazil who are ancestors. They continue to celebrate the Civil War there today.

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Eugene Zimmerman had six children, three girls and three boys. One son Conway was attending Stetson College, while on break and at Jacksonville Beach was struck and killed by lightning. Eugene Zimmerman has a granddaughter Mrs. A. L. Griffin of Jacksonville, Florida. Her address and telephone number is as follows:

4439 Traveler's Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

Julia the first wife of Clerk Zimmerman started a diary the day her son was born. She wrote it as though the son was writing it. It covers the Civil War era.

Thomas J., son of Clerk W. C. Zimmerman, married Marion Townsend of New Hope. Thomas and Marion had six sons, one of whom died as an infant and is buried at New Hope Cemetery near Istachatta south of Floral City. After the big freeze of 1895, Thomas moved his family to Dunedin. The Townsend family of New Hope, which Marion was from was a prominent Civil War family of the south. Many of her descendants are buried in the New Hope Cemetery.

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married for Baron Ufford, in Holland. The only person for someone to marry signed the necessary consent to dances with her, while he was at a party and she slipped out with a friend married. Mr. Wood heard that she had her hand on his shoulders.

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in the year 1908, and Edgewater Park. The first automobile brought to Dunedin, in the year 1908, from Ocala. The car was brought from the north and south, there to change the wheel between Atlanta and Dunedin. A block and tackle, with a pulley, was used to pull the car up from Dunedin to the top of the hill. Mr. Ezra Young, Sr., and his wife were improved Dunedin and Sewickly,

C. Young drove the car. Sam Young for Christmas exercises since his father was Sam drove down in

order to play Santa Claus and back to Sewickly for his father.

Mr. Ezra Young Sr., and his son Sam C., developed the Dunedin Heights Subdivision, a part of which they donated to the Pinellas School System, the entire block now on which the City Hall is located.

Ezra Young Jr.'s home is located at 628 Loudon Ave., the former home of his aunt, Miss Jennette Porter. When he retires he and his family will make their home in Dunedin.

Ezra Young Jr., after graduation from Chicago Theological Seminary accepted a call to serve as a missionary in Turkey from 1931-1953. He again returned to Turkey for four years 1957-1961. He retired in 1963 and is now working in Texas on an interim assignment for the American Friend Service Committee (Quakers) with headquarters in Houston, Texas.

Sam C. Young suggested to the Highway Department of Pennsylvania that white line be painted down the middle of the highways.

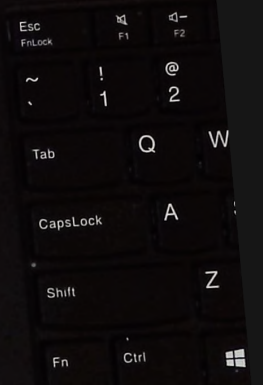
It was adopted and proved so satisfactory, eventually all the states have adopted the suggestion.

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time operated a gasoline service station in the S.E. corner of Douglas Avenue and Scotland Street, part of the R. U. Boyd property.

Porter Zimmerman has been senior clerk of the Ozona Post Office for 17 years and his wife Postmaster for 18 years. Porter as a young man drove the grocery wagon for E. T. Poeser. Porter served in France in World War I, and again in the Navy for two and one-half years in World War II.

Richard, the other surviving son, operates rental units in Ozona.

When Mr. Zimmerman moved to Dunedin in 1900 his father William Conway Zimmerman, a Captain in the Confederate Army, and mother Laura Goree, came and lived with the family.

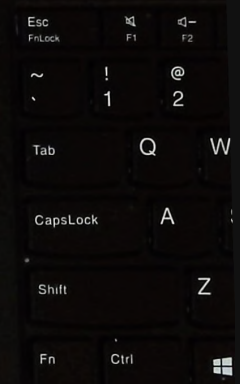
CAPTAIN CONWAY ZIMMERMAN 1838-1907

WIFE: LAURA GOREE 1836-1905

Captain Zimmerman of German descent, was a very determined person and from a story passed on to me it might be of interest. The title of the article is "When they kidnapped the County Seat."

"When Citrus County was separated from Hernando County, Captain Zimmerman was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court. The County seat was established at Mansfield on property owned by Senator Mann. The residents of the County were enraged and started a suit to have an election held.

Senator Mann sent his lawyer on horseback to Dade City to protest. No sooner had he left than a number of citizens invaded Mansfield and loaded all records and equipment into wagons and took them to Inverness. Captain Zimmerman thought the move irregular. He refused to get out of his chair and he was taken in his chair to Inverness. The equipment and records were guarded day and night and Senator Mann lost out."



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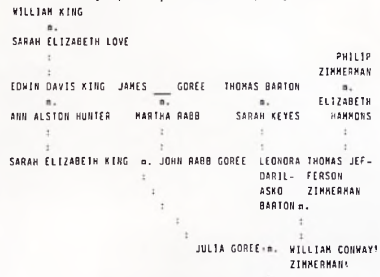
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Diary of JULIA GOREE (MRS. WILLIAM CONWAY) ZIMMERMAN, Montgomery, Ala., 1864-1867. [Diary is written as though her infant son, CONWAY KING ZIMMERMAN were speaking.] Original Diary in possession of DR. EUGENE M. ZIMMERMAN, Tallahassee, Fla. Copy in Fla. Archives, Fla. State Library:

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FAMILY CHART

[Prepared by DAVID A. AVANT, JR.]



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CONWAY KING ZIMMERMAN was born 19 Dec. 1863

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JOHN RABB GOREE d. 25 Jan. 1852

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WILLIAM CONWAY ZIMMERMAN, C.S.A., was taken
prisoner at Blakley, Ala. on 5 Apr. 1865, then
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MY NAMESAKE "UNCLE EUGENE ZIMMERMAN was captured, also sever-
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*MY GRAND-
FATHER* 26 Oct. 1866 TOM ZIMMERMAN's born, named after
"FATHER ZIMMERMAN."

COMMENT: We will later document THOMAS
JEFFERSON ZIMMERMAN to be a full brother to FELIX
ZIMMERMAN. The *Diary* above proves the parents
of both of them to be PHILIP ZIMMERMAN and his
wife ELIZABETH HAMMONS. For the first time we
now learn ELIZABETH'S surname, and that PHILIP'S
son THOMAS had the not unexpected middle name
of "JEFFERSON."

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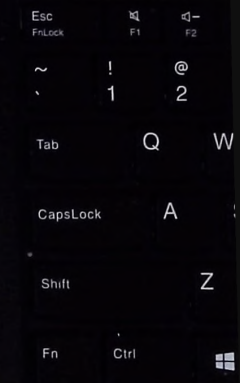
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of his improvement and advancement in intellect. "Can he walk?" "Can he talk?" "Does he
kiss my ambrotine?" "God bless my boy!" and many other affectionate speeches of me. Oh!
may I daily grow in intellect and goodness that will please him, and future years find me,
by God's grace, a man worthy of his name and character. My Uncle Porter King, in a conver-
sation some days ago with a friend, spoke of my Father in these words: "There never lived
a nobler man or one more free from deceit than Jim" Sentiments like these from one who knows
him well, has seen him tried in the surest school - the army - are highly appreciated by my
Mother, and will be by his son when I am old enough to understand them. I only trust that I
may be worthy of such a sire.

April 27th, 1865 - Many things have transpired in my life since the last date of writing
of minor importance 'tis true, but advancing on and, yes onward, to boyhood, shall they not
all be interesting to me? I can now walk any and everywhere, and say a few words. Spend
almost all these bright days in the yard throwing rocks to and fro in the front walk of Grand-
ma's yard. Every passing horse, man or cow I generally halloo at, as Darkie and my Mother
have frequently tested my observations. In that way, I've acquired the habit. One of my
great delights is to ride a stick horse, pull my wagon a few steps - indeed as far as my
tiny strength allows - roll marbles about the floor and "shew! shew!" at a bat if it gets in
the sitting room at night.

I have, one day this spring, been barefooted, and Mother says manifested the greatest
delight when I could put my feet on the floor. Went all about the house and yard showing
them to everybody. In the morning of that day when Mother was dressing me, she commenced
putting on my stockings and shoes, when I looked up at her and begged with "eh! eh! eh!"
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this part of the country previous to and since the fall of Selma. They have pressed into service nearly all horses and mules in the country, so that the farming interest is greatly injured. We could not get a vehicle or team to go with Father, and then too, he thought safest for Mother and I to be in a town when the raiders came over this section of Alabama. Our visit here to Grandma is consequently lengthened indefinitely.

Mother cut the following verses one day recently from a paper, and thought of me as she did so:

Another little private
mustered in
The army of temptation
And of sin!

Another soldier arming
For the strife,
To fight the toilsome battles
Of a life!

Another little sentry,
Who will stand,
On guard, while evils growl
On every hand

Lord! our little darling,
Guide and save,
Mid the perils of the march
To the grave!

Oh! may I walk in the paths of life uprightly, and God's merciful shield and protect me through the strife.

Father was disappointed in going to Montgomery, so has stayed with us about five or six weeks. The Yankees have since been here, but as it was since the humiliating subjugation of the South, they committed but few depredations. They granted many citizens and soldiers paroles. My Father has, since receiving this, gone up home and wrote my Mother from Selma that he would soon return. He is now looking out for some occupation for the future and some comfortable home for us. A colony is forming for emigration to Brazil and he at one time surmised joining it.

May 20th, 1965 - My nurse Darkie is very ill with Typhoid Fever, and Dr. Perry thinks she will never be well again. May the good Lord restore her! She has been so kind to me

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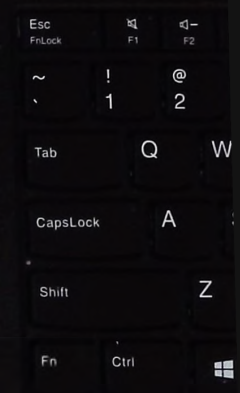
Papa has sold out his interest in Greene County, and we await his decision to locate again. He signifies now more than Mother and Papa and I.

✓ God has given me a sweet little brother, who to me, is the dearest object of life and love. Mother, and all who observe me at all, comment on my intense attachment and freedom rivalry in my feelings toward him. Oh! God let it be a bright page in my life when he was born, and let my love be ever free from anything which can cloud our life together. Brother was born on 26th October at nine o'clock in the morning, after about seven hours of suffering to my Mother. Dr. Perry was also present at his birth as at mine. Mother, immediately on hearing him pronounce "another boy", said his name must be "Tom" for "Father Zimmerman". Pretty soon, I was admitted to her sick room, and saw my brother Tom, and gave him the first kiss, which I repeat whenever Mother will let me, and am delighted when I can hold him a little while in my arms. This pleasure is sometimes allowed me, but of course, with assistance.

After several weeks, Papa came for us, and we all went up to Carleton House and had our happy home life repeated for about two weeks, when Papa met with an advantageous trade and sold out his interest with Mr. Nelson. When I am older, Mother will tell me much of my life there.

March 15th, 1867 - After leaving Carleton, we came and spent several weeks with Grandma until Papa could make arrangements for the present year of 1867. After sometime, he decided to go to Clarke County and farm with Mr. Lucius Daniels, but was persuaded to accept a proposition of Grandma's and Uncle Ned's to farm on shares at Grandma's place nine miles south of Marion, where we are now. Grandma had a room built for our accommodation, and the plain and even unceiled, it answers very well our purposes. I play here with little negroes more than ever before, because they are little boys, and Mother does not object to the association altogether, thinking it will teach me to "rough and tumble" with life better to begin early with boy sports and amusements. Elic, Mesly, Isam and Josiah and Floyd are those of whom I write, and like best.

April 30th - The year is flying swiftly, but my young life glides on unheeding its rapid flow. I grow in body, and in mind I am conscious, but can only, in a queer, childish



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About 1870 in his history I do not know
Brazil. The diary feels he considered going to
Brazil but didn't. (There is a city in Brazil of
Confederate descendants today who annually celebrate
their history). When or why he chose to come
to Florida, I don't know, nor why he chose

Jan 25, 1997

Dear Mrs. Turner:

I'm sorry we have mixed each other on the
phone. However, I was able to give some
information on my great grandfather, W.C. Zimmerman,
to one of your colleagues.

I am enclosing some pages of his first wife's diary
which she kept during the Civil War. They tell
something of his war experience and the birth of his
second son Tom (my grandfather) who came with
him to Florida. Let me explain the diary: at the
birth of their first child Cornelia King Zimmerman,
his mother, Julia Horree Z., began the diary as
though ^{she} he was telling his own story.

Some of these things appear in the diary and from
other information I have gleaned. ^{W.C.} He was a
student at Princeton University and left to
join the Confederate forces. He joined a company
which was commanded by a relative of his wife,
Capt Porter King. He was given the rank of Sgt.
on enlistment and a battlefield commission of lieutenant.
He was in the 4th Ala Infantry Regiment. I was told
by a Civil War historian that it was one of the
best units the Confederacy had. He was in the
Confederate Army of Virginia for 2 1/2 years and sent
home due to illness. He remained in Ala.

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and was given a Captancy in the Alabama Reserve
and required to raise his own company which
he did among his relatives, friends, etc. You will
note some of those names listed in the diary
as having been lost in the battle of Blakely,
the last land battle fought in the Civil ^{war}. You will
note the name of Eugene Z. among the captured.
He was a younger brother whom W.C. later brought
to Citrus. The name Eugene was handed down to
an uncle to me and to my son.

According to the diary, W.C. opened the battle of
Blakely. Their purpose was to defend Mobile.
They fought for six days with about 5 to 1
odds. Their troops were "reserves" - mostly old
men and boys. They were still fighting the
day the war ended, but hadn't gotten word
of it. That afternoon they were overcome and
were captured or escaped. The diary tells what
happened to W.C.

There are gaps in his history I do not know
about. The diary tells he considered going to
Brazil but didn't. (There is a city in Brazil of
Confederate descendants today who annually celebrate
their history). When or why he chose to come
to Florida, I don't know, nor why he chose

... and which ... the ... of eight ... that ... not my ... property, and ... the ... of the ... of Florida ...
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this ... day of
April, ... A. D. 186 ...
George W. ...
...

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I do not know whether I have any wife, or children, and
 the same will be the case if I am in a position to do so. I am not
 supported, nor have I any property, and I have no right of
 one of the State of Florida.
 In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this
 10th day of April, 1898.
 A. D. 1898
 Wm. C. Zimmerman
 Citrus Co. Florida

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The area of Citrus County (then Hernando).
 I do know that his first wife Julia died as well
 as the first son Conway King. He then married
 her sister Laura (Aunt Sally) who was
 widowed with children. Their surnames was
 Nelson. He came to Fla with Laura, his son Tom,
 and her children. I am assuming that Felton and
 Karl were born in Fla. and thus half brothers
 to Tom. They both went to Cuba to fight in the
 Spanish American war and remained there,
 marrying Cuban wives.

My grandfather, Tom married Marion Townsend, daughter
 of F. M. Townsend of Citrus Co. He and his wife are
 buried at New Hope Methodist Church at Dastachetta.
 Tom and Marion's first child, a girl, died in infancy
 and is buried at the feet of her parents. Tom and
 Marion then had six sons. Most of whom were
 born in or near Floral City. I am told they
 lived at Cone Bend. My father was Porter, named
 for Porter King of the diary. W. C. and Laura Tom
 and Marion, Porter and two or three of his brothers
 are buried in the Duvelin Cemetery. My father said
 they left Citrus Co. after the big freeze.

I would be glad to talk with your father if you
 desire and would appreciate any information you
 have on any of the Zimmermans or F. M. Townsend and
 family.
 Sincerely, Eugene Zimmerman

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You may have with any of your children...
35th and subscribed before me this the
A. D. 1906 day of April
Clerk Circuit Court Hillsborough County, Fla.
Applicant.

STATE OF FLORIDA
Hillsborough County

On this fourth day of April A. D. 1906
before me Charles M. Knott Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for
said County and State, personally saw William C. Zimmerman, who
being by me first duly sworn deposes and says, that the statements made in the foregoing application
for a pension in his own behalf are true.

This deponent further says, that the answers written herein to the following questions, numbered
from 1 to 22 inclusive are true:

1. What is your full name, and where do you reside?
William C. Zimmerman at Pensacola, Fla.
2. In what state and county were you born and when?
In Montgomery Co. Ala. April 13 1828.
3. How long have you been a citizen of the State of Florida?
25 years.
4. When and where and in what organization did you enlist during the war between the States?
In Co. G of the Ala. Regt. in about April 23 1864
at Marion Ala.
5. Give the name of your Captain at the time of your enlistment.
Robert King.
6. Give the name of your Captain at time of your discharge from service.
William C. Zimmerman myself.
7. Give the name of your Battalion or Regimental Commander both at time of your enlistment
and discharge from service. E. J. Jones at time of enlistment
June Saw at time of discharge.
8. If you enlisted in the navy give name of your Commanding officer, date of enlistment
and place of service.
9. If discharged prior to the termination of the war, state place and cause of discharge.
10. If you lost an eye or limb during your service in the war, state when and where and in what
engagement you sustained such injury.
11. If you received a wound during your service in the war, which permanently disables you,
state when and where you received the wound.
12. Describe the wound and state how it affects you.

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This deponent further says that the said William C. Zimmerman is permanently disabled by reason of such age (at the application for pension he earned his manual labor.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April A. D. 1914 at St. Paul, Minn.

J. A. Miller Notary Public in and for the State of Minnesota

My Commission Expires July 10, 1914

(FORM C)
Affidavit To Be Made By Commissioned Officer.

STATE OF _____
County of _____

Before me personally came _____, who being duly sworn deposes and says, that he was a Commissioned Officer in the _____ the organization to which the within named applicant for pension under the laws of Florida belonged and in which he served during the war between the States. This deponent further says that the said _____ rendered faithful service as a Confederate soldier or sailor during the war between the States, and that the disability claimed by the said _____ to exist, does in fact exist and the same prevents him permanently from gaining a livelihood.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____.

(This affidavit to be made by one who was a Commissioned Officer, and the blanks must be filled out).

(FORM D)

STATE OF _____
County of _____

Before me personally came Charles L. Graham and Eugene Zimmerman, who being by me first duly sworn, depose and say, each for himself, that he is a citizen of the County of Citrus in the State of Florida, and that he was a soldier of 4th Ala. regiment in the service of the Confederate States during the war between the States, and that said William Zimmerman was a member of said regiment; that he is acquainted with William Zimmerman, the applicant named in the foregoing

petition for a pension; that he knows that the said William Zimmerman rendered the service as soldier or sailor for the Confederate States during the war between the States as set forth in the foregoing petition for a pension; that he did not desert the Confederate army, and that the disability claimed by him to exist, does in fact exist and prevents him from earning a livelihood for himself, and these deponents being further sworn true answer to make to the following questions, depose each for himself and answer as follows:

1. Where do you reside? Box 11, Thomasville, Fla.

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2. Are you acquainted with the within named applicant for pension, if so, what is his name?

Where does he reside? and how long has he resided in this State? *Yes. He resides at
Namu William C. Zimmerman He resides at
Dunedin Fla. He lived in Fla 25 years*

3. To what military organization did the within named applicant belong during the war between the States?

Co. 4th Ala. Leg. Bats

4. Did he render the services to the Confederate States during the war, as claimed in the foregoing answers by him?

Yes. Both

5. Where were you when your organization surrendered?

At Sherman's march on Ft. Fisher

6. Was the applicant present?

Yes. Both, with the following explanation

He was present at the capture of Ft. Fisher & there he rendered Co. 4th Ala. Leg. Bats. He was not engaged in any fighting during the capture of Ft. Fisher.

7. When did he leave the Command? For what cause?

At about time

8. What is the nature and character of the applicant's wounds or diseases?

He has no wounds or diseases. Both

9. What is the applicant's occupation and physical condition?

Both. He has no occupation and is in good health

10. Who compose the family of the applicant? What is their earning capacity?

Both. He has no family.

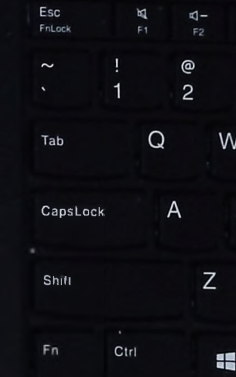
11. What property, effects or income has the applicant?

Both. Nothing but an unimproved lot of land.

Subscribed before me this *15th* day of *April* A. D. 18*86*.

Walter P. Williams
Clk. Citrus Co., Fla.

William C. Zimmerman
Witness.



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General Ability

This document further says that the said William G. [unclear] from "acting a
is permanently disabled by reason of his age
manual labor."
Signed and subscribed before me this 3rd day of April
A. D. 1906 James B. Miller, M.D. Physician.
My Commission expires July 1st 1907

33. How many acres of land owned by you or your wife, or that is held in trust for the benefit of either of you, and in what counties is it located? Seven to acre in Stone Co. no improved. My wife is dead.

34. Describe the personal property owned by you or your wife, or held for your or your wife's benefit. (The kind of property means all kinds of property not included in the term lands).
I have also personal property, except a small lot of furniture in my room.

35. Have you or your wife any income from any source? If so, what amount yearly?
No.

36. Have you sold, given away, or transferred for any consideration, within the past two years, any property, real or personal? No.

37. If in answer to question 36 you say yes, describe the property sent and personal, give value, and name of person to whom transferred and date of transfer. ✓

38. Are you now engaged in any vocation? If so, what?
No.

39. What has been your vocation for the past two years? None named

40. How much can you earn (gross) per annum by your own exertions or labor? Nothing

41. Do you receive a pension from the United States or any other State? No.

42. Have you any sons or daughters? Yes.

43. If so, how many, and are they any financially to provide for your support?
Three sons. They have families of their own to provide

44. Have you ever made an application for a pension before, either to the United States Government, to this or any other State? No.

45. If so, when and where and upon grounds did you make such application? No.

46. Are you now living with any of your children? If so, is he or she able to provide for your support?
Residing with a son, and while he does provide for my support, he is unable to do so.

Signed and subscribed before me this the 3rd day of April A. D. 1906
Quinn att Applicant.
Clerk Circuit Court, Wetzel county.

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(FORM E)
Affidavit for Adjutant of a Camp of United Confederate Veterans.

STATE OF _____
County of _____
Before me personally came _____, who
being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the Adjutant of Camp _____
_____ of the United Confederate Veterans of the County of _____
in the State of _____ That he knows
_____ the within named applicant for
pension under the laws of Florida, that the said applicant was a soldier or sailor in the service of the
Confederate States during the war between the States, and that he rendered faithful service, did not
desert the Confederate army, that he is a member in good standing of Camp _____
_____ of the United Confederate Veterans. This de-
ponent further says that the _____ is disabled
reason of by _____
_____ from earning a livelihood for himself.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ Adjutant Camp _____
A. D., 19____ United Confederate Veterans.

(FORM F)
Physician's Affidavit.

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of _____
Before me personally came _____, who
being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is a physician, that he is a resident of the State and County
afore-said, that he personally knows _____ the
applicant named in the foregoing application for a pension. This deponent further says that he has
carefully examined the said applicant's physical condition and finds:

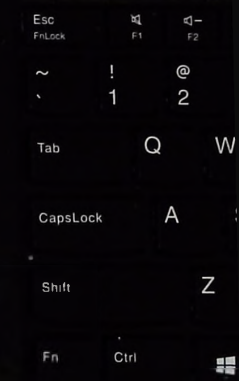
*that he is more than 65 years
of age and general debility
of old age*

This deponent further says that the said _____
is permanently disabled by reason of such _____ from earning a
livelihood for himself _____

(If the application for pension is based upon age, strike from the above last line the words "by
manual labor.")

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ Physician.
_____ A. D., 19____

*W. H. Miller, Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires July 11th 1919*



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Certificate of Clerk Circuit Court.

I certify that the above affidavits are genuine; that all of the affiants are persons of trust-
worthy character, and their statements are entitled to full faith and credit; that the attesting officers
are duly authorized to administer oaths; that their signatures are genuine, and that the said applicant
William Zimmerman is a bona-fide resident and citizen of the
State of Florida.

As Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court for
Hillsborough County, this 30th day of April, A. D. 1946
Chas. Knott
Clerk Circuit Court

Report of County Commissioners.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners in and for Hillsborough County, Florida,
do hereby report that at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held this 19th
day of May, 1946, the foregoing application of
Zimmerman for pension under the laws of Florida, was by
us investigated; that we are satisfied that the representations made in the petitions and affidavits are
true and that a pension should be granted to the applicant.

Witness our hands this 1 day of May, A. D. 1946

1 James W. Williams
2 J. M. Stone
3 C. B. Nease
4 G. H. Hallman
5 J. L. Mackemy
County Commissioners.

By the County Commissioners, Attest:

Chas. Knott
Clerk Circuit Court.
Chas. Knott

NOTE.

1. Before any questions are answered the officer will swear the applicant or witness in the follow-
ing words or to the like effect: "You do solemnly swear that you will make true answers to the
questions asked you, and the evidence you shall give shall be the whole truth, so help
you God."
2. Additional affidavits may be attached if blank spaces are insufficient.
3. The blanks must be filled. The information required must be accurately and fully given.
4. Forms "A" and "B" must be filled out by Applicant; "C" by Commissioned Officer; "D"
by two soldiers or citizens of the County; "E" by Adjutant of Camp United Confederate Veterans;
"F" by physician.
5. It is not necessary to fill out each form lettered "C," "D" and "E," one of them must be
filled out. Either one will suffice.

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... They were defending Mobile Bay and the
... of Mobile. The war ended on the morning of
April 9th but they did not know it and fought
on into the afternoon when they were defeated
and captured. Their odds were six or seven to one

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APPROVED
MAY 16 1906
W. O. Kinson
Secretary of Board

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W. O. Kinson
A. FEDERAL STATE PENAL INSTITUTION, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
Pay from May 16 1906
\$96.00 per annum.

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...no package that began the
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 ...April 9th but they did not know it and fought
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...but moved to Massachusetts
 ...have now moved back in this
 ...city. Mr. Smith has been here
 ...about a year making prepara-
 ...tions for his family.

...Mrs. Anne Lucas, a sister of Mrs.
 ...McNair, entered the Summer
 ...school for teachers at Gainesville
 ...last week and writes that she will
 ...teach in the Primary Department of
 ...the school here. Mrs. Lucas has had
 ...a year's experience, five years of
 ...which time was in one school. She
 ...made special preparation for her
 ...work and comes highly recommended
 ...by school officials, patrons, and
 ...former principals.

...A telegram announced the death
 ...of Mrs. Tom Stafford at Orlando
 ...last Saturday night. Mrs. Stafford
 ...and her mother went down to Orlando
 ...about ten days ago on a visit. Mrs.
 ...Stafford was taken with typhoid
 ...fever and sent to the hospital where
 ...she died. Mr. Stafford went down
 ...last Tuesday morning on Sunray Jim to
 ...attend the funeral which will take
 ...place down there as that is her old
 ...home.

...Work commenced Monday morn-
 ...ing on tearing away the old build-
 ...ings located on the site for the new
 ...Masonic temple and all of them have
 ...been practically removed except the
 ...one in which the better
 ...business are doing business, and this
 ...is to be moved across the street to
 ...the vacant lot owned by Mr. Brooks.
 ...Mr. Chappell is now occupying the
 ...room formerly occupied by W.
 ...Miller in the old Masonic temple
 ...building now owned by Mrs. George
 ...Lee of Lakeland.

...W. T. Spivey and two sons, Willie
 ...and Ernest came up from Bay Hill
 ...last Sunday. Mr. Spivey talks inter-
 ...estingly of the future prospect for
 ...farmers around Inverness. He
 ...thinks that all that is needed is to
 ...get enough farmers interested to
 ...form a truckers union, and build a
 ...packing house and then plant a few
 ...hundred acres in melons, cantaloupes,
 ...peaches, beans etc., so as to induce
 ...others to come here and take the
 ...vegetables at the packing house.
 ...Mr. Spivey thinks the land around
 ...Inverness, especially the hammocks is as
 ...good or better than the land around
 ...Hammell where four or five cars of
 ...melons and three or four cars of
 ...peaches were loaded daily, bringing
 ...them \$120 to \$200 a car. Only two
 ...cars of melons have been shipped
 ...out this county this season, Sumter
 ...county our neighbor furnished over
 ...two hundred cars to one buyer.

...Mrs. Kelly and others went out
 ...to see the cow. It is said that Dr.
 ...Miller had no trouble whatever in
 ...getting over a high fence when the
 ...cow made at him. This cow was
 ...killed by a dog that was acting sus-
 ...picious about six weeks ago. One of
 ...Mr. Dampier's boys caught the dog
 ...and it was finally killed. We under-
 ...stand that a number of other dogs
 ...were probably bitten by this dog
 ...about the same time as the cow.
 ...These should certainly be killed, or
 ...at least should be safely con-
 ...fined until there is no danger of hy-
 ...drophobia developing.

...J. J. Smith of Chironella was here
 ...last Saturday in consultation with
 ...Col. Lloyd. Mr. Smith is probably
 ...the largest stock owner in the county.
 ...He has entered suit against the phos-
 ...phate companies that have been op-
 ...erating along the Withlacoochee
 ...river for damages to the extent of
 ...several thousand dollars. The phos-
 ...phate companies by throwing refuse
 ...from the mines into the river and
 ...by operating in the river have caused
 ...sediments to float down the river
 ...and settle on the banks, forming a
 ...slough of soft mud several feet deep
 ...cattle bog up in this mud when they
 ...go to the river and attempt to get
 ...water. Mr. Smith says that he has
 ...to keep a man hired to watch and
 ...pull out of the bog. He says that he can
 ...prove by disinterested parties that
 ...he has lost five hundred head of cat-
 ...tle in this manner and as he owns
 ...the land upon which the sloughs
 ...have been formed, he feels that he
 ...has been very much damaged and is
 ...seeking to recover his loss.

...The Homosassa school closed on
 ...Thursday evening of last week with
 ...a very interesting program consist-
 ...ing of dialogues, drills and songs,
 ...all of which were highly entertain-
 ...ing, more especially the dialogue,
 ...as a byproduct on masonry, rendered
 ...by the girls. The program was all
 ...well gotten up and showed the art
 ...of training on the part of the teacher.
 ...The teacher, Mrs. Luennecker, will
 ...not accept the work for another
 ...term. She is one of the best known
 ...teachers in the county, having
 ...taught in the County High School
 ...for a number of years. Supt. Tur-
 ...ner was at the school closing and
 ...delivered an address along the line
 ...of the necessity for a regular atten-
 ...dance and for the right kind of ed-
 ...ucation. Mr. Turner's address was
 ...well received. Homosassa has one
 ...of the handsomest little school build-
 ...ings in the county, as a result of the

...ical between Van Ness and the
 ...Phosphate company has been in use
 ...in this county from Oct. 13, 1897
 ...down to the time it was brought into
 ...question in this litigation but none
 ...of them have been printed for use
 ...since that time. As soon as the
 ...opinion of the Court is handed down,
 ...we will give our readers a full state-
 ...ment of same.

WILLIAM CONWAY ZIMMERMAN.

...Our community was greatly shocked
 ...and deeply grieved, when on Sat-
 ...urday, June 11th, 1910, we received
 ...the sad news of the death of our be-
 ...loved Brother Conway Zimmerman.
 ...Just one year ago he united his faith
 ...and heart with ours and we were all
 ...so happy to have him a member of
 ...our church. Being a young man
 ...possessed of many noble traits of
 ...character, full of energy and ambi-
 ...tion, he was calculated to do much
 ...good for his master, and had he been
 ...enabled would have accomplished his
 ...high ideals.

...It does, indeed, seem hard to part
 ...with us only a few weeks at the
 ...time since he united with the church,
 ...all of our members had learned to
 ...love him and expect great things
 ...from his hands. But we must be
 ...submissive and bow to the will of
 ...him who hath said in his word:
 ..."The Lord gave and the Lord hath
 ...taken away; blessed be the name of
 ...the Lord," and be reconciled by his
 ...knowledge. Blessed are they who
 ...die in the Lord, for at such a time
 ...as ye think not the son of man
 ...cometh."

...Although he is left to us here in
 ...this world, he is safe in the arms
 ...of Jesus and we shall some day meet
 ...him face to face when we shall be
 ...collected to our home in the happy be-
 ...yond, where there shall be no more
 ...partings, no more tears. Recogniz-
 ...ing the great sorrow brought upon
 ...us, we have adopted the following:

...Resolved, That our community
 ...and church have indeed sustained a
 ...heavy blow and almost an irrepara-
 ...ble loss in the death of our Brother
 ...W. C. Zimmerman;
 ...Resolved, That we extend to the
 ...bereaved family our most heartfelt
 ...sympathy in this their great sorrow.
 ...Resolved, That a copy of this be
 ...sent to the grief-stricken family, one
 ...to the papers for publication, and a
 ...copy be spread on the minutes of the
 ...Baptist church of Dunnellon.
 ...Committee.
 ...Dunnellon, Fla., June 28.

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...All of the foregoing lands belong
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...IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
 ...set my hand and the seal of said
 ...County, at Jacksonville, Florida,
 ...this 28th day of June, 1910.

...A certain lease from L. Carter
 ...Timmons-Bilant Co. dated Sep-
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 ...100, in Volusia County, Florida.

...A certain lease from W. J. Carter
 ...dated November 21, 1908, recorded in
 ...Deed Book 62, page 194, pub-
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...A certain supplemental lease
 ...from W. J. Carter dated April 27,
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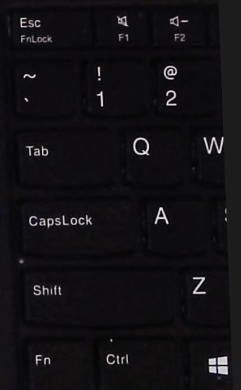
...A certain lease from C. E. Bay
 ...dated April 27, 1909, recorded in
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...A certain lease from J. E. Lee
 ...dated February 1, 1909, recorded in
 ...Deed Book 61, page 64, records
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 ...County, Florida.

...PERSONAL PROPERTY
 ...1 mule, 2 horses, 2 ponies, 3
 ...cows, 3 pigs and harness, 3
 ...shoes, turpentine still and the
 ...contents and all other personal prop-
 ...erty upon the lands hereinafter
 ...described and particularly at Store, Fla.
 ...Florida.

...Also all of the interest of said
 ...lands and the lands and timber
 ...thereon owned by Samuel J.
 ...to R. J. O'Hara, dated February
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...FRANCIS L. DANC
 ...Special
 ...DANIEL A. BOGGS,
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send it, I will as desired. I would be glad to
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P.S. From the picture in the front row of the cast of the
"Shelley Whistle" shown in the picture for my 9th birthday



Dr. Gene Zimmermann
Senior Pastor
Rev. Pamela Hall
Associate Pastor
James C. Cripps
Diaconal Minister of Music

Jan 24, 2001

Dear Mr. Lisci:
My niece, Mrs. Dana Zimmermann Lysey, said
you would be interested in further information
about our grandfather, Capt. G.C. Zimmermann, who
with his second wife, Laura or Sally is buried
in the Suncliff cemetery along with his son Tom and
several of his grandsons, among them my father,
I'm enclosing three documents about him. The first
is from a geneological history of the family that documents
briefly his service his toy. The second is a page from
his wife's diary, written as though his first son, Conway,
is telling the story. It is about the battle of Bladell's
the last land battle of the Civil war. According to
the diary he commanded the brigade that began the
fight. They were defending Mobile Bay and the
city of Mobile. The war ended on the morning of
April 9th but they did not know it and fought
on into the afternoon when they were defeated
and captured. Their odds were six or seven to one

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A copy of Julie's diary. If you would like
send it to me as soon as you can. I would be glad to
publish it. If you would like to have it not be
open to your book.

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Sincerely,
Gene M. Zimmermann
P.S. Don't forget to put the front row of the cast of "The
Shelley Mabley" shown in the picture in my box of Bibles.



First United Methodist Church

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In this battle he was Captain of a Company of the
second Alabama reserves. They were mostly
a home guard of old men and boys. His Company
had several members of his family. His younger
brother, Eugene, for whom he was named, was the
standard bearer at 17 and captured. For two and a
half years he had fought in northern Virginia as a
Lieutenant in the fourth Alabama Infantry Regiment.
Considered to be one of the best units in the Civil
War by historians. He had come home because of
illness and they placed in the reserves. After
the war he considered going to Brazil as did
many Confederate families. Instead he came to
Florida. For a time he was Superintendent of
Schools in Hernando County (He had been a student
at Princeton but left to join the Confederate army).
When Citrus County was formed, he became the
first Clerk of the Court.

I am enclosing a celebrated man, in which
he was involved, of the relocation of the Courthouse.

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Centrus County now has a historical Society
and has additional information about him.

It is my understanding from the family that his
son Tom (my grand father) died Tom's family
moved to Dunedin after the freeze of 1892.

Capt. Zimmerman's wife Julia died young and
he married her sister, a widow with children,
Laura Nelson. Together they came to Florida. When
the Zimmermans came to Dunedin so did the Nelsons.
They had her grown children. I remember the
Nelsons living on Edgewater south of the Fenway
hotel. The only name I remember was Ed Nelson.

I hope this is helpful to you. If you would like
a copy of Julia's diary I would be glad to
send it, then if you would ask that it not be
published. You would be free to use any
except your wish.

Sincerely
Gene M. Zimmermann

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P.S. I am the rabbit in the front row of the cast of "The
Golden Whistle" shown in the pictorial history of Dunedin

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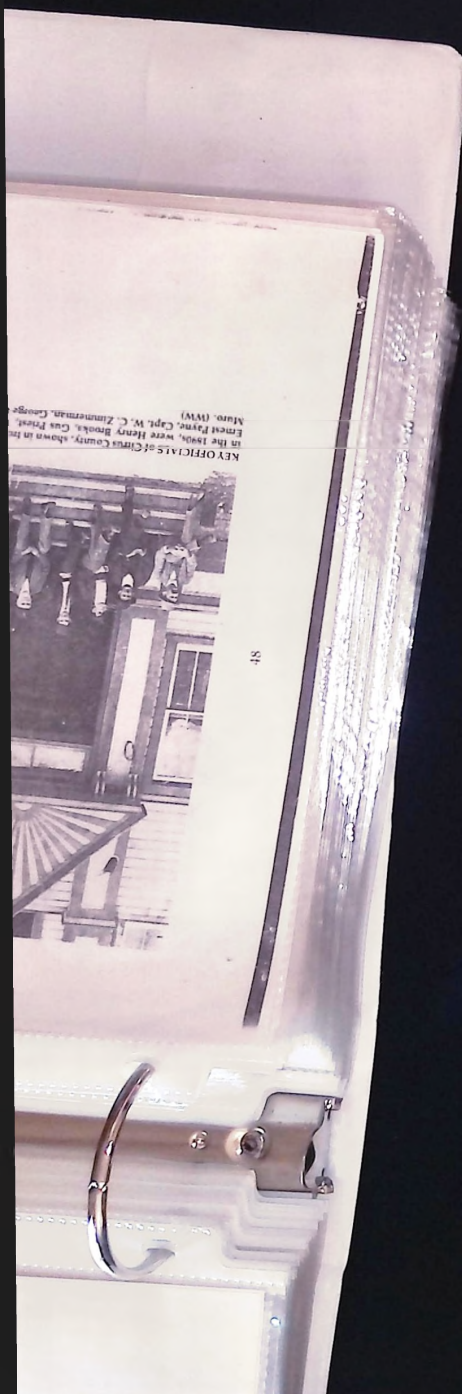
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NEW OFFICIALS of Citrus County, shown in the
in the 1880s, were Henry Brooks, Gov. Pres.
Frank Parris, Capt. W. C. Zimmerman, George
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at the time. An eighteen-inch sign with letters staggered in crazy fashion advised people to "Always lie down on the clothing," which meant the merchants hoped you would take the hint and keep off. This two-story building stood, I think, where Louie Jones' place and The Jewel Box now are. It was later moved and stood at the present entrance of the park for many years, where it was used as a hotel. It was moved to its present location in 1925, jacked up, and another story built under it, which is now the ground floor of the Orange Hotel. A small, boxed building stood on the corner south of Main Street, where the masonic temple now stands. I think Dr. Turner, the mayor, had a drug-store in that building. Louis Thompson and Mr. Barret had a small store facing the courthouse near the place where Marion's cafe now is. The rest of the block was covered with pine stumps. It had been a thick growth of pine timber, which had been cut down with axes. The wood courthouse was new, and the wire grays was still living under it. The present courthouse was built on the same spot in 1910.

Citrus County was organized in 1887. The first county seat was at Mannsfield, about two miles south of Lecanto. There is little left of it now. It was named for senator A. S. Mann, who was then senator from this district and one of the first men who tried seriously to develop Citrus County. That was a few years before my time, but the County was full of the stories of his activities. The senator did not get far with his plans.

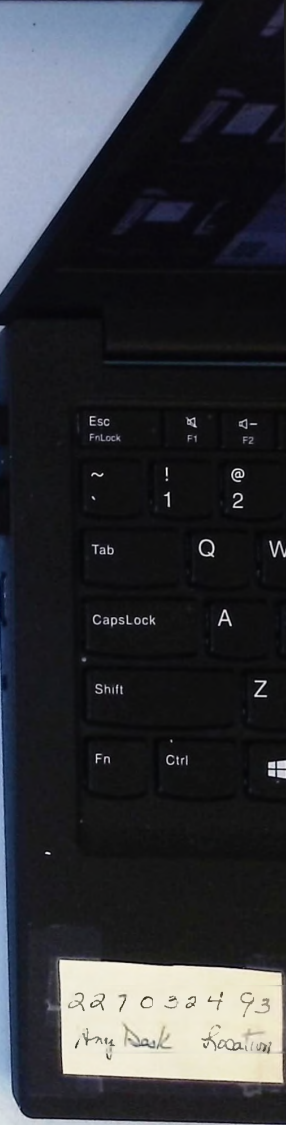
Soon after the County was organized and the seat of government settled at Mannsfield, there was an election, which was not surprising. But this election was to determine where the permanent county seat was to be. Mannsfield was backed by the Mann faction, and Inverness was backed by the local leaders of the day, who seemed to be quite resourceful. So it is said the real issue resolved itself into Mann and anti-Mann factions. I do not know who stuffed what ballot box, or if the ballot boxes were stuffed by anyone, but it is said that there were charges and countercharges, some fighting, much wrangling, and nobody would admit that the election was lost. And then talk arose that the anti-Manns would move the court records and the county government equipment to Inverness forthwith. So, the Mann faction decided to get an injunction against the anti-Manns to keep them from moving the courthouse, and they instructed their attorney to get the injunction as quickly as it could be done. Transportation was not what it is now, and the only available judge was holding court at Dade City, forty miles away, and time was pressing. So the Mann-

faction lawyer mounted his trusty mule and set out at a gallop for Dade City, but when he got there, hot and dusty, court had adjourned, and the judge was on the train which was standing at the depot, headed for Tampa. The determined lawyer mounted the train and presented his petition for a temporary injunction to the judge who immediately granted it. But Mannsfield was still forty miles away, and since the train was headed for Tampa, it was getting further away all the time, and there was no way to get back except on the train from Tampa the next day. He finally got back to Dade City and again mounted his prancing steed and headed for Mannsfield.

It was a hot ride, and when lawyer and mule came in sight of the courthouse, the mule stumbled and fell, and the determined lawyer sailed over his head and landed in the sandy road. Picking himself up, he proceeded on the run to the courthouse. It was empty, and there was nothing and no one on which, or on whom, to serve his writ. The only living evidence that the place was not completely abandoned was a bunch of grinning crackers, who were enjoying his discomfiture. I have heard that if one gets Florida sand in his shoes he is never happy anywhere else. The tired and blind-mad lawyer had sand in his hair as well as in his shoes, which should have made it unanimous. At least it is said that he was plenty mad, and that he aired his opinions of people, politics, and particularly of the anti-Manns to the entire satisfaction of all those present. They all knew where the lawyer stood, even if he was tired, hot, covered with sand, and alone. He said he was going to do lots about it, but it seems that he never did.

Oh yes! What happened to the courthouse? Well, it seems that the leaders of the anti-Manns held a meeting and decided that it would be more economical and perhaps legally safer, if they took action before an injunction could be served upon them, so they took unto themselves mules, horses, and wagons, and in the balmy Florida night and the small hours of the morning they moved the court records, furniture and other government equipment, and the county officers—bodies and souls—and put them in a building somewhere about where the city hall is now located.

At least in one instance the term "body and soul" literally applies. Captain Zimmerman, the clerk of the circuit court, whom I later knew and admired for his sterling qualities, refused to go along with anything that he considered irregular, and he seemed to believe that these proceedings were irregular. So he sat down in his official chair and at his official desk and refused to budge. He said he belonged in Mannsfield, and in his office he proposed



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to stay. When everything but the Captain's chair was on its way, it was pointed out to the Captain that he could not do much with just a chair, but he still sat and said he was enjoying himself. So the resourceful anti-Manns gingerly picked up the chair and placed it in a wagon and headed after the others. All arrived in Inverness in the early morning, and the people were much surprised to find the Captain still in his chair when it was carefully placed at his desk in the new courthouse.

The Captain served for many years more as circuit court clerk, and was among the most popular county officers of his day. What became of Senator Mann? Well, it seems that he did not have much luck after the county seat controversy. He stood for reelection to the senate, and the only charge that could be brought against him was that he was an aristocrat. He denied the charge and said he loved Citrus County and its people, and was a cracker just like the rest of them. But when it came to the political speeches, the anti-Manns were loaded for bear. They charged that the senator slept in a nightshirt, and was therefore an aristocrat. They called his hand when he was making his speech and forced him to admit that he had slept in a nightshirt even the night before. So, what more did the people want? The candidate himself had admitted that he slept in a nightshirt, and anyone who slept in a nightshirt was an aristocrat, and an aristocrat was not a cracker, and by no stretch of the imagination should an aristocrat be a senator from Citrus County; and if you voted for him, someone might think that you had a "tetch" of aristocracy in your own system and might tell someone else. And it was just possible that it would become common knowledge. And that would be a disgrace that you could never live down. On election day the senator was snowed under. He liquidated his holdings, which were large, and left the county, never to return.

I finally settled at Hernando and lived there until February, 1893, when I bought a small place at Floral City and began to clear the land with the general idea that I would set out an orange grove and live comfortably ever after. The money soon gave out, and I went across the road and got a job cutting timber and clearing land, and finally rolling logs—all at one dollar and twenty-five cents for a ten-hour day. I had acquired a family in the meantime, and our first baby was born in a little shanty on this land, in April, 1893.

Soon after the baby was born, I contracted malaria. I had never seen a malarial patient, and I did not know what to do about it.

I had no money for a doctor and none for capsules, so I bought some raw quinine and took it in black coffee. It may surprise you to know that black coffee completely destroys the bitter taste of quinine, but it does. Try it some time.

DAN HEARN

I had a bad time with this fever, but I got through the summer, and when winter came, it left me. But at the first warm day of spring, the chills came back. While I was still in bed, and before I could change my decision to sell if the fever returned, I sold the place to Mrs. Kate Ogden Cason, the mother of Howard, George, and John Ogden, and Mrs. Flood and Mrs. Bell, all of whom, I think, still live in Floral City.

I moved back to Hernando, in February, 1891, and entered some land on one of the lake islands, two or three miles east of the town, as my homestead. I began to build a log house, and an old negro Dan Hearn was helping me. We cut the logs on Pine Island, a mile north of my homestead. We placed them on a rack about three feet high and peeled off the bark with drawing knives. We then hauled them to the place where the house was to be built, with a mule and wagon, or rather, we dragged them by removing the body of the wagon and chaining one end of the log to the chassis and letting the other end drag.

My helper, Dan Hearn, did not look like a negro. He had reddish-brown skin, thin lips, and rather small features, and he was tall and thin. He did not know how old he was, but thought he was about eighty.

I had noticed that the first joint of the second finger on his left hand was missing, and that a small nail had grown over the end like a claw. One day, while we were laying the foundation for the house, I asked about his finger. He then told me the story.

He first said that if we could take time off he would show me where he used to live with the Indians. When I asked where, he said on this island where we were working. He then told me that a few hundred yards away were several great trees which formed a pattern like stakes around a tent. We walked through the hammock and found the trees as he said we would. They were very

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 ... Holding its first session in the Mannfield Church in August, 1887, the first Board of County
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 ... and L. L. Leammal. The first business was to approve bonds of the appointed officers: Capt. W.



KEY OFFICIALS of Citrus County, shown in front of the Courthouse, in the 1890s, were Henry Brooks, Gus Priest, Walter Warnock, Sr., Ernest Payne, Capt. W. C. Zimmerman, George Carter and George de Muro. (WW)



PROMINENT CITRUS COUNTIANS, mostly public officials, pose neatly on steps of the old Courthouse, circa 1904. Front row, L to R, George Carter, Walter Warnock, Sr., George Boswell, Henry L. Brooks, Gus Priest, Judge George de Muro, Col. J. Mason Young; second row, L to R, Mr. Barnes, Lecanto, (next three unidentified), Capt. W. C. Zimmerman; third row, L to R, Ben Wilson, County School Supt. R. L. Turner, Charles Miller, Bill Spivey, D. A. Tooke; fourth row, L to R, Ed Bowman and Jim Ruff. (RB)

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Floral City: Twice As Big As Miami

Arlington was a community described as being 23 miles north of Brooksville and five miles west of the Withlacoochee River, in the vicinity of present day Inverness. The 1886-87 Gazetteer showed the village of 50 was settled in 1881. P. J. Peacher was listed as postmaster. "There is a stage line to Brooksville twice a week, fare \$1.15", the volume noted, and added, "Mails received Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday." It had a church, school, saw mill, one store "and wants a hotel to supply present needs." Oranges, bananas, pineapples, and vegetables were reported successfully grown in Arlington.

The Reverend Young was listed as pastor of the Union Church. M. B. Van Ness had the saw mill. Banana growers were R. E. Anderson, Samuel McCall and P. J. Peacher. Orange growers listed were William Baldrige, S. M. Barton, J. R. Biggs, T. Chase, H. T. Coffey, C. H. Lewis, R. M. Barton, J. Beagles, T. E. Biggs, R. W. Cochton, William Herron, Samuel McCall, P. J. Peacher, John Rodgers, Samuel Rodgers, J. S. Perkins, C. C. Todd and M. B. Van Ness. Mrs. L. Lord was cited as a pineapple grower, and vegetable and truck farmers listed were Baldrige, F. E. Biggs, Mrs. Lord, J. Beagles, J. R. Biggs, McCall and Peacher.

Arlington was one of the communities that supplied settlers to Inverness. Today virtually no trace of Arlington remains. The principal business establishments, a large dance hall and several houses occupied the knoll on which Mr. and Mrs. Louis Connell have their home. The Connell lake then was called Gopher House pond. The huge old live oaks on the shore of the lake cover what was then one of the most famous picnic grounds in Florida. Pioneer organizations from miles around used to gather under these shade trees for all day "jubilees."

FLORAL CITY'S FIRST BOOM

Another settlement blossomed in the area in 1883 when two or three families started the village of Floral City. A year later it had 30 or 40 families, and by the time the 1886-87 Gazetteer was published it boasted a population of 300.

It also had a school, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian Church organizations, steam saw mill and five stores. The publishers suggested "A furniture factory would pay here." Land was going for \$10 to \$50 an acre.

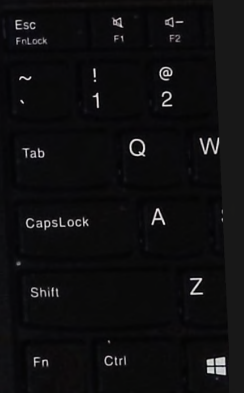
James W. Fleming was the postmaster and notary public, as well as operator of a grocery and the Floral City Hotel. Other stores were J. M. Baker & Co., general merchandise; G. B. Kirksey, grocer; Nelson & Bro., groceries and hardware; Turner & Clements, drugs and misc; J. C. Clements had the sawmill, and Miss Sallie Liles was listed as the sole teacher.

Farmers and grain planters in Floral City in the mid 1880's, and their acreages, were J. C. Clements, 20; J. A. Hampton, 20; Joseph Robertson, 15; H. W. Zellner, 10, and M. R. Zellner, 20. Orange growers and acreage were J. M. Baker, 10; B. F. Boswell, 8; J. C. Clements, 10; W. A. Duval, 10; J. A. Hampton, 10; Sam and James Pyles, 25; J. R. Williams, 11; W. Zellner, 4; J. H. Barrs, 4; G. J. Boswell, 10; J. W. Duval, 15; J. W. Fleming, 10; James Robertson, 4; W. S. Turner, 4; A. Zellner, 6; M. F. Zellner, 6, and W. C. Zimmerman, 10.

Floral City vegetable and truck farmers were J. C. Clements, 5; J. W. Fleming, 4; W. S. Turner, 5; M. F. Zellner, 4, and W. C. Zimmerman, 4. A history of Floral City published in 1971 cited E. A. Zellner as one of the pioneers of the town. He had lost an arm fighting in the Civil War, and came to this area after the war, cleared a place and planted a grove near the river. He has a number of descendants living in the area.

The popular postmaster, J. W. Fleming, was born in Alabama in 1840, enlisted in the Confederate Army in April, 1861, when the war broke out, and advanced in rank from private to Captain. He was captured at the Battle of Petersburg, Va., in 1865 and sent to Johnson Island, Ohio, as a prisoner. Fleming received an M.D. degree from Harvard.

James W. Fleming married Miss M. E. Smith in Alabama in 1867, and in 1870 moved to the Cove Bend area. He served as the first postmaster when the post office was opened in Cove Bend.



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Citrus County was born on June 2, 1887. That is the day Gov. E. A. Perry signed into law a measure passed by the Legislature to slice Hernando County into three parts to create Citrus and Pasco and Hernando Counties.

There had been agitation to "secede" from Hernando for some time, primarily because of the hardship of reaching the county seat, Brooksville, over the sand trails, to attend court or transact other official business.

Representing Hernando County in the Legislature that year were State Sen. A. S. Mann and State Reps. Frank Saxon and James Latham.

Among those from this part of the county to go to Tallahassee to lobby for a new county were Nick Barco of Red Level and Albert Willard of Homosassa.

The bill was introduced in the House by Representative Latham. It was entitled, "An act to Divide the County of Hernando, and to Create and Establish the Counties of Pasco and Citrus from portions of Hernando."

The geographical boundaries proposed for Citrus in the bill read: Commencing at a point on the Withlacoochee River on the section line dividing sections 12 and 13, township 21, range 20, E.; thence north along said line west to the southwest corner of section 9, township 21, range 19, E.; thence north along said section line to township line dividing 20 and 21; thence west along said township line to the Gulf of Mexico; thence north along said Gulf to the mouth of the Withlacoochee river, and thence up said river to the points of beginning." It covered an area of 396,800 acres.

The bill provided for Citrus County to remain a part of the First Congressional District, at that time represented by Congressman R. H. M. Davidson, of Quincy. U.S. Senators from Florida at the time were Wilkinson Call, of Jacksonville, and Charles W. Jones, of Pensacola.

Citrus was to remain part of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of which former Gov. H. L. Mitchell, of Tampa, was Judge, and S. M. Sparkman, of Tampa, was State Attorney.

The bill sailed through both Houses of the Legislature. Only Rep. McKeen Carleton of Putnam County in the House and Sen. C. W. Stevens of the 10th Senatorial District (Madison County) voted against the bill.

Within four hours after the measure passed the Legislature, Governor Perry had signed it into law. It was reported that Willard's friendship with the Governor helped to speed up the paper work.

The legislation spelled out that the town of Mannfield would be the temporary county seat of Citrus County for two years "and until removed by a vote of the registered voters of said county." Mannfield sat in the geographical center of the new County.

Holding its first session in the Mannfield Church in August, 1887, the first Board of County Commissioners consisted of J. M. Baker, chairman, P. G. Peacher, O. P. Keller, J. T. Landrum and L. L. Leamoll. The first business was to approve bonds of the appointed officers: Capt. W.

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The Birth of Citrus County

C. Zimmerman of Floral City, who had been serving as County School Superintendent of Hernando County, as Clerk; J. C. Priest, as Sheriff; William M. Brooks, of Floral City, Tax Assessor; Daniel Tompkins, Tax Collector; Nick Barco, Treasurer; J. T. Allen, Surveyor, and J. C. Phillips, attorney.

The establishment of the temporary court house in September, 1887, was in the Moffat house in Mannfield. Several years later, in 1891, the temporary court house was moved to the Gaffney house in Mannfield with a rental of \$19 a month.

Between 1889 and 1890, many county seat elections were held to establish the county site. Each election failed due to the shortage of the majority votes.

Finally, the voters did approve a move to Inverness in an election on May 4, 1891. The vote was 267 for Inverness, 258 for Lecanto, and one vote for Gulf Junction. The latter is another of the "ghost towns" from the past.

"During that time of swaddling clothes for the infant Citrus County, politics seemed to be the order of the day. Of course, the hassle over where the county seat would be was fierce. An account of what went on came to us from a colorful politician and local historian, Judge E. C. May. In 1955, Judge May wrote a guest column for the author of this book when a political writer for *The Tampa Daily Times*. Judge May did not come to Citrus County until 1892, right after the switch of sites, but he pieced the story together like this:

NIGHT THE COURT HOUSE WAS STOLEN

"Citrus has always been a one party County. There has never been enough Republicans to count but that made little difference. At least, for the first 30 years, we were governed almost exclusively by factions, and at times campaigns became a bit caustic.

"About the time Citrus County was organized, Jim Priest, Jake Landrum, George Boswell, George deMuro, Henry Martin, Frank Dampier and perhaps some others organized and incorporated a company which they called the Florida Orange, Canal and Transit Co., with the primary object of developing transportation on our lakes and rivers.

"They made elaborate plans, most of which came to naught with the great freeze of 1895, which destroyed the orange industry. But they did dig the canal from the Withlacoochee River to the lakes near Floral City, which is still there, and they made some more of their programs stick. They bought land and laid out the town of Inverness and announced that it was, or soon would be, the County Seat. It soon was, and still is. From the first, these six men and their friends were in control of politics and government of the new County.

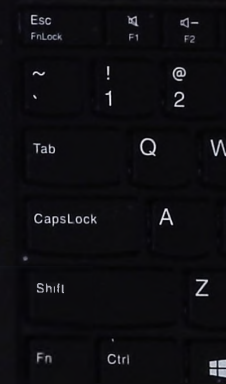
The opposition was too weak to do much about it, but at least one man tried. I have told this before, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes our early day politics...

So far as I know, there is no man living who knows the background nor where he came from, but he was the most colorful character ever to flash across our political horizon. A. S. Mann came to this territory before Citrus County was organized and before the coming of the railroads. He became prominent and went to the State Senate. I do not know how he got there, but he invested much money in lands and timber in the territory which later became Citrus County, and planned canals and other major improvements.

"He became strong in local politics and had much influence with the coming railroad people. He organized a town in the central part of the County, two miles south of Lecanto, and named it after himself, Mannfield, and the railroad headed that way, and was expected to pass through the town. When the County was organized it became the County Seat.

"For some reason which possibly had to do with the discovery of phosphate, the railroad changed its course near Holder and headed for Inverness. Much of the work on the old right-of-way from Holder to Mannfield is still visible.

"The F.O.C. and T. Company announced that Inverness was the logical place for the County



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Seat instead of Mannfield. This, as may be expected, brought on a political fight and there was much feeling. An election was called to determine where the seat of government should be located permanently and the fight was on. Mannfield and Inverness were the main contestants, and it was said the fight was not always confined to words, but was often of the knock-down-and-drag-out variety.

"Mann led his own faction and the F.O.C. and T. Company led the Anti Manns. Jim Priest was sheriff and official spokesman for his faction. The fight waxed bitter and when the votes were in, each side claimed the victory. There were charges and counter charges and the Mann faction became convinced that the Anti Manns would steal the Courthouse or at least the records, and they ordered their attorney to get an injunction against them.

"The only judge available lived in Tampa, but was holding court in Dade City. The lawyer mounted and rode furiously but when he arrived, Court had adjourned and the judge was on the train, standing at the depot and ready to pull out for Tampa. The lawyer made it, but before he could get his temporary injunction the train had moved out of the station and was on its way.

"There was no other transportation and he went on to Tampa and came back the next day, but that was too late. When he arrived in Mannfield with his papers there was no one to serve and nothing to restrain. Officers, records and court furniture and fixtures were in Inverness where they still are. It appeared that the Anti Manns decided it was safer to act before an injunction could be served, so, while the lawyer slept in Tampa they took horses and wagons and moved everything movable and that had anything to do with the County government and by 8 o'clock the next morning Inverness was the official County Seat, which it still is."

In the guest political column, Judge May then related an anecdote about Senator Mann's bid for reelection:

"In those days, the country man dressed in 'brites' and shirt. When night came on, he took off his shoes — if he had any, stepped out of his pants and was ready for bed. It was called 'sleeping in his shirt tail.' When the Senator came on to speak the Anti Manns were loaded for bear. Jim Priest was their spokesman. In the middle of the Senator's oration, Jim held up his palm and shouted: 'Hold, Senator! I have a question to ask you!' All right, Mr. Priest, what is it? 'I have it on good authority sir, that you sleep in a nightshirt! I now demand that you tell this audience if that is true?' 'Yes, Mr. Priest, that is true.' 'Did you sleep in a nightshirt LAST NIGHT?' 'Yes, Mr. Priest, I did.'"

"That was enough. The sheriff turned to the crowd and shouted: 'Did you hear that, men?' Shouts and laughter agreed that it had been heard and the sheriff continued: 'Follow citizens! You have heard our Senator boldly assert that he sleeps in a nightshirt! He is not ashamed of it and admits he slept in it LAST NIGHT, and he comes here today and asks you sovereign citizens of this good County to vote for him! Neighbors, any man who does not sleep in his shirt tail is an aristocrat, and by no stretch of the imagination should an aristocrat be a Senator from Citrus County! If you vote for him, some may think you have a tetch of aristocracy, and you will never be able to live it down! Few voted for him and the Senator lost the election. He sold his large holdings and left the County, never to return.'"

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The article stated that "He (Mann) had a stormy but distinguished career in the Legislature, being a populist leader and a free-thinking progressive. He is remembered mainly as the father of good roads" and an ardent backer of the proposed Cross-Florida barge canal. "This information came from a research paper by John Q. Langford, Jr., on "Senator Austin S. Mann," University of Florida, 1950, 1-7, copy in the P.K. Yonge Library.

Miss Vance reported that after graduation from St. Joseph's Convent in St. Augustine, May Austin accompanied her father to Tallahassee and spent the 1891 legislative session working as his assistant. It was during this period she was courted by Jennings, at the time a handsome young judge from her county, and they were married in the Spring of that year. Her biographer noted that May Mann helped advance the political career of Jennings, as she "inherited much of her father's political ability."

A first-hand account of that fateful day in Citrus County history — the day they moved the court house to Inverness — was told many years later by J. C. Priest, son of Sheriff Jim Priest. The *Chronicle* quoted him thusly:

"The old frame court house was put right where Jut's Bar is now and later Barrett and Thompson had a grocery store at the same place.

"I was five years old and I helped move the court house by helping push the wagons up the sand hill and getting a fine free ride down the hill when the mules went at a gallop. There were only two teams to move the whole court house.

"Captain (W.C.) Zimmerman, the Clerk, had refused to move out of his office and just sat there when they got ready to move the building. He was against moving the court house all along.

"The sheriff, who was my father, J. C. Priest, asked the attorneys for Inverness what to do with Captain Zimmerman.

"Bob and Hub Anderson of Ocala, the attorneys, told the sheriff: 'By God, move him,' so my father ordered two men to pick him, his chair and desk and put him in the wagon, and the last time I saw Captain Zimmerman was in a high run to Inverness.

"The sheriff ordered that the captain was not to be allowed out of his chair until they got to Inverness. And when the attorneys told the sheriff, Jim beat the wagon to Inverness. And when they got Zimmerman in his room in the court house, they got him to go to the front door and declare the Citrus County court house legally moved to Inverness.

"The anti-Inverness crowd had employed a Colonel Dupre to enjoin the sheriff from moving the court house to Inverness and the Colonel rode a mule to Dade City where the court was. But by the time he got there court was over and the train was pulling out for Tampa.

"The judge was Governor Mitchell and state attorney was Tom Palmer. The sheriff had wired Palmer ahead of time to represent Inverness.

"Dupre jumped on the train with the judge and they argued the case all the way to Tampa. He got back to Mannfield the next day and he had lost his case.

"But if he hadn't lost the case, the court house would have done been moved anyway."

One of the prominent lawyers reported involved in that court battle over the county seat was Col. Thomas Payne Lloyd. The incident was recalled recently in a letter from Colonel Lloyd's daughter, Miss Lucy Lloyd, of Landsdowne, Pa., to her niece, Mrs. John D. Weekly, the former Miss Mary Lloyd, of Tampa.

"Miss Lucy" wrote: "I think the most exciting event in my family experiences was early in the days in Florida. There was staged a legal contest to decide would Inverness or a village named Mannfield be the big town of Citrus County. Crowds were violently interested. The top lawyer in the city of Jacksonville was engaged for the contest. My father, a good lawyer, was elected to be his rival speaker.

"And guess what! My father won! And he was so sure of winning before his victory was declared, he had friends with vehicles, moving certain items in his possession, dispatched on

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It seems the Civil War was writing it.
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All Sorts of Things and Weather

All sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together,
To make up a year
And a Sphere
- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It was not until 1899 that Citrus County began recording its weather. And even since then, there have been hits and misses on keeping the data.

Albert Carlin, of Citrus Springs, a member of the Citrus County Bicentennial Steering Committee undertook the job of researching the subject of weather for this history, and in the doing turned up a wealth of information. He is a retired training director of the old U. S. Weather Bureau.

He discovered that the lowest temperature ever recorded for Inverness was 14 degrees which was the reading that cold morning of Feb. 13, 1899. This record came almost immediately after the recordkeeping was started by W. C. Zimmerman, who kept track of the weather from February to December, 1899. The highest temperature recorded was 105 degrees on Sept. 7, 1955.

Other official weather watchers for the area include veteran W. H. Miller, who kept rainfall only from February to April, 1900, then the full observation, temperature and rainfall, in the periods June, 1900 to October, 1914; May, 1915 to July, 1917; October, 1917 to September, 1925; and for May, 1926.

Observer Miller was followed by Sam H. Roundtree, who kept rainfall only during September, 1926, and full observation between October, 1926 and February, 1927; Phil Robinson, from June, 1928 to November 1928; Adam Noble, (President of the Inverness Town Council in 1922 and Mayor in 1925) from January, 1929 to November, 1937; W. H. Wright, December, 1937; Frank Morris, (member of Town Council in 1925) from January, 1938, to July, 1941; J. H. Spivey, October, 1941 to May, 1951.

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End of the 19th Century

In 1893, a famous artist — George Inness — came to Citrus County and immortalized on canvas landscape scenes around Crystal River and Homosassa. He painted "Home of the Heron," depicting a scarcely distinguishable heron flying into the diffused glow of the evening sun as it filters through the pines. The scene is actually found just off U.S. 19 between the two west coast communities, and is typical of the hammock land found in Citrus County. The faded painting now hangs in the Chicago Museum of Art. Inness spent his later years at Tarpon Springs and was a frequent visitor to this section. He is believed to have found inspiration for his "The First Cathedral" in this area. This picture, a woodscape of lofty hickory, ash and magnolia trees that form transepts and naves and corridors that stretch into infinity, brings immediately to mind the poet's observation that "God's first temple was the woods." Inness, Sr., was regarded as one of the few world respected American artists of the mid-19th century. He died the year following his painting of the "Home of the Heron," in 1894, at the age of 69. His son, George Inness, Jr., also was a noted painter and many of his great works hang in the Universalist Church in Tarpon Springs.

While other denominations established churches early in Inverness, it was not until 1893 that the Episcopalians moved in. At that time a site near the present church building was given to the Diocese of Florida "for use by an Episcopal church." The donors are listed only as Jackson, Chipping and Ward and are said to have been associated with the Southern Pines Development Company interested in phosphate mine activities in the Inverness area.

Nothing is recorded further until 1913 when Bishop William Crane Gray made the first bishop's invitation to an "unorganized mission." The congregation at that time met in members' homes and later at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Main Street. In 1914 the property was deeded to St. Margaret's mission and the first church built. The church shared its vicars during those years with Brooksville, Bushnell and at one time, Dade City.

The Rev. Merrill Norton, in 1960, was the first resident vicar to serve St. Margaret's. He also served St. Ann's at Crystal River during his seven year stay. In 1956, two contractors and an architect reported to John Roscow that the faulty foundation of the building made it impractical to use the building permanently. So a building fund was started, and in 1974, a new church building was dedicated, with the Rev. James Shortess, vicar, as Master of Ceremonies.

It was in 1893 that the Crystal River Methodist Church was started with a part-time minister, whose salary was \$150 per year. A building was erected at the northeast corner of Citrus Avenue and Crystal Street in 1908. Just a mission then, it had 20 regular members and five officers. The services were more or less sporadic until about 1950, when the Rev. Robert D. Sommers became the pastor. He added members to the roll and regular services were begun. Roy Thompson was a trustee and treasurer, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Drew Edwards were prominent members and officers of the church.

Another unit of the Masonic Lodge was begun in the county when Floral City Lodge No. 133, F. & A. M., was chartered by Grand Master Angus Peterson on Jan. 18, 1893.

Charter members were John W. Allen, Walter E. Armstrong, James M. Baker, William J. Baker, Hugh Borland, Isaac M. Barton, William M. Brooks, John W. Benton, Jacob C. Clements, James A. Hampton, Joseph W. Knight, William M. Lawrie, Frank J. Lewis, Solomon D. Moon, Marcus L. McCoy, Columbus M. "Bess" Rooks, Frank S. Rawls, Abram J. Tooke, James B. Young and William C. Zimmerman.

James M. Baker was the first worshipful master. Others have been: J. C. Clements, 1894; J. B. Young, 1895; J. W. Knight, 1896-97; S. D. Moon, 1898; J. W. Knight, 1899, 1900-01-02-03-04; R. L. Clark, 1905; H. O. Snow, 1906-07; R. L. Clark, 1908; J. W. Knight, 1909; W. A. Bushnell, 1910; A. C. Johnson, 1911; W. A. Bushnell, 1912; A. C. Johnson, 1913; E. B. Green, 1914.

S. D. Snow, 1915-16-17; J. D. Baker, 1918; J. B. Hardee, 1919; W. H. Dunn, 1920; M. M. Smoak, 1921; W. R. Townsend Sr., 1922; Ed S. Carter, 1923-24; Tom Zellner, 1925; J. O. Love, 1926; Ed S. Carter, 1927; M. M. Smoak, 1928; M. O. Love, 1929; J. S. Landrum, 1930; J. R. Arnold, 1931; C. L.

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Zimmerman, W. C. B: 13 Apr. 1838 Elmore, AL
 D: 4 July 1907 Bur: Duval Co., FL

1st wife Julia Stone
 Children - Tom - M. Mission Townsend
 4: F. M. Townsend of New Hope
 had six sons. After freeze of
 1845 moved to New Hope

2nd wife - Emma Stone - 1st. Mrs. Nelson
 sister of Julia
 children - Carl & Felton

W. C. & Eugene - his brother enlisted from state of
 Alabama. Were both in 4th AL. Alabama Inf. Regiment
 W. C. was at Princeton when Civil War started
 was a Lt. 2nd AL. Reserve made him a captain
 Eugene was captured during war.
 Julia started a diary the day her son was born.
 She wrote it as though the son was writing it.
 It covers the Civil War era.
 The brothers opened the last battle of the war.
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W.C. started the United Veterans of the
 Blue Gray. He was their historian.

Alabama Archives in Montgomery would have
 information on them.

Mr. ⁰⁻¹¹⁻⁸⁴ Zimmerman is going to send us copies
 of pages of diary he thinks we can use.
 His address is 7204 San Carlos Rd
 Jacksonville, FL 32217
 904-448-8718

Eugene lived in house in Floral City but it
 was probably owned by W.C.

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1997 Leadership Citrus Archival Research Assignment

William C. Zimmerman

Brief Background

Born in Alabama, in 1898 ^{Paid taxes 1908/1909-NA}
Died in Don Z Know in 1961/1962 ^{Approximately 1961 paid taxes in 1911}
In ? Zimmerman married Laura G. of ?

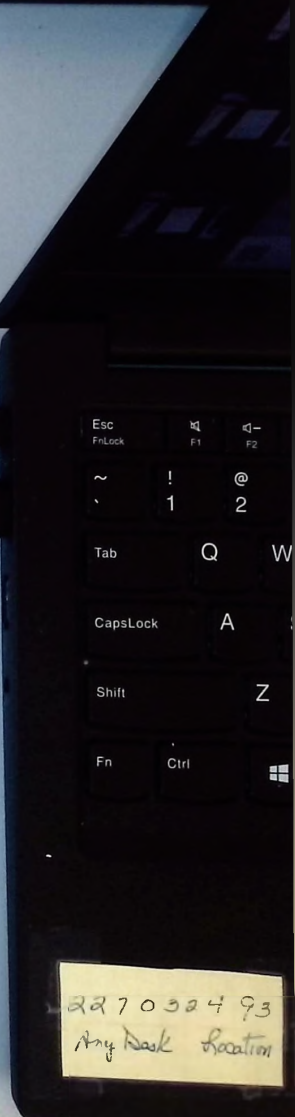
The couple relocated to Citrus County in ?

- Zimmerman, a multifaceted person, wore many hats. Name at least six occupations.
 - a. Clerk of Court b. Orange grove owner c. Farmer ^{Priest + Landman 213 acres}
 - d. School Superintendent Weatherman e. Postmaster in the Orange Canal + Trust Co. ^{(Documented) Winder}
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 - b. He was one of the main players in the unsuccessful bid for the county seat to be in Mannfield
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 - e. ?

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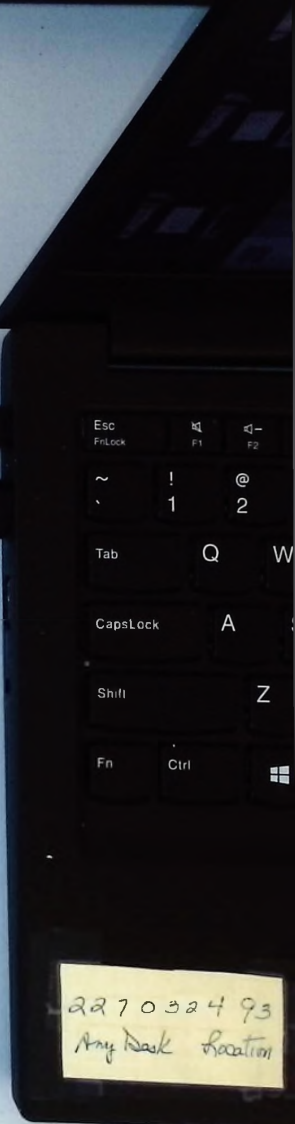
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THE STATE OF FLORIDA, CITRUS COUNTY.

This Indenture, Made and entered into this the 18th day of February A. D., 1907, between S. Paul and Lela E. Paul his wife of the County and State aforesaid, part 12 of the first part, and W. J. Zimmerman and J. J. Zimmerman of the County and State aforesaid, part 12 of the second part;

Witnesseth, That the said part 12 of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said part 12 of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents, do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said part 12 of the second part, and their heirs and assigns forever, the following land, lying, being and situated in said County of Citrus, State of Florida, to-wit:

Lot 15 and 16 in Block 157 in Floral City Investment Company's Addition to Floral City Florida, all in Section 157, Township 7 South Range, 20 East.

It is further understood and agreed by the parties of the first part, that the above description were the identical land devised by W. H. Havran to S. M. Muzzy, A. B. Muzzy to J. W. Portland, and also certified as follows: 27 1/2' x 100' area and 10' wide and thirty feet off west side of lot 214, and thirty feet off west side of lot eleven, all in Block five Harbor's Addition to the town of Floral City Florida, and being the same land as devised by J. W. Higgins to W. J. Hillman by deed dated March 1st 1903 and recorded March 21st 1903 Deed Book 26 at page 63 Public records Citrus County Florida

containing Two lots acres, be the same more or less, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining.

To have and to hold, Said land and premises, with the appurtenances, to the said part 12 of the second part their heirs and assigns forever. And the said part 12 of the first part do hereby bind themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend the title to said premises unto the said part 12 of the second part their

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beirs and assigns against the said part of the first part and their heirs, executors and administrators, and against all persons whomsoever lawfully or equitably claiming or to claim the same.

In Witness Whereof, The said Part of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal on the date aforesaid.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in our presence as Witnesses,
Geo. J. Nelson } F. S. Pauls
Anderson Quinn } Lula G. Pauls

The State of Florida,
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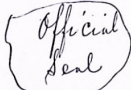
I, Geo. J. Nelson, Justice of the Peace, in said county and State, do hereby certify that on this the 18th day of February, A. D., 1907, personally appeared before me Lula G. Pauls, his wife to

me well known to be the part described in and who executed and delivered the foregoing Deed of Conveyance, and personally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein expressed, and make this acknowledgment to the end that the same may be admitted to record according to law.

And the said Lula G. Pauls, wife of the said F. S. Pauls,

being examined by me separately and apart from her said husband, acknowledged that she made herself a party to and joined with her said husband in the execution of said Deed for the purpose of renouncing and relinquishing all her dower, right of dower or separate property in and to the lands therein described, and that such renunciation and relinquishment is made by her freely and voluntarily, and without any constraint, apprehension or fear of or from her said husband.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the date last aforesaid.



My Commission expires January 1909

Filed and Recorded March 4, 1907

Geo. J. Nelson, Justice of the Peace
Lafayette F. Williams, Clerk of the Circuit Court,
By Michael E. Sumner, Deputy Clerk.

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THIS INDENTURE, Made and entered into this the 18th day of May, A. D. 1899, between Hugh Borland and Maffian M Borland of the County and State aforesaid, parties of the first part, and George Washington Higgins of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto the said party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns, forever, the following land lying, being and situate in the said County of Citrus and State of Florida, to wit:

Lot six and nine of Block Eighteen in Floral City Investment Company's addition to Floral City, Florida, All in Section fifteen Township Twenty South Range Twenty East.

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA, CITRUS COUNTY.

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This Indenture, Made and entered into this the Tenth day of March A. D., 1903, between George W. Higgins (Vendor)

of the County and State aforesaid, part of the first part, and W. J. Hillman of the County and State aforesaid, part of the second part;

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$1,000.00 Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, by do hereby granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns forever, the following land, lying, being and situated in said County of Citrus, State of Florida, to-wit:

Lot six and nine in Block Eighteen (18) in Floral City Investment Company Addition to Floral City, Florida All in Section Fifteen (15) Township Twenty (20) South of Range Twenty (20) East. It is further understood and agreed by the party of the first part that the above described consists of identical land, located by W. H. Norton to S. A. Murray, and by S. A. Murray to Hugh Boland and divided as follows, viz: Lot Seven and Lot Ten and thirty feet off of west side of Lot Six and thirty feet off of West side of Lot Eleven, all in Block Eighteen addition to the Town of Floral City, Florida.

containing Six Lots acres, be the same more or less, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold, Said land and premises, with the appurtenances, to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the first part do hereby bind himself and his heirs and assigns forever.

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Improvements at Law Offices.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Citrus, Florida, as Notary Public for the term of four years, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1903, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 1906. The said Notary Public is authorized to perform all the duties and functions of a Notary Public in and to the County of Citrus, Florida, and to execute and deliver all the oaths and certificates required by law. The said Notary Public is also authorized to receive and record all the deeds, mortgages, and other instruments required by law to be recorded in the County of Citrus, Florida, and to execute and deliver all the oaths and certificates required by law. The said Notary Public is also authorized to receive and record all the deeds, mortgages, and other instruments required by law to be recorded in the County of Citrus, Florida, and to execute and deliver all the oaths and certificates required by law.

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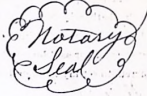
In Witness Whereof, The said party of the first part hereunto set hand and seal the date aforesaid.

J. W. Knight
J. M. Poore

George W. Higgins

The State of Florida, }
 COUNTY OF CITRUS, } ss.

J. W. Knight, Notary Public, in said county and State, do hereby certify that on this the 24th day of March, A. D. 1903 personally appeared before me George W. Higgins (a bachelor) his wife to me well known to be the party described in and who executed and delivered the foregoing Deed of Conveyance, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein expressed, and make this acknowledgment to the end that the same may be admitted to record according to law.



J. W. Knight
 Notary Public

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the date last aforesaid.

Filed and Recorded March 24 1903

Walter H. Harnock
 Clerk of the Circuit Court,
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50 MANUFACTURERS' RECORD. [August 20, 1897.]

PROSPERITY IN TEXAS.
Houston, Texas, August 16.
The portion of Texas in the front ranks of the prosperity column, and every thing points toward better times in Texas, Alabama, Indian Territory, Kansas and Nebraska, the farmers are being furnished with wheat and other crops in abundance at a price that is a great improvement on what it was a year ago. There is even in this country a surplus of wheat and other crops. The only real trouble is in the few years that they are looking for next year and a lot of them are in a state of mind to be satisfied with the present crop. It is a few years that they are looking for next year and a lot of them are in a state of mind to be satisfied with the present crop. It is a few years that they are looking for next year and a lot of them are in a state of mind to be satisfied with the present crop.

RECOVERING IN FLORIDA.
Special Cor. Manufacturers' Record.
Tallahassee, Fla., August 14.
People generally throughout our State are rapidly recovering from the depression of the last three years' activity. The cotton crop is better than for years. The sugar crop is also better. The citrus fruit crop is also better. The phosphate industry is also recovering. The only real trouble is in the few years that they are looking for next year and a lot of them are in a state of mind to be satisfied with the present crop.

ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH.
Manufacturers' Record.
Tallahassee, Fla., August 14.
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RAILROAD NEWS.
A complete report of all new railroad lines in the South will be found in the Construction Department.
Arkansas Railroad Plans.
It is believed that the Arkansas Central and other railroads, including the Texas & Pacific, will have a branch to Hot Springs, and it is expected that the Gulf of Mexico system will reach the Gulf of Mexico. The Arkansas Central is a branch of the Texas & Pacific system. It is a branch of the Texas & Pacific system. It is a branch of the Texas & Pacific system. It is a branch of the Texas & Pacific system.

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Bananas were grown there at the time, and growers were E. B. Beagles, Gould & Carriell, J. F. Dampier and Allen Rogers.
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Vegetable and truck farmers were listed as J. R. Bigg & Co., T. Biggs, Granville Bryant, L. C. Colton, Marvin Devey, M. M. Gaston, J. G. Giemer, Mrs. Lizzie Lord, S. McCall, J. W. McGehee, J. M. Redding & Co., J. S. Ruff, George Smith, John P. Spivey and B. Wilson.

CRYSTAL RIVER — A METROPOLIS

Cotton, vegetables and cedar pencil wood were the principal exports from Crystal River as the second half of the decade of the eighties began. It was the "metropolis" in the Gulf Region of the county with its 200 population. The community was getting mail, by hack, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Ocala, and Monday and Thursday from Brooksville. H. T. Hartman was the postmaster and partner in Hartman & Miller, grocers. Fare by hack, with the mail carrier, to either Brooksville or Ocala was \$3. The Gulf Steamboat Co. of Cedar Key made landings at this point. (Only a few years before, in 1885, the population was 100, and William F. Gaines was postmaster. Editor Winton S. Webb observed in his publication The Florida Gazetteer that "cattle raising is profitable, and there is an excellent opening for live industrious men" in Crystal River.)

The Dixon Pencil Mills, run by steam power, was humming. There were one white and one "colored" school, eight stores and "various other pursuits." Oranges and vegetables were grown here "with much success" and the price of land ranged from \$1.25 to \$50 per acre.

A significant development in Crystal River in 1884 was the founding of the cedar mill by William Foerster. It made three products - cedar slats for making pencils, which was the chief product; cedar lining for closets and chifferobes, and cedar oil, which was used in soaps and perfumes.

Some of the leading businesses and tradesmen: W. Atkinson, carpenter; N. Barco and S. J. Pardoe of Barco & Pardoe, general merchandise; J. D. Bennett and W. A. Shands, and a Dr. Dunklin, physicians; H. Brooks, mayor; Crystal River Lumber Co., saw mill; James L. Miller, general merchandise, cotton gin and boat line; Miss J. Pardoe, teacher; J. W. Paul sailboats; E. W. Perry and R. S. Pringle, justices of peace; A. T. Priest, saloon; Mrs. Mary Williams, general merchandise; James Williams, pine and cedar mill; Thomas and M. P. Willis, Willis Bros., general merchandise; Willis House, T. Willis, prop.; M. P. Willis, sail-boat line.

Farmers and grain planters listed in the 1886-87 volume of The Florida Gazetteer for Crystal River were B. A. Coffey, Dr. Dunklin, H. D. Edwards, M. B. Edwards, William Gray, Greenleaf & Moore, O. P. Keller, E. K. King, J. L. Mills, E. W. Priest, J. J. Priest, William Priest, Jessie Smith, Louis Winn, and T. S. Winn.

Crystal River orange growers were listed with their acreages, were, Paul Bullert, 3; E. T. Brown, 1; B. A. Coffey, 10; Ed Deibert, 2; Jacob Deibert, 2; Dr. Dunklin, 4; H. D. Edwards, W. B. Edwards, Greenleaf & Moore; H. T. Hartman, 5; O. P. Keller, 5; E. K. King, 6; A. S. Mann, 10; J. J. Priest, 2; William Priest, 2; Edward Wheeler, 6, and Josiah Wildermuth, 2.

Vegetable and truck farmers were identified as William Gray, O. P. Keller, 1; J. J. Priest, 1, and Jessie Smith.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the county, the little community of Istachatta was quite active. (It is still in Hernando County today, just across the Citrus line.) It was a landing on the Withlacoochee River and had stage communication three times a week with Panasoffkee as well

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Floral City: Twice As Big As Miami

as steamer communication. The population was 76 and F. M. Townsend was postmaster. There were two saw mills and two grist mills and one store.

Among community leaders were A. H. Barker & Co., general merchandise and real estate agents; N. R. Hays, saw and grist mill; T. E. Morris, justice of the peace; J. R. Temple, saw and grist mill and physician, and W. J. Wright, physician.

Orange growers in the Istachatta vicinity were C. R. Arnold, G. Arnold, B. E. Bagwell, D. Baker, J. W. Baker, A. H. Barker, Henry Bauknight, F. Blackburn, J. Caruthers, N. A. Colson, A. Freeman, William Goss, G. D. Graham, J. C. Graham, Thomas Graham, J. W. Knight, N. F. McDonald, G. T. McKay, J. Moor, George Peters, L. C. Peters, Stephen Peters, W. R. Temple, C. C. Townsend, F. M. Townsend and T. Townsend.

About this time, Lecanto was prospering with poultry and eggs being its major shipments, along with vegetables. Still often called Middle Ground, Lecanto had a population of 125 listed in the 1885 publication, and only 105 in the 1886-87 volume. John E. King was the postmaster in the earlier listing, and W. A. Allen had taken over when the Florida Gazetteer was published. (The Lecanto post office was established in 1883 and it was then that the name Lecanto came into being. Since the name Middle Ground was similar to post offices already established, it was unacceptable to the Post Office Department.) The town had a public school and church organization, one store and a tannery, and it was reported that "a saw mill is needed." Unimproved land went for \$5 an acre. There was stage communication with Brooksville and Crystal River.

Lecanto leaders listed included C. E. Allen, butcher; J. Y. Barnes, butcher; J. W. Davis, deputy postmaster; the Rev. J. B. Haralson, pastor of the Baptist Church; the Rev. E. A. Harrison, pastor of the Methodist Church; J. W. Johns, drayman; J. E. King, Tax Collector of Hernando County and Justice of the Peace; Middle Ground School. Mrs. C. Willingham, teacher and E. F. Newport, general merchandise.

Farmers and grain planters and their acreage were: C. E. Allen, 20; J. A. Allen, 20; W. A. Allen, 20; W. E. Allen, 20; J. Y. Barnes, 30; J. J. Davis, 50; J. T. Davis, 10; J. B. Haralson, 50; C. Horn, 30; J. W. Johns, 20; H. B. King, 30; E. King, 20; J. W. King, 10; J. P. Morrison, 40; H. W. Parkerson, J. R. Payne, 10; T. R. Payne, 20; H. V. Taylor, 80, and L. Williamson, 15.

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HOMOSASSA —POPULATION 9

"It has no business pursuit to report at present" was the blunt description of Homosassa (pop. 9) in the 1886-87 Gazetteer. It added, "This place, though recently established as a post office, is yet a country settlement." The village was situated on the projected line of the Silver Springs, Ocala & Gulf Railroad, and Ocala was the nearest banking place.

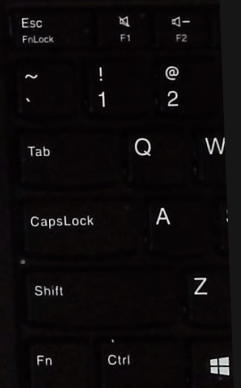
A Modern local historian, Elmo Reed, gives us a more favorable picture of Homosassa in the mid-1880's.

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the paper said. Holders of phosphate property came under attack from the *Chronicle* in a September 1912 issue: "The big drawback that is holding Inverness down was never better illustrated than in the case of D. E. Sutton and family this week. Mr. Sutton had been connected with the mill here as head sawyer, but resigned last week, but by no means desires to leave this section. He is anxious to embark in farming operations near here, but soon found out that desirable lands were tied up by phosphate men who pay but little taxes on same, and where the lands have been thoroughly prospected and found not to contain rock in paying quantities. The amount of land thus involved is wonderful, and relief must be had from some source. A person should not be allowed to own lands in large quantities unless it is put to some good use for which it is adapted. Thousands of acres are thus tied up in Citrus County, and strenuous measures will have to be resorted to in order to relieve the stress."

A pioneer citizen of this area was F. M. Townsend, who died in 1912. He was born in Jefferson County in September 1838. He served in the Indian War with Capt. Bill Kendrick in 1836 when he was only 18-years-old. He also served with distinction in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. In the winter of 1873 he moved to Hernando County, living that year at Brooksville, but moving the next year to the home place at Istachatta.

Townsend took a leading part in helping to develop Hernando County (Citrus at that time was a part of Hernando), and it was he who established the public highway via Istachatta and which was known as the old stage line between Tampa, Brooksville and Wildwood. He was instrumental in having established the telegraph lines between Brooksville and Wildwood and to Bay Port and to Cedar Key, and was a pioneer in the navigation of the Withlacoochee River.

He served his county as Tax Collector, and also served as Hernando's member in the lower House of the Legislature. He always took a deep interest in the advancement and development of Hernando County and was in the foremost ranks helping to push his county to the front, according to the *Southern Argus*, published at Brooksville. Six children survived him. They were Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman, Dunedin; Mrs. E. T. Posser, Dunedin; Miss Kate Townsend, vocal teacher in Columbia College at Lake City; T. E. Townsend, Istachatta; F. M. Townsend, Jr., San Antonio, Tex., and J. F. Townsend, Madison.

Another old-timer died about this time. He was M. M. Gaston, who was once postmaster of Inverness but who of late had been living in Punta Gorda. He died in Illinois, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. The *Punta Gorda Herald* obituary noted that Gaston was born in Foxville, Ill., Oct.-1, 1842. He married and came to Florida early in 1876, settling at Aerdonda in Alachua County five miles from Gainesville. Later he moved to Inverness, where he served a term as postmaster "and took a lively interest in public affairs."

In 1895 he took up his residence on one of the Ten Thousand Islands, moving from there to Punta Gorda about 1897, and engaged in truck farming and fruit growing as well as the poultry business.

MY HAT PLEASE

Here was an interesting ad in the *Chronicle*: "The party who took a gentleman's hat from the sitting room of A. H. Bellamy's hotel Monday morning, will save trouble by returning the same to the *Chronicle* office at once. We mean business."

There was a goof on the general election ballot in 1912, but John E. King was elected County Surveyor just the same. It seems his name was left off the ballot "unintentionally" but he was nevertheless duly elected by part of the Lecanto vote, the mistake having been discovered before the entire vote was cast.

There was a near tragedy at Hernando around Christmas time in 1912. The *Chronicle* told the story this way:

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1950 Metzger Co. Ala pg 99

1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
			Age	Sex	Color									
Detailed description of individual in order of relation to family		The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1950, was in this family.			Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Persons over 15 years of age.			Place or District Naming the State, Territory, or Country.		Whether disabled, blind, deaf, dumb, insane, idiotic, pauper, convict.	
		Virginia Perry	1	f				Ala						
		Mathew B. Carter	35	m		Manager		Ala						
		Margaret de	23	f				Ala						
		George de	30	m				Ala						
491	503	John W. Barber	37	m		Farmer	7000	Ala						
		Elizabeth de	30	f				Ala						
		Sarah P. de	6	f				Ala						
		John W. de	4	m				Ala						
		Lucius A. Caroff	17	m				Ala						
		Tom B. de	8	m				Ala						
		Ramonda W. Midge	16	f				Ala						
1193	504	Walter J. Finerman	45	m		Farmer	8000	Ala						
		Laura de	34	f				Ala						
		Sarah P. de	14	f				Ala						
		Tom de	12	m				Ala						
		Louisa A. de	10	f				Ala						
		Mason de	8	m				Ala						
		Ermy de	6	f				Ala						
		Raymond de	4	m				Ala						
		Lincoln de	4	f				Ala						
493	515	Robert M. de	41	m		NP		Ala						

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19		Henry	61	1	1850	Ditto		
20	1870	John	36	42	22	Lussan	Lussan	
21		Amey	45	4	70	Keppel	Keppel	
22		Martha	32	1	70	Madame		
23		Charles	41	20	70	Ditto		
24		Martha	4	4	70	Ditto		
25	1870	Gouverneur	32	24	70	Madame		
26		Henry	6	20	70	Ditto		
27		Thomas	4	20	70	Ditto		
28		Carol	2	20	70	Ditto		
29		Francis	4	4	70	Ditto		
30		William	33	4	70	Keppel	Keppel	
31		Andrew	44	21	70	Ditto		
32		George	13	21	70	Ditto		
33		Sidney	4	21	70	Ditto		
34		Esther	8	21	70	Ditto		
35		Marshall	33	21	70	Carroll	Carroll	
36	1870	Thomas	44	21	70	Carroll	Carroll	
37		Yama	50	4	70	Ditto		
38		George	6	7	70	Madame		
39	1870	William	32	21	70	Ditto		
40		William	30	4	70	Ditto		
		No. of dwellings	2	No. of white females	9	No. of male foreign born		
		" " families	5	" " colored males	10	" " males		
		" " white males	12	" " females	9	" " girls		
			19	30	11			

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CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORD
 Command - Co. 10, 4th Ala. Regt. Inf.
 William C. Zimmerman

Act A. The Census Year began June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1871.
 Note - All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June 1870. No persons will be counted since June 1, 1870, will be omitted. Enumerators of Families who have DEPARTED since June 1, 1870, will be included.
 Act B. Enumerators must be 21 years of age and must be in actual possession of some family at date of day.

DULE 1. - Inhabitants in Hamburg Twp. in the County of Barren, State of Ala.
 enumerated by me on the 25 day of June, 1880. H. Sullivan

Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate
Wm. H. ...	M	40	W	Farmer	1000	500	1500	1500
J. H. ...	M	35	W	Farmer	800	400	1200	1200
M. H. ...	M	30	W	Farmer	600	300	900	900
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10. Remarks

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11. Authority

1. Name - Zimmerman, William C.
Command - Co. J 4th Ala. Regt. Inf.

CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORD

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Z565 ALABAMA
 (NAME OF FAMILY) VOL. 63 E. D. 189
 (COLOR) (AGE) (YEAR) (COUNTY) (TOWNSHIP) (BEAT) (RANGE)
 B F 29 Alabama Beat #4 Camden
 (CITY) (STREET) (HOUSE NO.)

OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY				
NAME	RELATION- SHIP	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	
Zimmerman, Melvin		12	Alabama	
Minda		10	Alabama	
Jones		4	Alabama	
Sarah		3	Alabama	
Billy		1	Alabama	

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Z550 ALABAMA
 (NAME OF FAMILY) VOL. 19 E. D. 79
 (COLOR) (AGE) (YEAR) (COUNTY) (TOWNSHIP) (BEAT) (RANGE)
 W M 42 Ala. Beat #2 Hamburg
 (CITY) (STREET) (HOUSE NO.)

OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY				
NAME	RELATION- SHIP	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	
Zimmerman, L. J.	W	43	Ala.	
Zimmerman, J.	"	14	"	
" J.	"	12	"	
" J.	"	3	"	

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Zimmerman, W. H.

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Capt J.H. Scholes

Transfers

5. Engagements

6. Wounds and Hospital Record

7. Date and Place of Capture, or Discharge

8. Prison Record

9. Was Substitute Furnished?

10. Remarks

11. Authority - Compiled roll sent in by David Johnston, member of the Co.

Zimmerman, J. J.
Private.

Captain Tenelle, Co. D. Montgomery
County Reserves.

Montgomery County Ala. Ser # 1, Aug 13th 1864.

Army Record

Muste Roll Dated Montgomery Ala. Aug 13th 1864.

CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORD

1. Name Zimmerman, Capt. W.C., Command Co. B., 63rd, Ala. Inf. Regt.
2. Rank Promotions
3. Date and Place of Enlistment
4. Re-enlistment Transfers
5. Engagements
6. Wounds and Hospital Record
7. Date and Place of Capture, or Discharge
8. Prison Record
9. Was Substitute Furnished?
10. Remarks

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11. Authority

CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORD

1. Name -Zimmerman, William C. Command -Co. G, 4th Ala. Regt. Inf.

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J. W. Manning
County Judge
Sept 1863
W. B. Zimmerman
Bluff
... this 3d day of Sept 1863
W. B. Zimmerman
Bluff
1863
Official Seal

CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORD

1. Name **Zimmerman, Eugene** Command **63 d Infantry Regt.**

2. Rank Promotions

3. Date and Place of Enlistment

4. Re-enlistment Transfers

5. Engagements

6. Wounds and Hospital Record

7. Date and Place of Capture, or Discharge

8. Prison Record

9. Was Substitute Furnished?

10. Remarks
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11. Authority

CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORD

1. Name **Zimmerman, Eugene** Command **-Co. A. 63rd Inf**

2. Rank **Private** Promotions **Capt J.H. Echols**

3. Date and Place of Enlistment

4. Re-enlistment Transfers

5. Engagements

6. Wounds and Hospital Record

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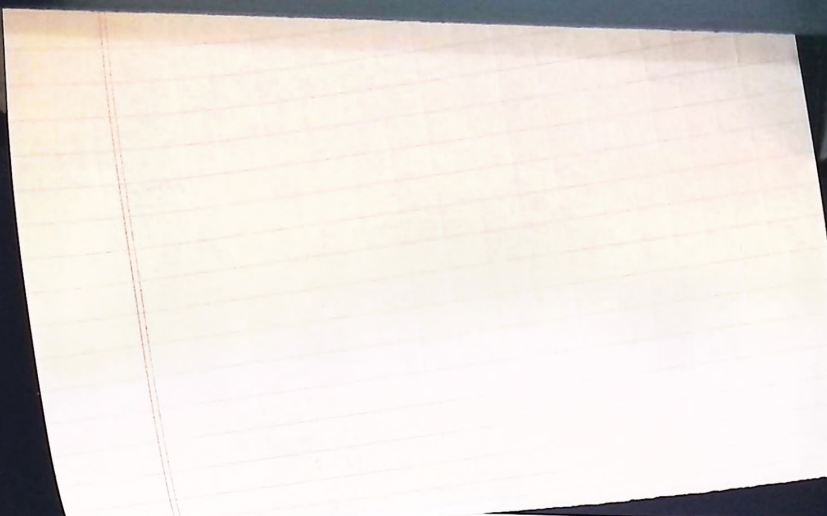
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 Clerk



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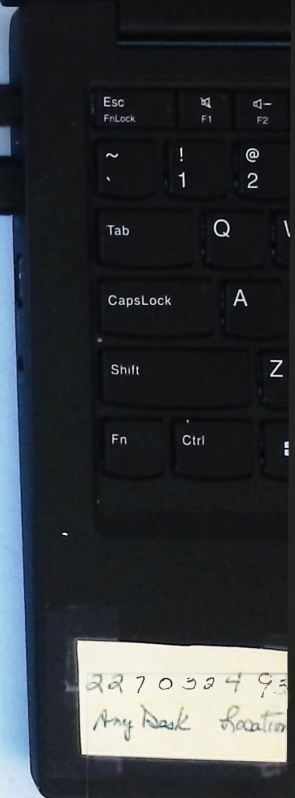
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In the County of Manatee State of Florida

enacted by me on the 30th day of June, 1885. J. D. Shand

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Profession	Marital	Religion	Education	Property	Value	Other
1047	J. P. Baker	30	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1048	J. P. Baker	28	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1049	J. P. Baker	26	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1050	J. P. Baker	24	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1051	J. P. Baker	22	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1052	J. P. Baker	20	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1053	J. P. Baker	18	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
1054	J. P. Baker	16	M	White							Ala Ala Ala
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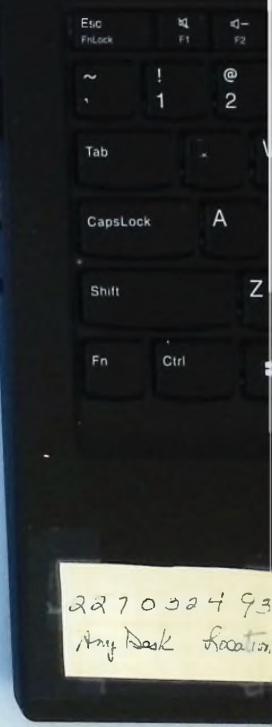
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 1885.
 J. W. Fleming
 County Judge
 W. B. Gammelman Clerk

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No. 1—Inhabitants in _____ in the County of Turkado State of Florida
 enumerated by me on the 30th day of June, 1885. G. A. Shand

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession	Place of Birth		
						State	County	City
107	J. P. Baker	Male	30	W		Ala	Ala	Ala
108	W. W. Williams	Male	22	W		Ala	Ala	Ala
109	J. W. Smith	Male	27	W				
110	J. M. Smith	Male	20	W				
111	J. M. Smith	Male	17	W				
112	J. M. Smith	Male	15	W				
113	J. M. Smith	Male	13	W				
114	J. M. Smith	Male	11	W				
115	J. M. Smith	Male	9	W				
116	J. M. Smith	Male	7	W				
117	J. M. Smith	Male	5	W				
118	J. M. Smith	Male	3	W				
119	J. M. Smith	Male	1	W				
120	J. M. Smith	Male	0	W				

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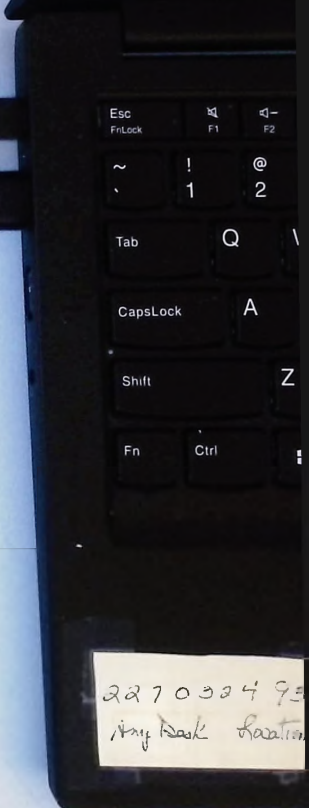
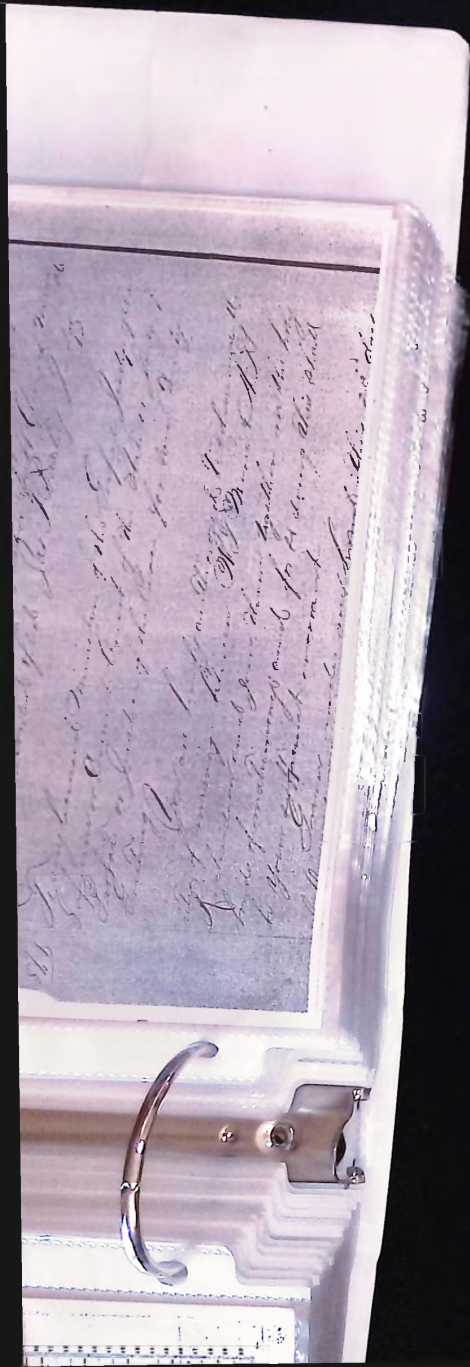


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of Florida } I, W. Zimmerman, do hereby solemnly swear
 of Citrus } that I will support and defend the Consti-
 tution of the United States and of the State of Florida, against all
 enemies, domestic and foreign, and that I will bear true faith
 and allegiance to the same, and that I am entitled to
 an office under this Constitution. That I will well and
 faithfully perform all the duties of the office of Clerk
 Chancery, in which I am about to enter. So help me God
 W. Zimmerman

of Florida } Before me J. W. Fleming, County Judge
 of Citrus } of Citrus County, personally came
 W. Zimmerman and being duly sworn, subscribed to
 above Oath of Office.
 Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 at Micanopy, Fla. on this the 3rd day of Sept
 1857.
 Official Seal J. W. Fleming
 County Judge

corded This 3rd day of Sept 1857
 W. Zimmerman Clerk



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EARLY ALABAMA MARRIAGES
Family Adventures, P.O. Box 290354, San Antonio, TX 78280-1754

GROOM	BRIDE	MARRIAGE DATE	COUNTY
ZIEGLER, NOAH A.	BROWN, JOSEPHINE	MAY 16, 1870	MOBILE
ZIEGLER, W.B.	EVANS, CORA	MAR 23, 1887	BLOUNT
ZIEMAN, FRANCIS	STHEAVENS, CATHARIONE	DEC 15, 1875	MOBILE
ZIGLER, A.B.	READ, MINNIE	DEC 4, 1894	COFFEE
ZIGLER, C.J.	JOHNSON, LEANDER A.	DEC 24, 1881	COFFEE
ZIGLER, G.L.	ISLER, MARY	FEB 1, 1903	COFFEE
ZIGLER, GEORGE L.	FETERS, ZILLY	NOV 23, 1876	TALLAPOOSA
ZIGLER, HUTE	DISMUKE, JEWELL	APR 21, 1929	COFFEE
ZIGLER, J.R.	REEVES, ALLIE	DEC 24, 1908	DALE
ZIGLER, J.W.	FAIN, LILLIE	NOV 14, 1897	DALE
ZIGLER, JESSE*	CARMICHAEL, JULIA*	FEB 5, 1902	CLAY
ZIGLER, OSCAR	AVANT, ANNIE	NOV 17, 1906	COFFEE
ZIGLER, R.H.	BRUNER, EMILY	DEC 5, 1894	COFFEE
ZIGLER, RUFUS P.	EDWARDS, MARY W.	DEC 23, 1897	DALE
ZIGLER, WILLIE R.	BELL, NETTIE	DEC 13, 1901	COFFEE
ZIGNEGO, MITCHELL M.	POWERS, ELLEN	MAR 26, 1857	MOBILE
ZILM, VICTOR W.	WOOLDRIDGE, EMMA	OCT 7, 1898	JACKSON
ZILLS, A.J.	HICKS, JOSEPHINE C.	JAN 23, 1879	LAWRENCE
ZILLS, ANDREW	BEAVER, MARY	JAN 18, 1852	LAWRENCE
ZILLS, FRED	HARRIS, HESTER	APR 18, 1875	LAWRENCE
ZILLS, J.C.	READ, MALVINA	AUG 26, 1883	LAWRENCE
ZILLS, JAMES	WEBB, MARGARET JANE	OCT 31, 1861	LAWRENCE
ZILLS, JESSE	COCHRAN, DICY E.	MAR 10, 1861	LAUDERDALE
ZILLS, W.B.	WEBB, PARALEE	SEP 2, 1880	LAWRENCE
ZILLS, WILLIAM P.	RUSS or ROSS?, ELIZA ANN	JUL 6, 1852	LAWRENCE
ZILMON, WILLIAM C.	McMICKEN, REBECCA	1844	JEFFERSON
ZIMMERMAN, JOSEPH	BISHOP, MISSOURIE	NOV 21, 1838	BIBB
ZIMMERMAN/ZEMER., FELIX	JOHNSON, HANNAH	AUG 15, 1841	TALLAPOOSA
ZIMMANT, JOHN BAPTISTE	KENNEDY, CHARLOTTE Mrs.	DEC 23, 1861	MOBILE
ZIMMERMAN, ADAM	DAWSON, MAY C.	JUN 2, 1836	PERRY
ZIMMERMAN, C.H.	ALEXANDER, A.E.	DEC 16, 1883	LOWNDES
ZIMMERMAN, CHARLES	TAYLOR, FRANCES L.	FEB 10, 1825	MONTGOMERY
ZIMMERMAN, CLAYTON	LOGAN, CAROLINE D.	MAR 29, 1882	CHILTON
ZIMMERMAN, DAVE*	WATSON, EFFY*	SEP 14, 1877	ELMORE
ZIMMERMAN, ELGENE	MERRINETHER, DORA	NOV 15, 1870	BULLOCK
ZIMMERMAN, G.L.	SPRATTLIN, SOPHIA A.	OCT 31, 1854	COOSA
ZIMMERMAN, GEORGE	CALDWELL, ELIZA	JAN 4, 1818	MONTGOMERY
ZIMMERMAN, HENRY	GRAVES, LUCINDA F.	OCT 6, 1881	BLOUNT
ZIMMERMAN, JACOB	DEVINE, EMMA	OCT 2, 1880	BLOUNT
ZIMMERMAN, JACOB	SNEIDER, CATHERINE	DEC 23, 1862	MOBILE
ZIMMERMAN, JAMES M.	POLLARD, SALLY	NOV 17, 1946	MONTGOMERY
ZIMMERMAN, JAMES M.	SPENCER, SARAH A.	JAN 14, 1855	TALLAPOOSA
ZIMMERMAN, JOHN T.	JACKSON, EMMA B.	JAN 31, 1867	ELMORE
ZIMMERMAN, JOSEPH	FRANKLIN, AGNES	DEC 28, 1834	PERRY
ZIMMERMAN, JOSEPH	SMITH, ANN	DEC 17, 1834	PERRY
ZIMMERMAN, R.S.	BUTTRAM, M.A.	OCT 28, 1869	CLEBURNE
ZIMMERMAN, ROBERT G.	MORGAN, CLARA C. Mrs.	DEC 4, 1884	AUTAUGA
ZIMMERMAN, ROBERT*	SUTHERLIN, BATTIE*	JAN 7, 1881	ELMORE
ZIMMERMAN, SANDY*	MAGEY, MARY ANN*	OCT 25, 1878	ELMORE
ZIMMERMAN, TAYLOR*	HOOCKS, SHARLOTTE*	SEP 12, 1877	ELMORE
ZIMMERMAN, W.C.	GOREE, JULIA	DEC 18, 1862	PERRY
ZIMMERMAN, W.C.	NELSON, L.G. Mrs.	JUN 27, 1872	PERRY
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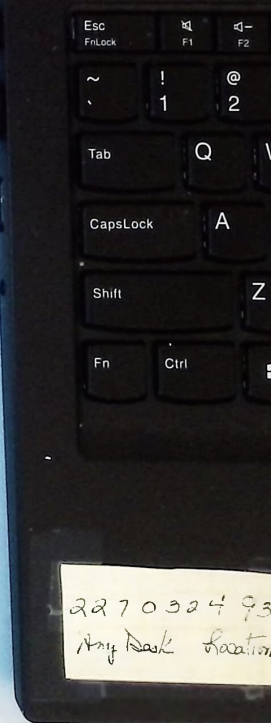
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The State of New York, County of ...
 I, the undersigned, Clerk of the ...
 do hereby certify that the ...
 of the ...
 You are hereby notified to ...
 This 17th day of ... 1846
 Jas. P. ...
 I hereby certify that the ...
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 The ...
 You are hereby notified to ...
 This 20th day of ... 1846



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 Superior Court of the State of New York
 of the Peace for the County of Albany
 You are hereby notified and admonished that the
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 light of truth and justice and for doing this shall
 be your sufficient warrant
 Given under my hand
 this 17th day of Novr 1846
 Jas P. Kelly
 I hereby certify that the above named
 do also appear before me and acknowledge you
 on the 17th day of Novr 1846
 Wm. C. M. Jones
 Justice of the Peace for the County of Albany
 Returned, recorded & filed
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WITH
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TOGETHER WITH THE
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Mary Ann Zimmerman
 born 11/15/1878
 died 1/15/1978
 buried in Arlington Co. Va.
 Sec. 2 on 1/15/78

FAMILY RECORD

GRAND PARENTS

NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father's Father				
Father's Mother				
Mother's Father				
Mother's Mother				

PARENTS

NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father <i>Engel M Zimmerman</i>	<i>Sept 15, 1878</i>	<i>Thomson, Ala</i>	<i>Jan 12, 1978</i>	<i>Adelville, Va</i>
Mother <i>Julia A. Jensen</i>	<i>June 3, 1875</i>	<i>Augusta, Ga</i>	<i>1-12-1971</i>	<i>Richland, Fla</i>

THEY WERE MARRIED at _____ by _____

CHILDREN

NAMES	BORN		MARRIED		DIED
	When	Where	When	To whom	
<i>1 Engel M Zimmerman</i>	<i>Sept 15, 1878</i>	<i>Thomson, Ala</i>	<i>1911</i>	<i>Allie Zimmerman</i>	<i>Engel Aug 2, 1978</i>
<i>2 Julia A. Jensen</i>	<i>June 3, 1875</i>	<i>Augusta, Ga</i>	<i>1911</i>	<i>James Jensen</i>	<i>June 2, 1971</i>
<i>3 Conway Zimmerman</i>	<i>Sept 11, 1874</i>	<i>Thomson, Ala</i>			<i>Jan 10, 1910</i>
<i>4 Thomas L Zimmerman</i>	<i>Mar 11, 1877</i>	<i>Thomson, Ala</i>		<i>Elias P. Jensen</i>	
<i>5 Julia H. Zimmerman</i>	<i>May 21, 1879</i>	<i>Thomson, Ala</i>	<i>June 1, 1911</i>	<i>Paul Langley</i>	<i>PL-8-1973 Sept 25, 1976</i>
<i>6 L. Paul Zimmerman</i>	<i>June 6, 1881</i>	<i>Thomson, Ala</i>	<i>June 1, 1911</i>	<i>Crestis R. Adams</i>	<i>8-3-57</i>
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BIRTHS.

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T. J. Zimmerman
born, March 1, 1805

Leonora Zimmerman
" March 29, 1816

Sarah Elizabeth,
daughter of Mr
T. J. and Mrs L.
Zimmerman
August 30, 1838

William Conway
" Zimmerman
April 13, 1838

Lucida Augusta
Zimmerman
" January 22, 1840

Maryann Zimmerman
November 5, 1842

Eva B. Zimmerman
" July 24, 1844

Eugene Zimmerman
" September 1, 1846

Jellon Absalom
Zimmerman
" Nov. 3rd 1850

Estelle Zimmerman
" January 8th 1853

Thomas Zimmerman
Mitchell, son of P. C.
S. C. Mitchell and
born Nov-16, 1870

Jessie Estelle Langille
" P. C. & S. C. Mitchell
born July 9th 1875

Sullivan Sharpin
born in Augusta Ga
June 2nd 1852

Son

Jan 1880
off E. Zimmermann
Alice P. Townsend
born in
Oct 11 1808 at
Martin, Florida
Young Zimmerman
born in
October 21 1816
at the home of the fields born 6

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Amy Bask Karim

Eugene Zimmerman
 was married to Miss
 Adal Marie Weber
 November 15th 1870
 at the residence of
 E. P. Zimmerman
 near Morrisville, Va.
 1906

Jan 1880
 W. E. Zimmerman was
 at the residence of
 Mrs. P. Zimmerman
 near Morrisville
 Oct 11 1908 at
 Morrisville, Florida
 (Spent Zimmerman's 11th year
 at the home of the father's home)

Family Record.

BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
<p> <i>W. E. Zimmerman</i> Eugene Zimmerman eldest son of Eugene + Sallie Zimmerman was born October 15th 1878 in Columbia Georgia. </p>	<p> Sallie Irene 3^d daughter of Eugene + Sallie Zimmerman was born June 6 1891 in Elmore Co. Ala. </p>
<p> Thomas Jackson second son of Eugene and Sallie Zimmerman was born June 17th 1890 at Warming Cross Ala. </p>	<p> Howard Jackson son of T. Jackson + Emma Zimmerman was born April 4 1912 </p>
<p> William Conway first son of Eugene + Sallie Zimmerman was born Feb 2nd 1884 in Elmore Co. Ala. </p>	<p> William King 2^d son of T. Jackson + Emma Zimmerman was born March 1914 </p>
<p> Kathrine Leornora daughter of Eugene + Sallie Zimmerman was born March 14th 1887. in Elmore Co. Ala. </p>	
<p> Julia Helen 3^d daughter of Eugene + Sallie Zimmerman was born May 27th 1889 in Elmore Co. Ala. </p>	

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Judith Zimmerman to James Gooden
 Family Record, 1909
 Julia Zimmerman to

MARRIAGES.	MARRIAGES.
Mr. J. J. Zimmerman was married to Miss Lenora Barton on the 22 of October 1885	J. P. Zimmerman to June 1 1874
Sarah E. Mitchell daughter of J. J. D. L. D. Zimmerman was married March 13 th 1862	Eugene Zimmerman was married in St. Phillips Church in Atlanta Georgia by Rev. W. H. Poole December 14 th 1877 to Miss Callie Sturges of Augusta Georgia
Louisa Augusta Zimmerman was married to W. H. Nash May 16 th 1867	Eva Zimmerman was married to B. G. Hagerly Dec. 27 th 1877
Eugene Zimmerman was married to Miss Dora Meredith November 15 th 1870	Harson Zimmerman was married to Miss Pearson Jan 1880
Ruthanne Zimmerman and E. P. Townsend were married Jan 7 1906	Miss E. Zimmerman and Miss P. Townsend were married Oct 11 1908 at Martin Florida
	Miss Zimmerman married Miss Adams June 21 1911

at the home of the brides parents

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DEATHS.	DEATHS.
<p>Horatio J. Zimmerman died March 5th 1868 in 26th year of his age Father Abraham Zimmerman son of J. & L. D. Zimmerman died October 4th 1868. Mother daughter of J. & J. and L. D. Zimmerman died Nov. 16th 1870. Louisa Virginia R. D. daughter of J. & J. and L. D. Zimmerman died January 20th 1866</p>	<p>Harison B Zimmerman died Aug 3rd 1917 in 27 year of his age he was the eldest child of Eugene & Lillie Jimm Lillie Ann Zimmerman aged 16 months died July 1st 1907. daughter of W. C. and Lillie Zimmerman. William Conrad Zimmerman killed by lightning June 11 1810. was the third son of Eugene & Lillie Zimmerman aged 25 years 9 months Leonora Jean said died Oct 6 1910. 2 daughter of Elias & Catharine Janssen aged 22 months. Lillie J Zimmerman wife of Eugene Zimmerman died Jan 12 1920 aged 73. Eugene M. Zimmerman died April 12 1921 aged 40 at Lillie J Zimmerman</p>
<p>Abel L. D. Zimmerman Died May 14th 1882 at eleven about Peter's office in long and painful illness. William Conway Zimmerman Sr died July 4. 1907</p>	

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The correspondent also reported the turtling season here runs from March until October. "The turtles spread their nets across the channels near the coast," Willcox wrote, "and when a turtle swims against a net its struggles indicate its presence to the men who are watching, and they immediately proceed to capture it. The turtles from this portion of the coast are taken to Cedar Key and put into pens until they are forwarded North."

CLOSING THE 70s

It was in 1879 a company organized in Ocala obtained a charter for the Dunnellon Short Railroad which ran from Ocala, via Dunnellon, to Homosassa. It also became known as the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad.

Before leaving the decade of the 1870s, let it be noted that Jesse Anderson Landrum of Pleasant Grove was born in 1875 when the community was called Double Hammock. His father, Jacob Turner Landrum, and his wife's father, James Craig Priest, were big land owners in the Inverness area, and donated land for a court house and for many church sites and parks. They also owned 11,000 acres in what is now Hiialeah, a Miami suburb, which they sold for ten cents an acre upon being told it was worthless. They also had two-thirds interest of the Florida Orange Canal and Transit Co. Landrum's father was County Commissioner for a long time when the county was first divided. Both Jacob Turner Landrum and James Craig Priest fought in the Civil War and Landrum was a prisoner of war in Maine.

Jesse Landrum was taught by a number of itinerant school teachers who taught for about four months and then moved on to some other place. Landrum himself taught school for one year, and served as a school trustee from 1907 to 1945. When he was 16 his father gave him 40 acres of land, and when he married, in 1895, his wife's father added another 35 acres. He developed successful farms and ranches on the property. He married Martha Amanda Priest on Christmas Day. Jesse Landrum died Feb. 21, 1962.

A delightful review of the Landrum family and of Pleasant Grove itself has been written by one of the modern members of the "clan" — Mrs. Joe Nick (Catherine Landrum) Barco. She interviewed Turner S. Landrum when he was 91 years old. Mrs. Barco's expert sketch follows:

"The Landrum family of Pleasant Grove were the offspring of Jacob T. Landrum, who came here from somewhere in Georgia when he was around 12 years of age, which would have been about 1860. He ran away and joined the Confederate Army when he was 14. He married Elizabeth McDaniel and their children were William, Jane, Jesse, Even, Eugenia, John, Turner and Frances. All except Eugenia lived nearly all their lives in Citrus County and all except her have died here except John who died in Atlanta. However, his residence was Citrus County at the time of his death. Frances and Turner are yet living, she nearly 90.

"Jacob Landrum was one of the first County Commissioners of Citrus County when it was formed. James Craig Priest of Pleasant Grove was the first County Sheriff. Jacob had one brother, Bill, who went to South Florida and lived with the Indians. Their sister, Becky Landrum Sturgis, lived to be 106 years of age.

"When the county seat was changed from Mannfield to Inverness, Jacob bought the old court house building and moved it to his home and built a dining room and kitchen from it. Turner Landrum remembers buying warm soda pop at the Mannfield court house when he was a boy. He said it was in small bottles and was more or less like the present day Kool Aid.

"Jacob, as a Confederate soldier, was captured by the Yanks and imprisoned for several months. He and other ex-Rebel soldiers liked to sit on the court house steps at Inverness and reminisce about the Civil War, and sometimes photographers would come along and photograph them. Some of the old timers were Gene Zimmerman, Charles Whidden, James C. Priest, Charles Marsh and George Boswell.

"Turner Landrum has always lived in Citrus County, either in Pleasant Grove or in Inverness.

Clerk Zimmerman's brother Eugene

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Mrs. Susie Carter, Mrs. O. J. Landrum, Mrs. Mattie D. Perry, Mrs. D. Moon, W. A. Adkins and Frank T. Moon, Mrs. Alice Adkins, Mrs. Eva B. Star, Mrs. Stella Love and Ed S. Carter, John W. Castel, W. H. Dunn, J. T. Love, S. A. list of Past Maitrons and Ed S. Carter, 1927; Stella Love, W. R. Townsend, 1930; O. J. Landrum and Ed S. Carter, 1929; Frances Smoak and W. R. Townsend, 1930; Nannie L. Dunn and Harvey L. Dunn, 1934; Eva B. Davis and Tom Ed. Puckett and Collier Brown, 1936; Flora Brown and Collier Brown, 1937; Fannie R. Townsend, 1940; Vivian Snyder and Desso Bowen; 1941; Nina Ogden and Irby Allen; 1942; Virginia

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published list showed Confederate soldiers in Citrus County who were on the State pension rolls were: Edwin L. Smith, Joseph M. Hay, John M. Hurst, George W. Higgins, Canulus A. Mason, David Lock, Thomas F. Barnett, Obediah E. Edwards, Eugene Zimmerman, James W. McNabb, Thomas P. Beck, James C. Priest, John U. Martin, Edward B. Richardson, Joseph D. Bennett, John H. Gerock, Richard E. Quinn, William A. Turner, William C. Turner, Jacob T. Landrum, John Gambrell, Neil A. McMillan, William T. Dampier, Stephen P. Marcy, Chambers Graham, Richard B. Waller, Newman M. Ruff and Charles Peterson. The widows drawing pensions were Mesdames Nancy J. Stafford, Mary A. Sanford, Ann C. Lee, Lou M. Russell, Emma E. Vincent, Ella Croft, Jane Payne, Martha Gleaton, Eliza J. Dyess, Mary E. Guynn, Mattie B. Willis, Mary M. Allen, Louise F. Morrison, Sarah Jane Peters, Sarah Josephine Peters, and Jane E. Meecklin, Martha A. Freeman and Mrs. Goethe and S. M. Wilson.

A few weeks earlier, the Chronicle had published a list showing "among the old Confederate Soldiers who served four years in the army, now living in Citrus County, are the following named, with their present ages: J. H. Gerock, aged 84; A. D. Tompkins, 78; R. E. Quinn, 75; William Leggett, 75; G. W. Young, 71; N. M. Ruff, 72; C. Graham, 70; J. T. Landrum, 69; E. L. Smith, 69; J. W. McNabb, 68; W. H. H. Witten, 69; J. H. Dale, 76.

The article in the paper asked, "Do the old soldiers get enough honor in their old days to half pay for their hardships and dangers in those four years?"

A thriving business in Inverness in this era was a lumber mill, originally known as West, Coffee & Co., but in 1911 changed ownership and its name to West & Reaves Lumber Co. The owners were Col. W. S. West and Dr. H. A. Reaves.

The huge mill was just south of the City limits. Nearly 1,000 persons were employed by it — more than were within the City limits — and each time an effort was made to incorporate the area, the mill voted it down. Mrs. Viola Tooke, whose parents were pioneers here, remembers well how the big business covered several blocks along where South Seminole and Pine Streets are now, and extended to Lake Tsala Apopka. A railroad carried logs from Chassahowitzka to the mill. Houses for the blacks and a slab pit were on the hill overlooking the lumber company, and the glow of all-night slab fires kept the sky aglow. Area folk could buy slabs for their fireplaces and heaters at 50 cents a wagon load. Chunks of drass from Kelly's turpentine distillery were used for kindling. A huge planing mill provided for dressed lumber and the business was well known throughout the state. The industry was razed in the 1920's after serving as a landmark for more than a decade.

In the 1911 session of the Legislature, Citrus County Representative introduced a bill to create Bullock County out of a small portion of Citrus, and the southwest corner of Marion and southern portion of Levy Counties. There was strong opposition to it from Marion County and the bill did not pass.

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...Love, Mrs. Nannie L. Dunn, Mrs. Mattie D. Perry, Mrs. D. Moon, W. A. Adkins and Frank P. Moon. Mrs. Stella Love was to serve later as Grand Instructor for District 10. The chapter helped in raising funds to build and equip the new Masonic Building in Floral City. In 1969, the Eastern Star sponsored the Floral City Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls. A list of Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Floral City O.E.F. follows: 1926, Stella Love and Ed. S. Carter; 1927, Stella Love and Ed. S. Carter; 1928, Gertrude Landrum and Ed. S. Carter; 1929, Frances Smoak and W. R. Townsend; 1930, Daisy Love and W. R. Townsend; 1931, Etta V. Tooke and C. L. Lowman; 1932, Mary Jane Jones and C. L. Lowman; 1933, Ola Townsend and W. R. Townsend; 1934, Eva B. Davis and Tom Ed. Townsend; 1935, Fannie Puckett and Collier Brown; 1936, Flora Brown and Collier Brown; 1937, Fannie Puckett and Collier Brown; 1938, Louise Puckett and W. R. Townsend; 1939, Lois Allen and W. R. Townsend.

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president, H. J. Dame, secretary pro tem, and W. H. Ross, treasurer. The group was organized to fight efforts underway to force the fencing of cattle throughout Florida. The new Association passed a resolution noting less than one per cent of the county was under fence. It went on, "Whereas, there is a large area of the county bordering on the Gulf coast that is fit only for grazing, being marshy and subject to overflow by the tides, etc." The cattlemen opposed the legislation sought by the No Fence League of Florida to require fencing. *The Tampa Times*, a strong advocate of a no fence law, conceded the law was not likely to pass in the 1921 Florida Legislature. Copies of the Citrus County resolution went to State Sen. Pasco Wilson of the 9th District and State Rep. M. C. Scofield of Inverness.

Another organization, the Historical and Scientific Society, was formed in Inverness with Attorney Strauss L. Lloyd as president.

REMEMBERING THE VETS

In Hernando, ladies of the community observed Confederate Memorial Day by cleaning up the cemetery and putting flowers on the graves of the old Confederate veterans buried there. Those remembered were Judge Edward Croft, William G. Croft, Thomas R. Bailey, Charles E. Nickerson, Francis M. Lamon and Samuel R. Frink.

The following year, on Jan. 2, 1922, Citrus County Confederate veterans still living attended a meeting of Theodore Brevard Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at a New Year's dinner at the Dixie Hotel. Those attending were Dr. A. W. Lamar, C. Graham, J. C. Priest, J. I. Grambrell, Eugene Zimmerman, M. J. W. Dean and W. S. Paul.

An Inverness leader, George W. Scofield, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the convention in St. Petersburg in May, 1922.

The advent of the automobile was still getting a "bad press" in 1922. Newspapers carried the story about the automobile being indicted on charges of immorality by the DeKalb County, Ga., Grand Jury.

"The advent of the automobile has opened new and grave dangers to the moral purity of our young people," the Grand Jury presentment declared, and recommended that mothers refuse to permit their daughters to go on "joy rides" unchaperoned. "Numbers of young lives are wrecked or started on the road to ruin," they said.

Crystal River gained valuable citizens in January, 1919, when Dr. and Mrs. Porter James Hudson came to town and he became a general practitioner. No matter what time of day or night, Dr. Hudson was always willing to go to homes of those who were ill, and particularly during the malaria epidemic times he was a very busy doctor. He helped to wipe out malaria from Citrus County. He often told of being paid by his patients with farm foods rather than cash. The family was active in the First Baptist Church and Dr. Hudson became a deacon in 1922. He also was a school trustee, and active in the Masonic lodge in Inverness.

A native of Chiefland, Dr. Hudson attended the University of Alabama Medical College and later was graduated from Emory. Dr. Hudson died Nov. 18, 1960, at the age of 73. Mrs. Beulah Hudson, his widow, died in 1969.

The Hudsons had three children: Ruth (Mrs. F. Jones Smiley) Lake Worth; Margaret (Mrs. Edwin Braun, Jr.) Savannah, Ga.; and James Hudson, Lake Worth, who for many years was principal of the Crystal River school.

Telephones were becoming more commonplace in Citrus County and in 1919 Otto Wettstein, Jr., who was to found the Florida Telephone Corporation in 1925, built the exchanges at Inverness and Crystal River.

In 1922, Crystal River got its first telephone switchboard operator, Mrs. Jessie Sassard. She served in this capacity for many years. The office living quarters were above A. D. Williams' stores which were located on Citrus Avenue (now a vacant lot). Mrs. Sassard was a widow with

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clubs to have in such a sad state and joined with the Citrus County Federation of Women's Clubs, in 1951, the Yulee State Park at
were designated as a Florida State Park. And, so it was
Beatrice Wise, Julia Rawls, C. A. Miller, Linda Martin, Susan Ward, Etta Rubin, Julia Falony,
Zimmerman, Louise Pollock, Gladys Perry, Estelle Brass, Bell Land, Anne Erickson, Laura S.
Homosassa, Louise Pollock, Gladys Perry, Estelle Brass, Bell Land, Anne Erickson, Laura S.
father and son writing team A. W. and Julian A. Dimock. It described the Citrus County coast
as a veritable Utopia, and one of the authors noted, "As I gazed on the marvelous spring, in the
perfect peace of that balmy day, the spirit of the Fair, which I had possessed me and I dreamed that I had
found what once de Leon so long and so vainly sought."
The retreat had become a mecca for adventurous Americans. "There were scholars and
sportsmen, naturalists, geologists and botanists, travelers and scientists of national reputation,
and neither a pedant nor a snob in the bunch."
The authors reported that for dinner they had venison, wild turkey and duck, sweet potato

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the entire county.

A sad note from Cuba: Felton Zimmerman, 52, who grew up in Inverness, was assassinated in Camaguey, where he was cashier of the Cuba Railroad. His father was the first Circuit Court Clerk of Citrus County and an uncle was still residing in Floral City in 1926.

As the county was modernizing in the boom, the Women's Clubs of Citrus County started circulating petitions against the "open range" for stock. The petitions called on the County Commissioners to call an election on the issue. The Crystal River Woman's Club really was perturbed later on when cows entered the yard of the Clubhouse and destroyed the cedar tree which had just been planted that day!

King Football was inaugurated at Citrus High School in the fall of 1926. An enthusiastic reporter told the story this way: "Playing the first football game in its history, the Golden Hurricanes of Citrus High School blew against the Brooksville Tangerines and scattered them over the field and when twilight wreathed the sky with its fantastic shapes and colors, it illuminated a score board set up in the hearts of Citrus High supporters that read: 'Inverness, 6; Brooksville, 6.'"

THE GOLDEN HURRICANES

Robert F. Banks was the Hurricane coach. The Inverness touchdown was made by quarterback Captain "Bitsy" Mimms, who circled right end in the second quarter. The CHS team was composed of Nathan "Nat" H. Boswell, Jr., left end; Bruce Webb, left tackle; Cross, left guard; Brown Dumas, Sr., center; Williamson, right guard; Albert "Toby" Pridgen, right tackle; Phillips, right end; "Bitsy" Mimms, quarterback; Milton Boswell, left halfback; Luther, right halfback, and O. Frank Scofield, fullback.

The following week, the Hurricanes rolled over the Crystal River High School team, 25 to 0. Members of the Gulf Region team were listed as Charlie Miller, right end; R. Levins, right tackle; Ralphie Hood, right guard; Billy Smith, center; Fred Holland, left guard; Harley Levins, left tackle; George Ray, left end; Mason Baxter, quarterback; Nook Adams, right halfback; C. L. Haynes, left halfback; and Louis Baxter, fullback.

Floral City Chapter No. 164, Order of Eastern Star, was organized on April 14, 1926. Chosen first Worthy Matron was Mrs. Stella Love, who had joined the order in Sebring in 1922 and was then a member of Inverness Chapter No. 65, where she had served as Worthy Matron in 1925. Ed S. Carter was named first Worthy Patron.

Charter members were Mrs. Love, Mrs. Gertrude Landrum, Mrs. Mattie D. Perry, Mrs. Frances C. Smoak, Mrs. Daisy D. Love, Mrs. Nannie L. Dunn, Mrs. Alice Adkins, Mrs. Eva B. Davis, Mrs. Emma Goolsby, Mrs. Ola J. Townsend, Mrs. Etta V. Tooke, Mrs. Amanda Baker, Mrs. Susie Carter, Mrs. Carro C. Castel, Ed S. Carter, John W. Castel, W. H. Dunn, J. T. Love, S. D. Moon, W. A. Adkins and Frank P. Moon.

Mrs. Stella Love was to serve later as Grand Instructor for District 10. The chapter helped in raising funds to build and equip the new Masonic Building in Floral City. In 1969, the Eastern Star sponsored the Floral City Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

A list of Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Floral City O.E.S. follows:
1926, Stella Love and Ed. S. Carter; 1927, Stella Love and Ed. S. Carter; 1928, Gertrude Landrum and Ed. S. Carter; 1929, Frances Smoak and W. R. Townsend; 1930, Daisy Love and W. R. Townsend; 1931, Etta V. Tooke and C. L. Lowman; 1932, Mary Jane Jones and C. L. Lowman; 1933, Ola Townsend and W. R. Townsend; 1934, Eva B. Davis and Tom Ed. Townsend; 1935, Nannie L. Dunn and Harvey L. Dunn; 1936, Flora Brown and Collier Brown; 1937, Fannie Puckett and Collier Brown; 1938, Louise Puckett and W. R. Townsend; 1939, Lois Allen and W. R. Townsend.
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Hernando residents were overwhelmingly opposed to reactivating the City Council and resuming operations as an incorporated community. A preferential vote taken Aug. 11, 1953, by the Hernando Civic Club showed 82 per cent were against reviving the City charter and nine were for it. A move to put Hernando back in business was led by W. H. Ogle, who was Chairman of the City Council when it held its last meeting in 1937. Ogle argued that Hernando should reactivate its charter in order to collect its share of the cigarette taxes. The City of Hernando was created by an Act of the 1925 Legislature and the charter still stood. Ogle and W. H. Boswell were the two surviving members of the Council.

A new bank, the Crystal River Bank, was chartered in December, 1953, with George H. Brannen, Sr., as president, W. H. Edwards of Crystal River as vice president and Barney Howard of Wildwood as vice president and cashier. The capital stock was \$50,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of \$15,000 were listed. A contractor was busy remodeling the old bank building at the corner of U. S. 19 and Citrus Avenue. Proposed directors included Brannen, Edwards, Howard, L. C. Coburn of Crystal River, Elmo Reed of Homosassa Springs, R. O. Jones of Crystal River and Benjamin W. Jones of Inverness. Crystal River had been without a bank since the late 1920s. The new bank was scheduled to open in January, 1954.

The site of the Yulee Sugar Mill at Homosassa became a State Park as the Florida Board of State Parks and Historic Memorials accepted a deed to the two-acre tract from the Citrus County Federation of Women's Clubs. A delegation of club women went to Tallahassee to present the deed. Since 1934 the Federation had owned and maintained the park. Miss Laura M. Zimmerman, president of the Federation, presented the deed to John D. Pennekamp, chairman of the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Octavious Love of Floral City observed their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 26, 1953, at their home on Marvin Avenue where they had resided the last 44 years.

Their early married life was spent four miles from Floral City on Hampton Island, where they built a home near the birthplace of Mrs. Love, the former Miss Daisy Hampton.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hampton, began housekeeping at the site nearly 100 years before. Miss Hampton attended rural schools, the first being a little log house at the site of what is now Dampier Cemetery near Inverness. She continued her education at Scruggs Landing, later attending the Fort Cooper school near her home. For a short while she lived with her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. (Elizabeth) Duval and attended the Floral City school.

Mr. Love, a native of Tennessee, met the lady of his choice when he visited his brother, C. T. Love, teacher at the Fort Cooper school, who boarded at the Hampton home. Mr. Love — he was called "Dad" — died in March, 1955 at the age of 85, and just a week before the couple's 65th wedding anniversary. The Loves were parents of nine children, all living at the time of the 1953 anniversary, and three of them lived in Floral City. Mrs. Love served as president of the Floral City Woman's Club for seven years. The couple were members of the Floral City Church of Christ. Before his retirement, Love was a prominent citrus grower. Mrs. Love celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary on April 26, 1964.

There was a big celebration in the Gulf Region of the county in 1953. More than 300 persons gathered Nov. 7 to pay tribute to the county's two oldest physicians, Dr. W. B. Moon and Dr. P. J. Hudson. The affair was sponsored by the Homosassa Civic Club. Mrs. Mary MacRae related the history and contributions of the past.

At the end of the Civil War, a family named Moon left North Carolina and started west. So it was, W. B. was born in Indiana, though by heritage a Southerner, in 1870. He was graduated from the Hospital School of Medicine in Louisville, Ky., in 1897. Dr. Moon first practiced in Montana, then came south for his wife's health. They arrived in Crystal River in 1911. He took the State examination and began practice in Lakeland in 1912.

In World War I, Dr. Moon was a captain and served as chief sanitation officer at Fort McClelland, Ala. He came back to Crystal River after his discharge in 1919. A year later, bad luck

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There was an ice company, which was important in icing the carloads of fish which were sent to market each morning. The town boasted of 11 mercantile establishments, two millinery parlors. (Margaret Ward noted: "Hats were very important in those days; no lady appeared on the street without her hat and gloves and *certainly* never entered church not wearing her Sunday hat!"). There also were four barber shops and two turpentine farms. On Shell Island were several cottages maintained for tourists who came here for tarpon fishing. There were six churches and the Board of Trade.

UNITY, LIBERTY, CHARITY

The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs had been organized in 1895 and admitted to the national organization in 1898. The women took as their motto: "In great things, Unity; in small things, Liberty; in all things, Charity."

The Crystal River affiliate of the organization was formed in February 1921, stemming from the original Improvement Society. The first president was Mrs. D. A. Daughtry. The club met in a church building until it was able to purchase a small building, which had been used for storage during World War I. This building, with additions and many restorations, served until 1971, when in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Club it built a new club house. The only surviving Charter member and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Edwards, gave a splendid downtown, tree-shaded lot to the Club and the members moved in 1972 into a new home completely paid for, fully equipped and furnished.

From the beginning, the club program was ambitious and encompassed literature, music, arts, education, conservation, civics, gardening and welfare. In the early days, members responded to the roll call with the quotation from one of Lincoln's speeches, Shakespeare's plays or the name of a bird or animal native to Florida.

The Club women are proud of their record of service to the community; such projects as working with and for the Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, the Key Training Center, for the Library and having given \$500 for the new library wing, and for many other civic improvements. Trees were planted in the new cemetery, and the old cemetery was cleaned up and the Confederate graves were marked with flags. In 1953, the Junior Women's Club was organized with Anne Erickson as president.

When Mrs. Estelle Brass was president of the Senior club, in 1954, the Yulee State Park at Homosassa became a reality. The Women's Club became upset that a place of such historical significance was in such a sad state and joined with the Citrus County Federation of Women's Clubs to have it designated as a Florida State Park. And, so it was.

Among those who have served as president of the Women's Club following Mrs. Daughtry were Mesdames Julia Rawls, C. A. Miller, Linda Martin, Susan Ward, Etta Rubin, Julia Faloney, Beatrice Wise, Cora Ackorn, Gladys Perry, Estelle Brass, Bell Land, Anne Erickson, Laura S. Zimmerman, Louise Pollack, Ily Kelley, Bea Vickry, Rose Castle, Irene Pugh, and others.

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the paper said.
 Holders of phosphate property came under attack from the *Chronicle* in a September 1912 issue: "The big drawback that is holding Inverness down was never better illustrated than in the case of D. E. Sutton and family this week. Mr. Sutton had been connected with the mill here as head sawyer, but resigned last week, but by no means desires to leave this section. He is anxious to embark in farming operations near here, but soon found out that desirable lands were tied up by phosphate men who pay but little taxes on same, and where the lands have been thoroughly prospected and found not to contain rock in paying quantities. The amount of land thus involved is wonderful, and relief must be had from some source. A person should not be allowed to own lands in large quantities unless it is put to some good use for which it is adapted. Thousands of acres are thus tied up in Citrus County, and strenuous measures will have to be resorted to in order to relieve the stress."

A pioneer citizen of this area was F. M. Townsend, who died in 1912. He was born in Jefferson County in September 1838. He served in the Indian War with Capt. Bill Kendrick in 1836 when he was only 18-years-old. He also served with distinction in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. In the winter of 1873 he moved to Hernando County, living that year at Brooksville, but moving the next year to the home place at Istachatta.

Townsend took a leading part in helping to develop Hernando County (Citrus at that time was a part of Hernando), and it was he who established the public highway via Istachatta and which was known as the old stage line between Tampa, Brooksville and Wildwood. He was instrumental in having established the telegraph lines between Brooksville and Wildwood and to Bay Port and to Cedar Key, and was a pioneer in the navigation of the Withlacoochee River.

He served his county as Tax Collector, and also served as Hernando's member in the lower House of the Legislature. He always took a deep interest in the advancement and development of Hernando County and was in the foremost ranks helping to push his county to the front, according to the *Southern Argus*, published at Brooksville. Six children survived him. They were Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman, Dunedin; Mrs. E. T. Posser, Dunedin; Miss Kate Townsend, vocal teacher in Columbia College at Lake City; T. E. Townsend, Istachatta; F. M. Townsend, Jr., San Antonio, Tex., and J. F. Townsend, Madison.

Another old-timer died about this time. He was M. M. Gaston, who was once postmaster of Inverness but who of late had been living in Punta Gorda. He died in Illinois, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. The *Punta Gorda Herald* obituary noted that Gaston was born in Foxville, Ill., Oct. 1, 1842. He married and came to Florida early in 1876, settling at Aerodonda in Alachua County five miles from Gainesville. Later he moved to Inverness, where he served a term as postmaster "and took a lively interest in public affairs."

In 1895 he took up his residence on one of the Ten Thousand Islands, moving from there to Punta Gorda about 1897, and engaged in truck farming and fruit growing as well as the poultry business.

MY HAT PLEASE

Here was an interesting ad in the *Chronicle*: "The party who took a gentleman's hat from the sitting room of A. H. Bellamy's hotel Monday morning, will save trouble by returning the same to the *Chronicle* office at once. We mean business."

There was a goof on the general election ballot in 1912, but John E. King was elected County Surveyor just the same. It seems his name was left off the ballot "unintentionally" but he was nevertheless duly elected by part of the Lecanto vote, the mistake having been discovered before the entire vote was cast.

There was a near tragedy at Hernando around Christmas time in 1912. The *Chronicle* told the story this way:

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Dear Sir:-
 I have to-day shipped you by express the book containing all the acts and doings of the Bivouac, No. 1, Florida Veterans of the Blue and the Gray.

Yours truly,
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The following shall assist the Court and represent him in his absence according to their respective rank.

The Surgeon shall attend to such duties as properly pertain to his office during any absence or protraction of the Surgeon.

The Chaplain shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Court as far as they relate to the Court on all occasions.

The Secretary shall be the officer in charge of the introduction of the business in the office during his absence and shall be responsible for the introduction of the business and the maintenance of the records of the Court.

The Quartermaster shall be in charge of all property belonging to the Hospital and to transportation and act as Treasurer, receive and deposit all moneys in regular form when the order of the Hospital is signed by the Surgeon and approved by the Commissioner.

The Commissary shall receive and deposit all moneys in regular form when the order of the Hospital is signed by the Surgeon and approved by the Commissioner.

The Chaplain shall officiate in prayer and attend to such duties pertaining to that office.

The color bearers shall be in charge of the standards and bear them on all occasions of display.

The Guard shall have charge of the Army and be stationed as a sentinel at the approach to the Hospital.

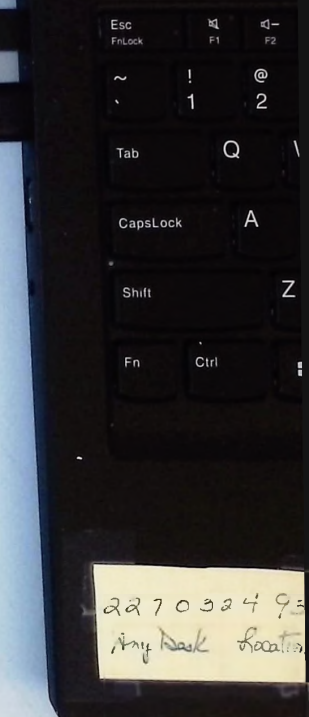
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The members shall be
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Any member who shall be guilty
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Those by laws shall be subject
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Amended by, Henry C. C. of the Board with the order for the Board and the order for the Board.

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Article VIII.

Section 1. An Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Commencement who shall have during the year in which they are appointed. Their session is to be opened at the first regular assembly following the Annual election.

Section 2. The duties of said Committee shall be to see that an adequate provision is made for the expenses of the year and to see that the same are not otherwise disposed of. Their report shall be heard and acted upon at the next regular assembly.

Article IX.

Section 1. A resignation of an officer of this Bureau shall be made in writing to the President of the Bureau and shall be accepted by the Board.

Section 2. The Bureau shall consider and act upon such resignation or leave, and if the officer is retained in office, fill the vacancy by ballot. In cases of absence or absence on account of illness or absence on account of illness, a committee of the Bureau shall be appointed by the Bureau.

Article X.

Section 1. Any member who shall be declared guilty of misconduct in the discharge of his duties shall be suspended from the office of member for a period of one year.

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Article XI. continued
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Sec 2 Upon payment in full of all arrears, the
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Sec 3 If not paid up for four consecutive years
 the arrears may be collected through
 from the rolls in the same manner as
 presented above

Sec 4 Any Commis. to discontinue may make
 application and be re-elected for the same
 as any new Men for provided he shall
 pay all dues which may have accrued to
 date of application

The number of votes to elect or discontinue shall
 be ascertained by the Treasurer

Amendment

Commis. to amend Art 9 by
 striking out the words "Or in their absence" and
 that the above amendment be made first in
 the order of business at the next regular assembly
 Motion adopted

Art 3,

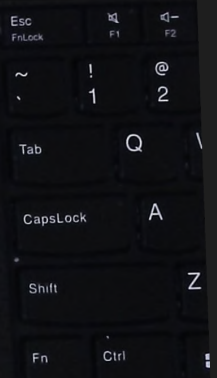
Amend by adding "An Officer of the Guard who
 shall rank as 1st Lieutenant" and shall exercise
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Article XII

Moved by Quartermaster Nicholas
That no political discussion shall be in-
duced in by any comrade while in the ar-
my; or at any assembly, elsewhere, for the
purpose of drill, parade or business, or
while in route, as a company or from
the same, nor shall the Bureau enjoy
in any sham battle - Accepted

Art XIII

Moved by Comrade Cormack that when a
Comrade is sick and confined to bed, it
shall be the duty of the Comrade to visit
him and to render him all aid and as-
sistance and if necessary to set up with him
during the night

Art XIV

Moved by Comrade Cormack
That when a comrade in great emergency
dies it shall be the duty of all surviving
Comrades to attend his funeral in a body
and as a mark of respect for the mem-
ory of the deceased, the Comrade shall wear
black wear the usual badge of mourning
for the period of 30 days

Art XV

Any man who was either too old or too
young or physically unfit to be enlisted
in either of the two armies during the late
war but who served as minute man or
Home Guard faithfully, in the defense
of home and country is entitled to full
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Article XVI.

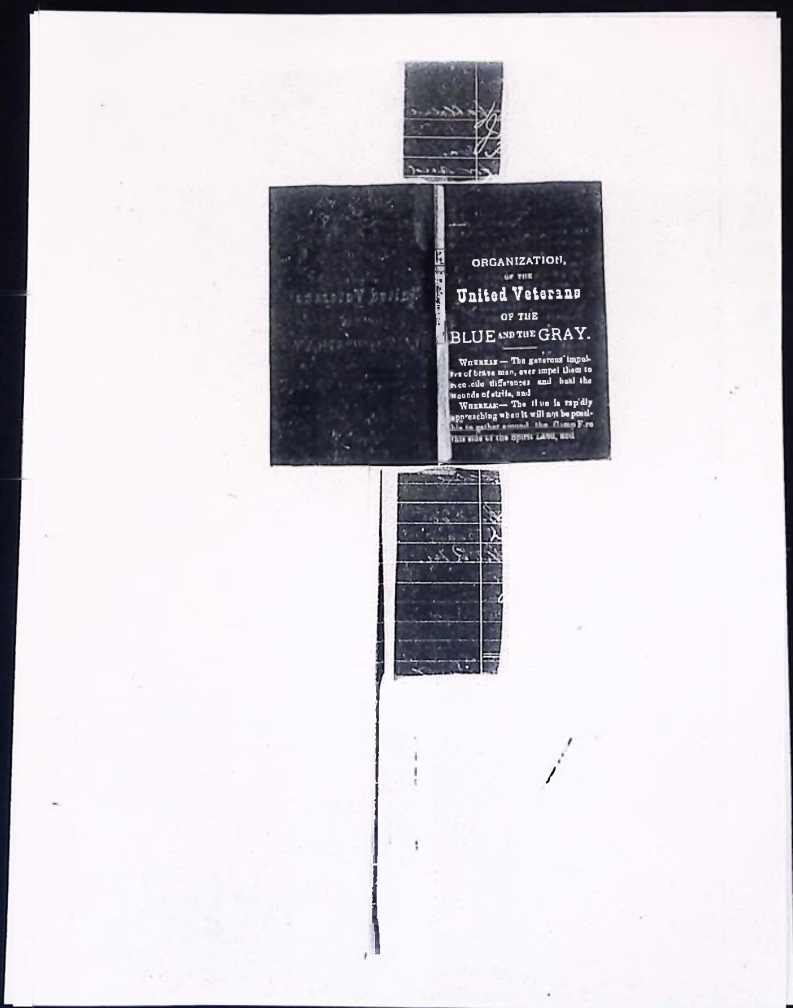
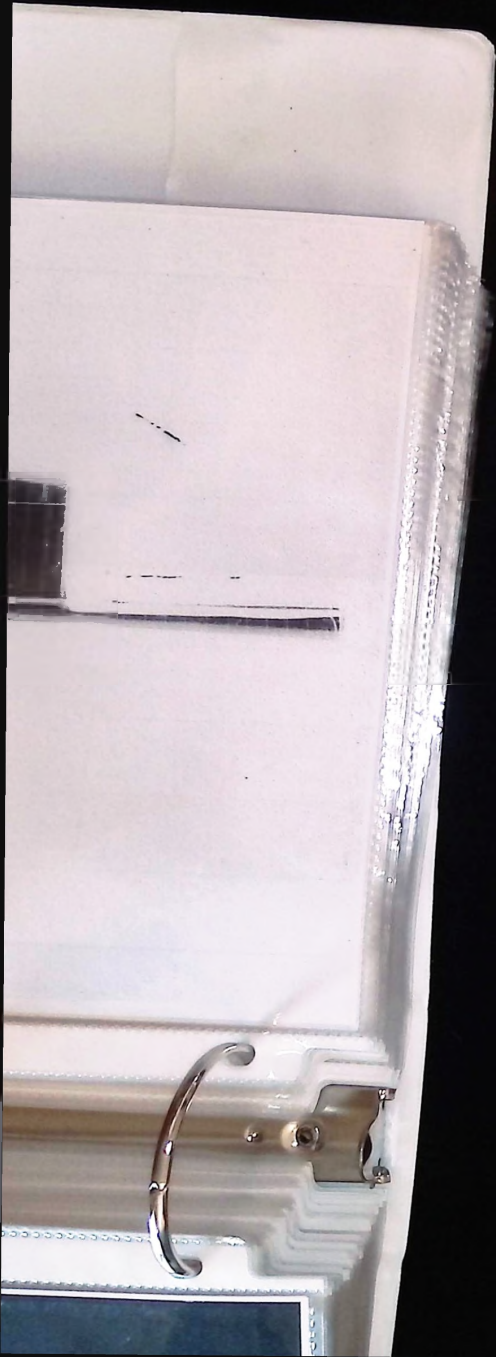
Non-Resident Members may be proposed and elected, and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as all the members and courts of a "National" except that of voting. The Bureau may confer all the powers held by the National at discretion.

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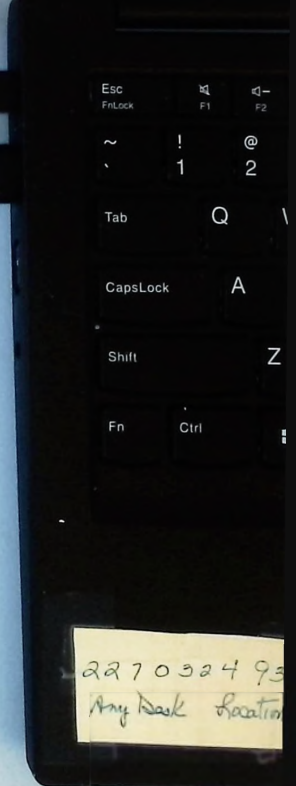
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ORGANIZATION
OF THE
United Veterans
OF THE
BLUE AND THE GRAY.

WARRIORS - The generous
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WHEREAS - We wish to show to the world that the true veteran will not tolerate character to prevent a perfect representation of the two nations.

Be it Remembered that we whose names are assigned in this roster do now organize ourselves into an association to be known as "The United Veterans of Blue and the Gray".

LEONARD Y. JENNINGS, 2nd Mass., Inf'y.	ALBERT H. LEE, 2nd Fla., Inf'y.
CHARLES D. FARR, 60th Wis'a., Inf'y.	JOHN S. ANDERSON, 2nd "
W. C. BROWN, 10th Ala., Inf'y.	
THOMAS P. LLOYD, 10th Ga., Inf'y.	
J. W. PEARSON, 10th Ala., Inf'y.	
JOHN P. COLE, 2nd Md., Inf'y.	
AL. R. BERRY, 10th Miss., Inf'y.	
H. VAN FORT, 2nd Miss., Inf'y.	
C. D. WICKSTMAN, 1st Ind., 1st Art'y.	
Geo. W. THOMAS, 1st Fla., Inf'y.	
FRANK M. BERRY, 2nd "	
R. WEAVER, 2nd "	
A. HARRISON, 1st Ala., Inf'y.	
THOMAS LINDSEY, 2nd Fla., Inf'y.	
C. PEARSON, 6th Ind., Inf'y.	
H. TAYLOR, 2nd Ohio, Inf'y.	
S. BRANTON, 1st Pa., Inf'y.	
JOHN M. BROWN, 2nd Ala., Inf'y.	
ANDREW L. HARRISON, 2nd N. C., Inf'y.	
R. WILSON, 10th Penn., Inf'y.	
W. GARDNER, 2nd Ky., Inf'y.	
C. PEARSON, 2nd Tenn., Inf'y.	
JOHN KENNEDY, 10th N. B., Inf'y.	
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I. Y. JENNINGS
Commander.

FRED L. ROBERTSON
Adjutant.

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CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I
Name

This association shall be known as
FORGE BROTHERS No. 1 United Veterans of the Blue and the Gray
 The letters U. V. B. G. shall be the proper abbreviation of such title.
 The meetings of this association shall be held as assembly.

ARTICLE II
Officers

Secretary - The requirements to become a member of this B. G. shall be as follows: any

... of actual service during the war 1861 to 1865 in the Army or Navy or Marine Service of either of the United States then in being and on honorable discharge being entitled to discharge from service.

Sec. 2 - Political and Religious opinions not to be considered or discussed any of the actions of this B. G.

ARTICLE III
Sec. 1 - Officers

The officers of this B. G. shall consist of a commander to rank as Colonel, First and Second Lieut. Commanders to rank as Lt. Col. and Major respectively. There shall be also an Adjutant, Quartermaster, Comptroller, Chaplain of the Day and a Chaplain to rank as Captain. A color bearer to rank as First Lieutenant. Officer of

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1891 to 1895 in the Army or Navy
of the United States or either of the
States of the United States then in
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CONSTITUTION.
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ARTICLE I.
Name.
This association shall be known as
Florida Division No. 1 United Veter-
ans of the Division and the Army.
The letters U. V. D. A. shall be the
proper abbreviation of said title.
The meeting of this association shall
be held as regularly.

ARTICLE II.
SECTION 1. Membership.—The re-
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ARTICLE III.
SECTION 1. Officers.—The officers of
this Division shall consist of a president,
vice president, secretary, treasurer,
and four members of the Executive
Committee. The rank of the officers
shall be as follows: President, Captain;
vice president, Major; secretary,
Lieutenant; treasurer, Captain;
members of the Executive Committee,
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