

- Feb. 20th) Willoughby Whidden (first cousin to Bennett), son of Noah Whidden. Both buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Hills County.
4. George Sherrod Durrance, born March 18, 1851; never married.
 5. William Augustus Durrance, born Sept. 15, 1852; married in Polk County on Oct. 31, 1872, Dora Elizabeth Womack.
 6. Francis McDonald Durrance, born Sept. 12, 1854; married 1st, on Jan. 27, 1876, Sarah Mozelle Carlton, daughter of John Sales Carlton and Martha Jane Cason; married 2nd, Margaret Hendry, daughter of John Hendry & Margaret Cheshire.
 7. John Rufus Durrance, born Oct. 29, 1856, died Dec. 6, 1909; married on Dec. 13, 1878, Martha Susan Carlton, daughter of John Sales Carlton & Martha Jane Cason.
 8. Sarah Adaline Durrance, born June 17, 1859; married James J. Mills on Jan. 22, 1876 in Polk County.
 9. James Allen Durrance, born April 6, 1862; married in Polk Co. on Feb. 20, 1884, Gabriella Julia Carlton, daughter of Rev. John Wright Carlton & Susan Lee Cason Murphy.
 10. Mariette "Nettie" Durrance, born Jan. 24, 1865; married Thomas A. Lewis in Polk County on Dec. 23, 1885.
 11. Eula E. Durrance, born Dec. 29, 1868, married George W. Land on June 10, 1885 in Polk County.

William H. Durrance and family moved into Florida shortly after his marriage, probably stopping for a while in Columbia County where his parents were residing and finally settling in Marion County where they were listed in the 1850 census. About 1853, William, his father and his brothers moved into Hillsborough County settling about four miles northwest of present day Bartow.

When William's brother, Capt. F. M. Durrance, formed a Company to protect the area from recent Seminole Indian attacks, William joined the group as their bugler. He was mustered in at Fort Meade on Dec. 29, 1855 and served through Aug. 22, 1856. He joined for two more enlistments in his brother's company. He was mustered in as a Private at Fort Frazier on Aug. 22, 1856 and mustered out on Dec. 21, 1856. Mustered in again at Fort Brooke (Tampa) on Dec. 22, 1856 and served till June 22, 1857. Company returns show that he served as a detached guard at Fort Frazier during the months of February thru April 1857.

During the Civil War, he served as a member of his brother, Lt. John R. Durrance's Detachment of Florida Mounted Volunteers, CSA, at Fort Meade July 14, 1861 to August 27, 1861. William Durrance also served as Polk County's Sheriff during the Civil War years.

William H. Durrance died on Feb. 27, 1879 and Mrs. Durrance died on July 30, 1906. Both were faithful members of Bethel Methodist Church located about six miles south of Bartow and were buried there.

Last Will and Testament of W. H. Durrance: In the name of God - Amen. I William H. Durrance of the County of Polk and State of Fla. being of sound mind and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make, ordain and publish and decree this to be my last will and testament, that is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate real &