Page 9 (Book page 72) is from the section detailing one of the oldest pioneers to settle in Kissimmee, Mr. E.L.D Overstreet.

The text states, "He says that Needham Bass told him that when he passed away he wanted some coffee and fiddle-strings buried in the coffin with him." (*Note: it is written elsewhere that when Needham died while visiting his son in Georgia, that he was in fact buried with his fiddle*).

This page also details Rob Bass installing a cotton gin and hosting a dinner for all the neighbors that helped.

open, they found the much-discussed cheese and wondered how he had been able to obtain it. One of the dogs may have dragged it away from the porch, but the mystery was never completely solved.

Today Uncle EI recalled his trips to Mellonville after supplies and tells us that Captain Brock owned the steamboats, Darlington and Hattie, which made the trips on the St. Johns River between Lecknowille and Mellonville

between Jacksonville and Mellonville. Hattie was named for an old Negro slave owned by Captain Brock. He appreciated her having saved his life from drowning, so he named his boat in her honor and made her complete boss of the other servants on the boat.

Uncle El is probably the only living person who remembers having seen Fort Gatlin when a small boy. It was headquarters for the troops and was the largest fort in this part of the state. It was built of pine logs, set firmly into the ground perpendicularly to the height of about thirty feet. The portholes were eight feet from the ground. Logs were placed inside the wall, and the men stood on these when firing at the enemy. He recalls the enclosure as probably one-half acre, and inside were built a number of log cabins, which were about fourteen by eighteen feet in dimension.

Fort Davenport was built a short distance south of Davenport Creek and to the east of the Fort Mellon — Fort Brooke Trail, one day's journey from Fort Gatlin.

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The fifth of March was a typical summer day so we decided to spend the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet. In fact we seem to be getting the habit of driving out there and helping Uncle El while away his Sunday afternoons.

This trip I spent most of the time reading the chapters which tell about the early days of his youth, and it was such a satisfaction to me to have him say that all the statements of the different pioneers were absolutely correct. He stopped me only when he thought of some new incident to relate.

I asked him to give me his full name. It is Eleazer Lewis Daniel Overstreet. Eleazer was his mother's father. Lewis was for his great grandfather, Lewis Cowart, who served his country during the Revolutionary War. Daniel was the name of his father's father.

I also asked him to tell me about his long career of public service to the people of this section.

Before he was twenty-one years of age he was appointed Notary Public by the carpetbag Republican Governor Ossian B. Hart. It came about in this way. A friend of his father came down from Orlando and wanted to purchase some property. He couldn't close the deal because there was no Notary Public anywhere in this section so Mr. Overstreet said that he was going to ask Governor Hart to appoint him, which he did. He served in this capacity for thirty years, performing many matriage ceremonies.

He served in the Legislature one term, County Tax Collector four years, and I am not positive about the length of time he served as County Commissioner, but I read in the paper recently that it was eighteen years.

He says that Needham Bass told him that when he passed away he wanted some coffee and fiddle-strings buried in the coffin with him. One of the circuit riders, Rollins Reaves, who is $m_{enlioned}$ in another chapter, was his father-in-law, and his son R_{oll, v_h} his namesake.

In alternative services under in north Kissimmee, Posts are to Uncle EI tells us today how to build a brush arbor like to one they held services under in north Kissimmee, Posts are to in the ground. Poles are placed across the top and covered brush. They are all right in fair weather but poor protection on a rainy day.

The arainy day. Once during one of these meetings, which lasted several day, the wine for sacrament had been hidden behind a bench. When the time came for the sacrament, the preacher picked up the empty bottle and said, "We can't take sacrament. Some day dog has drunk it all up, and I'm going to throw it right at due person." Jack Rooney was an Irishman and a great fighter, bu when he heard the preacher make the statement, he ducket hu head, and every body knew that he was the guilty party. When Mr. Rob Bass installed his cotton gin, he gave 1

working." (Ed. Note: A "working" is a gathering of neighbors to help with a special job such as building a bang roofing a house. A big dinner was usually given for all de neighbors to enjoy.) A big dinner was given and all the neighbors to enjoy.) A construction of the stream of the stream Slough, and they are still to be seen, imbedded in the stream. Uncle El informs us that the Indians pronounced the name

our town as Kiss-imm-ee and that the name was used only in connection with Lake Kissimmee and the Kissimmee River the early days.

He accompanies us to the site of Fort Davenport, which is about one hundred yards south of Davenport Creek and justeau of the Loughman-Lake Willson Road.

THE OVERSTREET HOME

Although a prosperous cattleman and citrus grower and amply able to afford a beautiful modern home, he spent his long life the pioneer home of his youth.

The unpainted sawed lumber house was fashioned alter the double-pen log house, with shed rooms to the back and an year hallway between. A wide porch joins the kitchen and dining room onto the main body of the house. The same long tike and homemade benches that once had seated his large family many a sumptious spread during the years, remained the saw. The immaculately clean unpainted rugless floors, the cowlike bottomed chairs made of split hickory, the organ used by it daughter in her youth, all meant "Home Sweet Home" to hom The old-fashioned sweep is still in use, and water is drawn by it daily for the chickens. A pitcher pump is located ner the back kitchen door, and it is used for drawing the water for household purposes.

Not many months before he passed away he was find persuaded to allow his son, Malcolm, who managed his gou of cattle after he became inactive, to install an Elecredic kerosene operated refrigerator, and a radio. He seemed or those conveniences after they were placed in the home, they he was evidently reluctant to give up the old-time way of the which he had lived for so many years.

THE PASSING OF E.L.D. OVERSTREET One by one our pioneers are called to the Great Beyond of by one they disappear from our midst, and we see those function