

on into Manatee County.

In January of 1856 while Isaac was yet a single man, he was serving in the Seminole War under William B. Hooker who had been their neighbor in the Alafia region. He was not with the men at the Tillis farm where his father was killed but was sent on missions to the north and east of Tampa (Fort Brooke). He was exposed to chilling weather during the month of February in 1856 and developed a complaint he never fully recovered from. Thus he was home raising cattle during the War Between the States. Many early settlers raised cattle to supply food for the Confederate army. Isaac was later, in his old age, given a pension for his Indian War services. In his application he stated that he was 5'7" tall with grey eyes and sandy hair. While yet in the service in the Florida Volunteer Mounted Cavalry, he served under Capt. Sparkman from February 28, 1857 to August 17, 1857 making tours to Ft. Gardner and to the southeast to Ft. Drum, as well as north up the west coast even after his marriage. It was while Isaac was stationed at Fort Brooke in April that he came home to Alafia where the settlers were in the fort for protection that he married Eliza Ann Bryant. He was discharged the following August.

Isaac Carlton was a long time member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He had been baptized in Alafia in September 1853 by an uncle, J. M. Hayman.

From his farm in southern Hillsborough County Isaac provided for his family by growing cotton which the women made into cloth and stitched it on the sewing machine he bought from a traveling salesman. The girls and Eliza were proficient in making clothes for the family even their shoes were skins tanned at home. Isaac raised the sugar, rice, corn and other vegetables as did all his neighbors. They made brooms from the palmetto fans and brush from the woods like broom sage that grew in the swamp. Floors were scrubbed with white sand and home-made soap.

Isaac Carlton died, faithful to his faith, February 21, 1897 and was buried in the Fellowship Cemetery near his home. Eliza Ann lived until June 8, 1922 and was buried beside her husband.

Their oldest son, Francis Marion Carlton, wrote a sketch of their life.

LIFE OF ELIZA ANN CARLTON

I desire to write a sketch of my mother's life and death. Eliza A. Carlton was born in south Georgia, March 21, 1839. A daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Franklin) Bryant who moved to his Hillsborough County, Florida about 1855, the year before the last Seminole Indian War and while the people were fortified for protection from the Indians. She was married to Isaac Carlton April 2, 1857.

To them were born seven children---three sons and four daughters, all raised to have families, myself being the oldest, now 65 years old. My two youngest sisters, Mrs. Sally Franklin of Antioch, Florida and Mrs. Mattie Franklin of Tampa, Florida and I survive. Our two older sisters, Georgia Sweat and Mary Brown, died several years ago. The two older brothers, James W. Carlton