James Irons Doig, 1st Sergeant, Co. C 7th FL Infantry, C.S.

1839  August 11: Doig was born in Angus, Scotland to parents George and Margaret Irons Doig. His mother died shortly after his birth.

1841  Scotland Census enumerated in Dundee, Angus County, Scotland showed 2 year old James living with his siblings, his father and stepmother, George and Ann Doig. George was a machine maker by trade.

1860  July 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Alachua County, FL showed a single James working as an engineer.

1862  March 20: Enlisted into the 7th FL Infantry, Rank 3rd Sergeant in Gainesville, FL

May 1: Promoted to full 2nd Sergeant in 1862.

1863  February 1: Promoted to full 1st Sergeant.

1864  November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1865  April 26: Surrendered at Durham Station, NC
May 1: Signed Oath of Allegiance in Greensboro, NC

1866  February 22: Married Frances Robertson.

1869  Served as chairman on a committee to establish name and boundaries for Gainesville, Florida.

1870  June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Alachua County, Florida showed James, a machinist, and Fanny living with their 3 young children: Mary, George and unnamed baby.

1875  Florida State Census showed James and Francis Doig living in Alachua County.

1880  June 10: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Alachua County, Florida showed James, a mill owner, and Francis living with children: George, Margaret and Annie. Also living with the family is a Belgian boarder, Francis Corcoran.

1885  July 15: Receipt from James’ Mill.

1895  Doig and E. Voyle patented a cotton gin.

1900  June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gainesville, Alachua County, FL showed James, a machinist, and Frances living with their adult daughter Maggie.
1904  June 3: The Gainesville Star, Gainesville, Florida

We have received a nice little pamphlet called "Perfection in Ginning Sea Island Cotton." It pictures and describes the "James Doig Improved English Sea Island Cotton Gin," and gives many testimonials, in praise of it from men who have used it. If you get a copy keep it for future reference.

County Superintendent.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of Alachua county.

1905  November 28: Gainesville Daily Sun, Gainesville, FL.

Alachua at the Fair.

Hai P. Deston, in The Tampa Tribune, pays the following compliment to Alachua county's exhibit at the State Fair:

"One of the substantial, as well as one of the most attractive exhibits at the State Fair is that made by the enterprising citizens of Alachua county. By reason of geographical position Alachua county comes within the cotton district of the South. The exhibits in cotton are among the best in the great industrial hall, and will unquestionably receive due recognition in the awarding of prizes.

"A practical demonstration of the ginning of cotton is given within the booth. An engine furnishes the power for the operation of a cotton gin. Ginning Sea Island cotton as it should be done is no easy task and not as simple as people generally suppose. To gin cotton clean and have it sample well is to have the work done on a machine that is as nearly perfect as possible.

"The machine that is on exhibition at the Fair is the result of the mechanical genius of a citizen of Gainesville, James Doig, who worked for years in perfecting his invention to perfection. The fact that this cotton gin, every part of it, is manufactured in the city of Gainesville, makes it of peculiar interest to the people of Alachua county and the hundreds who have watched its operation.

"The exhibits of cotton raised within the borders of the county are made by C. C. Williams, J. G. Dampier, W. L. Clifton and Edward K. Anderson. The bale exhibited by Mr. Anderson, who hails from High Springs, is conceded by everyone who is interested in the production of cotton to be among the best that has ever been exhibited in the State."

March 29: *Gainesville Daily Sun*, Gainesville, FL.

1910 April 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gainesville, Alachua County, FL showed James, a machinist manufacturing cotton, and Francis living with their daughter Margaret and 2 adult “lodgers.”
1917 (abt)  Contemporary Biographical Sketch.

1920  November 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gainesville, Alachua, FL showed a retired James and Frances living with their adult children George and Maggie.

1923  January 23: James I. Doig died. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gainesville, FL.