

The night preceding the attack on Fort Myers the battalion was marching leisurely along the trail between Fort Thompson and Fort Myers and came to a halt about twelve miles from Fort Myers. It was dark and raining, and Major Footman called for me. He said, "Captain, I want ten men who can step on eggs and not break them. Make a detail from your company, dismount them, and place them in command of one of your best lieutenants and have him report to me at once." This order was quickly complied with when Lt. George W. Hendry, in command of ten men of his choosing, reported to Major Footman.

The Major said to him in substance that there was a picket post one mile from Fort Myers on a little creek (Billy's Creek) and to capture the pickets without firing a gun, if possible. The Lieutenant had a hard difficult, and perilous job before him, and he came as near to accomplish as was possible for him to do. The country was so covered with water, the night so dark, and the pickets without campfires, that it was impossible to locate them. He passed within yards of the guard and did not know it. The picket guard heard the wading in the water but thought it was a herd of cattle passing by. When the day dawned, Lt. Hendry returned to the battalion, meeting a few miles from Fort Myers.

In 1883 George advertised as a real estate agent. He also had groves and a citrus nursery, which the devastating freezes of the winter of 1894-1895 cleaned out.

Frances Varn Hendry died October 6, 1889. George said of her, "She looked on the bright side of life, was a member of the Methodist Church, and lived a Christian."

After Frances' death, he lived three or four years in Fort Myers where he married on April 30, 1891, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Kantz Knight Titus. Rev. W. J. J. Whidden officiated. (Sarah and her brother, Dan C. Kantz, in 1883 had built the Keystone Hotel in Fort Myers. The name was changed several times and was eventually sold to Dr. W. S. Turner, who enlarged it & re-named it the Riverview Hotel.) Sarah Kantz Hendry's date of death is not known.

While in Lee County, George W. Hendry served from 1893-1894 as Judge of Probate of Lee County. On returning to Fort Meade, he was elected to the Legislature of 1899 from Polk Co.

In 1900 he published a family history Lydia Moody Nee Hendry Nee Carlton, in which he chronicled descendants of his mother and sketched his early ancestry.

On July 28, 1902, George W. Hendry applied for a pension based on his service during the Third Seminole War. He gave Fort Meade as his address. William L. Stephens of Ft. Meade and William W. Clark of Bartow declared they had known him 30 and 14 years respectively. On November 29, 1902, John W. Whidden of Arcadia stated that he had known George for 46 years and had served with him in Capt. Hooker's Company. Under certificate