

workers would have places to live. The "boss men" had larger homes. There was a large boarding house in the area, owned and operated by Mr. Polhill.

The demand was great for all types of work. There was a blacksmith shop, gin, and other places of business. In 1916, the mill was sold to a Mr. Fletcher and in 1926, a Mr. Robert Howard Gamble bought the property. The mill did not operate any more, so Mr. Gamble built a hunting lodge. He had all kinds of animals. Then in 1942, Mr. and Mrs. James Wynn bought the property.

Avoca was a very small place settled in the 1890s, with one large store owned by Mr. Philemon Leigh. He was the postmaster; the post office was in the store. There was a small depot a few miles west of Road 129, and the trains stopped twice each day. Avoca had a gin, grist mill, and a blacksmith shop. Many of the people were farmers. The nearest town for shopping was Valdosta, where people made at least one trip each year.

Marion Station was a very important town in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The community was probably named for Dr. N. P. Marion, an early resident of this area. Marion Station is located 5 miles south of Jasper. There was a post office, two grocery stores, and a café, especially for the railroad employees. It was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Reddin L. Ratliff. The train stopped long enough for people to eat at the restaurant. On Saturday and Sunday, the restaurant owners would have trays ready to serve people.

Dr. Joe Corbett had a turpentine still there and later, Mr. Oscar Ratliff had one. Cotton, tobacco, and watermelons were grown near this community. There was a large sawmill owned by a Mr. Lawson.

During the early 1920s, Marion Station had a doctor named Ward. Only old vacant stores remain at Marion Station now.

Belmont was a community about 12 miles east of Jasper. Many prosperous farmers resided in the area. A school and church were in the community.

Facil was a community about which little is known. It was located not too far from White Springs. Ground was given for a Methodist Tabernacle. Later the Nazarenes were given the Tabernacle. Each summer, camp meetings were held there. There were small apartments, like houses where people would stay all summer.

Genoa was a busy community about 1900 and afterward. There was a school and several churches: the Methodist, Christian, and Church of Christ. There were several stores, a post office in the store, depot, cotton gin, and a blacksmith shop. Some of the earlier families were the Crews, Coxes, Hunters, and Casons.

Baker's Mill, a thriving town at one time, much larger than Jasper, was established around 1880 by a Mr. Ed Baker, who married a Smith girl. Baker's Mill had a large cotton gin, a large turpentine still, and the first ice plant in this area. The turpentine business was started by Mr. Drew Vickers, who came from Georgia. The first lumber mill was also believed to have been in this area.

Smithville was a small town south of Baker's Mill on Road 51, started by the Smith brothers. A depot was located near these two settlements. A big loading shed was near Smithville where the cotton and turpentine were loaded. Mr. C. W. Smith had a large mercantile business here. A few of the families who lived in this community were: the Arnolds, Penningtons, the Highs, Musselwhites, McCullers, Morgans, Ratliffs, Smiths and others. There were two schools in this area; Hebron Church is not far from these settlements.

Rev. James N. Reid

The following was written by John M. Caldwell in the Jasper News, September 8, 1893.

Thirty years ago James N. Reid, a Confederate soldier, who was born and reared among the hills and valleys of east Tennessee, and who had just entered upon a matured and vigorous manhood, enlisted in the Army of the Cross and entered the ranks of the Christian ministry in a Baptist Church. A year later he moved to this county and, upon the first day of his arrival, began a vigorous campaign for God and right.

The world admires its military heroes and glories in their achievements. It has reared monuments to Nelson, Wellington, and Washington, and to the heroes of a thousand battlefields. Its poets have embalmed in undying verse the nobility of a Grant, the consecration of a Jackson, and the tenderness of a Lee. Their deeds of daring and valorous achievements are kept dressed in living green by unfading song and unsculptured story.

But, greater than the General who ne'er knew defeat, more courageous than the Commander who becomes the conqueror of a four-year war,

and a ten-fold greater hero than the military hero, whose glory rests upon a single victory, is the Christian minister who, in one community for 29 long years, labors unceasingly, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, amidst poverty, privation and opposition. Such a one was Elder J. N. Reid.

Possessed of an impetuosity as irresistible as a Niagara, his heart was filled with the tenderness of a John, and the love of a mother for her first born. Of irreproachable conduct and filled with trusted confidence of the unfortunate and fallen. A man of strong convictions and dauntless courage, he was a tower of strength to his friends and a Rock of Gibraltar to his opposers. Often have I heard him sing: "Fight on my soul, till death shall bring thee to thy God". And he did it.

Unsheathing the sword more than 30 years ago, he never returned it to its scabbard, nor did his grasp upon it relax until, on the last Friday morning, while in his pleasant home, surrounded by friends and loved ones, his fingers suddenly loosened their hold on the hilt, the sword fell from his nerveless hand, and the warrior was at rest. The Great Commander, pitying the weary, battle-scarred soldier, had given him an honorable discharge. As he closed his eyes on scenes of earth, it seemed to the grief-smitten watchers that a Heavenly glory lighted the room, and angels, whispering, made sweet music there.

God "Giveneth His Beloved Sleep." Then sleep on. Faithful friend, take your rest. You have exchanged the ashes of grief for the oil of joy; the habiliments of mourning for the garments of praise.

When the Indians Came

This story was told to Mrs. Allen Johnson by a relative.

Aunt Zilphia Register Leigh (Hansford), who lived on Gator Creek and was 97 when she passed away, was told that the Indians were on the war-path. They were coming from Georgia. The men were out to get rid of them but a group of Indians surrounded her house and were waiting for daylight to come.

Aunt Zilphia could hear the Indians and she knew that she had to hide the children. The older children could hide and stay out of sight. She had twins who were small. She wondered what to do with them. So, quickly, she put each child under a brass pot, which stood on each side of the fireplace. As the Indians were peeping into the window, they saw those pots moving. They became afraid and ran away, so Aunt Zilphia's family was saved.

A Visit With Mr. and Mrs. Shiver

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Shiver have been married 77 years. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 1975. She was the former Hattie Irene Padgett, born November 4, 1884. Her parents were John Daniel and George Ann Padgett. Mr. Shiver was born January 18, 1884. His parents were Abraham Edwin and Serena Jane Shiver. She was 20 and he was 21 when they married, making them 98 and 99 now.

The Shivers have 11 children: Mildred Shiver, Nellie Shiver Tyree, Kenneth Shiver, Edith S. Johnson, Christine S. Bogan, Helen S. Brand, Ruth S. Ludaner, John E. Shiver, Isaac Shiver Jr., Marion S. Hudson, and Amaryllis S. Burchette.

They have 36 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. At family gatherings they have great times together. Miss Hattie, as she is called, said she and Mr. Ike were married at the Burnham Christian Church. After the wedding and supper, they went to their home, which was not too far from the church.

Both are natives of Hamilton County. He was a farmer, driving a schoolbus for 14 years, a member of the school board for two terms, and also in the grocery business for several years. Mrs. Shiver taught school for several years in a county school with grades one through eight. She was a good cook, according to Mr. Ike.

When asked what they did during their court-ing days, they both laughed and said that they enjoyed candy pullings, peanut boilings, going to church, and buddy rides. When asked, "What is the greatest thing in your lives?", together they said, "When all of our children are at home."

When asked about bad things that happened, they said nothing, only when he could not plow and she could not go fishing.

The Shivers were very active in church work. He was a Sunday School teacher, superintendent of the Sunday School, deacon, and elder. Mrs. Shiver fixed the Communion for years, a weekly ritual in the church. She made the Communion bread and canned the grape juice from her own grapes. She carried home the cups to wash and did up the white linen cloth for the table.

"What do you think of modern times?" they were asked. They both said that today is different from when they were young, but this is a good age in which to live.

A Visit with Mrs. McGauley

Mrs. Dacie McGauley of Jennings, who is 94 years old, was born and reared near Avoca, Florida.

- d. Daughter Prevatt, b. Ga.
- e. Nancy Prevatt, b. 1822, m. James A. Stewart, March 12, 1847, Hamilton County Fl.
- f. James H. Prevatt, b. 1912, m. Frances F. Unkmaiden.
- g. Jonathan Knight Prevatt, b. March 17, 1820; d. June 22, 1883, Clay County, Fl; m. Sarah Smith, February 04, 1847, Hamilton County Fl.
- h. John T. Knight Prevatt, b. 1825, Ga.
- i. William J. D. Prevatt, b. 1827; m. Jennett McDonald, July 05, 1848, Hamilton County FL.

PUTNAL

- 1. **Joseph Taylor Putnal** m. Appie Florence Waters, of Hamilton County. Dec. 15, 1869 in Suwannee County, FL.
- 2. **Children**
 - a. Joseph Artridge Putnal, b. July 12, 1870, d. April 22, 1922, m. Emma Glynn Wilcox.
 - b. James Frank Putnal, b. 1875.
 - c. Zebulin Hanzel Putnal, b. Sept. 25, 1877, d. March 1, 1944, m. (1) Tamsy Kelly, (2) Leola Stafford, and (3) Pearl Jackson.
 - d. Lewis Taylor Putnal b. September 1, 1880, Hamilton Co., m. Minnie Putnal
 - e. Effie Putnal, b. Dec. 18, 1888, d. Feb. 13, 1969, m. Walter Boone.
 - f. Julia Virginia Putnal, b. June 22, 1889, d. Jan. 22, 1958, m. Jack Zipperer.
- 2d. **Lewis Taylor Putnal m. Minnie Putnal**, b Aug. 23, 1882, Hamilton County, Fl.
 - a. Steven Theodore Putnal, b. Aug. 31, 1876, d. Aug. 30, 1897.
 - b. Charles Herbert Putnal, b. Feb. 5, 1871, d. Apr. 27, 1959, m. Sara Sallie Story.
 - c. Melissa Mae Putnal, b. Feb. 11, 1874, d. May 26, 1960, m. James Bryant Burnham.
 - d. Emory Cecil Putnal, b. May 11, 1887, d. Feb. 16, 1967, m. Olive Leah Roberts.
 - e. Wayne Putnal, b. Nov. 22, 1889, d. June 9, 1980, m. Leila Ellen Oaskin.
 - f. Lester Putnal, b. Mar. 13, 1893, d. July 6, 1979, m. Nellie E. Graves.
 - g. Emma Putnal, b. Oct. 3, 1879, d. Oct. 31, 1963, m. John Quincy Prather

PUTNAL

- 1. **Hayden Putnal**, son of Stephan and Nancy Hart Putnal, m. Elizabeth Johnson.
- 2. **Children**
 - a. Steven Theodore Putnal, b. 1876, d 1897.
 - b. Charles Herbert Putnal, b. 1871
 - c. Melissa Mae Putnal, b. 1874, d. 1960, m. Bryant Burnham.

- d. Emma Putnal, b. 1879, d. 1963. m. John Quincy Prather.
- e. Minnie Putnal, b 1882, FL, m 1903 Lewis Putnal
- f. Emory Cecil Putnal, b. 1887, d. 1967, m. Olive Let Roberts.
- g. Wayne Putnal, b. 1889, d. 1980, m. Leila Ellen Gaskin

REGISTER

- 1. **Guilford Register** 1881-1894 M. Priscilla Ann Devane
- 2. **Children**
 - a. Francis Register m. Charlotte Wood
 - b. Zilpha Register m. Philemon Leight
 - c. Tabitha Register m. William L. Morgan
 - d. David D. Register m. (1) Elizabeth McDonald, (2) Carolina Tomlinson
 - e. Bethaney Register m. Bill McGauley
 - f. Candacy Register m. (1) Tilmon Cato, (2) Daniel Arnold
 - g. Chester A. Register m. Lucy Weldon
 - h. Amy Register Never Married
 - i. Arcadia Register m. David McGauley
 - j. Jason Register Never Married
 - k. Eliza Register m. (1) William Lee, (2) Seaborn Lastinger
 - l. James W. Register m. Florence Rainey
 - m. Elizabeth Register m. John L. Johnson
 - n. Samuel Register m. (1) Martha Jane Duke, (2) Mary (Mollie) Bryan
 - o. Summer Register Died Young
 - p. Rebecca Register m. John S. Johnson
 - q. Guilford G. Register m. Laura Lamb
 - r. Infant Died Young

REID

By Michael Jones

1. **James Napoleon Reid** was born in east Tennessee, probably Benton, Polk Co., in 1833. He was the son of Samuel M. Reid and Teresa Unknown. He married Mary Ann O'Neal in 1849 in TN. She was the daughter of John Silas O'Neal and Elizabeth Kendrick. James Napoleon died in 1893 and Mary Ann died in 1911, both in Hamilton Co. During the Civil War, James Napoleon served in Co. B of the 29th TN Regimental Infantry, was wounded twice, and discharged at the end of the war near Bellville, FL.

In ca. 1863, James Napoleon, his brother, Martin VanBuren Reid and brother-in-law, Robert Furgeson, moved their families, along with several other families to Hamilton Co., FL to escape the war. During the trip south, they always pointed their wagons north at night so that if they were spotted by the Union Army,

they would explain that they were fleeing the South. The three men bought 500 acres of land west of Jasper near the Alapaha River and started farming. Eventually, Robert Furgeson relocated to Oklahoma and Martin VanBuren Reid returned to Tennessee.

James Napoleon was a Missionary Baptist preacher and helped establish many of the Missionary Baptist churches in and around the Jasper area. He also served in the public sector as Superintendent of Hamilton Co. Schools as did his son, James Houston Reid and his grandson, Harry Trammel Reid.

2. Children

- a. Samuel J. Reid, b. 1850, TN, d. 1851, TN
- b. Thuracey J. Reid, b. 1852, TN, d. 1809, FL., m. John W. Rainey
- c. Sarah Abigail Reid, b. 1854, TN, d. 1934, FL., m. John M. Roebuck
- d. William Breckenridge Reid, b. 1856, TN, d. ?, TX, m. Ada G. Rainey
- e. Mary Eliza Reid, b. 1858, TN, d. 1933, FL, m. Eli Croom Horne
- f. Americus Jane Reid, b. 1860, TN, m. 1890 E. W. Morgan
- g. Martha Ann (Aunt Mattie), b. 1862, TN, d. 1940, FL, never married
- h. James Houston Reid, Sr., b. 1866, FL, d. 1922, FL, m. Nettie Kay Carter
- i. John Moore Reid, b. 1868, FL, d. 1877, FL
- j. Ida Eugenia Reid, b. 1871, FL, d. 1936, FL, m. (1) John Green, (2) Unknown Knight
- k. Ada Idellia Reid, b. 1876, FL, d. 1935, FL, never married

2c. Sarah A. Reid, b. 1854, TN, d. 1934, FL., m. 1872, John M. Roebuck, b. 1848, d. 1932, son of William Roebuck and Annie Varn

3. Children

- a. Walter Thomas Roebuck, b. 1875, FL, d. 1905, m. (1) Natie Ratliff, (2) Lena Burnett
- b. Samuel H. Roebuck, b. 1877, FL, d. 1913, FL, m. Mary E. Scaff
- c. Allen James Roebuck, b. 1879, FL, d. 1962, m. Minnie Octavia Avriett
- d. William Joseph Roebuck, b. 1881, FL, d. ?, FL, m. Mamie Green
- f. Frederick H. Roebuck, b. 1887, FL, d. 1859, FL, m. Eva Belote
- g. Mamie Maybelle Roebuck, b. 1889, FL, d. 1892, FL

3c. Allen James Roebuck, b. 1879, FL, d. 1962, m. Minnie Octavia Avriett, b. 1885, d. 1971, daughter of William Avriett and Nancy Kearce

4. Children

- a. Blanche Roebuck, b. 1905, d. 1982, m. (1) Cossie Leigh, (2) William Albert Jones, Sr.

- b. Lois Roebuck, m. Horton Deas
- c. Ray (Johnnie) Roebuck, m. Gwen Bearly
- d. James Earl Roebuck, m) Quincie V. Miller
- f. Dorothy Roebuck, m. Roy Avriett

2e. Mary Eliza Reid, b. 1858, TN, d. 1933, FL, m. 1883, FL, Eli Croom Horne, b. 1845, d. 1915, son of Arthur Bryant Horne and Mary Hardy Stanley

3. Children

- a. Cleveland Reid Horne, Sr., b. 1884, d. 1960, m. Clifford Parnell
- b. Virginia Delona Horne, b. 1886, d. 1976, m. George Garbutte Hyman
- c. Florence O'Neal Horne, b. 1888, d. 1965, m. Charles Jones Ryan

3a. Cleveland Reid Horne, Sr., b. 1884, d. 1960, m. Clifford Parnell

4. Children

- a. Cleveland Reid Horne, Sr., b. 1915
- b. William Ryan Horne, b. 1926, m. (1) Phyllis Unknown, (2) Kitty Unknown
- c. Sally Louise Horne, d. 1991, m. E. C. Burns
- d. Mallory Eli Horne, b. 1925, m. Ann Livingston

3b. Virginia Delona Horne, b. 1886, d. 1976, m. 1907, FL, George Garbutte Hyman, b. 1882, d. 1937

4. Children

- a. John Eli Hyman, b. 1912, d. 1962, m. Elizabeth Kramer
- b. Virgie Horne Hyman, b. 1908, m. Edward Elbert Cone

3c. Florence O'Neal Horne, b. 1888, d. 1965, m. 1908, Charles Jones Ryan, b. 1882, d. 1926

4. Children

- a. Charles Wesley Ryan, b. 1912, d. 1955, m. Margaret Leitch
- b. Dorothy O'Neal Ryan, b. 1915, d. 1987, m. Ernest Jerome, Boyer

2h. James Houston Reid, Sr., b. 1866, FL, d. 1922, FL, m. 1905, Nettie Kay Carter, b. 1884, d. 1970, daughter of John Staten Carter and Eliza Ann Sandlin

3. Children

- a. Geanie Mae Reid, b. 1906, FL, d. 1982, FL, m. Jay Gould Lee, (2) Leonard Dewey Singleton
- b. James Houston Reid, Jr., b. 1908, FL, d. 1943, FL, m. Mary Fannie Allen
- c. Carter Napoleon Reid, b. 1911, FL, d. 1983, FL, m. (1) Mamie Knight Tuten, (2) Annie Mae Williams
- d. Harry Trammel Reid, Sr., b. 1913, FL, m. Mary Kathryn Harrell
- e. Rosalind Reid, b. 1918, d. 1966, m) Lee Mack Henderson

3a. Genie Mae Reid, b. 1906, FL, d. 1982, FL,

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. Thompson, Treasurer, in account with the Hamilton Baptist Association:

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Received from Finance Committee for year 1892. . . \$28 45

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By amount paid Clerk for services. \$10 00
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Respectfully submitted,

J. C. THOMPSON,
Treasurer.

In memory of
ELDER J. N. REID,
who entered into rest
Sept. 1, 1893.

Hamilton Baptist Assn Minutes
1893

English branches, and we urge upon parents and people and recommend to young men and women who desire to qualify themselves for teaching or business, the Jasper Normal and the Stetson University as the best schools for them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GRANTHAM,
W. R. CARTER,
J. C. THOMPSON,
Committee.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to submit the following report:

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Our Association has sustained a severe loss this year in the death of our beloved brother, Elder J. N. Reid, which occurred at his home in Jasper on the first day of September, 1893. Elder Reid, in company with Elder D. F. Ward, came to this county, Hamilton, from Tennessee twenty-eight years ago and nearly all the churches now composing this Association are the result, directly or indirectly, of the labors of these faithful men of God. Possessed of an energy that never flagged, a zeal that knew no abatement and a burning desire for the salvation of souls, Elder Reid never failed in his labors to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom until the Master said: "It is enough. Come up higher." To his family we tender our sympathy and condolence and commend them to the care of Him who has promised never to leave them nor forsake them. We recommend that a blank page in our minutes be inscribed to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. SANDLIN,
B. F. PRINE,
J. W. GRANTHAM,
Committee.

ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to submit the following report.

Our Association is one vast mission field. It has been such for years and unless there is a great change in our methods such it will ever remain. Our Association meets every year glorying in the thought that we are Missionary Baptists and when the Finance Committee reports the contributions for missionary work, it transpires that we are missionary only in name; that our professions are false; that, in fact, we are anti-missionary and that Ichabod is the inscription, for our glory is departed, so far as doing missionary work is concerned. Our Associational meetings are a farce and but for custom and their social features would doubtless have long ago been abandoned. Brethren, we beseech you, by the mercies of God, to arouse yourselves and at least do enough for the Master to entitle you to own the name which you so loudly profess—Missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

B. SMALL,
A. K. KNIGHT,
J. E. SCAFF,
Committee.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe the use of ardent spirits as a beverage to be the most horrible habit that is practiced in our country. It is the cause of more crime than any other one practice. Look at our prisons filled to overflowing with criminals and in nine cases out of ten the cause is intemperance. Some of our best men are murdered and the cause is intemperance. Our noble women, old and young, are outraged, and our children made to suffer for food and raiment. So, we would to God that the law makers of all

1894

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The report on Deceased Ministers was resubmitted, and after tributes by J. L. Ryan, J. E. Holley, A. P. Pugh, W. H. Strickland, T. J. Sparkman, A. C. Turner, E. J. Hull, F. C. McConnell, B. A. Geiger, W. B. Dye, W. Gwynn, W. W. Head, and prayer by the President, was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows :

The year just past has been marked by a thinning of our ranks.

In the South Florida Association we notice the deaths of Elders L. J. Simmons and S. Walden, fathers in Israel, full of good works and called up higher at a ripe old age.

In the Pensacola Bay Association we note the deaths of F. C. Waite and J. H. Wentworth, good men and true.

In the Marion Association Bro. A. H. Moore has been called up higher.

In the Wekiva Association we lament the death of Rev. W. D. Jolley, the efficient pastor of the Apopka church.

In the Alachua Association that father in Israel, Joshua Perry, though dead, yet speaketh. He is the last one of the Perry brothers, pioneer preachers. These all rest in the hope of the blessed resurrection. Your Committee recommend that a page in our Minutes be dedicated to their memory.

In the Hamilton Association we lament the falling asleep of Bro. J. N. Reid, one of the most consecrated and efficient ministers in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. CORR,
R. H. WHITEHEAD,
T. J. SPARKMAN,
L. W. KICKLITER,
B. A. GEIGER,
D. O. THRASHER,
T. W. WILDER,

Committee.

VOLUME I

REID, JAMES NAPOLEAN 1830-1893 HAMILTON (FL)

James Napoleon Reid was born in Tennessee, probably in or around Benton, on May 25, 1830, a son of **Samuel M.** and **Teresa Reid**. He lived his early life in the Benton, Tennessee area. On June 21, 1849, James married **Mary Ann O'Neal**, the daughter of **John Silas O'Neal** and **Elizabeth Kendrick**. Mary Ann was born on July 16, 1833, presumably in Benton, Tennessee.

Napolean and Mary Ann had the following children:

1. **Samuel J.** b. 9/16/1850,
d. 5/23/1851.
2. **Thuracey E.** b. 3/20/1852, m. **John W. Ramey**.
d. 1908.
3. **Sarah Abigail** b. 1/20/1854, m. **John M. Roebuck**.
d. 8/7/1934.
4. **William Breckenridge** b. 6/26/1856, m. **Ada G. Ramey**.
5. **Mary Eliza** b. 8/24/1858, m. **Eli Croom Horne**.
d. 8/23/1933.
6. **Americus Jane** b. 8/17/1860, m. **E. W. Morgan**.
7. **Martha Ann** b. 11/24/1862, Never married.
d. 11/22/1940.
8. **James Houston, Sr.** b. 3/23/1866, m. **Nettie Kay Carter**.
d. 1/19/1922.
9. **John Moore** b. 11/28/1868,

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| | d. 9/16/1877. |
| 10. Ida Eugenia | b. 11/17/1871, m. John Green . |
| | d. 1936. |
| 11. Ada Idellia | b. 12/24/1876, m. Never married. |
| | d. 12/18/1935. |

After their marriage, **James Napoleon** and **Mary Ann (O'Neal) Reid** settled in the Benton, Tennessee area. He served as 2nd Lieutenant in Company B of the 29th Tennessee Regimental Infantry. He was wounded twice and was discharged at the end of the War in Bellville, Florida. In the spring of 1864, James Napoleon, his brother, **Martin VanBuren Reid**, and **Robert Furgeson**, the husband of Mary Ann O'Neal's sister, **Minerva Jane O'Neal**, led a wagon train to Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida to escape the advancing Union army. During the trip south the group always pointed their wagons to the north in case they were seen by Union troops. They could then explain that they were fleeing the south to go north.

Some of the O'Neal family accompanied the wagon train to escape the horrors of the War. After the War, Mary Ann's father, **John Silas O'Neal**, ventured south to get his family, and died on the return trip to Tennessee.

The three men bought 500 acres of land west of Jasper near the Alapaha River and farmed for a while. Eventually, **Robert Furgeson** and **Minerva Jane O'Neal** moved to Oklahoma while **Martin VanBuren Reid** returned to Tennessee.

Napolean was a Missionary Baptist Minister and helped form many of the Missionary Baptist Churches in and around Jasper. He also served in the public sector as the Superintendent of the Hamilton County school system. An interesting note is that Napoleon's son, **James Houston Reid, Sr.**, and a grandson, **Harry Trammel Reid, Sr.**, also served as School Superintendent. The grandson of **Mary Eliza Reid** and **Eli Croom, Mallory Horne**, served as Speaker of the Florida House and as President of the Florida Senate.

James Napoleon and **Mary Ann (O'Neal) Reid** lived the rest of their lives there. He died on September 1, 1893, and she died on June 4, 1911, both in Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida. They are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper.

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