

John David Braddock Family

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John David Braddock b. abt. 1779, South Carolina, m. 9-May-1804, in St. Augustine and remarried in Fernandina, Nassau Co. Fl, as Catholic, to be eligible for Spanish land grant, Martha Christopher, b. 1786, Big Talbot Island, Duval Co Fl,, (daughter of John Bluet Christopher and Martha Watson) d. 6-Dec-1861, Nassau Co., Fl. John died 19-Oct-1841, Nassau Co., Fl. John David Braddock was a son of John Braddock, RS. In his youth, his parents moved to Glynn County, Georgia, where he grew up into manhood. He went to the Spanish Province of Florida to make his home, a young man at the time, maybe of the age of 25 years or thereabouts, and was married May 9, 1804, to Martha Christopher, born 1780, in present Duval County, Florida, daughter of Spicer Christopher, a native of Maryland and well-to-do resident of Talbot Island, Florida, and his wife Mary Greenwood, native of Georgia. Mr. Braddock's home place and farm was on a 640 acre tract of land in Nassau County, Florida, known as Sand Hill Plantation. A parole gift of this property as made by him to his maiden daughter, Charlotte M. Braddock, before his death, and was confirmed to her by quit-claim deed from the other heirs of December 28, 1866. He died October 19, 1841. His widow died on the old home place, December 6, 1861, in her 82nd year. The son, Spicer C. Braddock, was clerk of the Circuit Court of Nassau County for several years in the 1840's and 1850's.

Ref: "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia", Vol. VII, page 46 and 47. Helen B. Hodges, Callahan, Florida.

I. John Spicer Braddock b. 1805, Nassau Co., Fl, occupation Pvt. 1836 Seminole War, m. Nancy Sarah Higginbotham, b. 04-OCT-1813?, Hilliard, Nassau Co., Fl, (daughter of Joseph A. Higginbotham and Mary Ann (Polly) Pinkham) d. after 1875, Nassau Co., Fl. John died before 1850, Nassau Co., Fl. John Spicer Braddock I was a son of John David Braddock and his wife Martha Christopher. As he was the first son, he was named after his father, John and his grandfather, Spicer Christopher, of big Talbot Island, where he was born. John David was an overseer of his father-in-law's plantation, until he received a Spanish land grant of his own in 1816, of 40 acres inland on the little St. Marys River at Evergreen, where the family moved and started their own plantation. They had virgin timber on the land, grew indigo and raised cattle for the Spanish Garrison at St. Augustine, etc. John Spicer I, fought in the Seminole War of 1836, a private in Warrens Co. He married Sarah Nancy Higginbotham, daughter of Joseph Alexander, son of Burrows Higginbotham, a Rev. Soldier, who had a near by Spanish land grant at Higginbotham's Bluff. He and his wife, Isabella, are the ancestors of all the early Florida Higginbotham's. Their plantation was near old Ft. Henry on the St. Marys River.

Ref: Helen Beasley Hodges, great, great granddaughter of John Spicer Braddock I and his wife Sarah Nancy Higginbotham.

II. Mary Greenwood Braddock b. 1805, Yulee, Nassau Co., Fl, m. John Carroll Houston, b. 1789, Beaufort, SC.

III. Spicer C. Braddock b. 23-Apr-1807, Nassau Co., Fl, m. 24-Dec-1840, Anna Seva Sapp, b. 2-Dec-1822. Spicer Christopher Braddock was a son of John David Braddock. He inherited part of his father's plantation at Evergreen, near the St. Marys River. It is still in the capable hands of his

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direct family now, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Owens, as it has been for the past 150 years. Some of the deeds, will, and papers are still intact, beautifully written and some bearing the signature of Spicer C.'s brothers. Evergreen Cemetery is on this land, where is buried Burris Higginbotham, a Revolutionary Soldier.

Spicer was clerk of the Court for Nassau Co., for many years, the first courthouse was on part of the Braddock land, but was moved after the Civil War to Fernandina. Spicer's widow, Anna Sapp Braddock, married a Mr. Geiger.

Reference: Land records, Marriage record, court records, census records. Submitted by: Helen B. Hodges, a cousin of Spicer Christopher Braddock.

IV. John David Braddock II b. 1810, Nassau Co., Fl, m. 18-DEC-1845, in Camden Co., GA, Belinda Leigh, b. 1826, Dau. of James J. Leigh.

V. Charlotte M. Braddock b. 1812, Nassau Co., Fl.

VI. Hester Ann Braddock b. 30-COT-1813, Nassau CO Fl, m. 13 May 1831, Nathaniel Wilds, III, b. 16-JUL-1810, Nassau Co., Fl, (son of Nathaniel Wilds, II and Pracilla Turner) d. 21-OCT-1875, buried: Wild's Landing Cemetery. Nassau Co., FL. Hester died 23-AUG-1891.

VII. William Monteith Braddock b. 1819, Nassau Co., Fl, m. 11-DEC-1840, in Nassau Co., Fl, Jane Harvey Christopher, b. 1824, Nassau Co., Fl.

VIII. Susannah M. Braddock b. 1822, Nassau Co., Fl, m. Capt. Emanuel Gomez.

IX. Elizabeth Louisa Braddock b. 18-OCT.-1824, Nassau Co., Fl, m. Phineas Miller Wilds.

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