

HISTORY

OF THE

Order of the Sons of Temperance,

FROM ITS

ORGANIZATION ON THE 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1842, TO THE
COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR 1848;

ALSO,

AN ACCOUNT OF ITS FORMATION AND INTRODUCTION
INTO THE SEVERAL STATES OF THE UNION.

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

FLORIDA.

WE are unable to give the origin of the introduction of the Order into Florida, but have reason to believe we are indebted to some of our Northern Brethren who have emigrated to that State. The first Division was organized and instituted on Wednesday, the 15th of October, 1847, through the zeal and exertions of Brother E. WALLINGTON, under a charter granted July 19th, under the name of Florida Division, No. 1, of Key West. E. WALLINGTON was elected W. P., J. R. MITCHELL, W. A., J. C. WALTON, R. S. In October, 1847, D. M. W. P., A. G. BUTTS, chartered and instituted Franklin Division, No. 2, of Apalachicola. Shortly after, Magnolia Division, No. 3, of Tallahassee, was chartered and opened by D. M. W. P., GEORGE O. McMULLEN; and on the 10th of February, a charter was granted for Milton Division, No. 4, to be located at Milton, J. A. STEWART being duly empowered to open the same. There may be an inaccuracy in the numbers given to the several Divisions, as the different deputies have had no correspondence with each other. We have given them on the seniority of date. All the Divisions heard from, that have been opened, are in a flourishing condition, and we have now probably 300 members in the State.