The George Smith family, whose small daughter was buried there soon after the cemetery was started. Many, many other families too numerous to be mentioned.

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JACOB DRIGGERS 1844-1926

Jacob Driggers was born in Hamilton County, Florida on November 16, 1844, son of Jacob and Nancy Driggers. The family later moved to south Florida settling in Hillsborough County in the Alafia area. They were listed there in the 1860 census along with Michael Alderman, Isaac Carlton, Jesse Hyers, James Franklin, J. T. Wilson and Seth Howard.

Jacob Driggers married Ella Underhill on March 18, 1864 near Keysville in Hillsborough County. Isaac Waters performed the service. Ella was born January 11, 1847 in Camden County, Georgia per her pension application. Her tombstone gives a birth year of 1846. Children of Jacob and Ella (Underhill) Driggers:

- 1. James Henry Driggers, born April 14, 1867.
- 2. Van Dillon Driggers, born March 18, 1871.
- 3. Mary Avarilla Driggers, born April 22, 1873.
- 4. Melley M. Driggers, born April 14, 1875; died before 1915.
- 5. Dennis Driggers, born September 16, 1877; died before December of 1897.
- .6. Nancy Viana Driggers, born December 17, 1879.
- 7. Idella Edna Driggers, born November 6, 1881; died August 13, 1914.
- 8. Jacob Driggers, born December 31, 1883.
- 9. William Gettis Driggers, born April 27, 1887.
- 10. Fannie Driggers, born May 18, 1890.

Jacob Driggers enrolled April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers, Florida in Company A of the 2nd Regiment of Florida Cavalry, U. S. A. At the time of enlistment he was described as being 5'10" tall, with light complexion, blue eyes and light hair. Jacob was injured during his military service. David Whidden and David May served in the same company. They described what happened to Jacob: "We were each with the said Driggers at Punta Rassa when he received an injury resulting in hernia. The said Driggers when he received the injury that has disabled him ever since was lifting a ferry boat under orders from Lieut. O. G. Chapman. We each further know that said Driggers was a sound, stout and able bodied man before said accident." Jacob was treated by the regimental surgeon and later by Dr. A. W. Garner. Records show that he was in the hospital in May of 1865. He was mustered out of service on Nov. 29, 1865 at Tallahassee.

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