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DEATH REPORT

Osceola (County)
 Name *Crawford Bass Jr*
 Age *64* Sex *Male* Color *White*
 Single Married Widowed (Cross out word not applied)
 Cause of Death *Heart failure*
 Date of Death *July 26 1904*
 Place of Death *Osceola Fla*
 Occupation *Farmer*
 Where Born *Georgia*
 Decent *American*
 Length of Residence in (U.S.) *50 years*
 Reported by *M. J. Nick*
 Post Office *Kishwaukee Ill*

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FLORIDA



Kissimmee Valley Gazette, Friday, July 29, 1904, obituary

Another old resident of this community has gone to his reward and while he had not passed the allotted time of man, the summons was sudden and he was cut down almost unexpectedly.

Crawford Bass was born in Sumter County, Georgia, about sixty-seven years ago, and when a young man came with his father's family to Florida and for the past thirty-five years resided in what is now Osceola county. He served as a soldier in the Indian war of '56 [1856] and at the breaking out of hostilities between the states enlisted in the Confederate service with he served faithfully and well until incapacitated by an attack of typhoid pneumonia which lasting several months he was sent home in charge of his brother George to recuperate; but the war ended before he was able to bear arms again. His health regained, he set about to make a home and repair his fortune. Always of a strong and robust constitution [constitution] he was given to an active life and enjoyed excellent health until five years ago when he received a fall which impaired the action of his heart and ultimately caused his death last Tuesday. That morning he arose in usual health and went about his usual duties until about ten o'clock when he was assisting in some farm work some distance from the house when he was taken with an attack of the heart. He called his son who was near who drove his wagon to where he was to carry him to the house. Unassisted he got in the wagon and out again at the yard gate. There a tremor seized him and he caught hold of the pickets to steady himself. His son noticed his agitation and ran to his assistance and caught him around the waist. As the son did so the father said, "I am gone," gave a convulsive shudder, fell in his son's arms who carried him into the house where he quickly passed away.

Word was sent to his relatives in town and arrangements made for his interment which occurred Wednesday morning at ten o'clock at Rosehill cemetery.

Mr. Bass was twice married, and was the father of five sons, Messrs. Walter Bass, Sr., Rull Bass, Thomas A. Bass, Time Bass and Bass all of who with his last wife and numerous other relatives survive him.

Bass Crawford
Co. F, 7 Florida Infantry.
(Confederate.)

Private Private
(Confederate.)
B 7 Fla.

Osceola, Fla.
Pvt. } **Capt. Stone's Company,**
7 Regiment Florida Infantry.*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for *Sept 11 to June 12*, 186*7*.

Enlisted:
When *Sept 11*, 186*7*.
Where *Camp Lee*
By whom *J. D. ...*
Period *3 months in the War*

3929 Old Highway 37 #6
Lakeland, FL 33813
July 27, 1988

Dear Osceola Journal Editor:

Please find room in your news letter to settle the controversy concerning the two Crawford Besses in early Osceola County days. There is no reason to confuse the two men when certain facts are considered. Nevertheless, the Osceola County Centennial Book has repeated the incorrect identification that surfaced some years ago and refuses to go away. (page 154).

Crawford Harris Bass was my husband's great grandfather. He was the son of Needham Bass and Elizabeth "Betsy" Peterson, Needham's 2nd wife. John Crawford Bass was the son of Quinn Bass, who was also the son of Needham Bass but by Needham's first wife Flora Culbreath. John Crawford Bass was about 23 years younger than Crawford Harris Bass and, in fact, could not have been more than five years old when Rull Bass was born in 1867 since Quinn's son Crawford was only age 8 in the 1870 U.S. census. Note that the 1850 U.S. census listed Wm H.C. Bass in the home with his parents in Marion County as age 12. He was born in 1839.

Crawford Harris Bass fought in two wars before John Crawford Bass was born. In 1856 he was in Kendrick's Independent Co. for which he received a pension (#4117) as did his widow after his death. His enlistment in Co. F, 7th Florida Infantry is noted in "Soldiers of Florida" (page 179). His 2nd wife survived him and left no doubt about the identity of her husband when she erected his monument in Rose Hill Cemetery. It reads, "Crawford H. Bass, Born Jan. 4, 1839 - Died July 26, 1904". To further settle the matter she had her tombstone inscribed, "Priscilla Bass, Wife of Crawford H. Bass, Jan 26 1842 - May 29, 1913". Both are in the Rull Bass plot and can be seen by anyone who wishes to check on this. Also, ^{Part 2} pictures and obituaries of these pioneers of Osceola County are ^{attached} enclosed.

Crawford Harris Bass had been in his grave several years when the news of the marriage of Henry Bass and Miss Cola Bass was published in the Kissimmee Gazette of 5 Jan 1906. Cola was identified as the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bass of the Home Restaurant. These are from later issues of this paper: 30 Mar 1906, Mr. W.H. Smith of Valdosta, Ga., has purchased the Home Restaurant from J.C. Bass...; 6 Apr 1906, Mr. J.C. Bass has purchased a restaurant near the depot in Orlando..the family has moved there... 27 May 1910, Crawford Bass of Orlando is listed as a surviving son of Mrs. Quinn Bass Sr....; 28 Apr 1911, Mr. Croft Bass of Orlando visited in Kissimmee... There are more, but this is sufficient.

We offer these facts as a tribute to the two men. We hope they will end forever the confusion over their names and their contributions to early Osceola County history.

Sincerely,


Charlotte K. Quina
(Mrs. Herbert Rull Quina)

Bass^s Crawford

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