

6. Ann Elizabeth Pearce, born April 7, 1844; married 1st, William Carney on Dec. 22, 1859; married 2nd, Edward J. Hilliard.
7. Levi David Pearce, born Feb. 24, 1846.
8. Stephen Irving Pearce, born Feb. 1, 1849; married on Dec. 2, 1875 in Polk County, Wealthy Ann Lewis.
9. Christopher C. Pearce, born Jan. 6, 1851; died April 28, 1923; married Susan Emma Langford. Both buried at Joshua Creek cemetery in DeSoto County.
10. Jasper Glover Pearce, born June 15, 1854; married Mrs. Sallie Young.

Levi Pearce served in various military companies during the Indian Wars. He enrolled May 22, 1836 in Capt. Brown's Mounted Florida Militia. The only company muster roll available is dated Sept. 27, 1836 at Fort Lancaster and shows the company's expiration of service as Sept. 22, 1836. This company was recognized as having been in the military service of the United States.

Levi enrolled in James Niblack's Company in Col. Mills Regiment of Florida Volunteers. He served from Jan. 27, 1837 to June 5, 1837 and again from June 16, 1837 to Dec. 18, 1837 when he was discharged at Newnansville, East Florida. Levi served in Pelot's Company from Apr. 6, 1838 to July 22, 1838 and in Stewart's Company from Mar. 6, 1841 to April 9, 1841.

Levi Pearce settled in south Florida about 1842 in Hillsborough County in the Alafia River settlement near present day Pleasant Grove. In 1843 Levi applied for land under the Armed Occupation act. The following is taken from that application:

To the Register of the Land Office at Newnansville, E. Fl. Under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1842, entitled "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the Peninsula of East Florida."

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE is hereby given that under the provisions of the act of Congress above cited, I Levi Pearce do hereby apply to the Register of the proper Land Office for a PERMIT to settle upon One hundred and sixty acres of unappropriated public land, lying south of the line dividing townships numbered nine and ten, south of the base line, and situated as herein described.

I aver that I am a married man, head of family, over eighteen years of age & able to bear arms and that I became a resident of Florida in the month of February in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty one.

I aver that the settlement herein intended is not "within two miles of any permanent military post of the United States, established and garrisoned," at the time of such settlement, and that the same is not known or believed to interfere with any private claim that has been duly filed with any of the Boards of Commissioners, surveyed or unsurveyed, confirmed or unconfirmed.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTENDED SETTLEMENT:

Lying west of the fork of the Alafia River commencing at a