

to pass him to Carlton, who immediately said, "I have got it too." So Oats laid Parker down (Parker had been shot and died from his wound) and ran to between the Indians and Hollingsworth, whose wound at first only allowed him to crawl, but getting better, he was able to pull himself by a small tree where Oats would present his gun as if he was going to fire on them, then would fall to the ground. In this way they got off with the wounded Hollingsworth. (John Henry Hollingsworth had been wounded in the initial charge of the Indians.) During this time, the Indians would curse the white men. One, lying wounded behind a stump, cursed Oats and tried to throw rotten wood in his face until he was left for dead. One charged William McCullough, and as in a fist fight, they, striking and fending off with their empty guns, had it around and around, until McCullough threw down his gun, clenched the Indian and threw him down and caught him by his wrists until Daniel Carlton ran to his assistance and cut the Indian's throat, leaving him for dead. The Indians were heard to say several times, "Watch that fellow," meaning the wounded Hollingsworth.

The little band left with their wounded, leaving three dead and three horses on the battlefield, and it appears that the savages were willing to be getting off too, leaving one on the ground with his gun beside him. This Indian was afterwards found by those of our party who went to bring in our dead. The doctor had tied him to the axle tree of the cart and hauled him into camp for anatomical study.

In this gallant fight we had three men killed and three wounded. Of the latter Oats was hurt slightly by a ball passing near the left corner of his eye; Daniel Carlton was wounded in the arm between the wrist and the elbow. They will soon recover. Hollingsworth's wound is the worst, the ball lodging against the backbone under the shoulder blade, but it looks as though he will recover.

On September 5, 1856, Daniel enlisted as a private in Capt. Leroy G. Lesley's Independent Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers and was honorably discharged on February 19, 1857 at Fort Brooke. At his enlistment he was later described as being: 5 feet 8 inches, with grey eyes, light hair, light complexion, and a farmer by occupation.

In the late 1850's the family resettled on what is now called Troublesome Creek (between present day Wauchula and Ona) and were recorded in the Fort Hartsuff area in the 1860 Manatee County, Florida Census. In 1860 Enoch Collins, Jr., John Parker and Daniel Carlton were appointed trustees of Manatee County School District #3 (the eastern part of the county). Daniel was one of an unofficial group, who with a committee, met on April 26, 1866 with the Manatee County commissioners, which commission voted to move the courthouse to what became Pine Level, the new county seat. About this time Daniel resettled in Nocatee. A cattleman, he was taxed on 2,100 head of cattle in 1871.