

certain he has made considerable money since the war. I don't know what he has done with it. If he hasn't paid his debts. At present he has a very fine mare and I know he paid \$130 for her.

You wanted to know something about St. Johns Bluff. I can't give you any satisfaction on the subject. They have divided it up in lots; and sold a few numbers. I have never thought anything about it. I will try and inform myself and let you know more about it. The first Jacksonville paper I can get respecting this town, I will send it.

You mentioned something respecting our claims or losses by the Seminole War. I should be very glad for you to use all your influences with the members. Perhaps we may obtain our losses and it would come in a very acceptable time. This war has caused a great many valuable lives to be lost. So many people emigrated from all parts of the Union; have brought a great many contagious diseases amongst us that a great many died--or natural death. Some by the Indians and several murdered by one or another. There are three in St. Augustine jail of murdering his fellow soldiers, and I expect all three will hang.

Some have made their escape to Texas. On the 29th of April last, Lewis Perine, Jonas Ellis and Stout were going to Fort Tarver. Got within a half-mile of the Fort, and were attacked by a party of Indians, and all three killed. Myself and Elisa were going to Fort Tarver and got through just as the men were taking the dead bodies up. We made a narrow escape.

On the first day of May, William Hagan was scouting on the edge of McIntosh Hammock, and was fired on by the Indians; wounded some, and killed some horses. The Express galloped up in a few hours stating Hagan's were killed. It struck us almost down as we were sure it was Alfred--as we knew he was in company.

Next day, we heard it was William. His horse was very wild and in the action, his horse through him against a tree, which ended him. On hearing this, his father was taken ill and deceased the 7th day of July--some few days previous to Tommy's death. F. R. Lanchez's wife died about that time. Allen Parrish died the other day. John Lanchez's little Lewis died.

I could write a great deal more, but paper is short. I'd like to forget Major Buckham deceased about 4 weeks ago in St. Augustine. You must excuse.

We all send our best wishes to you and the little one. Ethelbert says he'll come and see you next Spring, if you don't come here this winter.

Yours 'til Death

Malachi Hagan

To C. & R. Waldron