

had built in 1871 and valued at \$25.00. The original fifteen by thirty-eight foot log house was two fifteen foot square rooms with an eight foot hall between them. This original log house was still the main body of his residence in 1890, but he had added a porch across the front and a porch across the back of the house. At one end of the back porch, about ten feet away, he had built a large room which contained the dining room, kitchen, and his prayer room. There was a covered walkway from the porch alongside the dining room all the way to the kitchen. As I saw the house many times in the early 1900's, I remember he had closed in both ends of the front porch for extra bedrooms. The house remained like this as long as it stood.

In 1892, for the first time, Joshua sold some of his land. For \$1.00 he sold ten acres to James E. Keen who had married Martha Jane, his first daughter, in 1891. Some time later he sold some of his land to a family named Sloan to farm. After Joshua's death in March of 1909, part of the land was sold to a family named Johnson for farming purposes. Joshua's wife, Sara Ann Ellen, daughter, Sara Jane, and Sara Jane's daughter, Bessie, continued living on the old homeplace until Sara Jane met and married Rosier Lee Durden on February 19, 1917.

It was during these years (1909-1917) that I became well acquainted with my grandmother (Sara Ann Hunter) and the hard work and problems that she faced. She was a strong woman who made wise decisions. I remember her having a host of friends due to her friendly attitude. A group of neighbors would gather at "grandma's" usually at night, and while they sat on the porch and talked, all the kids played hide-and-seek in the large back yard around a bonfire.

I enjoyed going to help grandma drive up the cows which she was allowed to pen up at night in exchange for letting them graze on her land. She did the milking herself and always had plenty of milk, buttermilk, cream, and butter. I also helped her with other chores. Her daughter, Sara Jane, was grandma's only help with the housework.

Everyone enjoyed the stories grandma told about the exciting experiences she and her family had gone through, but I especially liked the stories of the wild cats and panthers. Wild cats and panthers were seen often since there was a heavily wooded creek at the north edge of grandma's property and only a little over a mile to the south prong of the Alafia River at the south property edge. She told me of the night that a panther came to the house while grandpa was on a business trip. With the children locked in the two large rooms and the doors closed and fastened with their large wooden latches, grandma waited while the screaming panther jumped on to the back porch, walked through the hall that separated the two rooms, crossed the front porch, jumped off and circled the house to the back porch and again went down the hall. He did this several times, screaming all the while. He finally left, but the doors stayed locked until grandpa came home.

Shortly after Sara Jane and Rosier Lee Durden married, the family moved temporarily to Mulberry and then permanently to Avon Park in Highlands County, Florida. In the meanwhile, the vacant home place, along with the remainder of the land Joshua had owned,