

12th Regiment of Florida Mounted Volunteers. He enrolled at Ft. Call, Columbia County, East Florida on May 3, 1839 in Capt. Arthur Robert's Company in Col. Warren's 1st Regiment of Florida Mounted Volunteers. He was mustered out at Ft. Warren on Nov. 1, 1839. David enlisted in this same company on Nov. 1, 1839. The company was stationed at Ft. Taylor on November 16th. On December 12th, David contracted a severe cold which would later result in lung disease. Company records show David sick and absent with leave from April 23rd until the company was mustered out on May 1, 1840 at Newnansville.

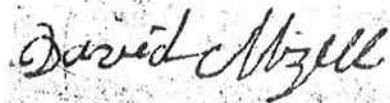
David Mizell, Jr. and family were living in Columbia County, Fla., in the 1840 census where they were enumerated between his father, David Mizell, Sr. & family and his father-in-law, John Pierce & family.

David Jr. served another enlistment in his half brother, Capt. Enoch E. Mizell's Company, 1st Regiment Bailey's Florida Mounted Militia from Aug. 22, 1840 when he was mustered in at Ft. Call until Nov. 29, 1840 when he was mustered out at Ft. Lancaster.

On July 19, 1843, David Mizell, Jr. applied for a permit to settle upon 160 acres of unappropriated public land as per the provisions of the Armed Occupation Act. His land was described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 22 East, which is located just west of Hawthorne, Alachua County, Florida.

David Mizell and family were residing in Alachua County in 1850 near Albert G. and Anne E. (Mizell) Roberts who were married in 1849.

On January 16, 1852, David applied for bounty land based on his service in Capt. Mizell's Company in 1837. His signature is from this application.



In 1858, the Mizell family settled in a section of Orange County near Lake Mizell. David Mizell, Jr. is considered the first white settler of what is now Winter Park. His 103 acres of homestead lay between Lakes Virginia, Mizell and Berry. His daughter, Nancy, had used a sycamore branch to urge her horse onward during the trip from Alachua County. When she arrived in Orange County she thrust the branch into the ground where it took root and grew. The resulting tree is considered to be the parent of all sycamore trees in the area. In the 1860 Orange County census, David is shown to have real estate valued at \$2,400 and personal estate valued at \$14,250. David was chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from 1869 to 1871 and served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1860 to 1863.

In July of 1883 David Mizell, Jr. applied for a pension based on his service in Capt. Jacob Summerlin's Company. At that time his personal description was given as follows: age, 75 years; height, 5 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; complexion, light; hair, gray. But David died before he could establish his pension claim. He died at Conway in Orange County on Jan. 16, 1884 from liver and lung trouble. He was buried in Conway Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary C. Mizell applied for a widow's pension in September of 1889. She died on Nov. 17, 1893 and was also buried at Conway Cemetery.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 Alachua Co., Fl., 1860 Orange Co., Fl.; Allen R. Taylor, 1500 E. Washington St., Orlando, Fl. 32801; pension applications of David Mizell, Jr. & Mary C. Mizell; military service records; Armed Occupation Permit application #717; "History of Prominent Mizell Family" in TAMPA TRIBUNE, Aug. 16, 1953; "Orange County's First Pioneer Family Lies Buried in Orlando's Newest Park" in ORLANDO SENTINEL, Sun., Jan. 19, 1969; Mizell family file, Polk Co. Hist. Library, Bartow, Fl.; "David Mizell", PIONEERS OF WIREGRASS GEORGIA by Folks Huxford, Vol. III.; 1840 Columbia Co., Fl. census; David Mizell bounty land application.