

driving beef cattle for the Confederate army. He was involved in this assignment up to October of 1864. He served in Capt. F. A. Hendry's Company of Independent Cavalry in 1864 & 1865.

Francis B Hagan

SIGNATURE FROM 1855 LAND REQUEST

About 1861, Francis B. Hagan & family moved to Manatee County settling in the Castalia area and later homesteading at Pine Level. The Platts had moved to this area about five years earlier making their homesteads on Horse Creek. They may have enticed F. B. Hagan to settle in this area.

In 1866, Francis Hagan represented District Four (Waldron District) in a committee appointed by the County Commissioners to select a site for a new, more centrally located, county seat for Manatee County. They chose Pine Level.

Hagan registered with the Manatee County Clerk on September 1, 1867 the following mark & brand: underbit and undersquare in each ear, brand "Z".

He united with the Missionary Baptist Church in 1867 and was baptized by Brother Cross near Castalia. Francis was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Pine Level. In November of 1870, he was a delegate from that Church to the fourth South Florida Baptist Association meeting, where he was appointed to the finance committee. He was a delegate to the first annual session of the Manatee Missionary Baptist Association in 1876. He continued to be active in the Baptist Church. He served as Clerk of the Mt. Pleasant Church in 1880-82, 1886, 1894, 1896, 1899 & 1900 and probably other years also. Francis was Clerk of the Manatee Association in 1887-88.

In 1870, F. B. Hagan & family were residing in Township "35" which is the Castalia region. Some of his close neighbors were his father-in-law, John Platt, Morgan Mizell, Rev. Henry Messer & Stephen Driggers.

Francis Hagan represented Manatee County in the Florida House of Representatives in 1873, 1874 & 1875.

In September 1876, Thomas J. Hoover sold to F. B. Hagan two tracts of land which were located in the Pine Level area: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 37 South, Range 23 East and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 37 South, Range 23 East. They cost him \$500.

Mr. Hagan served as Manatee County Treasurer from Feb. 16, 1877 until March 1879.

In 1879 he was also a member of the Florida Senate from the 27th District.

In 1885, according to the agriculture schedule, F. B. Hagan owned 400 acres of woodland & forest, 250 cattle, 30 swine and had produced 150 gals. of molasses & 200 bushels of sweet potatoes.

After the creation of DeSoto County in 1887, Francis served as County Treasurer, Deputy Clerk of the Court and as County Commissioner.

In 1892, he applied for a pension based on his Indian war service and received \$8.00 a month from the government. In September of 1907, he made application to the State of Florida for a pension based on his Confederate war service. He was also a member of the Peace River Masonic Lodge #66.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Platt Hagan died on May 28, 1902 aged 69 years. Francis Burdette Hagan died on January 31, 1914. Both were buried in the Campground Cemetery at Pine Level.

REFERENCES: Interview with Mrs. Dillie H. Underwood, Arcadia, Fla.; 1850 & 1855 Bounty Land Applic. of F. B. Hagan; F. B. Hagan Pension