

became a Methodist.

During the Third Seminole War, Streaty Parker served as First Lieutenant in the volunteer militia company commanded by Capt. Leroy G. Lesley. He enlisted at Ft. Blount, Jan. 3, 1856 and was discharged at Ft. Meade, Aug. 20, 1856. After Seminoles attacked the home of Willoughby Tillis near Ft. Meade, June 14, 1856, they sought refuge in the jungle of Peas Creek Swamp. The Indians chose a horseshoe in the river where they could be safe from attack on three sides. Lt. Streaty

Parker, in command of the militia, came upon them from the east side, where they were unprotected. The militia attacked and killed a number of the Indians. In his official report, Capt. Durrance wrote: "My men spoke in high terms of Lt. Parker, as a brave and good soldier."

On Aug. 20, 1856, Streaty Parker reenlisted for another six month term as First Lieutenant in Capt. Lesley's company. During this period he commanded the guard at Ft. Meade and was subsequently mustered out at Ft. Brooke, Feb. 19, 1857. In her application for a widow's pension in 1902, Mary Parker described Streaty as being 33 years old at time of enlistment, 5 feet 8 inches in height, with brown eyes, black hair and a fair complexion.

In March 1861, one month before the Civil War began, a company of "mounted minute men", known as the "Hickory Boys", was organized at Ft. Meade with Streaty Parker elected as captain. During the Civil War, Streaty served in the company commanded by Capt. F. A. Hendry which was established in 1863 as part of Munnerlyn's Cattle Guard Battalion.

The 1860 Hillsborough County census shows Streaty Parker as owning \$1500 worth of real property and \$5180 of personal property. Streaty sold a herd of cattle, "known as the Hollingsworth stock", to Nathaniel M. Daniels for the sum of \$300 on March 1, 1860. Throughout the 1860's, 1870's and until his death in 1884, Streaty Parker was largely engaged in the cattle business. 1862-3 tax lists for Brevard County show him as agent for T. L. Lockhart with 1800 head of cattle. In the 1872 Brevard tax lists Streaty is listed as owning 3,000 head. Polk County records reveal that he purchased 300 head from Elizabeth McGuire on Sept. 17, 1870 for \$1000. He bought a herd of 2,000 head from his brother, John Parker, July 26, 1872, for \$14,000. These 2,000 cattle were located in Brevard County, according to the bill of sale. Polk County



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