

CHARLES WESLEY HENDRY 1825-1893

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Charles Wesley Hendry, son of John and Catherine (McFail) Hendry, was born July 11, 1825, Lowndes County, Georgia.

He married on January 10, 1847 in Thomas County, Georgia, Jensie Alderman. Born 1829, she was a daughter of James Alderman (born February 19, 1801, Duplin Co., NC; died Feb. 3, 1880, Manatee Co., Fl.) and Roxie Ann Holloway Alderman (born Feb. 16, 1808; died March 6, 1868; buried Pelot's Cemetery near the Alafia River, Hillsborough Co., Fla.). Her grandparents were David and Jemima (Hall) Alderman & William and Orpha Holloway. Charles and Jensie had a daughter:

1. Missouri Hendry, born December 7, 1848; died June 24, 1934, Mango, Fla.; married on March 31, 1864 in Hillsborough Co., Fl., Daniel Kara Gillette.

About 1848, the family moved to Hamilton County, Florida where they were recorded in the 1850 census. Jensie Hendry died August, 1852.

Charles remarried on December 2, 1853 in Hamilton County to Vianna Clardy Watts. Born 1828, she was a daughter of Thomas T. Clardy (born ca. 1795, Laurens Co., SC; died ca. 1845, Hamilton Co., Fla.) and Anner Gore Clardy (born ca. 1800; died before 1840). She was the widow of

Watts, by whom she had a son, Alwin Watts, born 1848. Mr. Watts died prior to 1850 as Vianna was listed with her brother and sister-in-law, James and Margaret Clardy, in the 1850 Hamilton County Census. Charles and Vianna had two daughters:

2. Julia Amanda Hendry, born August 31, 1854; died January 19, 1922, Palmetto, Fla.; married on July 8, 1880 in Manatee Co., Fla., Charles Thomas Purvis.
3. Tampa Anna Hendry, born December 2, 1857; died February 21, 1940, Palmetto, Fla.; married 1st, on June 23, 1878, William Burton Turner; 2nd, on January 1, 1889, Wade Hampton Harrison.

In the mid-1850's, they moved to Hillsborough County, Florida and settled near present day Riverview.

During the Third Seminole War, Charles W. Hendry enlisted as a private on February 20, 1856 at Fort Brooke in Capt. William B. Hooker's Independent Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers and was mustered out August 20, 1856. On August 22, 1856, he enlisted as a private in Capt. Francis M. Durrance's Company and was mustered out on December 21, 1856. He also served in Capt. Jacob E. Mickler's Boat Company, which was sworn into service at Fort Brooke in July, 1857.

Vianna Hendry died April, 1858 and was buried at the Dusenberry Cemetery at Peru (Riverview). She was remembered as a beautiful woman with long black hair.

The 1860 Hillsborough County Census enumerated C. W. Hendry, a 36-year old farmer, his daughters, Julia, age 5, Tampa Anna, age 3, in dwelling house #42. His oldest daughter, Missouri, was living with her grandparents, James and Roxie Ann Alderman in household #53.