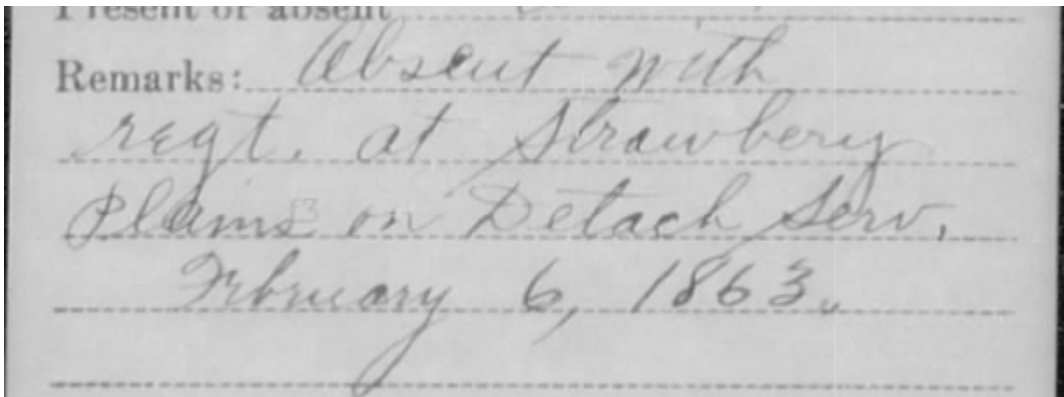


## John Vinzant, Sergeant, Co. A, 1st FL Cavalry, CSA

- 1840 Mar 29: John Vinzant was born in Tattnall, Georgia to parents John and Nancy Vinzant.
- 1850 Nov 26: The US Federal Census enumerated in Columbia County, FL listed John Vinzant at ten years old. He lived in the household of his father along with his mother and six siblings. His father was listed as a farmer with \$125 in real estate.
- 1860 Jun 19: The US Federal Census enumerated in Columbia County, FL listed John Vinzant at nineteen years old. He lived in the household of his father along with his mother and nine siblings. John Vinzant was listed as a farm laborer. His father had real estate worth \$2,000 and his personal estate was worth \$963.
- 1861 Oct 3: Enlisted in the Confederate service at Lake City, FL for a period of twelve months.
- Oct 12: John Vinzant was mustered into Co. A, 1st FL Infantry as a private.
- 1862 Oct 12: Appointed 4th Corporal, Co. A, 1st FL Cavalry.
- 1863 Feb 4: Cpl. Vinzant was sent to Strawberry Plains, TN on detached service.



- Feb 14: 1st FL cavalry dismounted.
- Jul 27: Promoted to 3rd Corporal, Co. A, 1st FL Cavalry.
- Sep 13: Sent to hospital.
- 1864 Jan 1-Feb 29: Appeared on a muster roll as present in the ranks of the 1st FL Cavalry. John Vinzant appeared as 3rd Sergeant on this company muster roll.
- Nov 30: Sgt. Vinzant fought at the Battle of Franklin as part of Co. A, 1st FL Cavalry (Dismounted). They were part of Col. Robert Bullock's brigade of Florida troops also

known as Finley's Brigade. This brigade was part of Gen. William Bate's Division and they attacked on the western side of the battlefield. Sgt. Vinzant survived the combat at the Battle of Franklin.

Dec 4: Sgt. John Vinzant was wounded and captured at Murfreesboro, TN. After the failed attack at Franklin, Gen. Hood sent Gen. Bate's division and most of Gen. Forrest's cavalry southeast to Murfreesboro to besiege and potentially take control of the enormous Fortress Rosecrans that had been built there.

1865 Jan 4: Admitted to Div. No. 1, USA Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN. Diagnosis: amputation rt. Thigh upper third & fl. Wd. left thigh.

Feb 15: Transferred to Nashville, TN as a prisoner of war.

May 1-5: Sent north to Louisville, KY as a prisoner of war.

May 6: Received at military prison in Louisville, KY.

Jun 16: Released from Federal custody in Louisville, KY upon taking the oath of allegiance to the United States government.

Jun 21: Admitted to Branch A, Post Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Jul 15: Discharged from hospital in Louisville, KY. Remarks: Paroled Confederate Prisoner

1874 John Vinzant married Martha Alice "Mattie" Futch Vinzant.

1880 Jun: The US Federal Census enumerated in Columbia County, FL listed John Vinzant as a forty year old county clerk. He was married and lived with his wife, Mattie, and two daughters.

1885 Jun: The Florida State Census enumerated in Volusia, FL listed John Vinzant, his wife, and three daughters.

1890 Jan 19:

**THE COURT HOUSE.**

This important building in which the officials of the county of Columbia have their headquarters is located in the center of the square, as it is called. The building is a two-story, wooden structure. Colonel John Vinzant, the clerk of the court, is a confederate veteran, who lost his right leg at the battle of Murphreesboro, Tenn. He was in General Finley's brigade, and is now fifty years of age. In appearance he bears a striking resemblance to Colonel H. C. Hamilton, ex-clerk of the United States court at Atlanta. Colonel Vinzant has held his present office for thirteen years, and is liable to remain there as long as he wants to.

Judge Washington M. Ives is the county judge, also judge of probate, or ordinary, as the office is sometimes called. He, like Colonel Vinzant, is a confederate veteran. Both went into office the same year, and since then have occupied adjoining offices. These gentlemen messed together during the war, and even now divide with each other anything that they get. If Judge Ives cuts an apple or an orange, Colonel Vinzant is sure to get half, and vice versa.

1900 Jun 26: The US Federal Census enumerated in Columbia County, FL listed John Vinzant at sixty years old. He lived with his wife, three daughters, and two boarders.

1907 Apr 23: John Vinzant died. He was buried in the Philippi Baptist Church Cemetery in Mikesville, FL.



**Capt. John Vinzant.**  
The entire community was shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Capt. John Vinzant, which occurred at his home in this city on Tuesday night, of heart failure. Capt. Vinzant was taken suddenly ill and died before medical aid could reach him. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him, and his sudden death came as a terrible shock to all. Born in Tatuall, Georgia, March 29, 1840, he moved to Florida with his parents when quite young. When he was 20 years of age, on the breaking out of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company A, First Florida Cavalry. He fought with Gen. Kirby Smith in Tennessee and Kentucky, and with Johnston and Hood up to Murfreesboro, where he lost his right leg. He was then transferred to Louisville, where he remained until his discharge, the June following. In 1865 he returned to Columbia county, Florida, where he has since lived. He was appointed Clerk of the Court by Gov. Drew in 1877, and served in that capacity for sixteen years. In 1897-98 he served as tax collector of Columbia county, and again in 1906 he filled the same office. On Jan. 29, 1874, he was married to Miss Mattie A. Futch, of Sumter county, who, with three daughters—Mrs. Cronin Ives, of Tampa, Mrs. Archie Livingston, and Miss Mae Vinzant—survive him. The funeral services were held at his home on Wednesday evening and his remains were taken to Mikesville, the old Vinzant burying ground. Rev. Cliff A. Owens, of the Baptist church, officiated at the services and accompanied the remains to Mikesville. The deceased's relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

<sup>1</sup> The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, GA, Sunday, 19 January 1890, pg. 16.

<sup>2</sup> [John Vinzant \(1840-1907\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

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**J**OHN VINZANT, JR., the efficient clerk of the Columbia County, Fla., circuit court, is a native of Tatnall County, Ga., and was born March 29, 1840. His family have been Georgians for several generations. His father, John Vinzant, Sr., moved to Florida when emigration first began to that State, and has lived there since, rearing a large family of children, and successfully farming in Columbia County. About the first important step Mr. Vinzant took in life was to enlist in the Confederate army. He was twenty years of age on the breaking out of the war, and, like most young men of the times, was eager for the fray. He enlisted in company A, First Florida cavalry, began fighting about the time he got into the saddle, and fought through Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas. He was in all the battles that Gen. Kirby Smith fought in his Tennessee and Kentucky campaigns, and, except the battle of

Missionary Ridge, was in all Gens. Johnston and Hood fought up to Murfreesboro, Tenn. There he had his right leg shot off, December 4, 1864; was then transferred to Louisville, Ky., and remained there until his discharge in the June following. He entered as a private and came out with the rank of third acting orderly sergeant. He returned to Florida in the summer of 1865, on crutches, and clerked for awhile in a store in Ellisville, Columbia County, then taught school, and was appointed clerk of the circuit court by Gov. Drew in January, 1877, which office he has since held, giving good satisfaction by the systematic, business-like way he has administered the duties of his office, and his uniform courtesy to all with whom he has dealings. January 29, 1874, he married Miss Mattie A., daughter of D. J. Futch, of Sumter County, Fla., and has three bright little girls, who afford the chief pleasures of his life.