

FRANCIS ASBURY HENDRY 1833-1917

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Francis Asbury Hendry was born November 19, 1833, about eighteen miles from Thomasville, Georgia. He was the son of James Edward and Lydia (Carlton) Hendry and the grandson of William & Nancy (McFail) Hendry and John & Nancy Ann (Alderman) Carlton. All four of his great-grandfathers, Robert Hendry, James McFail, Thomas Carlton and David Alderman were Revolutionary soldiers.

In 1851 James Edward Hendry, in search of new cattle range, moved his family to Hillsborough County, Florida and settled on the Alafia River, twenty-two miles east of Tampa. While on a return visit to Georgia to settle his business affairs, he died on January 3, 1852 at the home of his brother, Rev. Robert McFail Hendry, in Thomas County. On November 5, 1854 Lydia (Carlton) Hendry married Benjamin Moody. (For readers desiring more information on Lydia, see "South Florida Pioneers", #14 "James Edward Hendry" and #8 "Benjamin Moody".)

Francis Asbury Hendry married on March 25, 1852 Ardeline Ross Lanier, born May 10, 1835, daughter of Lewis and Mary Lucretia (Ross) Lanier. The ceremony was performed at Alafia in Hillsborough County by Rev. J. M. Hayman. They had eleven children, but three did not survive infancy:

1. James Edward Hendry, born January 12, 1854; died July 10, 1915; married on June 17, 1875, Julia Isabel Frierson.
2. Louis Asbury Hendry, born April 19, 1856; died 1928; married 1st, Ella Frierson in 1878 (she died August 1, 1904); married 2nd, Mary Roberts.
3. Laura Jane Hendry, born March 2, 1858; died May 10, 1895 and buried in Frierson-Hendry Cemetery; married June 22, 1873 Waddy Thompson.
4. George M. Hendry, born June 30, 1860; married June 5, 1881 Willie Barineau.
5. Francis M. Hendry, born June 11, 1863; married Eleanor Murdock, March 24, 1889.
6. Virginia Lee Hendry, born August 20, 1866; died in 1966 and buried in Frierson-Hendry Cemetery; married 1885 John Frederick Menge.
7. Carrie Belle Hendry, born March 8, 1869; married December 30, 1887 Edward L. Evans.
8. Lucretia Pearl Hendry, born July 19, 1871; died 1938 and buried in Frierson-Hendry Cemetery; married September 5, 1888 Harry Higginbotham; married 2nd, Edward Carlton.
9. Julia Ellen Hendry, born November 24, 1874; died June 6, 1875.
10. Mary Josephine Hendry, born September 23, 1876; died April 12, 1877.