

## William Hines 1843 – 1920

William Hines, likely named after his grandfather, was born during the time that the United States was at war with Mexico. He was born in 1847 in the Benton area of Columbia County, Florida. He is the eldest son of Isaac and Malinda Raulings Hines. All census records list William's occupation as a farmer or farm laborer. William marries Francis (sometimes spelled Frances) Rimes in 1868. Frances was born January 17, 1852, in Georgia and passed away January 13, 1914. Frances is the daughter of David Allen and Elizabeth Albritton Rimes. The prolific couple had twelve children. Their children are:

1. William b. 1870
2. Nerdarn b. 1870
3. Malinda b. 1872
4. David b. 1873 m. Fannie ? 1899
5. Laura b. 1875
6. Eliza J. b. 1878
7. Mary Louella b. Mar 18, 1880, m. David Franklin Melton d. Jan. 24, 1950
8. Isaac b. Jan. 1881
9. Vicie b. April 1883
10. Lille b. May 1885
11. Carrie b. Oct. 1888
12. Georgia b. Jan. 1894

William is first found in the 1850 census for the Benton area as a two-year-old. He was enumerated in the household of his parents along with older sister Jane, age 6.

The census for the year 1870 indicates 22-year-old William is now married to eighteen-year-old Frances and they have a three-month-old son also named William. They reside next door to his father Isaac.

Records indicate William served in the same unit as his father in the CSA. He enlisted as a Private on 13 July 1861 (same as father Isaac) in Company C, 2nd Infantry Regiment Florida and was no discharge date indicated on the same record.

The 1880 census for the area shows a twelve-year-old Lacy Hines b. 1868 enumerated in the household and listed as a son, however he was not enumerated in the household during 1870. Only son William who was 3 months old was enumerated. This leads one to believe that Lacy was born to a relative and adopted by William and Francis.

Still residing in Benton during the 1900 US Census, William and Frances have two grandsons Matthew and Forest in the household along with a niece, Kansas Register. Brother Joseph lives next door with his family. Francis is the mother of 12 children, all 12 living in 1900. He rented a home in Benton.

The 1910 Census shows the family now living in Suwannee Shoals in Columbia County. Now age 67, only grandsons Matthew and Forest are living in the household. Frances had 13 children, 11 living at the time. Their son David and his family now live next door.

By the time the 1920 Census is taken, Frances has passed away 13 Nov 1914, grandsons Forest and Matthew have moved on and now another grandson Lum Bening, age 17, resides with the 77-year-old William. William passes away later July 23, 1920, as his headstone in Oak Grove Cemetery indicates and is buried next to Frances.

Note: William's age is stated as 67 and 77 during the 1910 and 1920 census respectively, making his birth date in 1843. Earlier census of 1850 and 1870 indicate the birth year was 1847. I tend to go with the 1843 date as William served in the same CSA unit as his father. I cannot see a 14-year-old son being allowed to join in the CSA but age 18 works much better.

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Headstones of William Hines and Frances Rimes Hines, Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia County, FL



