

## DAVID MELTON ROBINSON

David Melton Robinson was the third child of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina (Fountain) Robinson. He was born on February 15, 1858 at Cat Creek, near Valdosta, Berrien County, Georgia. He grew up on the family farm at Cat Creek and learned the trade of farming.

David Melton was the second child to be married. He married Malissa Matilda Bennett on July 11, 1875 in Cat Creek (See Exhibit 5-6 for photograph and Exhibit 5-7 for Marriage License). Malissa was the daughter of William A. Bennett (born in Alabama) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Strickland (born in Georgia). Malissa was born on April 2, 1861 near Cat Creek, at the Bennett homestead, located 3.5 miles south of Nashville, Georgia, on the Old Coffee Road. Malissa's sister, Eliza, married David Melton's brother, James Hiram in 1874. Both David Melton and Malissa spent their childhood years living at the homesteads where they were born, near the Cat Creek area. Some of the elders recall that David Melton and James Hiram both met their wives, who were sisters, while attending church (more information pertaining to the Bennett family follows the information on David Melton).

When married, David Melton and Malissa first lived at Cat Creek. It is unknown whether they lived with his parents, her parents, or if they rented their own homestead. Research of the land records does not show any land purchases by David Melton in the Cat Creek area. While living in this area, they had two children, Joseph Milton (Joe) and Nancy Martha (Mattie).

In 1877 they moved to the Oakey Grove area in Berrien County, 1/4 mile northwest of Oakey Grove Church. David Melton and Malissa moved along with David Shannon, Nancy Carolina, and their five children, and his brother's, James Hiram, family.

