

each ear: fleur delisle. On April 11, 1851, he applied for a bounty land warrant from service in Capt. Bradley's Company. Warrant no. 14169 for 160 acres was issued February 24, 1852. Reading Blount in October 1851 moved near present day Bartow and, subsequently, purchased for \$40 from Green 160 acres which constituted a part of the site of latter day Bartow. It is believed the bounty land warrant grant was the Blount/Bartow land.

Green next appeared in Fort Green. Gene Plowden in History of Hardee County related that old maps, after surveys in 1854 and 1855, showed the Green family lived in the northwest part of present day Hardee County and a log fort was built by James Green, for whom it was named. Albert DeVane, however, gives 1849 for the establishment of Fort Green, but Plowden cites 1854-1856. For whom Fort Green was named is therefore uncertain, but James D. Green must be given serious consideration.

Manatee County was established on January 9, 1855 from Hillsborough County. In June of 1855, James D. Green was appointed as one of three Manatee County justices of the peace and qualified in late July. (Josiah Gates and Nathaniel Hunter were the other two justices.) In October 1857, James was elected Sheriff by a vote of 21 to 12 over William Whitaker.

During the Third Seminole War, he was enrolled January 3, 1856 and mustered in the same day in Capt. W. B. Hooker's Co., Fla. Mtd. Vols. (1 service 1856) and was mustered out as a sergeant on February 21, 1856 at Fort Meade. He was enrolled February 18, 1856 and was mustered in February 21 at Ft. Meade in Capt. W. B. Hooker's Co., Fla. Mtd. Vols. (2 service-6 mos. 1856) and was mustered out as 1st sergeant at Ft. Meade on August 20, 1856.

During the Civil War, he served as 1st Lieutenant and Captain in Company B, 2nd Florida Cavalry, United States Army. His service was marred with controversy, of which he detailed in a letter, dated April 15, 1865, Cedar Keys, Florida:

To his Excellency The President of the United States

Respected Sir:

I beg leave to inform your excellency of a few facts relative to myself and fellow suffering refugees. On the 7th of March 1864 I left my family home and property and sought protection in the Union lines.

On arriving at Fort Myers, Florida, I found a party of 48 men commanded by Captain Crane that had been enlisted under the name of the 2nd Florida Cavalry by an order of General Woodbury who was at that time in command of the District of Key West & Tortugas.

I offered my services to assist in recruiting the regiment which was accepted by Capt. Crane. He furnished me with 20 men and without delay I proceeded to the interior and in 10 days I returned with 30 recruits to Fort Myers. This was reported to General Woodbury and he recommended me for the position of 1st Lieut. and a commission was issued. My recruits were enlisted and armed, and I immediately made another