

census lists her as Lenna Whidden, age 2 months; died Jan. 6, 1914; married May 10, 1866, George W. Williams son of William Henry and Michel (Harvey) Williams.

8. Georgia Ann C. Whidden, born December 13, 1852; died June 7, 1928; married on August 17, 1875 Andrew Moses McClelland, Jr. son of Moses Andrew and Sarah (Platt) McClelland.
9. Eli Jarred Whidden, born February 20, 1854; married Emma Wade.
10. Theodocia "Dodie" F. Whidden, born August 3, 1859; married Frank Lowe.

The Wade Hampton Whidden family migrated to Thomas County from Washington County, Georgia between 1838 and 1840. They were enumerated in that county in the 1840, 1850 & 1860 census. Between 1861 and 1863 they moved to south Florida settling near Fort Hartsuff in Manatee County (present day Hardee County).

On June 28, 1863 Mr. Whidden recorded his last will and testament:

Hampton Whidden this day being in his sound mind wills his wife, Eleanor, his personal and real estate, to pay and collect all debts and to give the young heirs, as they become of age, the same as the older ones have had.

Witnesses: Thomas Underhill  
Maxfield Whidden  
Sophia P. Whidden  
James Whidden

This document was recorded in the Manatee County records on May 19, 1866.

On April 15, 1864 at Fort Myers, Florida Hampton Whidden enrolled as a private in Company A, 2nd Regiment, Florida Cavalry of the United States Army, commanded by Capt. H. A. Crane. He was taken sick at Cedar Keys in the line of duty and was taken to Tampa. He was given a furlough to return home to Fort Hartsuff. He died July 20, 1865 at his home per his widow's pension application but military records listed him as dying at Tampa on July 19, 1865 from typhoid fever.

On May 25, 1869 Mrs. Elany Whidden applied for a widow's pension. Her age was 56 years and she was a resident of Pease Creek, Manatee County, Florida. In the 1870 Manatee County census she was listed in precinct 34 with her three children Georgia Ann, Eli and Theodosia. Some of her neighbors included William McEwen, Charles Whidden, David Whidden, Sylvanus Whidden, Moses McLelland, Jesse Whidden, James & Eliza Whidden, Charles W. Hendry and William Brown.

Eleanor died October 20, 1873. On July 20, 1887 her four minor children applied for pension benefits that were due to them. Eleanor V., Georgia Ann, Eli J. and Theodocia F. gave there post office as Zolfo.