8-12 THEOPHILUS KEEN, born 1792 in NC married ELIZABETH RAULERSON, born 1801, daughter of JACOB RAULERSON. Where is THEOPHILUS KEEN buried? Is his wife buried in the Keen Family Cemetery located in Manatee Co., Fla.? She was living in 1870 Manatee County with her sons, JACOB KEEN (who married ELIZABETH MILEY) and HEROD KEEN. Mrs. Doyle Chancey, 1117 4th St., West, Palmetto, Fla. 33561.

8-13 Would like to obtain any information pertaining to a WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON, said to have been born on the Alafia River (about 1830 ?). Can not locate him in any of the census. He was brother to ELIAS E. JOHNSON, born 1818 in Georgia, who married ELIZABETH KEEN. Children of WILLIAM H. JOHNSON were: WILLIS JOHNSON (said to have returned to Georgia); DANIEL JOHNSON (died young); and JAMES MADISON JOHNSON, born 1860, who married DICY CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS. Richard Livingston, P. O. Box 166, Fort Ogden, Fla. 33842.

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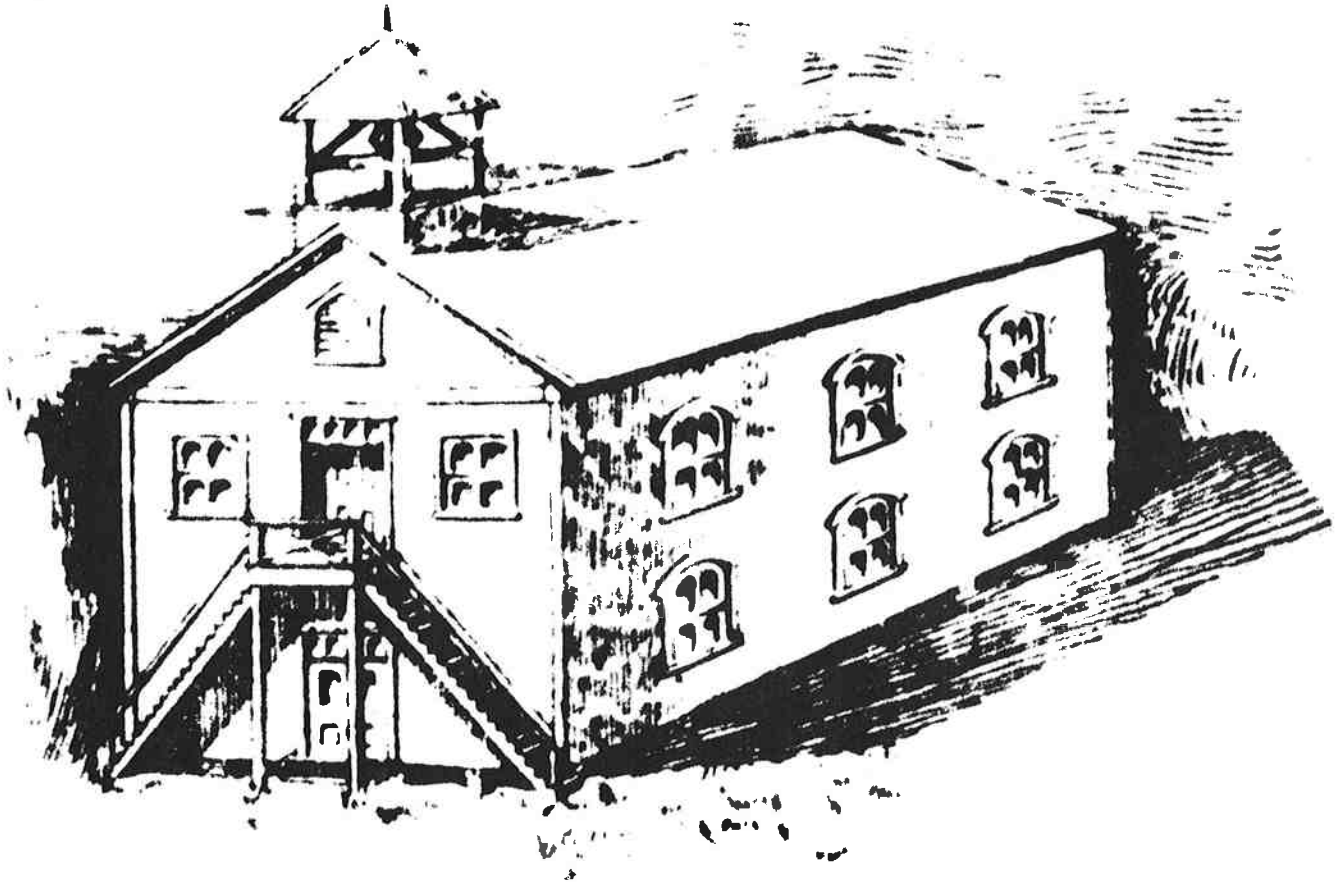
POLK COUNTY: FIRST COURTHOUSE

The following photo & information was contributed by Mrs. Louise K. Frisbie, Box 120, Bartow, Fla. 33830, author of PEACE RIVER PIONEERS and her newest book, YESTERDAY'S POLK COUNTY.



Polk County's first courthouse, built in 1867. So far as is known, no photograph of it exists. This sketch is the one inserted in Polk's history--a series of documents, official & unofficial, and other pertinent data--by the late Milton D. Wilson. He was a tireless historian & founder of the five member Polk County Historical Commission, custodian of the records. The building shown here was replaced in 1883 & again in 1909.