

treated in the Fort Myers hospital and carried to the Cedar Keys hospital in May of 1865. He was mustered out with the company at Tallahassee on November 29, 1865 as a sergeant.

After the war Thomas returned to his homestead near Pine Level in Manatee County where he farmed and raised cattle. On May 26, 1868 he registered his mark and brand: poplar leaf in one ear, under square in the other, brand 33. The 1870 Manatee County census listed Thomas L. Thigpin in Township 34 near Alva Graham and David Townsend. Thomas paid county taxes on 100 hogs in 1870.

Thomas was enumerated in Precinct #1 (Pine Level) in the 1880 Manatee County census along with his neighbors Alice Platt, James A. Albritton, William C. Platt and others. Living with the Thigpins were four grandchildren, Julia, age 16, John F., age 13, David C., age 8, & Dennis, age 6. Apparently these are the children of his deceased daughter, Nancy J. (Thigpin) Driggers because she had a daughter, Julia, age 5, listed in the 1870 census. Thomas paid 1880 taxes on 25 hogs, 102 cattle and 40 acres located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16 in Township 37, Range 23 near Pine Level.

On October 20, 1881 Thomas L. Thigpin purchased for \$1 per acre 40 acres of land from the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida. It was described as the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17 in Township 37, Range 23. On July 18, 1882 he purchased 80 additional acres from the Internal Improvement Fund at 90¢ per acres. It was listed as the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 8 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 9 in Township 37, Range 23.

Thomas applied for a pension based on his Civil War service. On his March 2, 1887 application he gave his age as 67 years and his residence as Pine Level, Manatee County, Florida. Allen T. Walker, age 45 and Joel Messer, age 47, both of Pine Level, Florida provided affidavits stating that had both lived near Thomas since his discharge and that he has been sick a great portion of time on account of bibulous colic and has had to quit work on that account. On April 3, 1907 Thomas made a declaration for continuation of his pension. He gave his age as 95 years and his residence as Sarasota, Manatee County, Florida. Thomas L. Thigpin died on July 30, 1908 in Sarasota. His wife apparently died between 1898 and his death since she did not make application for a widow's pension.

REFERENCES: Census: 1850 Coffee Co., Ala., 1870, 1880 Manatee Co., Fl.; Manatee County records: Marks & Brands, Marriage Records, Tax Records, Deed Book E, pages 222, 223; 2nd Florida Cavalry military records; Thomas L. Thigpin pension application, Natl Archives.

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Charity DUNKIN

Jacob DRIGGERS, Sr. 40 acres
100 cattle, 50 hogs

James J. DURHAM 40 acres

Berzilar DOUGLAS

P. DOUGLAS

John DOUGLAS

EDWARDS & FOSTER 580 acres

A. S. ERICKS

William EDWARDS

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John W. FRISH 73 acres