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ALFORD SLOAN 1837-1892

The following article is dedicated to the memory of Miss Varnie Sloan of Tampa, Florida. Genealogy was the love of her life and she was involved actively in many organizations. She worked for years researching her Sloan line. The following biographical sketch on her grandfather was compiled and submitted to Judge Folks Huxford for publication in "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia", Volume Seven.

Alford Sloan was born in Thomas County, Georgia in 1837, oldest son of Daniel and Nancy (Lanier) Sloan. They were enumerated in the 1850 census of that county in District 81.

About 1852, the Sloans moved to south Florida settling near Plant City in Hillsborough County. Alford was a private in Captain William B. Hooker's Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers during the Seminole Indian disturbances in 1856 along with his father and brother, Owen.

Alford Sloan married on September 4, 1856, Miss Cecilia "Celia" A. Whidden, daughter of Willoughby & Eliza (Pennington) Whidden. They had six children:

1. Daniel Sloan, born 1857; died c1920; married Maggie Whidden. Daniel is buried in Sebastian, Fl.
2. William Sloan, born 1858; married Lizzie Sullivan, Feb. 10, 1879.
3. Stephen Sloan, born 1859; married in DeSoto County on November 10, 1889 Caroline "Carrie" Williams, daughter of Nathan and Cecilia (Durrance) Williams. Both buried in Fort Ogden Cemetery.
4. Alexander Sloan, born Aug. 11, 1862; died Mar. 19, 1927; married 1st, Cuthbert Sloan (cousin); married 2nd, Lautie Coker.
5. John Sloan, born May 13, 1865; died April 23, 1923; married on July 31, 1890, Henrietta "Etta" Elizabeth Matthews, daughter of James Washington & Sarah Jane (Williams) Matthews (Mathis). Both buried in St. Petersburg, Fl.
6. Alford Sloan, born 1868; married 1st, Katie Dick, Oct. 31, 1888 in DeSoto County, Fl.; married 2nd, on Aug. 3, 1892 in DeSoto County, Lillie Dick (Katie's sister).

The Alford Sloan family moved to Manatee County settling in the Fort Hartsuff area prior to 1858 along with their in-laws, Willoughby and Eliza (Pennington) Whidden, James D. & Eliza (Whidden) Green, Henry & Jane (Whidden) Langford and others.

Alford was among the jurors called to serve at the circuit court held at Manatee, county site of Manatee County, Florida on Tuesday, 2nd day of November, 1858.