

WILLIAM HENRY LOCKLEAR 1845-1923

William Henry Locklear was born near Lake City in Columbia County, Florida on November 26, 1845, son of Joseph and Sarah Locklear. By 1850 the Locklears had settled in Madison County, Florida. Joseph and Sarah were listed there with their four children: Caroline, age 15, Nancy, age 12, Mary, age 7 and William, age 5. David Sistrunk, age 70 and his wife, Grace, age 73 were living next door. The families of William Locklear, Elijah Locklear and John Locklear were also living in this county. They were probably brothers of Joseph.

Prior to 1860 the Locklears moved to Lafayette County, Florida. Joseph and Sarah were enumerated there in the 1860 census. Gracy Sistrunk was living with them. John Locklear, William Locklear and Kizza (widow of Elijah) Locklear were also living in this county.

On March 5, 1866, William Henry Locklear married Clara Ann Alice Edwards. She was born April 17, 1848 daughter of William Edwards. Children of William Henry & Clara Ann Alice (Edwards) Locklear:

1. Tibitha Locklear, born July 31, 1867 (stone shows July 31, 1865); died May 13, 1939; married James T. Keen; buried at Miakka Methodist Church Cemetery.
2. Ellen Locklear, born January 15, 1870; died 1899; married on August 20, 1888, Newton H. Keen, son of Humphrey and Martha (Mosley) Keen of Pine Level, Florida.
3. Sarah Jane Locklear, born January 17, 1872.
4. Martha Locklear, born February 19, 1874.
5. Lily M. F. U. Locklear, born September 13, 1877.
6. David Eulee Locklear, born May 13, 1878; married Martha Jane "Mattie" Keen, daughter of Humphrey and Martha (Mosley) Keen.
7. Josephine Tibitha Locklear, born June 11, 1879.
8. Julia Rebecca Locklear, born October 12, 1881.
9. Kittie Locklear, born March, 1884.
10. Etta Locklear, born January 1, 1886.
11. Eugene L. Locklear, born March 25, 1889; died October 15, 1957; tombstone shows birth as March 25, 1887.

William H. Locklear enrolled May 2, 1864 at Cedar Keys, Florida as a private in Company F of the Second Regiment of Florida Cavalry of the United States Army. He was described as having dark complexion, black eyes, black hair and 5' 6" tall. He was mustered in May 20th. He received a gun shot wound in his left knee at Cedar Keys in May, 1864. He was treated at the post hospital at Cedar Keys. On Feb. 2, 1865 he was transferred to Company B. The September 1865 company returns show that he was absent sick in the Tallahassee hospital since August. He was honorably discharged at Tallahassee, Florida on Nov. 29, 1865.