

Knoxville November 6. He was furloughed from Knoxville Hospital on November 11 for 30 days. On May 30, 1863, he was given a medical discharge by order of General Mauray.

"Certificate of Disability for Discharge" described him as follows: 24 years of age (actually he was 23), 5 feet 11 inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and by occupation a farmer.

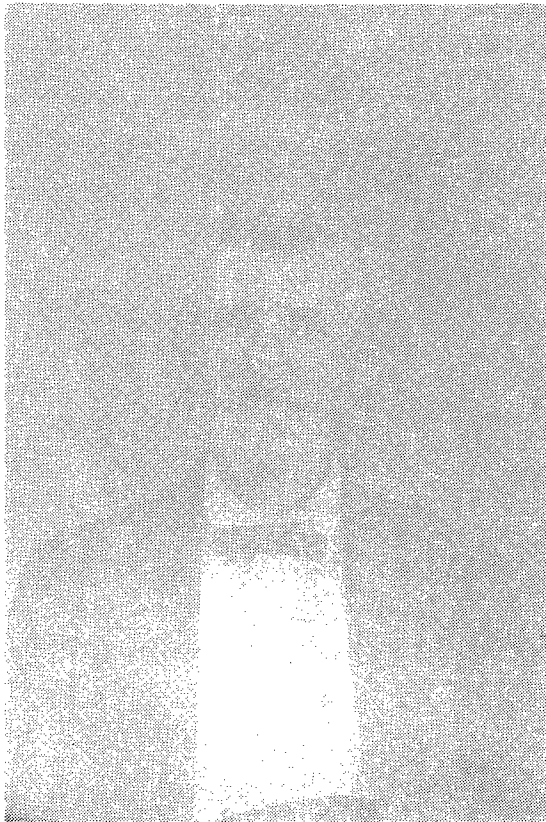
Private Hendry's return home to Fort Green was not a happy occasion. His first born child, Robert, not but 21 months old, had died July 13, 1862. His mother on January 16, 1863 and his father on February 3, 1863 had died in a small pox epidemic. However, he did have a new daughter, Alice, born January 10, 1863. He resumed farming and cattle raising.

James, or "Boss" as nicknamed by his elder brother, John, apparently came under the influence of John, a Baptist minister who held the unpopular view (for a southerner) that slavery violated the most sacred principles of civil righteousness. He was enlisted by Capt. J. D. Green at Fort Myers, Florida into Company B, Second Florida Cavalry, United States Army on June 15, 1864. Mustered in at Cedar Keys as a private, he moved his family there where they

lived for the balance of the war. Promoted to corporal on March 1, 1865, he was honorably discharged on November 29, 1865 in Tallahassee, Florida.

James M. Hendry after the war became a Baptist preacher. He and his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Hendry, were baptized at Maple Branch by Rev. Jeremiah M. Hayman on February 17, 1867. Rev. Boss Hendry pastored numerous Churches in present day Hardee, DeSoto and Manatee counties. He was instrumental in the organization of New Zion, Dry Prairie and other Churches. In the November 1870 minutes of the Fourth Annual session of the South Florida Baptist Association, J. M. Hendry was listed as one of the ministers serving in that association. He was a delegate from New Zion Baptist Church to the 9th Annual session of the association in October of 1875. He was listed that year as serving as the pastor at New Hope Baptist Church. James M. Hendry attended the First Annual session of the Manatee Missionary Baptist Association in October of 1876. He was instrumental in the formation of that association. That year, he served on the committee on articles of faith with J. W. Hendry and E. J. Hull. He also served on the committee on Sabbath schools and was appointed correspondent to the South Florida Baptist Association.

Boss Hendry was a farmer, cattleman and businessman. On December 27, 1869, he purchased from Seth Howard for \$1,000, 200 head of cattle marked under slope and split in each ear, branded "52". He erected one of the first water grist mills on the east prong of Horse Creek in full view of New Zion Baptist Church. During the 1880's he purchased and



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