

county census records. Miller County was a newly formed county just prior to the 1860 census having been formed from Early and Decatur Counties.

In 1863, Henry C. Roberts enlisted into the C.S.A. army at Bainbridge where he was assigned to Capt. Campbell's Siege Artillery, Independent Georgia Company as a Private. His army records shows that he was unusually large in size and weight. Henry was assigned as a cook, because of his unusual size. War records show him being 5'10" tall, having fair complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, his weight was approximately 250 pounds plus and having an extra large neck size of 21 inches. Family records show his wife Nancy Ann, having to make him two home spun cotton shirts and then dyeing them a Confederate gray, the reason being that there was no Army issue of shirts for his unusual large size.

During his tour of duty in the army, Henry became very popular as a wrestler, never losing a match to those who would wrestle him. Then during the short period of time after his Georgia company was captured by the Union forces at St. Marks, Florida in 1865, Henry Roberts continued wrestling any Union opponent that would accept his challenge. Later in mid 1865 his Georgia company was discharged at Tallahassee after the Confederate forces surrendered there at the end of the Civil War. He signed the Prisoners of War Release there at Tallahassee and was released to go back home to Decatur County, Georgia.

Henry Carson along with wife, Nancy, and their four children are shown in the 1870 Miller County, Georgia census. Again no reason is given for his name being changed back to Carson, but it is believed because of having legal problems. Later in November of 1870, his wife, Nancy Ann, died in Miller County at age 40.

In October of 1872, Henry Roberts is then married to Mrs. Lucinda (Alday) Thompson, born 1840 in Thomas County, Georgia. Lucinda was the widow of John Thompson of Thomas County who died in the Civil War in 1863.

The editor of The Bainbridge Democrat writes in June of 1873 about a traveling medicine show that featured a 7 foot tall giant wrestler, who could beat any man alive in less than three minutes in the wrestling ring. The article went on to say, "That if anyone could stay in the ring with the giant for more than three minutes, they would be payed \$25.00 and be the Champion of Champions."

During this time, Henry Roberts' son-in-law, Charles Westly Young, was in town buying supplies at the local mercantile store. Immediately upon hearing this challenge, Wes Young left his supplies and everything, galloping his horse all the way home from Bainbridge to Iron City which was approximately 14 miles. Upon telling Henry Roberts about the seven foot giant wrestler, both decided then to go back to town to see this giant-of-a-man and also to pick up their supplies that were so hurriedly left behind.

Neighbors and friends from all around the area soon heard about the incident that would take place between The Giant and The Local Farm Boy. Wes Young and Henry Roberts later talked to a small elderly man, named Colonel Semore Breckenridge who was in charge of the traveling medicine show. After they had talked for a while to the Colonel, it was then agreed by all parties to a time and place for the wrestling match between these two giants. Hundreds of people from everywhere came to this momentous event. The excitement was in the air, no one had ever heard of an occasion or event like this before.

The match was held between these two giants and in less than two minutes, Henry (Splut) Roberts had pinned the Giant's shoulders to the ground. Everyone was amazed, no one could believe this fantastic feat performed by a local farm boy. Colonel Breckenridge then stated, "That