



Hillary Melton
1856 - 1923

Hillery (sometimes spelled as Hillary) Melton was born Nov, 1856 in the Benton Community of Columbia County Florida. He was the son of Daniel Melton and Sarah A. Cason. Hillery married Sarah Mathis, daughter of Joshua Mathis and Rachel Hazel Touchton, on 29 Dec. 1875, in Columbia County, FL.



Sarah (date unknown)

Hillery and Sarah had seven children, they are:

1. Elizabeth "Lizzie" b. 8 Dec. 1875, m. Thomas Sherman Register on 17 Dec. 1891 in Columbia Co.
2. Raney b. 1877, m. Robert Brady, 24 Dec. 1896.
3. **David Franklin** b. **12 Dec. 1879, m. Ella Hines during 1900.**
4. Rachel b. 4 Oct 1886, m. Lewis Brady, 15 Mar. 1903
5. Myantha Matilda b. 4 Oct. 1887, m. James Jethro Waldron, 25 Dec. 1905 in Columbia Co.
6. Unity b. May 1888, never married.
7. Martha Ann b. Oct 1892, m. Joseph Brown.

The 1870 Census for Columbia County lists Hillery as living at the home of his father Daniel and Daniel's second wife, Mary. Hillery's mother Sarah passed away in 1862 and Daniel remarried in 1863. Hillery is 13 years of age at the time of this enumeration.

Hillary is listed as age 26 in the 1880 census. His birthplace is Florida and he is listed as a Farmer. He was enumerated in Pct. 2. Vol. I ED 19 Sheet 11 Line 25 in the Federal Census for Columbia County. Daughters Elizabeth, 4, and Rainey 3, are living with Hillary and wife Sarah.

In April, 1900, Federal Records indicate Hillary was granted 164 acres of land from the "public domain" . Note the document itself bears the signature of President William McKinley.

Hilary is listed as age 43 in the 1900 census. Daughters Rachel, age 15, Myantha, age 14, Unity, age 12, and Martha Ann, age 7 were enumerated in the household at this time. Daughter Lizzie and her family lived three farms away. Hillery's birthplace is listed as Columbia Co. FL. This census states Hillery could neither read nor write.

Hillary is listed as age 55 and Sarah age 56 in the 1910 census. No others were enumerated in their household, though son Frank and his family lived on the next farm over. His birthplace listed as Columbia Co. FL.

Hillery is listed as age 63 in the 1920 census. His birthplace listed as Georgia (this is obviously a mistake).

Hillery had passed away before the 1930 Census, but wife Sarah, age 79, was enumerated in son Frank's household.

Hillery passed away about 1923 in the area where he was born and raised. Wife Sarah passed away 15 Feb. 1935. Hillery and Sarah are buried in the Prospect Church Cemetery Hamilton County, FL in unmarked graves.

