



JAMES WASHINGTON MATHIS 1834-1893

a granddaughter of James Washington Mathis. She collected most of the data on the children of Sally Williams Mathis and prepared the information concerning the activities and stories of her grandfather based on material told to her by her mother and grandmother. Fort Myers Cemetery. 1880 Manatee County census. "Rowland Williams" sketch in Issue #1 of SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS.

THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS!!!!!!!

On Oct. 3, 1887, John M. Pearce was granted a license to establish and maintain a ferry across the Kissimmee River at Fort Bassinger. His maximum rates were set at:

- Footman - 15¢
- Man and horse - 25¢
- Horse & buggy or other single team - 50¢
- Double team - 75¢
- One yoke of oxen & cart or wagon - 40¢
- Two yoke of oxen & cart or wagon - 60¢
- Each additional yoke - 15¢
- Each additional animal - 5¢

(DeSoto Co. Commissioner's Records #1)

Advertisement about 1900: The "De Soto County Champion" - All the De Soto County news, \$1.00 a year, Arcadia, Florida.



ISAAC JOHNS FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible record contributed by Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, Ft. Ogden, Fla. Her husband, Mr. Harold I. "Buck" Thomas being a grandson of Isaac Johns.

- Rush Johns was born June 19, 1897
- Jannie Johns was born December 4, 1906
- Isaac Johns & Jane Nelson were married Jan. 16, 1868
- Fannie Johns & Willie Ivey were married June 16, 1904
- Isaac Johns was born October 15, 1847
- Jane Nelson was born October 25, 1849
- Mary and Martha Johns were born Sept. 7, 1868
- Isabel Johns was born February 22, 1871