

The **Barber–Mizell feud** was a feud in Brevard and Orange counties, Florida in 1870 resulting in 41 deaths and no criminal convictions that arose when cattle baron Mose Barber disputed the jurisdiction of Orange County Sheriff and tax collector David Mizell over his land. When Mizell rode to collect taxes from Barber, he was waylaid and killed. In the resultant feud, 41 men were killed.

The Book *THE WAY HIT WUZ* by Mary Ida Bass Barber Shearhart (daughter of Crawford's Stepson Mann Bass), provides a very good account of Mose Barber and the events leading up to the feud. While there is a "story-telling" element to this book, it does provide a detailed description of life during the pioneer years in Florida. While the story is more focused on Mose Barber and to a lesser extent, the Mizell family, it is relevant to us. The Basses are mentioned by name including our Needham Bass, his son, our Crawford (Croft) Bass, as well as Crawford's brothers Quinn and George. There is also a detailed account of Priscilla Ivey who married Crawford Bass after his first wife, our Cornelia Johns died in childbirth with our William Robert Bass. The book tells how Crawford and Priscilla acquired their farm, that would eventually become the Rose Hill Cemetery in Kissimmee, from Mose Barber. Below is a quick summary and the specific mentions of our line. This book is a very worthwhile read for anyone wanting to know more about our Bass line.