

THE WILLIAM BRADDOCK FAMILY
By Jean Mizell

William Braddock b. 1775, South Carolina, m. 9-May-1804, in Fernandina, Nassau Co., Fl, Charlotte Ann Christopher, b. 1788, (daughter of John Bluet Christopher and Martha Watson) d. 1832, Nassau Co., Fl. William died 1855, Nassau Co., Fl. William Braddock was a resident of Nassau Co., Florida, from about 1797 until his death about 1855; he was born in South Carolina in 1775, a son of John Braddock, RS and his wife Lucia Cook Braddock. The said John and Lucia were married July 16, 1769, in St. Matthews Parrish, Ga., (now Effingham Co.), and she was a daughter of James Cook, RS, of that parish and county. John Braddock was a private in the Georgia Line in the Revolutionary War, and moved soon after the war to Glynn County where he lived until his death in 1794; John Braddock served as Representative from Glynn in 1787 and again in 1793, and was commissioned as captain in the Glynn County militia, Dec. 9, 1793; he died between that date and April 23, 1794, when his successor, George Valley, was commissioned as captain "succeeding Capt. Braddock, deceased" as shown by state militia records. William Braddock, the subject, grew up and lived in Glynn County until he was grown, and when about twenty-two years of age went to Florida. In his affidavit made Jan. 23, 1824, in support of claim for land made by William Berrie, William Braddock stated he had been a resident of what was then DuVal County, Fl, for twenty seven years. He was married according to the records of the Roman Catholic Church in St. Augustine, Fl, on May 9, 1804, to Charlotte Ann Christopher, born 1788, daughter of Spicer Christopher (native of Maryland) and his wife Mary Greenwood, native of Georgia. William Braddock served as a member of the Legislative Council of Florida, from Nassau County, in 1829, 1830, 1831; this was a position under the territorial government corresponding to being a member of the legislature. He also served as a Justice of the Peace, 1833 to about 1837.

Reference: "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia", Vol. VI, pg. 19 and 20.

I. John Spicer Braddock b. 1805, Nassau Co., Fl.

II. Elizabeth Braddock b. 1806, Nassau Co., Fl, m. (1) 20-Nov-1824, in Nassau Co., Fl, divorced, James Bessent, m. (2) John Harden, m. (3) David Ogilvie.

III. Mariah Braddock b. 1808, m. Stephen VanZant.

IV. Christopher Braddock b. 1810, Nassau Co., Fl, m. in Nassau Co., Fl, Elizabeth Bessent.

V. Ann Braddock b. 1811, Nassau Co., Fl, m. James Wilson.

VI. Alexander J. Braddock b. 1814, Nassau Co Fl, m. Isabella Higginbotham, b. 1821, (daughter of Joseph A. Higginbotham and Mary Ann (Polly) Pinkham). It wasn't clear whether Alexander was the son of William or his brother David Braddock. The census did not start showing the names of children until the 1850 census, but in the 1860 Nassau Co., FL census, it shows that Alexander had a daughter named Martha, which was the name of William's wife, who must have been Alexander's mother, for whom his daughter was named .

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VII. James Aldridge Braddock b. 13-Jun-1816, Nassau Co., Fl, m. 22-Oct-1840, in Nassau Co, Fl, Elizabeth Winifred Haddock, b. 7-Feb-1822, Kings Ferry, Nassau Co., Fl, (daughter of Joseph Haddock and Mary Elizabeth Higginbotham) d. 2-Sep-1918, New Smyrna Beach, Fl, buried: Edgewater Cem., New Smyrna Beach, Fl. James died 25-Jan-1883, Crescent City, Fl, buried: Denver, Putnam Co., Fl.

James Aldridge Braddock was a son of William Braddock and Charlotte Christopher Braddock of Nassau Co., Florida. James Aldridge Braddock and his sons, cattlemen and pioneers, traveled slowly southward in search of better grazing. They found it in the Crescent City area. When they had their ideal spot, they moved the family down from Nassauville, near Fernandina, Florida, by wagon. Everyone but the very young or sick, walking. (When I drive down, it was 100 miles and took two hours. I wonder how long it took them?) In this rangeland in the 1860's, James A. and sons owned huge herds of cattle, horses and hogs, all roving in this unfenced wild country. Another pioneer family, the Turners, were neighbors and there were many disputes over range rights and animals. This soon developed into a gun fight over some hogs in possession of the Turners, owned by the Braddocks. In the battle, Bill and Dave Turner were killed, as was John Braddock, the oldest sixty years. John's widow, Ozilla, later married James Padgett and John's 36 caliber five shot Colt pistol, is in possession of her descendants, James Padgett of Crescent City, Florida.

This story is as told by H. N. Braddock, now deceased, a descendant of James Aldridge Braddock. Submitted by: Helen B. Hodges, Callahan, Fl, cousin to James Aldridge Braddock family.

VIII. William G. Braddock b. 1822, Nassau Co., Fl, m. Laura ____, b. 1823.

IX. Hutto L. Braddock b. 1826, m. Louisa Higginbotham, b. 1846, (daughter of Thomas B. Higginbotham and Mary Lucretia Lee). Hutto died 1872.

X. Oscar F. Braddock b. 1828, Nassau Co., Fl, m. 2-Jan-1849, in Nassau Co., Fl, Ann Bessent.

XI. William S. Braddock b. 14-Jul-1829, m. 9-Oct-1850, in Nassau Co., Fl, Elizabeth Higginbotham, b. 1833, (daughter of Elijah Higginbotham and Ann Hodges). William died 2-Oct-1869, buried: Braddock Cemetery Nassau Co. Fl.

XII. Spicer C. Braddock b. 1829, m. Jane Harvey Houston, b. 1-May-1831, Big Talbot Island, Duval Co, Fl, (daughter of John Carroll Houston and Mary Greenwood Braddock).