

## PAMELIA LESTER

- 2j. Pamelia Lester, b. 1797(M), d. Jan 25, 1835, bur Pine Creek Cem, m. Dec 3, 1816(M), Ira Howard, b. Oct 6, 1797(M), d. May 21, 1865(F), bur Old Jacksonville Cem, son of Peter & Sarah (Strickland) Howard; 2 children: Asa L., Joseph L. (Ira Howard m. (2) Dicey Emmaline O'Bryan).

Ira and Pamelia Howard lived on Little River until their move to Jacksonville in 1832.

Pamelia died of consumption at the age of thirty-eight, an untimely death.

Ira Howard was a merchant, farmer and slave owner. He held several public offices in the Floyd County government and was a member of the State Legislature for 12 years. In 1832 he bought three lots (almost an entire block) on Cross Street (North Locust Street) in the new county seat of Jacksonville and opened a mercantile store. The store stood at the corner of West Main Street and Cross Street, across the street from the courthouse. After Ira's death in 1865, the store was taken over and run by his son, Joseph L. Howard, who replaced the original structure with a large square building that housed the store on one side and their home on the other side. It was destroyed by fire in 1896.

- 3a. Asa L. Howard, b. March 12, 1819(M), d. Aug 18, 1858(F), bur Helms-Cannaday Cem, m. Dec 28, 1843(F), Ellen M. Helms Headen, wid, b. Dec 4, 1815 (Patrick Co), d. Dec 13, 1891(F), bur Helms-Cannaday Cem, dau of Jacob & Eliza (Smith) Helms; 4 children: Eliza, Laura, Charles, Adelaide (Addie). (Ellen Helms m. (1) Dr. John Headen).

Asa Howard operated "the Tavern" (its only name) that stood on the corner of Main Street and South Cross Street, opposite his father's store. The Tavern, one of the first buildings to be erected in the new county seat, was built by Col. Jacob Helms in 1832 on two lots that extended down West Main Street. After Col. Helms' death in 1835 the Tavern came into the possession of his daughter, Ellen Helms Headen. Asa and Ellen moved to Roselawn (date not known, perhaps about 1855), the house erected by her father on the Dugspur Road near present Falling Branch (still standing).

- 4a. Eliza A. Howard, b. 1845, d. July 2, 1854, of fever, bur Old Jacksonville Cem.