

that time was not as big as Fort Meade is today (1916).

To get his needed supply of corn "Uncle Ben" had recourse to ox-teams. It took over a week to make the round trip of some 140 miles. Once when on the way back from Tampa, his wagons heavily laden with grain, the teams were stopped for rest near the sink before mentioned, and "Uncle Ben", heaving a weary sigh, was heard to remark: "I wish I had that hollow full of corn." Thereafter, the sink became known as "Guy's Hollow".

The above incident occurred during the period that Benjamin Guy lived at the Crooked Lake homestead.

The first entry in Manatee County's ancient cattle shipping log book reads as follows:

Shipped on board the Schooner Eliza Catharine Jno Alder master by Benjamin Guy. 27 steers shipped from Hooker's Cowpens, North Manatee. March 6th, 1856. Edmund Lee, C. C. C. Manatee.

Benjamin Guy is shown on Polk County's first tax list which was compiled in 1861. Subsequent tax lists for Polk and Manatee Counties show that Benjamin Guy was a wealthy, largescale cattle owner during the 1860's, '70's, and '80's. The 1863 Polk County tax list shows him as owning 2935 head. Polk County lists for 1875 show 2000 head and the 1878 list reveals that he paid taxes on 3000 head. In Manatee County he owned 1000 head in 1877 and 1500 head in 1880.

Benjamin Guy died at his home near Midland in Polk County, May 16, 1893. In the 1900 census for DeSoto County, Mary "Polly" (Underhill) Guy is shown residing with her son, Joseph Guy at Fort Basinger.

On August 14, 1902, Mrs. Guy applied for a widow's pension based on her husband's Seminole Indian War service. She stated that at the time of her husband's military service he was 5 feet, 9 inches in height, had blue eyes, black hair, light complexion, and was a farmer. She stated that Benjamin's birthplace was Chatham County, Georgia. In the application she gave her address as Ute post office, Polk County, Florida.

Mary "Polly" (Underhill) Guy died April 7, 1904. She was buried beside her husband in the old Fort Meade Cemetery.

REFERENCES: 1850 census, Hills. Co., Fl.; 1900 census, DeSoto Co., Fl.; 1861, 1863, 1875, 1878 tax lists, Polk Co.; 1878, 1880 tax lists, Manatee Co.; Bounty land applic. of Benj. Guy; Widow's pension applic. file of Mary (Underhill) Guy; old Manatee Co. cattle shipment log; Aaron Elijah Godwin family Bible; Info from W. S. Underhill, Ft. Pierce, Fl.; "The Story of Guy's Hollow", Ft. Meade Leader, Jan. 20, 1916; "Mistake in History Corrected", Ft. Meade Leader, Feb. 4, 1916.

MANATEE COUNTY: EARLY MARRIAGES

Marriages recorded in First Marriage Book of Manatee County at the Bradenton courthouse are continued from Issue #15/16:

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| James H. STEPHENS | Milla F. EDWARDS | 12 Nov. 1888 | J. M. HELM |
| George W. HAYDEN | Mary P. TYLER | 28 Nov. 1888 | J. W. GRAHAM |
| C. G. L. CROWLEY | Miss Ida V. RAWLS | 29 Aug. 1888 | S. HANDCOCK |