

TIMELINE for William Crawford Harris Bass (1839-1904) (Farmer) (D: Age: 65 from Heart Failure)

1839, Jan 4 – Crawford Bass born in Sumter Co. Georgia (Father: Needham D. Bass / Mother: Elizabeth Bass (Peterson))

1839 – Cornelia Johns (future “wife” and mother of William R. Bass born, most likely in Florida)

1842, Jan 26 – Priscilla Ivey (future 2nd wife) born in White Springs, Hamilton Co. Florida

1842 – Sister Sylvania Bass born in Sumter Co. Georgia

1847 – Sister Almyra (also spelled Elmyra) Bass born in Georgia

Jan 1, 1848 – Brother George Washington T. Bass born in Georgia. (Died Jan 1, 1848)

1850 – Census (taken Sep 25) shows Residence in Georgia (Irwin Co) Residing with “**Thedam**” (50), **Elizabeth** (35), Charles C (13), **William C** (11) Sylvanney (8) and George G (2). **Needham** list as “farming”.

1850 – Census (taken Dec 3) shows Residence in Ocala, Marion County, Fla District 4, Dwelling #387 (**Needham’s** House) Residing with “**Needham** (52), **Elizabeth** (45), Charles (13), **William H. C.** (12), Sylvania (8), Almyra 3, George T (2). **Needham** is a “laborer”.

1854, Jan 7, 1854 – brother **Needham Wesley “Tude” Bass** born in Florida

1857, April 1 – (Age 18) **Crawford** enlisted in Wm H. Kendrick’s Indpt. Company of Florida Mounted Volunteers (Seminole War). He was mustered into service on December 26, 1857. His horses and horse equipment was appraised at \$60/20. He was a Pvt and listed at being from “Dooley, GA, 5’1” (possibly should read 5’10” or 6’1”)? He does not appear short in his photo and his father was noted as being tall, Ernest Sr was 5’8” and Ernest Jr. was 5’10” The next Pvt is also listed at 5’1”), **Crawford** had hazel eyes but hair and occupation were listed as “?”. (Note: Dooley County, Georgia is immediately east of Sumter County, Georgia)

(<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00047719/00006/46j>)

1857 – (Age ~17 but listed at 20 in rolls) **Crawford’s** brother Charles (E or C) Bass enlisted in the W. H. Kendrick’s Company of the Florida Mounted Volunteers and mustered into service on July 8 and December 26, 1857. He was a Pvt and noted as being 5’6” tall, has fair skin, blue eyes and dark hair and his occupation was listed as a “joiner”.

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1860 – Census (taken July 7) shows Residence in District 2, Orange County, Fla (**Needham’s** House) residing with **Needham** (70), **Elizabeth** (45), **William C** (16), Sylvania (14), Elmira (13), George W T (11) and **Needham W** (5). **Needham** is a “Farmer” and **William C** is a “Farm Laborer”

1860 - Per Census: In 1860 **Cornelia Johns** is 22 years old and is living with the James Garner family in Welaka, Florida. She is a seamstress. Her family lives in the area not far away.

1862, April 11 – John Randolph Mizell (father of Mann Mizell (aka Walter Mann Bass) Reports to Fla 7th Infantry Vols as a Lt.

1862, April 26 – **Crawford** enlists in Capt Sloan’s Co F of the 7th Fla Infantry Vols at Camp Lee (outside of Gainesville, Florida.)

1862 – Fla 7th stationed at Camp Finegan Florida (near present day Jacksonville) April 11 – June 12. Departed around June 17th, Fla 7th ordered to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1862, June 14 – **Crawford** Left sick with Typhoid Pneumonia, returned home to recover, never returned to unit. Brother, George W. T. picks Crawford up and takes him back home.

1863 – Reported AWOL, “Left sick and never returned.”

1862, Sep 16 – Stepson Mann Mizell (later Mann Bass then Walter Mann Bass) born to Priscilla Ivey.

1864, June 24 – Capt John Randolph Mizell (father of Walter Mann Mizell) Captured by Union Army near Marietta GA, taken as POW.

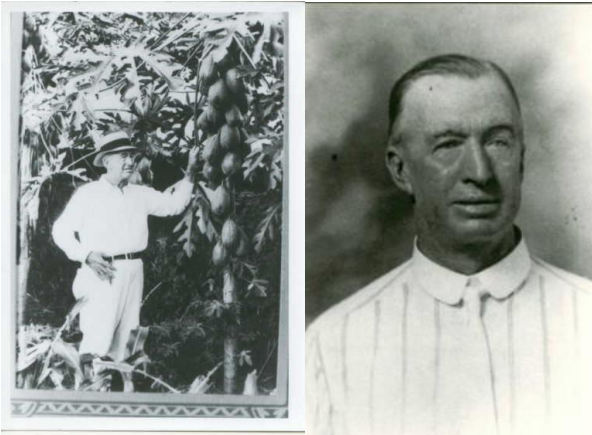
1864/5, Oct 23 – Son **William Robert Bass** born in Lee, FL.

1864/5, Oct 23 – Crawford's first wife **Cornelia Johns** dies in childbirth of **William R. Bass**.

1866, Jan 10 – Crawford Marriage to Priscilla Ivey in Orlando, FL (per familysearch.org).

1867, Nov 25 – Son Oscar Renneford (or Rull) Bass born.

1869, Oct 18 – Son Thomas Bass born. (Shown below circa 1933/4 in Pahokee, Florida) (Thomas died 27 Jan 1935 in Belle Glade, Florida.) (More on Captain T.A. Bass at the bottom of this timeline)

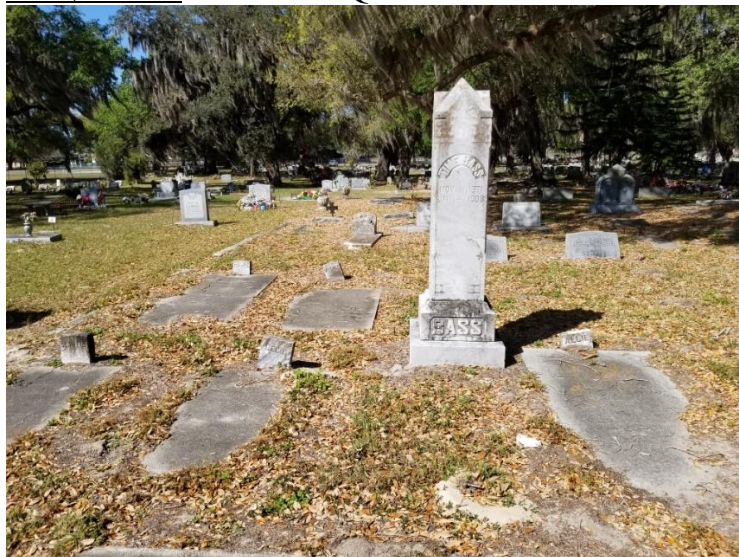


1870 – Census (taken July 2) shows Residence in Division 17 of Orange County, Fla. **“Croff” Bass** (28) is residing with Priscilla (26), Man Bass (7), Renneford (3), Thomas (1). **Croff** is listed as a “farmer”. Priscilla is “keeping house”.

*Note: A “Cornelius Johns (26) married to “Zilpha” lives nearby (same page). Also a C.C. Johns (47) married to Rebecca (35) with children Joseph (19) and George (4). Note: Cornelius Johns (1842) 26) is **Cornelia’s** (**William R’s** mother) brother. C.C. Johns (1821) is her uncle.*

1870, July – **William R. Bass** missing from family Census but reappears in 1880 Census.

1871, Nov 11 – Son Time Quinn Bass born.



1880 – Census show living in Orange County, Fla, Precinct 4 128.

1887 – Daughter Essie E. Bass born. ? (Died young?)

1893 – Crawford Bass killed J. Archibald Raulerson with a knife about 1893; was acquitted on a plea of self-defense. (Not likely this Crawford Bass. Probably a younger younger, see more details below. I've not seen any other source that lists Crawford as a Foreman of a Cattle Ranch)

1900 – Census shows **Crawford** and Priscilla residence in Osceola County, Fla with 2 granddaughters: Lenora Bass (7) and Lorena Bass (4) (Note: Lenora and Lorena are found in 1910 living with their father & mother Thomas M. Bass and Matilla Bass)

1904, July 26 – **Crawford** died in Osceola, FL of “Heart Failure” at age 65. Final Words to son are “I am gone”.

1913, May 29 – Priscilla Ivey Bass died in Florida.

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Taller Monument: Sec 1, Blk 34, Lt 1, Sp C.

Flat Stone: Sec 1, Blk 34, Lot 1, Sp D. (Located at same plot)

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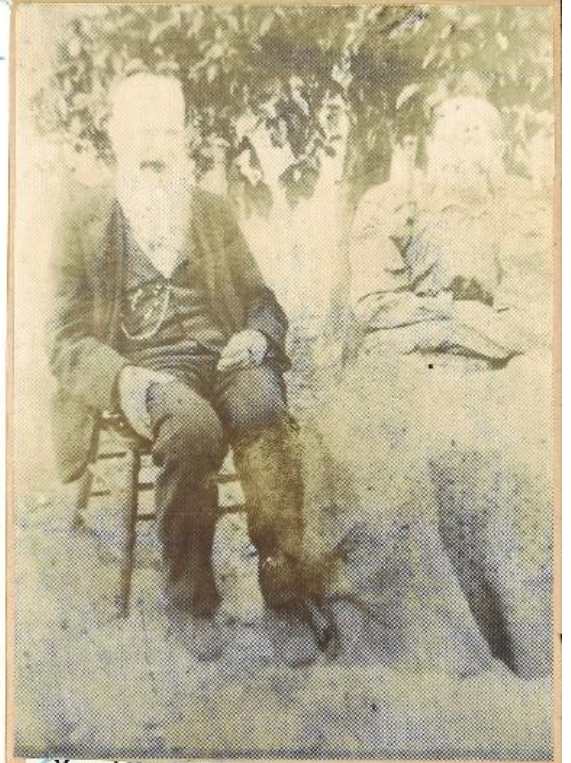
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NOTE from Brian Bass: Obit mentions "twice married", lists his sons and 2nd wife (Priscilla). Does not mention William R Bass but the Bass that is not listed with a first name should be him. Messrs. was a plural form of "Mr.". Then sons listed as Walter is "Walter Mann Mizel Bass", Rull is the name Oscar went by. Thomas then Time "Quin" Bass leaves the intentionally left blank first name in William R. Bass' place. It is unknown why his first name was left out. William and family were likely still living in Kissimmee in July 1904 as Ernest Sr. was born in Kissimmee on Mar 28, 1904. In the 1910 census we find William R. Bass and family have moved to Fort Myers.



Mr. W. C. Bass



Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Bass rest in the front yard of their home on Boggy Creek Road where County Agricultural agent, Jim Smith, now lives. Picture was taken back in the 1800's. "He was called 'Croft' all the time," says Maynard Sullivan who grew up in that area.
They had two children, a son named Henry, and a daughter, Essie, who was the wife of Lum Bass. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Inelle Kelley, great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Bass.)

THE KISSIMMEE VALLEY GAZETTE.

Kissimmee City, Fla., July 29, 1904. Vol. VII, No. 51

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Kissimmee City, Fla., July 29, 1904.

Vol. VII. No. 3

HE DIED A MANIAC.

Dr. Wenner's Experiments With Cocaine.

It is a matter of regret and a pity when a person sacrifices life in an attempt to benefit the human race by scientific discoveries and methods. Such was the case of Dr. George V. Wenner, of Millers, N. J., last Friday. In an effort to determine the exact physiological effects of cocaine by experiments upon himself Dr. Wenner not only sacrificed his reason, but his life.

Aware of the prevalence of the cocaine habit, Dr. Wenner, a graduate of the Medical-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, undertook to ascertain first its effect and then its cure. He was unmarried, and rather than risk festering the habit upon another, he chose to make the experiments upon himself. This extract from his diary will show the methodical manner in which he began the experiments with

RETTY KINGS.
 "The melancholy days are come,"
 And sees an hour to go;
 We trace the country round for some
 But hasn't got a bit.
 We ask the folks the reason why—
 The answer aye is:
 "Don't know the men and do not stir,
 Too much engaged in his."
 And this is true—our people are all
 industrious and profitably employed
 in stock and farm interests, marking
 and branding, shearing sheep, plant-
 ing "laters and getting ready for fall
 plowing. Everybody works, has plan-
 ty and is happy, and the neigh-
 borhood is on the up-grade tendency gen-
 erally.
 Mrs. J. J. Ballard, mother of Mrs.
 H. C. Parlin, went to Lakeland this
 week on a visit to relatives and friends.
 Her granddaughter, Miss Nellie Par-
 lin, accompanied her.
 There will be preaching at the Cen-
 tral Park school house very night
 this week, conducted by ministers of
 the Christian church. Everybody is
 cordially invited.

GOT THE WRONG MAN.

Negro Arrested in Orlando to Establish an A.M.

On learning that Charley Robinson had been arrested on a serious charge, Constable J. M. Platt, of this city, looked over his train record of May, 1902 and found that on the day the crime was committed that Robinson was a fugitive on the train running between Orlando and Williston. The record was shown to L. G. Starbuck, who had been called upon by Robinson's friends to defend him, and he immediately went to Court Commissioner J. M. Cheney and secured a writ of habeas corpus. A telegram was received today from A. P. Donnelly, of Jacksonville, superintendent of the S. A. L. confirming the report of constable Platt and stating that Robinson worked twenty-nine days in May for that road. According to the train report "Rob" was a short distance east of Williston



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Crawford's Death Certificate:

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JUN 6 1915

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Johnston P. B.
STATE REGISTRAR, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF HEALTH — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

DEATH RETURN	
Name	<i>Oaccola</i> <i>Crawford Bass Jr.</i>
Age	<i>64</i> Sex <i>Male</i> Color <i>White</i>
Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
Cause of Death	<i>Heart failure</i>
Date of Death	<i>July 26 1904</i>
Place of Death	<i>Oaccola Fla.</i>
Occupation	<i>Farmer</i>
Where born	<i>Georgia</i>
Descent	<i>American</i>
Length of Residence in Fla.	<i>50 years</i>
Reported by	<i>M. J. Nicks</i>
Post Office	<i>Kishwaukee Fla.</i>

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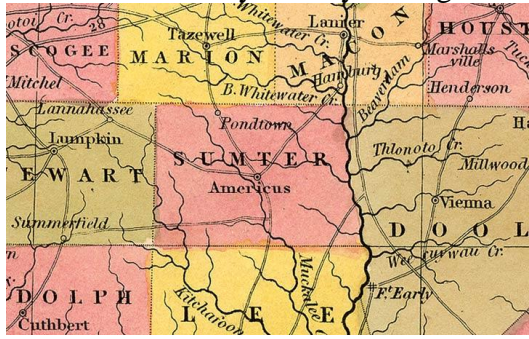
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Sumter and Dooley County Georgia



Crawford's Indian War Military Documents and Pension:

Bass Crawford
 Co. I, 7 Florida Infantry.
 (Confederate.)
Private Private
 CARD NUMBERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Number of medical cards herein _____
 Number of personal papers herein _____
 Book Mark: _____
 See also _____

3-35-11) 6-2011 INDIAN WARS.
 NAME OF SOLDIER: *Bass Crawford*
 NAME AND CLASS OF DEPENDENT: *Bass, Priscilla, widow*
 SERVICE: RANK: _____ ENLISTED: _____ DISCHARGED: _____
Kendricks Inf'ty Co Fla 206
 ADDITIONAL SERVICE: _____
 DATE OF FILING: _____ CLASS: _____ APPLICATION NO.: _____ CERTIFICATE NO.: _____ FILE NO.: _____ ACT.: _____ STATE: _____
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 BOUNTY LAND: _____
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Widow 9835 6986
 BOUNTY LAND: _____
 REMARKS: *ditto*

RANK: *Bass, Priscilla* (3-P.A. 5)
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 Name of Soldier: *Crawford*
 Service: *1st Capt. Kendricks Inf'ty Co Fla 1st Vol.*
 Class: *72* Date of Commencement: *April 19, 1868* Date of Discharge: *19 May 1905*
 Transferred from: *KNOXVILLE, TENN.* Transferred to: _____
 Date: *5/29/13* Date of Discharge: *5/19/13*
 Remarks: _____
 Future Roll No: *187*

Crawford's Obit and Civil War Military Documents:

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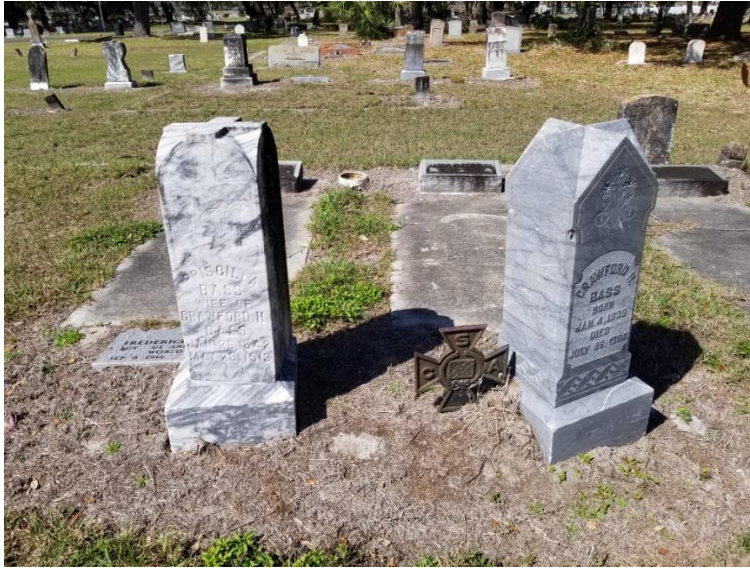
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<i>Pvt.</i>	} Capt. Slone's Company, 7 Regiment Florida Infantry.*	
Appears on		
Company Muster Roll		
of the organization named above,		
for <i>Sept 11 to June 12</i> , 186 <i>2</i>		
Enlisted:		
When	<i>Sept 11</i>	, 186 <i>2</i>
Where	<i>Camp Lee</i>	
By whom	<i>J. D. [unclear]</i>	
Period	<i>3 years in the War</i>	



Crawford Bass. *Photo by Adrienne Bass, Mar 2022*





Crawford and Priscilla. *Photo by Adrienne Bass, Mar 2022*



Crawford Bass (same plot, near his feet) *Photo by Adrienne Bass, Mar 2022*

Captain Thomas Archibald (T.A.) Bass.

Information on Thomas A. Bass, son of **William Crawford Harris Bass** and half-uncle to our **William Robert Bass**. He likely had influence on **William R. Bass**' son, our **Ernest Bass Sr.** Thomas Bass was in Fort Myers in 1910 (when **Ernest Sr** was 6 years old) and most of the rest of the Bass family was still back in Kissimmee. Thomas was in West Palm Beach in 1920 as a Proprietor of a Boat Line. Ernest Sr. then moved from Pahokee to West Palm Beach around 1925 to run his Ferry Boat. Thomas had two daughters, Leonora Priscilla Bass (7) and Lorena Bass (4), who lived with their grandparents (our **Crawford** and wife Priscilla) in 1900. Thomas' first wife, Theodora (Whidden) Bass had died in 1899. The two girls then were found back in Thomas' house in 1910. In 1930, Thomas Bass was living in Pahokee. **Ernest Sr.**'s father died when **Ernest** was 18. **Ernest** looks to have followed his Uncle Thomas Bass in the

fishing/boating industry instead of the carpentry field, though **Ernest Sr.** would later become a carpenter in the 1940s.

Lorena Bass:



Leonora Bass





According to Lawrence E. Will's "A Cracker History of Okeechobee" (1977): "The Ft. Myers News Press on December 8, 1905 announced 'Captain T. A. Bass of Kissimmee was here to arrange to ship fish the first of the year. He has invested \$9,000 in boats, nets, etc., and expects to employ 150 men. He has purchased the steamer FOUR HUNDRED from H. E. Heitman (the steamer actually was the ISTOKPOGA) and has launched a new boat in Kissimmee.' This new boat was the 56 foot steamer SUCCESS which held two fish boxes, one for cats and one for scale fish. Her captain was Edward H. Hall, son of Captain Ben. No sooner was the SUCCESS completed than she sailed for the lake with Captain Tom, his brother **Will** and their families. Other passengers were Aaron Bronson, nephew of the backer of the company, Bill Saunders the builder of the boat, and Hugh Cochran, who stayed to fish as long as seining was allowed, and who still lives in Okeechobee City."

ON FARM AT CHOSEN

Was Father of the Late Elvin A. Bass; Death Due to Stroke

Thomas A. Bass, 65, father of the late Rep. Elvin A. Bass, of this city, died Sunday morning. He suffered what apparently was a stroke and died before aid could reach him. He died at his farm at Chosen.

For the last 14 years he had made his home at Pahokee after having lived here for several years. His death recalled that of his son here last September 29 when he suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Bass was born at Orlando and made his home for many years in the central part of the state. He lived for years at Kissimmee where his son, Elvin Bass, was born. In 1916 the family moved here.

Mr. Bass operated the Bass Boat Line between this city and Lake Okeechobee on the West Palm Beach canal prior to the construction of Conners highway.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha L. Bass; two sons, Lloyd Bass, of Chongco, and T. A. Bass, Jr., of Pahokee; and four daughters, Mrs. C. M. Blount, of Fort Myers, Mrs. L. E. Steele, of Dallas, Texas, Miss Thelma Bass, of this city, and Miss Mary Louise Bass, who is attending Stetson University at DeLand.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later from the Everglades Funeral Home at Pahokee.

I believe, but cannot fully confirm, the below is not our **William Crawford Harrison Bass**, but instead, the younger, John Crawford "Croff" Bass (1862-1928). John Crawford Bass was our Crawford's brother Quinn Bass' son. He was a known cattleman. No evidence exists suggesting that this is William Crawford Harrison.

Shadrach Chandler's general store was the commercial center of the Basinger community during the 1890's. It was in this store that Croft Bass killed Archibald Raulerson about 1893. Bass was foreman of the Lesley cattle interests and got into an argument with Raulerson. Bass drew his knife, stabbed and killed Raulerson, and then left the area. He was concealed at the Lesley home in Tampa for several weeks and then made his way west to Texas and Colorado Springs. Shadrach Chandler, who was the only witness to the killing, died in 1898. Bass then returned to Florida and was acquitted on a plea of self defense.

The Chandler store was the scene of a killing that shows up in history books and novels about that era of Kissimmee Valley cattlemen. In 1893, Croft Bass was foreman for the Lesley cattle ranch. He got into a tiff with Arch Raulerson at the store. Bass pulled a knife and stabbed Raulerson, killing him. Lore says he hid out at the Lesley home in Tampa until he fled to Texas.

Bass stayed in Texas until after 1898 when Chandler, the only witness, died. A Florida jury later agreed that Bass acted in self-defense and set him free.

Clint Bass is the son of Crawford's half-brother (should say stepson) Walter Mann (Mizell) Bass



Clint and Coralie Bass, married in 1918. They met at Ft. Christmas when he was on a cattle drive. (Courtesy: Inelle Kelley)

<https://sites.google.com/site/osceolacoflgenweb/military/ConfederateObits>

<https://fsgs.org/florida-pioneer-biographies/priscilla-ivey/>

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Submitted by Descendants: Garrett Armstrong, Heath William, Stuart Armstrong, and Whitney Susan BAILEY

Priscilla Ivey was born in Hamilton County, Florida 26 Jan 1842. Her father Thomas Ivey and mother died when she was a young girl. She then went to live with her uncle in Jacksonville, Florida, and then moved to Orange County in the late 1850's.

At that time she was living with her uncle Robert Ivey on the banks of Lake Mann. While she was living in Orlando she had a baby out of wedlock with John R. Mizell; this was in early 1863 when John was with the 7th FL Inf. Co. F. At this time she went to work for Crawford Harris Bass in south Orange County. They then married and had three sons together.

They were a Pioneer family of Osceola County. She passed away in 1913 outliving two of her sons and her husband. Looking back she was one tough woman considering all she lived through and having a baby out of wedlock in the 1860's.

Priscilla Ivey was first established as a Florida Pioneer in 2004