

JOHN HIRAM WINGATE 1828-1898

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John Hiram Wingate was born in Montgomery County, Alabama probably on January 24, 1828. Although his tombstone lists 1824 as his birth year, U. S. military and pension records indicate that he was born in 1828. The names of his parents are unknown.

John H. Wingate married in 1850 in Montgomery County, Alabama Hasseltine Garner. Nancy (Graham) High on September 5, 1898 at Myakka, Florida in an affidavit stated as follows: "I was personally acquainted with Hasseltine Garner, John H. Wingate's first wife and my first cousin. She was married to John H. Wingate sometime in 1850 to the best of my recollection. Hasseltine did not live more than two years after marriage. Down with a long spell of sickness she, during her sickness, was moved by her father to his house where she died sometime after." No children are known from this marriage.

John Hiram Wingate remarried on October 4, 1854 in Montgomery Co., Alabama to Rebecca Porter Johnson. Courthouse records show that they were married on October 8, 1854 but Rebecca in a pension application stated that she was married on her birthday. Rebecca was born Oct. 4, 1839 in Heard County, Georgia. Although her tombstone gives her birth as 1838, she established her age in an affidavit for a widow's pension on December 19, 1898 at Hendry, Florida: "I was married to John H. Wingate in Montgomery County, Alabama on the fourth day of October 1854. I know that this was the date because I was married on my birth day and that I was just 15 years old on the day of my marriage." Rev. Daniel Henderson performed the marriage. Rebecca's parents have not been determined.

John and Rebecca (Johnson) Wingate had twelve children but only nine survived infancy.

1. Sarah Elizabeth Wingate, born 1858 in Alabama; died ca. 1893; married on November 9, 1875 in Manatee County, George Tatum, Jr.
2. David C. Wingate, born 1859 in Alabama; died 1924; married on February 5, 1890 in Manatee County, Joan Americus Swain (born 1873; died 1953), daughter of John and Elvira Swain.
3. George Maston Wingate, born 1866; died prior to 1934; married February 5, 1891 in Manatee County, Mary Leah Stewart.
4. Mariam Pearl Wingate, born June 30, 1868; died March 10, 1953; married on October 8, 1891 in Manatee County, Cornelius Frank Gilley (born April 5, 1866; died May 30, 1940, Parrish, Fl.).
5. Martha Frances Wingate, born December 24, 1870; died November 20, 1934, Ona, Fl.; married on August 9, 1899 in DeSoto County, Rev. James Madison Hendry (born July 23, 1839; died April 14, 1922), son of Robert and Zilla Ann (Moody) Hendry.
6. William Jessie Wingate, born January 12, 1874; died October 4, 1943; married Betty Chancey (born Oct. 4, 1901; died June 4, 1961).