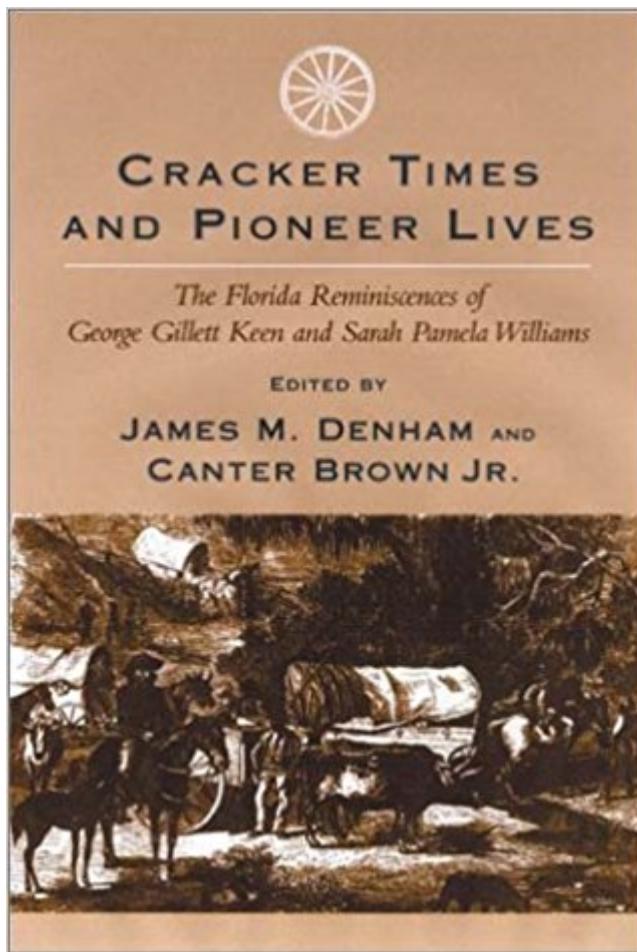


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# Cracker Times And Pioneer Lives: The Florida Reminiscences Of George Gillett Keen And Sarah Pamela Williams



## Synopsis

Brings together the reminiscences of two pioneers who came of age in antebellum Florida's Columbia County and the nearby Suwannee River Valley. Though they held markedly different positions in society, the two shared the adventure, hardship and tragedy that characterized Florida's pioneer era.

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A remarkable account of one woman's life in upper Florida before, during, and following the Civil War. The "cracker" section is entertaining, but Sarah Pamela Williams' account is warm and perceptive. There was lots more going on during that event than we learned about in US History

classes! I really felt that I knew this woman and the details of a life that we will never have to experience, thank goodness, and how she coped with myriad small (and large) struggles she encountered every day.

A fantastic book that tells the real history of the settlers of Florida. Everyone interested in that time in Florida history should read it to hear the voices of those that actually fought to settle a very hostile land.

I was interested in learning about the first settlers in Florida. I live in Florida (Columbia County) THIS book was very informative..

Bought this for my husband. We're both from Florida but he's from north Florida and found this book absolutely amazing.

Great history of early Florida. Especially interesting about my ancestors. It helped my friend confirm who his great grandfather was.

I got this for my mom for Mother's Day and she was thrilled! She was very excited to see her grandfather was written about in this book.

Excellent

Crackers were NOT the colorful common folk of Florida. Crackers were NOT Florida cowboys with whips. 'Crackers' were the bottom of the white social order in 19th Century Florida. Achille Murat, an early pioneer of Florida, said of them, "poor citizens, generally not very industrious who, not possessing the means of buying lands, live upon those of others, and work them until they are expelled by the proprietors. Their poverty is entirely the fruit of their idle and drunken habits....every dispute is amicably terminated by the fist." 'Crackers' were vagrants and drunks and poachers and thieves and beggars. So the authors need to re-consider the title of their book. No self-respecting Floridians of the 19th Century would think of themselves as 'Crackers.' The white-trash were 'Crackers.'

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