

description was given as six foot, dark hair, grey eyes & light complexion.

After the Civil War, Frederick S. Lanier and his family moved to south Florida settling in Manatee County in the Fort Ogden area (in present De Soto County), where they were listed in the 1870 census.

Frederick owned half interest in the schooner, "Laura", which he sailed between Fort Ogden and Key West, supplying the early settlers of south Florida with goods & provisions. The ship returned to port at Fort Ogden, in the latter part of 1875, from a trip to Key West without Mr. Lanier. Later when questioned about this, the crewmen said that Frederick fell off the ship on October 17, 1875 near Key West and was lost at sea. In the months that followed, it is said, that one crew member committed suicide and another one went crazy. Apparently, there was more to the incident that was revealed by the crew.

On June 15, 1876, Manatee County Judge E. M. Graham granted Letters of Administration on the estate of Frederick S. Lanier to Mrs. Mary S. Lanier. Z. King and W. Alderman were appraisers of the estate which included a yoke of oxen & cart, mare & colt, feather bed, kitchen furniture, farming tools and a mill.

The 1880 Manatee census shows the widow & children living adjacent to Phill Youmans who married Texanna Lanier and other members of the Youmans family.

Mary S. Lanier lived with various of her children at Fort Ogden, Punta Gorda, Fort Myers and Shell Creek. She applied for a Confederate pension based on the service of her husband. On one application in 1919, she stated she was living with her son, W. B. Lanier, at Charlotte Harbor.

Mrs. Mary Lanier died on June 20, 1923 at Cleveland, Fla. and was buried in the Fort Ogden Cemetery.

REFERENCES: Lanier Family by Louise Ingersoll, page 65; 1850, 1860 Madison Co., 1870, 1880 Manatee Co census; Death certificate of Mrs. Mary S. Lanier; Manatee, Monroe & De Soto County marriage records; William B. Lanier family Bible record; James M. Lanier family Bible record; Fort Ogden, Charlotte Harbor & Ortona Cemetery; Mr. Jesse Lanier, Shell Creek & now Arcadia, and Mr. Orton Lanier, Fort Ogden; Mr. Ron Metz who contributed



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the photograph of Frederick Lanier; Florida Confederate military records; Pension application of Mrs. Mary S. Lanier; Probate records of the estate of Frederick S. Lanier found in De Soto County;