

In the 1850's Lewis Daniels and family moved to Levy County, Fla. They were living there in the Long Pond Settlement in 1860. Lewis was listed as a Baptist and his wife, Mary, was a Methodist.

Prior to 1868, the Daniels family settled in Manatee County, Fla. On May 5, 1868, Lewis registered his mark and brand with the Manatee County Clerk: undersquare and upperbit in one ear, swallowfork and underbit in the other, brand LD.

Lewis was listed in Township 38 in the 1870 Manatee County census. He died on June 18 or 19, 1884 at Pine Level from cancer of the face, which developed as a result of a kick from his horse during a charge while serving in the Indian Wars. Henry A. Ware and Mary A. Daniels were administrators of his estate. His heirs were listed as: Maryan Daniels, Jane Santura, Marion Daniels, Jefferson Daniels, Elizabeth Ware, Mary Howell, Penelope Lopes and Wiley Daniels.

On January 2, 1893, Mrs. Mary A. Daniels applied for a widow's pension. She was age 70 years and her post office was Fort Ogden. She was paid \$8 per month until her death on January 29, 1903.

REFERENCES: Census - 1850 Putnam Co., 1860 Levy Co., 1870-80 Manatee; militia company records from Natl. Archives; Pension application of Mrs. Mary A. Daniels; Manatee Co. marriages and marks & brands; Fort Ogden cemetery; Mt. Ephraim Bapt. Church cemetery; Deed Book A, Nassau Co., Fla.; DeSoto Co. probate records.

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MANATEE COUNTY: STEWART FAMILY CEMETERY

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This cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in this section that has been preserved. It is located near the head of the Manatee River, on the north side of the river's bank about 100 yards. The "one acre" parcel of land is located on a portion of John and Joanne Stewart's homestead. This cemetery is about three miles east of the present Bethany Baptist Church and cemetery approximately one half mile south of Highway 64. The date that the land was designated as a cemetery is not known. There are twenty-three graves. We have reason to believe that all who are buried there are accounted for. We do not know when or who the first person to be buried there was as several do not have markers. The oldest marker is that of Martha RICH Sept. 1884. Among those in the later years we owe our appreciation to for maintaining the Stewart Cemetery are Russell D. Rich and family.

This cemetery is accepted by the old timers of this community as a forerunner of our present Bethany Cemetery. Most of the early settlers are buried in Stewart Cemetery and later ones in Bethany Cemetery.

Gertrude BRYANT Born unknown Died July 8, 1908 age 3 or 4 years
Daughter of James and Betty BRYANT

Infant of James and Betty BRYANT Died about 1907

Norah V. BRYANT Born Aug. 21, 1888 Died May 16, 1892
Daughter of Charlie and Nancy BRYANT

Charlie BRYANT Born Nov. 5, 1847 - Died Oct. 25, 1905
Husband of Nancy BRYANT