

WILLIAM MARION HENDRY 1842-1914

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William Marion Hendry was born December 12, 1842, Thomas County, Georgia. He was a son of James Edward and Lydia (Carlton) Hendry and a grandson of William and Nancy (McFail) Hendry & John and Nancy Ann (Alderman) Carlton. With his parents in 1851, he moved to Hillsborough County, Florida where they settled twenty-two miles east of Tampa.

During the Civil War, he enlisted in 1863 in Capt. Francis A. Hendry's Company A., Col. Munnerlyn's Battalion until transferred to Capt. John Parsons' Company, in which he was commissioned a first lieutenant. He also served in Capt. W. W. Wall's Company. In February 1865, he participated in the unsuccessful attempt to capture Fort Myers, which was held by the Union Army. Lt. Hendry was honorably discharged on May 20, 1865.

In Polk County on December 2, 1865, he married Susan C. Wall, born May 16, 1843, daughter of Judge Perry Green and Nancy (Hunter) Wall of Tampa. They had the following children:

1. Samuel Hendry, born September 1866; died unmarried.
2. Edward Marion Hendry, born January 23, 1868; never married.
3. Mary Susan Hendry, born August 2, 1874; died June 6, 1933, Tampa, Florida; married on May 31, 1894, Henry T. Linebaugh.
4. Henry Asbury Hendry, born August 9, 1876; died July 28, 1941; married on August 6, 1899, Mrs. Edna Langford Henderson.
5. William Wall Hendry, born August 10, 1878; married Bessie Knight.
6. Julia A. Hendry, born May 17, 1880; married on April 28, 1897, R. Ingram O. Travers.
7. Lydia Cornelia Hendry, born July 10, 1881; married Joseph W. Frazier.

W. Marion Hendry made his home in Fort Meade where he was a cattleman. In 1871-72, he represented Polk County in the Florida Legislature. In the summer of 1873, he moved to Fort Myers where he lived at present day First and Hendry streets. With his brother-in-law, Major Aaron T. Frierson, as his partner, he in 1875 opened a general store on the northeast corner of First and Hendry streets. He also continued as a stockman.

He aided much in shaping the political complexion of Fort Myers and Lee County. On August 22, 1876, he was appointed the first postmaster of Myers. (Washington postal officials refused to accept the town as Fort Myers as there was already a Fort Myer, Virginia. On November 9, 1901, Washington finally accepted