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GENEALOGY OF THE HENDERSON FAMILY

Henderson is a name derived from Henry-Henry's son or from Hendrick-Hendrick's son; in time it became Henrison-Hendrickson, Henderson. The name is an old one in Scotland, and the family has been living in Fife 400 years and over. The chief seat is at Fordell; "Henderson of Fordell" is a term of distinction, and well known throughout the United Kingdom.

One Progenitor was Robert, aman of prominence in the reign of James III. James of Fordell was a great favorite in the time of James IV, Lord Justice and King's advocate, and he received a charter under the great seal. Accompanying James in the unfortunate expedition into England, both he and his eldest son lost their lives, with their royal leader, at the field of Fodden.

George Henderson, of the next generation, was granted lands in the shires of Fife and Edinburg by Queen Mary of Scotland, and his wife was one of her maids of honor. He, too, gave his life for his country. His son, James, married Jean, daughter of William Murry, Baron of Tullibardine.

James Henderson was a man of parts, and in great favor with James VI, who conferred a singular favor upon him, on terms of great honor both to himself and to his family.

"James Henderson of Fordell is hereby excused from attending the wars all the days of his life, in consideration of the good, true and thankful services, not only done by himself, but also by his predecessors, to us and our predecessors, of worthy memory, in all times past, without defection at any time, from the royal obedience, that becomes good and faithful subjects. Dated at our place of Holyroodhouse, February 27, and the twenty-first year of our reign". Signed by the King.

Gallant officers in Danish and French wars were of Henderson stock, and Sir Francis, a colonel under the Prince Of Orange, like so many of his race, was slain in battle.

One of the great names in the history of Scotland is Alexander Henderson, and next to Knox, the most famous of Scottish ecclesiastics. The Presbyterian body in Scotland largely owes to him its dogmas and organization, and he is considered the second founder of the reformed church.

Of the assembly in 1641, sitting at Edinburgh, he was the moderator. Here he proposed that a confession of faith, a catechism and a form of government should be drawn up. Afterwards he was one of those sent to London, to represent Scotland in the assembly at Westminster.

He was chaplain to King Charles, when he visited Scotland, and more in sympathy with his religious views, perhaps, than his friends liked to believe.

While nominally professing respect for the royal office, the covenant prepared by Henderson was entered into, for "the defense of the true religion, as reformed from Popery."

The spirit in which it was signed was that of great fervor. Many subscribed with tears on their cheeks, and it was commonly reported that some signed with their blood. Those were the days when men died for their religion, and when women did not possess their souls in patience. At a church service, where a certain ritual was introduced, unpopular with the people, its use provoked an uproar, of which the stool flung at the dean by Jenny Gaddes was the symbol.

A scholar of great linguistic attainment was Ebenezer Henderson, Scottish missionary, living at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The romance of the family is furnished by a certain Sir John, who frightening the natives in darkest Africa, was "rescued by a lady," so the records say. Ladies do happen along, now and then, at the most opportune times. But this isn't all. She was a royal, or a noble personage, which adds just so much interest and thrill to the narrative, and she probably was wearing her crown at the very moment of the rescue, for descendants of the hero of this story still preserve, under glass, "a picture of this lady, with a coronet on her head, and a "landscape" a representation probably of the very scene of the rescue.

If only more ancestors had delightful stories like this locked away in family archives, the pages of ancestral lore would be vastly more cheerfully reading. Sir John was knighted by Charles I.

About the time of the revolution, Hendersons found their way, from Scotland to Virginia, and North Carolina, and were prominent in the Continental army.

Leonard Henderson, son of Richard, was Chief Justice and a man of national reputation. His brother, Archibald, of Salisbury, N.C., was also a great lawyer. A monument was erected to his memory by the bar of the state.

A partner of Daniel Boone, in the purchase of Kentucky from the Indians, was Richard Henderson, son of Samuel, who was born in Virginia, in 1700, and married Elizabeth Williams of Wales. Richard's brother, Samuel, married Elizabeth Calloway, who had a romantic career, just like the heroine of a novel. They were married August 7, 1776 in Fort Boonsborough. She was captured by Indians and rescued by her lover, Samuel. Their daughter, Fanny, was the first white child born in the present state of Kentucky. Fanny was born May 29, 1777.

James Henderson of the southern branch of the family was one who, his state and his country delighted to honor. He was secretary of State of Texas in 1837, having moved early in life from North Carolina, where he was born, to Texas. He was Minister to England, to procure the recognition of Texan Independence, and a few years later he was special Minister to the United States to secure the annexation of Texas. He was a member of the state Constitution Convention, and afterwards chosen Governor. He was also United States Senator.

The Hendersons ever proved themselves patriots. Lieutenant-Colonel William was in the Revolution, throughout the war, and in every battle fought in South Carolina. He was popular with his soldiers, requiring nothing of them not shared by himself.

The roster also includes Serg.-Maj. Pleasant Henderson, Capt. Thomas and Samuel.

The family were among the principal founders of the State government at the close of the war.

As a race, they have never been distinguished for intellectual endowments.

We find a great number of college graduates, and the women, even in the early days, were educated as well as the men. Other characteristics are hatred of effeminacy and scorn of cowardliness and physical pain.

Marriage connections included the families of Gov. Alexander Martin, of North Carolina, the Wallaces, the Daltons of Mississippi, and the Brodoux family of North Carolina, the latter armigers from the time of Henry VI, of England.

The Scottish branch intermarried with the families of Bruce, Stuart, Dalrymple of Burleigh and Sir John Hamilton, Lord Chief of Justice.

The arms reproduced, that of the Hendersons of Fordell, and taken from the Baronage of Scotland, in gules, three piles issuing out of the sinister side argent, and on a chief of the last, a crescent azure, between two spots of ermine, with the baronets badge in the center, supporting the mestrices ermine.

Crest, a hand holding a star, surrounded by a crescent.

Motto, Sola Virtus Nobilitatus. (Virtue of nobility alone)

(2) Great Great Grandfather Jeremiah Henderson B. 1760 D 1821

Married to Hannah Hickman 1796 in Ky. She was born in Va. 176- 1847

Moved to Henderson Creek 2 1/2 mi E. of Heltonville in 1819

Children were:

- (4) Joseph 1799 in Tenn M. to Jensie Terrell Moved to Robinson, Ill.
- (5) Hiram
- (6) Tyre
- (7) Jeremiah
- (8) John
- (9) Mary- Polly Married Robin Terrell Buried at Gilgal
- (10) Margaret Peggy " Cryder Loved to Missouri
- (11) Sarah Sallie " Alexander Newton Moved to S.W. Missouri
- (12) Hannah Never married

(8) Great Grandfather John Henderson B. 3-12-1815 D. 1883

Married to Delila Turpen B. 1811 in Ky. they moved from Lawrence Co. to Decatur Co. Iowa in 1853

Their children were

- (51) Moses Henderson
- (52) Jeremiah
- (53) Jenetta
- (54) Tyre
- (55) Elizabeth
- (56) James
- (57) Aaron

Grandfather Moses Henderson B. 8-20-1834 D. 2-20-1919

Married 4-1-1856 Winnie Jane Martin B. 2-6-1840 D. 12-24-1929

Daughter of Moses Martin & Catherine Helton

Moses was a Methodist minister - Buried at Gilgal 10 children

- (301) Jeremiah Moved to Sheridan, Ill.
- (322) John Martin Sellyville, Ind. M. Elizabeth Temples 7, children (1132)
- (323) William Love Davis City, Iowa D. 1879
- (324) Serepta Jane M. George Terrell 5 children D. 1934 (1138)
- (325) Delia C. M. George Stancombe, 6 children (1146)
- (326) Sarah Ann M. John N. DeFord, 1881, 3 children
- (327) James Wesley B. 1872 D. 1872
- (328) Edith (Eda) M. Oscar Williams Daughter Carrie
- (329) Faltia Ellen M. Pleasant Henderson, 18 12 children B. 11-23, 1873
- (330) Mary M. James Allen 3 children

Great Grandfather on Father's side

- (2) Jeremiah Henderson b 1780 d 1851 m 1796 Hannah Hickman in Ky. Moved 1819 to Henderson Creek 2 1/2 mi. E Heltonville
- (4) Joseph b 1799 in Penn. m Jennie Terrell moved 1850 to Robinson Ill. They had 14 children
- (5) Hiram b 1800 in Ky. d 1881 m Allen and 3 others
- (6) Tyre b 1809 d 1877 m Leannah Allen Had 10 children
- (7) Jeremiah see below for details
- (8) John b 1815 d 1883 m Delilah Tunpen Moved to Iowa 1853
- (9) Mary (Polly) m Robin Terrell Had 6 children
- (10) Margaret (Fanny) m -Cryder Moved to Mo. about 1845
- (11) Sarah (Sallie) m Alexander Newton in 1834 Mo. 10 children
- (12) Hannah b 1823 never married
- (7) Jeremiah b 1813 d Ky d. 1857
- Married Nancy Hindred Lived near Heltonville Had 10 children
 - (1) Hanna b 1810 m George Harard had 1 child
 - (2) John S. b 1823 m Louisa Helton Had 6 Children
 - (3) Brucilla b 1825 m M. Isaac Gilstrap Had 1 child
 - (4) Mary b 1837 d. 1898 m Robert Terrell had 1 child
 - (5) James b 1840 d 1871 m Delitha Henderson Had 8 children
 - (6) MICHAM b 3-5-1842 d 1-1-1876 m Jane Woolery Had 12 children
 - (7) Patterson b 1845 m Phoebe Kirby & Sophie Henderson
 - (8) George b 1847 m Lucina York Had 5 children Robinson, Ill.
 - (9) Jeremiah b 1852 d. 1884 m Mary Starnes & Euretta Carroll
 - (10) Moses C. b 1858 d. 1897 m Vina Fleetwood Had 8 children
- 40 MICHAM HENDERSON b 3-5-1842 d 1-1-1876 m Jane Woolery

- 287 Thomas Eric B 1861 d 1925 m Cora Queen had 10 children
- 288 Andrew b d m Mary E Allen Had 13 Children
- 289 Jeremiah b d m Etie Starnes Had 6 children
- 290 Phoebe Elizabeth b 1837 m Stephen Fountain No Children.
- 291 Eliza Alice m Alexander Williams
- 292 Rebecca Jane m Lewis Faubion Had 7 children
- 293 John William m Lydia Grayson
- 294 Nancy Ellen (Fannie) b d Never married
- 295 Pleasant b 1874 d 1931 m Faitha Henderson Had 12 Children
- 296 Sara Ann b 1876 d 1876 died in infancy
- 297 Euretta Edna b 1878 d 1878 unmarried
- 298 George Patterson m Ella Rose Had 5 Children

POSSIBLE S. FAITH HILLEN HENDERSON

- 1840 Cleophas W.
- 1851 Eloy & Leonis
- 1862 Jozetta
- 1863 George Russell
- 1864 Leith Irene
- 1865 Harry Robert
- 1866 Cletus
- 1867 Fern
- 1868 Claude
- 1869 Vada Elizabeth
- 1860 Roy Olin
- 1861 Loren Wilbur

Uncle Martin Henderson M. Elizabeth Jane Temples
 Stella M. Acumbig a Curtis 1 child ~~Stella~~ Lenora
 Ida M. Harry Laughner, 2 children Ethel
 Ollie Roscoe
 Emmert Had 6 children Mark-Julia-Myron-Paul-Evelyn
 & Charles
 Herbert Danville, Illinois
 Anna Married Rotter St. Louis
 Frank 1 child William St. Louis

Aunt Scripta Terrell

Ellis
 Everett 1882-1910 M. Myrtle Mildred daughter Bernice
 Mary Elsie M. Frank Lane - Terre Haute Son Cleatus
 Elesta M. Mack Henry Clarpitt 6 children Thelma- Harry- Fred-
 Dorotha- Charles- Mary Ann
 Elvora M. Dolphus West Franklin, Ind. 5 children Mary- Milton
 Paul-Clara Belle- Robert
 Thornt M. Goldie Clarpitt 1 son Robert Dean
 Flora M. Claude Fish Donald- Carl-Jean-Bernard-Francis-Gerald
 Guy M. Edith Edwards, Seymour

Aunt Delilah Stancombe

Clara
 Ethel
 Moses M. Clara Foster 5 children Bloomington, Indiana
 John M. Ethel Williams, Myama
 Ella M. Bert Fless 5 children
 William Erastus M. Byers 1 child Bloomington

Aunt Mary Ellen 6 (330)

Luella M. Annie Rodgers Harrodsburg 1 child
 Ada M. Vester Sprouse Indianapolis 2 children
 Millian F. Vestal Clark Indianapolis 2 children
 Oscar 1894 D. 1934
 Ruby M. John Glazier
 Lois

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