

In 1840 the family can be located in Escambia, Florida where the family had increased to 4 children--2 boys and 2 girls.

The name of Silas CASON can be found in the 1850 census of Madison Township where Dennis Marion CASON is enumerated as Daniel, with other children, in order of birth, William L., Jane, Abigail, John B. and George CASON. A Margaret CASON is living in this home, but she is not known or identified.

The full names of the children were: William L., Martha Jane, Abigail Sarah Ann, John B. and George Alexander M. CASON.

Between 1850 and 1860 Dennis Marion CASON is enrolled as a Corporal in Capt. L. G. Lesly's Independent Company of Mounted Volunteers 23 Feb. 1858.

The certificate given Dennis states he was born in Madison County, that he is 20 years old, 6 feet and one inches tall, light complexion, gray eyes, sandy hair, and by occupation, he is listed as a farmer. In 1860, Dennis is found in the home of his father, Silas, in Madison County. He is enumerated this time as "Dennis H.". John B. and George A. are still at home. A grandson, William is living in Silas CASON's home as well. He is the son of William L. and Martha Ann (FAIN) CASON.

Mary SMART is part of this family and Susan Lee CASON has married the Rev. John Wright CARLTON, Methodist Minister. Martha Jane was married to John Sales CARLTON. Their families are living as neighbors near the CASON residence.

Silas CASON had an adopted son, William Marshall CASON whose name had been TROTMAN.

Found in my personal correspondence from the descendant of William Marshall CASON, we learn he had a brother, Abraham Marshall CASON, who had accidentally killed a man and to escape frontier justice from the kin of the dead man, he changed his name back to TROTMAN and lived a respectable life in Alabama.

Abraham Marshall CASON, blood brother to William Marshall CASON, who was adopted by John CASON, of Leon County, Florida--much will be written of this fine man. William Marshall CASON was mentioned as an heir, in the estate settlement of Silas CASON.

Dennis Marion CASON was married 20 Dec. 1860, probably in Madison to Mytelda Rosewell LEE, daughter of Elam Zadock and Anna Dill LEE. Mytelda was named for Roswell WILLARD of Madison.

It is difficult to compile a history, even when well documented, so many times the census taken are ambiguous, the readings can have vague meanings, such is the reading of this census. In the dwelling of Dennis Marion CASON and his wife Mytelda, there is a John, Matelda, Johnny and Elizabeth CASON, 80 years old and blind. She was born in Georgia. It is believed Silas CASON was an orphan child of George CASON, who was dead by 1815. Elizabeth is perhaps a sister of Silas CASON.

Silas CASON died 13 July 1862. Almost his entire life he had been a soldier, making the frontier a safe place for the immigrants. He has afforded his posterity the honor of becoming members of the National Society of Daughters of War of 1812. The hallowed resting place of this great warrior and patriot is not known. The National Society of Daughters in the War of 1812 would consider it a privilege and honor to mark his grave if it ever is known. For sure it is know to God and rests in His care.

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