

that community. John became a deacon of that Baptist Church on Dec. 22, 1850.

John Baggs Raulerson was a Private from December 29, 1855 to December 1857 under Capt. Francis M. Durrance along with his relatives, John Raulerson, Jackson Raulerson, William Wiggins, Noel Rabun Raulerson and John Thomas.

John's mother was still living with him in the 1860 census. She was shown as being 75 years old. She died June 26, 1866 and was buried in the Shiloh Cemetery near Plant City.

According to Raulerson family researcher and historian, Mrs. Venetia Dees, John was a man of means and some education. He made his own hand-made rollers for a grist mill and had a water powered mill on Luke's Branch where 10th Street in Lakeland now crosses. He drank green tea while his wife drank black coffee. He sent his children to school before Jesse Keen, who married his half niece, ever came to Polk County. He drove a horse and buggy at a time when wagons were common. The Raulersons were members of Mt. Enon Church.

On September 20, 1892, John Baggs Raulerson, age 70, and a resident of Lakeland, applied for a pension based on his military services during the Seminole Indian Wars. He received \$8 a month.

Civility (Frier) Raulerson died on November 3, 1893. John died on April 25, 1901. Both were buried in Mt. Enon cemetery.

REFERENCES: Special thanks to Raulerson historian, Venetia Dees, 206 Arizona Ave., Lakeland, Fl. 33801 who contributed much material including Bible records and the photographs of the Raulersons; John B. Raulerson's pension application; John B. Raulerson family Bible; Thomas family Bible; Mt. Enon Church cemetery; Polk Co. marriages; Primitive Baptists Settled in East Hills Co. in 1844..", TAMPA TRIBUNE, Apr. 29, 1956; SOLDIERS OF FLORIDA; Raulerson family file at Polk Co. Historical Library, Bartow, Fl.; "Noel Rabun Raulerson 1820-1910" in SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS, Issue #10; Census: 1830 Columbia Co., Fl., 1850 & 1860 Hillsborough Co., Fl.

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SAMUEL KNIGHT FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

The following information was taken from the Knight family file at the Polk County Historical Library in Bartow: Copied verbatim from the family Bible of Samuel Knight, on Sept. 14, 1912, by Betty Knight, daughter of Thomas Samuel Knight, son of Joel Knight, son of Samuel Knight and Mary Roberts, his wife, said Bible at such time being in the possession of the mother of said Betty Knight. From M. D. Wilson's mms. of KNIGHT FAMILY, page 89.

Fatamee KNIGHT was born February 18th and in the year of our Lord 1811
Moses KNIGHT was born February 25th and in the year of our Lord 1813
Aaron KNIGHT was born February 26th and in the year of our Lord 1815
Thomas KNIGHT was born March the first and in the year of our Lord 1820
Joel KNIGHT was born February 24th and in the year of our Lord 1824
Faney KNIGHT was born May the 9th and in the year of our Lord 1825
Elizabeth KNIGHT was born March 1st and in the year of our Lord 1827
Mary KNIGHT was born March 6th and in the year of our Lord 1829
Martha KNIGHT was born October 30th and in the year of our Lord 1832
Martha Ann Caroline KNIGHT daughter of Aaron KNIGHT was born 1842
Jesse KNIGHT was born August 18th and in the year of our Lord 1817