

WILLIAM JACKSON JOHNSON 1857-1907

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William Jackson Johnson was born in Columbia County, Florida on May 16, 1857 son of Elias E. and Elizabeth (Keen) Johnson. He grew up near Lake City and moved to south Florida with his parents in 1866 settling near Fort Ogden in Manatee (present day DeSoto) County.

In the mid-1870's the Johnson family moved to Polk County homesteading near Bereah. On January 4, 1877 William Jackson Johnson married Mary Ann Douglas. She was born August 4, 1858 in Clinch County, Georgia daughter of John and Rachel (Stephens) Douglas. Her family had also settled in Polk County in the mid-1870's. Children of William Jackson & Mary Ann Johnson:

1. Effie Naomi Johnson, born January 9, 1878; married Oscar Hansen, 1st; married _____, 2nd.
2. Virginia Donella Johnson, born February 4, 1880; died 1903; buried in Wauchula Cemetery.
3. Ada Fonella Johnson, born September 6, 1882 at Lake Streaty in Polk County; died June 3, 1966 at Fort Ogden, Florida; married at Punta Gorda, February 26, 1905 Elias Britton Keen, son of Henry Harrison & Mary Jane (Gill) Keen.
4. Lucian Mitchell Johnson, born March 13, 1883; married Dessa Pare.
5. Ivan Decatur Johnson, born April 20, 1885 at Athens in present day Hardee County; died December 16, 1958 at Fort Meade, Florida; married at Bartow in Polk County on July 6, 1908 Bessie Bell Cannons daughter of George Edward and Mary Elizabeth (Gillispie) Cannons.
6. Levy William Johnson, born March 9, 1888; died 1904; buried in Wauchula Cemetery.
7. Elijah Johnson, twin, stillborn.
8. Elisa Johnson, twin, stillborn.
9. Bethel Curtis Johnson, born December 6, 1892; died April 6, 1973; buried in Greenville, Florida; married 1st on August 2, 1914 Ruby Ethel Thurmond daughter of J. W. & Cornelia A. (Brown) Thurmond; married 2nd, Florence E. Waters, daughter of Ben and Lizzie (Green) Waters.
10. Lessie Helon Johnson, born January 3, 1895; married on November 20, 1919 in Media, Penn., James Samuel Simmons, son of James Alfred and Minnie (Styres) Simmons.
11. Lelah Bonita Johnson, born 1897; died 1899; buried in Wauchula Cemetery.