

their county affairs. They often spent the night at Shadrach Hancock's home. Lillie B. McDuffee in her "The Lures of Manatee" tells of this:

"The Shade Hancock and Garrett Murphy homes, situated along the Pine Level road near Miakka Lake, were convenient stopping places for Manateans on their way to and from Pine Level. Shade Hancock kept open house and was never known to turn away any one asking for a night's lodging. The upper story of his log house was a low, oblong room unfinished and bare of furnishings except beds. These, placed side by side along the wall with only room in between to get in and out, provided luxurious reposes for tired and weary travelers who had occupied their saddles all day."

On August 1, 1877, Shadrach registered his brand "circle Z" and three marks: (1) swallowfork in one ear, upper bit under bit crop & split in the other (2) upper square, under bit in one ear, upper bit under bit & swallowfork in the other & (3) swallowfork underbit in one ear, upper and under inner square in the other.

Shadrach died at his residence in Miakka on Jan. 6, 1902 from chronic albuminuria. He was buried at Miakka Methodist Church Cemetery. In September 1902, Mrs. Sarah Jane Hancock applied for a pension based on her husband's Indian War service. Supporting affidavits were provided by Henry L. Mitchell, Thomas S. Knight, L. J. Knight, J. J. Knight and Jesse Knight. She received a pension of eight dollars per month. In 1907, she applied for a State pension based on her husband's Confederate service. Sarah Jane died on Feb. 12, 1917 and was also buried at the Miakka Methodist Church.

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RUPERT HAROLD EVERS March 31, 1921 - Dec. 29, 1923  
ROBERT D. EVERS, Fla, PFC, 115 Inf 29 Inf Div, WWII  
October 24, 1924 - July 17, 1944  
LEWIS ALLISON MILLER Oct. 30, 1861 - June 27, 1924  
JESSIE LEE HOOVER MILLER Mar. 6, 1874 - Feb. 5, 1948  
IRA MYRLE BALLARD, Fla, PFC, OM Corp, WWII  
Sept. 11, 1922 - June 10, 1946  
In Memory of DELMERE ELWOOD son of IRA & ANNIE BALLARD  
July 19, 1921 - July 10, 1928  
IRA R. BALLARD March 13, 1899 -  
ANNIE M. BALLARD October 10, 1901 -  
ELLEN REYNOLDS 1891 - 1939  
MYRA EVELYN daughter of Mr. & Mrs. VERON COKER  
Oct. 9, 1922 - June 7, 1925