

son William.

During the Third Seminole War, Joseph Underhill served in Capt. Durrance's company, Florida Mounted Volunteers, joining Dec. 29, 1855 and serving until Aug. 22, 1856. He later served in another company commanded by Capt. Durrance from March 11, 1858 until May 10, 1858.

After the close of the Indian war in 1858, Joseph's brother-in-law, William H. Willingham, moved into the Kissimmee Island section of eastern Hillsborough County. About the same time, Joseph Underhill and son William also moved to Kissimmee Island. The Underhills and Willinghams do not appear on the 1860 census for Hillsborough County. Obviously, the census taker did not travel to the isolated Kissimmee Island area to record the few families who had settled there. In 1861, Hillsborough County was divided, the eastern portion becoming Polk County. A tax list compiled for Polk County that year lists Joseph Underhill, William Underhill and William Willingham as taxpayers.

During the Civil War, Joseph's four sons all served the Confederate cause. William and Matthew were members of Munnerlyn's Cattle Guard Battalion, John served in the regular Confederate army in Company E, 7th Florida Infantry, and Thomas was a Confederate leader in the Peas Creek area and was killed by Union troops in 1864.

Joseph Underhill continued to appear on Polk County tax lists in 1862, 1867, 1869, 1870 and 1877. In the 1880 census he is shown residing in Manatee County living next to his daughter, Barbary (Underhill) Thomas. The census shows him as 85 years of age and a veteran of the War of 1812. On April 3, 1880, Joseph applied for a U. S. pension based upon his service in the War of 1812, and gave his post office address as Pine Level, Manatee County. A letter written in support of the application by P. T. Tucker of Pine Level to the Commissioner of Pensions on Dec. 4, 1880 says "The claim of Joseph Underhill for Pension and Land Warrant for War 1812-1815 is a good claim the old man is now helpless and 85 years old and is living on the charity of his connexion (sic) and if any body needs it, it is him please push this up, . . ." The plea was to no avail for the claim was rejected March 23, 1881. Joseph Underhill must have died soon after this for he does not appear on the 1885 state census for Manatee County.

REFERENCES: Huxford Gen. Society Qtrly, Vol. 2, #4, p. 244; Census: 1820 Bulloch Co., Ga., 1840 Ware Co., Ga., 1850 Hills. Co., Fl., 1880 Manatee Co., Fl.; marriage records of Hills. Co.; U. S. Govt. Map, 1855; Ives' map, 1856; Polk Co., Fl. tax lists & marriages; military records of 2nd & 3rd Seminole Wars; pension application of Joseph Underhill for War of 1812 service.

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#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: OLD WILLS

The following wills were abstracted from Hillsborough County's Old Will Book by Mrs. Elizabeth (Stuart) Jones, 3705 San Rafael St., Tampa, Fl. 33609.

Page 3: John H. WHIDDEN 5 Aug. 1848 Pro. 9 Nov. 1848  
Brothers: Eli WHIDDEN, Mathew WHIDDEN, Sevier WHIDDEN, Alex WHIDDEN,  
William WHIDDEN, James WHIDDEN, David WHIDDEN  
Sisters: Mary COBB, Nancy, Eliza GOFF, Louise LEWIS  
Exr: A. H. HENDERSON  
Wit: Simon TURMAN, J. CARAWAY, B. F. DREW

Page 4: Anton ROTY (KOTY ?) Ft. Monroe, Va. 1 Sept. 1848  
All my pay and all due me to Pvt. Henry NEWOR (NEWOV, NEWER or NUVOR ?)  
of Co. D, 4th Artillery.