

near the confluence of New River and Santa Fe River. They were the sons of Solomon GODWIN, Sr. and Mary REID. In this family there were three other sons who died as children and a daughter, Susannah, who married and remained in Georgia. The father, Solomon, Sr., had died in Georgia before the children were grown, and they were reared by their mother until as young men not yet married they decided to seek their fortune in the pioneer country of Florida. The mother, Mary REID GODWIN, may or may not have come at the same time - at least we find her in the home of her son, Solomon, Jr., in later censuses.

Two of the brothers remained in the New River District the remainder of their lives. They were R. J. and Jacob, who owned land about three miles apart. They had a mill on the river, also a blacksmith shop and a cotton gin. They married daughters of other pioneer families of the area. Jacob married a SPARKMAN girl, later Elizabeth CURRY and still later her sister, Polly CURRY. By the three marriages, he had nine children, and he lived to be 65 years old.

R. J. married Susannah TYNER and they had seven children. He drowned at the age of 46 while trying to extract some driftwood from the mill wheel. Susannah remarried Joseph WILLIS and moved into Levy County where she had additional children.

Solomon, who owned land a few miles west of his brother in Columbia County, married Mariah TYNER, probably Susannah's sister. They had nine children. In the 1850's they sold their property in north Florida and moved to Ft. Meade, in Hillsborough County. There Mariah died in 1863 and in 1866 Solomon remarried to Mary Ann (STARLING) HINSON. They had four children (see SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS, Issue #11 for biographical sketch on Solomon GODWIN).

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HENRY CARSON ROBERTS 1820-1881

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Henry C. Roberts, a Civil War soldier and forefather of the Roberts of DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, Lee and Hillsborough Counties, was born in 1820 in Laurens County, Georgia, a son of William Mack Roberts (born 1798 in Burke Co., Ga.) and Sarah C. Carson (born 1798 in Burke Co., Ga.). Henry moved with his parents to Early County, Georgia in 1821 and is shown there with his parents in the 1830 Early County census. Later he moved with his mother and older brother Andrew Jackson Roberts over into nearby Decatur County.

In 1834, Henry Carson married Nancy Ann Norris, born 1830 in Decatur County, a daughter of Rev. Enoch A. Norris born 1804 in Edgefield County, S. C. and Sarah Walker born 1806 in S. C. Henry Carson and Nancy Ann were married on April 2, 1845 in the City of Bainbridge, Georgia. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Enoch A. Norris.

In 1850, the Decatur County census records lists Henry Roberts along with his wife Nancy and their two daughters Mary (age 4) and Martha (age 1). Later in 1855, the Decatur County Court records shows Henry C. Roberts as posting a \$50.00 bond for assault and battery, as charged by a Benjamin H. Ruhill. Then in 1856, Henry Roberts buys a lot of land containing 75 acres over in neighboring Miller County, and moves his family over there.

Henry Carson nor Henry Roberts is listed in the 1860 Georgia census. The possible reason for this is that several residents that were living on or near the Miller and Decatur County lines were left out of both