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Plant City, Florida. A member of the Third Florida Brigade, United Confederate Veterans, he served as chaplain,⁵⁵ and in 1914, received the Southern Cross of Honor from the United Daughters of Confederacy.⁵⁶ A citrus grower, he also was a director of the Bradentown Citrus Exchange. Florida Baptist pastorates include Good Hope in Hudson, Tarpon Springs, Clearwater Baptist (present-day Calvary) and First Baptist, Bradenton. He died October 3, 1932, in Leesburg and was buried at Fogartyville Cemetery, Bradenton.



J. I. Spivey

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diverted, the Confederates would attack them on the opposite side."⁵⁷ By January 1, 1875, he had settled in Zephyrhills, present-day Pasco County, Florida. He preached to a small church at Oakdale (became First Baptist, Zephyrhills), and the "voice that had bellowed like a bull in Virginia so shook the walls ... that people came from miles around."⁵⁸ Other Pasco pastorates included Double Branch, Pleasant Hill, Withlacoochee, Emmaus, Six Mile Pond, and Anclote. He was chairman of the Pasco County Commission from 1909 to 1910. He died June 23, 1911, and was buried at Magdalene Cemetery in Hillsborough County. (*Photo courtesy www.fivay.org.*)

James Irvin Spivey, born June 17, 1837, in Georgia, served in Gordon's Brigade, CSA, during the Civil War. "He fought gallantly . . . became known as General Gordon's Bull by the fact that he had one of the most powerful voices in the Confederate army. He would make such an uproar with his voice that he confounded the enemy." He settled in Zephyrhills, then Hillsborough County/present-day Pasco County, by January 1, 1875, and preached to a small church at Oakdale (became First Baptist Zephyrhills) and the "voice that had bellowed like a bull in Virginia so shook the walls that people came from miles around." Engaged in ministry/missionary work for 45 years, additional then Hillsborough/present-day Pasco pastorates included Double Branch (Wesley Chapel), Withlacoochee, Emmaus, Six Mile Pond, and Anclote. He also chaired the Pasco County Commission from 1909 to 1910. He died June 23, 1911, and was laid to rest at Magdalene/Lake Carroll Cemetery in Tampa, Hillsborough County. His wife, Emily Ann Trowell Spivey died June 15, 1935, and was buried next to her husband. She was survived by their three nieces, who are pictured with Rev. and Mrs. Spivey in this family-furnished photo. (Source: The Journal of Florida Baptist Heritage, Vol. 16, Fall 2014, Page 78; Judith R. Jolly, writer/researcher.)

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