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H E N R Y F A M I L Y

Descendants of

SAMUEL HENRY AND HIS SON JOHN M. HENRY.

by

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THE STORY OF THIS HENRY FAMILY RESEARCH

My mother was Minnie Catherine Henry, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Henry of Deake county, Miss. My mother died in 1915 when I was 11 years old. After that I had little contact with the Henry family and grew up in virtual ignorance of them. I was not interested in genealogy and used to make fun of people who were. Then one day while living in Hernando, Miss. in 1941 I had a letter from Maurice Ferguson of Tupelo, Miss. I had never heard of him. He stated, "Though you do not know me, we are cousins just the same" he asked me to tell him all I could about my grandfather's family.

I immediately got in touch with my father who could tell me a great deal. He recalled many memories of our four years while living in Newton, Miss. when we used to go to the Henry Reunion at Rhynot School House. Also referred me to my great aunt Marcia Phillips who was still living in New Orleans. I made a trip down there to see her. She gave me much information, and after I left her she would have her daughter "Cousin Mary Phillips" to write me and tell me other things she had thought of. Later in the year I made a second trip to visit with her. She died the next year.

Aunt Marcia remembered that her father Andrew Pickens Henry had a brother who had lived at West Point, Miss. by name of Joseph Pickens Henry. Maurice Ferguson went there to inquire and discovered a daughter of his still living. She was "Auntie Bryan" beloved by everybody in West Point. I discovered she had my birthday January 12, and my wife and I went down to West Point to celebrate her 94-th birthday. Later while living in Aberdeen, Miss. I visited her often and she and her nieces came to see us. I held her funeral when she died at age 95. She was able to tell very much about the Henrys, Dowdles, and Pickens. Also she gave me the address of still another cousin Mrs Gifford of Ringgold Louisiana, daughter of her uncle William Calvin Henry. A helpful correspondence grew up with the Giffords with additional information.

Visiting among Henry relatives in Miss. as I had opportunity, with another trip to the Henry reunion at Newton, I had correspondence with an increasingly large group of cousins of varying degree. I began also to work on the Dowdle family. I found many living near me when I was pastor in Aberdeen. I visited a good many of them, copied tombstone inscriptions, did research in the courthouses. Also I began working on the Pickens family. This search led me through many avenues, up one trail and down another. Much correspondence. One of my chief early sources was the late Mr. Monroe Pickens of Greenville, S.C. who had done many years of research on the family. Later a niece of his published a history of the Pickens family.

Mr. Monroe Pickens is the person who finally discovered the parents of our Jane Pickens Henry. He made a special trip for me to Anderson Court House in S.C. and found the will of Robert Dowdle, and the will of Andrew Pickens, and the final settlement of the estates of both which confirmed that our Jane Pickens was daughter of Andrew and Margaret Dowdle Pickens. He also suggested I try Livingston county, Kentucky for further research as he knew some Pickens went there in 1803. Consequently I made two trips at different stages of my research to that county and

3. Anna Belle Henry - b. Dec. 23, 1902
m. John Warren Steen.
Issue: (1). John Warren Steen, Jr. b. Nov. 1925

4. Robert T. Henry - b. March 23, 1904. Married five times.
m. (1) Geneva Sansing in 1920
m. (2) Clyde Walker in 1922
m. (3) Lucille Wright in 1924
m. (4) Earnestine Weatherford in 1927
m. (5) Helen Yates in 1933.

my mother →

5. Mary Virginia Henry-- b. August 31, 1906 d. June 11, 1984
m. James Malcolm Steinwinder. b. May 13, 1903 d. March 9, 1941
Issue:
(1) Joseph Henry Steinwinder - b. Oct 23, 1927
(2) James Malcolm Steinwinder, Jr. b. Nov 8, 1930
(3) Sarah Helen Steinwinder - b. Feb. 18, 1937
(4) Mary Ann Steinwinder - b. April 29, 1941

me →

6. Sarah Rebecca Henry - b. Oct. 18, 1908
m. Frank Freeman on Aug. 6, 1926.

I think further

my Grandfather →

Robert Wesley's ^{Henry} home was about two miles north of Newton, Miss. on the old Decatur Road, at Wynot School House where the Henry reunion was held for many years every summer. Since his death and his family has scattered, the reunion is held in a park in the town of Newton. Nearly all the children of Rev. John N. Henry are now dead or unable to attend because of failing health. The reunion is carried on by grand children and great grandchildren.

X. CALLIE FRANCIS HENRY, dau. of Rev. John N. and Sarah Henry.
b. July 21, 1876.

m. (1) Ransome Matthew Cook on Oct. 12, 1892
They had:

1. Ruby Martha Cook - m. Louis M. Allen on Dec. 23, 1915.

Callie Francis Henry -
m. (2) James B. Cleveland on Nov. 4, 1896
They had:

2. Patrick Henry Cleveland - b. Sept. 10, 1897

3. Ola Mae Cleveland - b. May 28, 1899
m. William Newton, on Dec. 28, 1930 at Epps, La.

4. Irvin Cleveland - b. Jan. 17, 1901
m. Mrs Gladys Bacon, on July 1, 1934 in Monroe, La.

5. Lena Cleveland - b. Aug. 1, 1903
m. Joe Walker on April 27, 1924 at Newton, Miss.

6. Jennie Lou Cleveland - b. Jan. 23, 1905
m. Ozer Byam, on May 9, 1926 at Laurel, Miss.

7. Lester Cleveland - b. Jan. 6, 1907
m. Gladys Cantwell, on Dec. 29, 1926 in Epps, La.

3477 Highland Cove
Memphis, Tenn. 38111
March 10, 1981

Mrs Sarah Steinwinder Brooks
2415 Palmer Drive
Gulfport, Miss. 39501

Dear Mrs Brooks:

← my sister

Your letter at hand. The Henry family keeps growing and spreading I see. I judge you are a descendant of the Rev. John Newton Henry, a son of Andrew Pickens Henry. Ellis Carroll Henry, Sr. is a descendant of that line.

I didn't know my Henry book had such a wide spread. It has never been published. It is a typed account of the family which I first shaped up in 1963 and later revised somewhat. I Xeroxed a copy of it for Mr. Ellis C. Henry. I believe I have had such copies made for several other people as well.

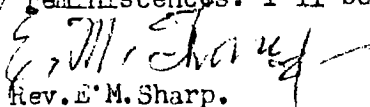
The only way I think you could get the book would be to be extravagant enough to have it Xeroxed for yourself. I would of course have that done for you. There are 108 pages in the book and the copier charges me 15¢ per page to copy it. On top of that include money for postage and for a binding to bind the pages. The bindings cost \$1.00. A \$20.00 check ought to be sufficient.

I don't know whether you will find yourself in my book, but you will be able to attach yourself to the proper ancestor I am sure. Have you ever heard of Maurice Ferguson of Tupelo, Miss.? He descends from the same line as Ellis Carroll. Back around 1940 I couldn't care less about ancestors, but I had a letter from Maurice, of whom I had never heard, saying "You have never heard of me, but we are cousins just the same. My grandfather, was a nephew of your grandfather and was named for him. Please tell me what you can about the family of your grandfather."

Well that started me, and I went all around trying to find out about the Henrys. My mother who was a Henry had died when I was 11 years old and I had after that had almost no contacts with Henrys and cared less. I discovered I had a great aunt living in New Orleans, Aunt Marcia Henry Phillips, youngest sister of my grandfather. So I went down to interview her. She got me well started. After that Maurice and I uncovered a great deal of information. As a child we lived in Newton, Miss. and always attended the Henry family reunion held every year then out at "Whynot" school house. The widow of John Newton Henry was still living then. So it all came back to me. One of the young men who attended the reunion was Edgar Hillman of Philadelphia, Miss. who sang a solo in the church service and impressed me much as a kid. Later in life he was a minister and held a meeting in my home town and I felt the call to the ministry under his preaching and so started out to educate myself for that and have been a preacher in the North Miss. Conf. for a good many years. Am now retired at age 77. When I went to Duke University, I found Edgar Hillman then a member of the North Carolina Conf. and he came up to Duke to visit me. He was a son of Piercy Henry who married George Hillman. She was a daughter of John Newton Henry. My grandfather was Joseph Alexander Henry, and his nephew named for him was apparently your ancestor.

Enough of my reminiscences. I'll be glad to have the thing copied for you if you wish.

Sincerely,


Rev. E. M. Sharp.

P.S. I am not well. suffering with bone cancer, taking chemotherapy treatments that are helping me very much.

SERVICES TO BE TODAY FOR ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Jack W. Henry Jr., W. J. Con-
don Jr. Killed

DIE NEAR JACKSON, TENN.

Special To The Commercial Appeal
GREENVILLE, Miss., April 5.—
Services for two Washington
County students at the University
of Mississippi, who were killed
near Jackson, Tenn., Monday night,
will be held here Wednesday.

Jack West Henry Jr., 25, of
Greenville, and W. J. Condon Jr.,
22, of Leland, students at Ole Miss,
were killed in the automobile acci-
dent. Young Condon, who was driv-
ing, was instantly killed, while Mr.
Henry died 40 minutes later in the
Memorial Hospital in Jackson.

Another Suffers Shock
William Malcolm Hardee of Jack-
son, Miss., who was in the automo-
bile also, suffered shock and bruises
and was expected to return home
Wednesday from the Jackson Hospi-
tal.

West Tennessee Highway Patrol-
men said the automobile in which
the three were riding failed to
negotiate a turn in the road near
the intersection of Highways 18
and 45. The car careened into a
field, striking a pole.

Mr. Henry was the son of Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Henry, who recently
moved to Greenville from Tusca-
loosa, Ala., where Mr. Henry is
group plant manager of Southern
Bell Telephone Co.

Born at Indianola, Mr. Henry
attended school there and in
Clarksdale before moving to Meri-
dian. He entered University of Mis-
sissippi in the Fall of 1942 and left
school to join the Navy in 1943.
He spent three years overseas as a
Helldiver radio operator with
Admr. Marc Mitscher's Task Force
38. He was discharged early in
1946 and returned to Ole Miss. He
was a junior in the School of
Commerce and Business Admin-
istration.

Condon On Tennis Team
He leaves his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. W. Henry of Greenville;
two brothers, Victor Henry of Tus-
caloosa, Ala., and Hardy Henry of
University of North Carolina; and
a sister, Mrs. Chuck Thomas of
Greenville.

Mr. Condon was a senior in the
School of Pharmacy and a mem-
ber of the tennis team. He was a
graduate of the Leland High School
in 1943 and a member of Sigma
Phi Epsilon. He was on the Inter-
fraternity Council.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. W. J. Condon; two sisters,
Miss Aetna May and Miss Ellen
Ann Condon, and his grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Abdo Sr., all
of Leland.

Services for Mr. Condon will be
conducted Wednesday afternoon
at 2:30 at St. James Catholic
Church in Leland by Father Francis
Quinn. Burial will be in the
Stoneville-Leland Cemetery.

Services for Jack Henry were
incomplete Tuesday afternoon but
will be held Wednesday at First
Methodist Church here by the Rev.
Jeff Cunningham. Burial will be at
Moorhead. Stovall Funeral Home
is in charge.

MRS. MABEL W. MCINTYRE IS BURIED AT JACKSON

Was Secretary Of D. A. R.
Chapter, Member Of U. D. C.

From The Commercial Appeal
Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 7. — Fu-
neral services for Mrs. Mabel Henry
McIntyre, pioneer resident of
Jackson and widow of Stuart Mc-
Intyre, who died Tuesday, were
held Wednesday afternoon at the
Wright & Ferguson Chapel con-
ducted by Dr. G. T. Gillespie, presi-
dent of Belhaven Presbyterian Col-
lege.

She was the daughter of Mrs. T.
M. Henry and the late Mr. Henry
who was prominent in state affairs
for many years.

In addition to her mother, Mrs.
McIntyre is survived by one broth-
er, Samuel Pickens Henry of Gulf-
port.

Descendant of Revolutionary War
heroes, Mrs. McIntyre was corre-
sponding secretary of the Magnolia
Chapter of the Daughters of the
American Revolution. She was a
member also of the United Daugh-
ters of the Confederacy.

When her husband, the late
Stuart McIntyre, of Greenwood and
Clarksdale, formed important Brit-
ish business connections, the Mc-
Intyres went to England and lived
in Manchester for 15 years, until
his death.

ROBERT EMMETT CRAIG WILL BE BURIED TODAY

Gave \$100,000 To Southwest-
ern Endowment Fund

Special To The Commercial Appeal
YAZOO CITY, Miss., Feb. 6. — The
body of Robert Emmett Craig, 70,
well known New Orleans financier,
reached Yazoo City Friday after-
noon for burial in the family lot
Saturday.

Mr. Craig died of a heart attack
Thursday.

Mr. Craig was a son of the late
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Craig of this
city, prominent in this section
many years ago. He was an ardent
member of Kappa Sigma Frater-
nity and had devoted much time to
furtherance of its affairs during his
long career.

He was a graduate of Southwest-
ern Presbyterian University at
Clarksville, Tenn., and upon its re-
moval to Memphis gave \$100,000 to
its endowment fund, which was
matched by his brother, the late W.
R. Craig of New York City.

Mr. Craig is survived by his
wife, the former Miss Margaret
Henry of this city, and two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Herrick Lane Jr. and
Margaret Henry Craig, all of New
Orleans.

Services will be conducted at the
First Presbyterian Church.

Jackson, Miss., Thursday

John Newton Henry Family Has Reunion At Newton Park

NEWTON, Aug. 19. —The an-
nual reunion of the family of the
late Rev. and Mrs. John Newton
Henry was held at the park in
Newton. During the day various
members made interesting talks.
A clipping telling of a Henry re-
union 22 years ago was read.

The following children of Rev.
Henry were present: Mrs. G. J.
Hillman, Philadelphia, Mrs. Jen-
nie Smith and Mr. R. H. Henry,
Newton; Mrs. Joe Miller and Mrs.
J. B. Cleveland, Union.

One sister Mrs. Mary Harper of
Laurel was absent.

Others present were: Mr. and
Mrs. D. W. Thomas, Jean and
Barbara Thomas, Minden, La.;
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hennington
and daughter, Crystal Springs;
Mr. and Mrs. John Steen and son,
Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. John
Clark, Mrs. Johnnie Harper and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Har-
per, all of Laurel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wanzie Hillman
and family, Meridian; Miss Glad-
y Henry, Union; Mrs. Frank Free-
man, Lucedale; Mr. G. J. Hill-
man and Miss Zetha Hillman,
Philadelphia; Mrs. J. A. Dunagin
and family, Mr. and Mrs. John
Thomas and family, Lula C. Doo-
little, Mrs. Nora Jones, Mrs. Otho
Moseley and daughters, Mr. and
Mrs. V. E. Thrash and family,
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Strickland,
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Davis,
all of Newton and J. P. Clevel-
and, Union.

The reunion
of which
the minister
speaks