

cemetery, and he and his wife have recently deeded a strip of land, including a row of orange trees on the north side, so if a road is ever needed there the land is there, regardless of who might own the grove then.

The old log house with all its haunting memories may one day be part of the museum at Zolfo Springs. When we think back on his love of family togetherness and how he provided for it, we are sure he would say, "Our Father we thank Thee".

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THOMAS L. THIGPIN 1812-1908

Thomas L. Thigpin was born in Laurens County, Georgia in 1812. He later settled in southern Alabama. He married Lavina Smith in Monroe County, Alabama in 1835. Their children:

1. Julia A. Thigpin, born 1837, Alabama; married Andrew Simpkins Ericks.
2. Keziah Lavina Thigpin, born 1839; married Henry Messer, son of William and Mary A. Messer.
3. Nancy J. Thigpin, born 1841; married Stephen A. Driggers; Nancy J. apparently died before November 22, 1874 since Manatee County marriage records show that on that date Stephen A. Driggers married Sarch C. Vickers.
4. John Thomas Thigpin, born 1843; died before 1898.
5. Mary Thigpin, born 1845; married Tallover Broadway June 22, 1872 in Manatee County.
6. Francis "Fannie" Thigpin, born 1848.
7. Clinton Thigpin, born 1856, Florida.
8. David Henry Thigpin, born 1862; married Elizabeth Joiner July 9, 1891.

The Thigpin family was living in Coffee County, Alabama in the 1850 census. Prior to 1856 they moved into north Florida and later settled in south Florida in Manatee County.

Thomas enrolled April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers as a private in Company B, 2nd Regiment of Florida Cavalry, United States Army which was commanded by Capt. James D. Green. At the time of enlistment his description was given as 5'5" (a pension application later gave his height as 5'11"), light complexion, blue eyes, light hair and was a farmer. The June 30, 1864 company roll showed that Thomas held the rank of corporal. During this enlistment, Thomas was disabled by chronic diarrhea and scurvy resulting in rheumatism and colic. He was