

ROBERT HENDRY 1815-1863

Robert Hendry was born in Liberty County, Georgia on March 4, 1815, son of John and Catherine (McFail) Hendry. He was the grandson of Robert & Ann (Lee) Hendry and James & Judith McFail. Both of his grandfathers were Revolutionary Soldiers. About 1825, Robert along with his parents, his uncle William Hendry & family and his grandmother, Mrs. Judith McFail moved to Lowndes County, Georgia where they were listed in the 1830 census.

About 1835, Robert Hendry married Zillia (Zilphia or Zilla) Ann Moody. She was born January 12, 1813 in North Carolina. Their children:

1. John Wright Hendry, born Sept. 23, 1836; died Feb. 4, 1907, buried at New Zion Cemetery, Hardee County; married, 1st on Nov. 12, 1857 in Hamilton County, Fla., Miss Sarah Payne, daughter of Joseph & Henrietta (Smith) Payne of Hamilton Co.; married, 2nd, in 1898 in DeSoto County, Civie V. Thompson.
2. William F. Hendry, born 1838; died 1850-60 in Hamilton County.
3. James Madison "Boss" Hendry, born July 23, 1839; died April 14, 1922, buried at New Zion Cemetery; married, 1st, in 1858 in Hamilton County, Miss Mary Jane Payne, daughter of Joseph & Henrietta (Smith) Payne; married, 2nd, Martha Frances Wingate on August 9, 1899.
4. Ellen Catherine Hendry, born Oct. 9, 1842; died Dec. 4, 1929, buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery, DeSoto County; married Capt. John Wesley Whidden in Manatee County on Sept. 7, 1865. He was the son of Willoughby & Eliza (Pennington) Whidden.
5. Amanda Hendry, born 1843; died 1850-60 in Hamilton County.
6. Charles F. Hendry, born Jan. 12, 1846; died Dec. 11, 1886, buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery; married Sophia Whidden, dau. of Willoughby & Eliza (Pennington) Whidden.
7. Robert Calvin Hendry, born Feb. 23, 1849; died April 3, 1904; married Nancy Virginia McEwen, daughter of Rev. William P. McEwen. Both are buried at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

Robert Hendry & family moved over into Hamilton County, Florida about 1848, settling in the second district. They were living in Jasper, Hamilton County in 1860 & Joseph Payne and family were close neighbors.

About 1861, Robert Hendry & family moved to south Florida, settling on Payne's Creek near Fort Green in Manatee (now Hardee) County. Both Robert & his wife died from the smallpox epidemic which struck their settlement in 1863. Mrs. Zillia Ann Hendry died on Jan. 16, 1863 and Mr. Hendry died on Feb. 3, 1863. They were buried in the Fort Green Baptist Church Cemetery near Robert F. Hendry (1860-1862), young son of James Madison & Mary Jane (Payne) Hendry.

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