

bearing his own name, William Pate, who was a member of the first grand jury of Gwinnett County, and one niece, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith inquired of Mr. Hamp Butler, a comrade in arms of my father, Bennett Pate, in the Civil War, of her Uncle William Pate's descendants in South Georgia, and being told that my father was his grandson, became very anxious to meet him, and by Mr. Butler sent my father a box of nick-nacks, etc., that soldiers seldom received. My father afterwards tried to find her home, but was unsuccessful.

Rev. William Pate then moved further south, as far as Washington County, where his oldest son, Samuel Pate, remained. He followed down the valleys of the Ogeechee River, and one severe winter, about 1812, had to take his servants and cut down all the trees he could find bearing mistletoe, to keep his cattle alive.

He moved to Laurens County, where his brother John remained, when he moved to Pulaski County, and finally to Dooly County, about three miles east of where Arabi now stands.

Rev. William Pate died near Warwick, Ga., in 1837, while on a journey to fill a regular appointment, where he preached the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ to the pioneers; and lies buried one and one-half miles north of Amboy, Ga., where his ashes are resting, awaiting the resurrection of the just.

While his descendants, scattered abroad, if all living ones were closely counted, would enumerate perhaps two thousand, according to the best calculation I can make.

He was a man of fine personality and marked intelligence, and greatly influenced the pioneers in the worship of God. And was always a man of neat appearance, and even at that day wore as his Sunday suit a tailor-made suit of broadcloth, and high silk hat. My father remembered having seen his Sunday suit and high silk hat.

The following pages will give his descendants, as far as possible, in the following order:

- Samuel Pate and his children and grandchildren.
- Betsy Story and her children and grandchildren.
- Nancy Blanchard's children and grandchildren.
- Sarah Johnson's children.
- Mary Holt's children.