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This particular Henry Family History starts with a record in an old Bible which belonged to Nancy Agnes Wilson Henry. Her record says that William Jackson Henry, son of Joseph and Catherine Henry, was born on December 10, 1795, and that Nancy Agnes Wilson, his wife, was born December 14, 1799. She was the daughter of Henry and Rhoda Wilson. The Ohio 1850 Census report for Wayne Twp., Butler County, shows that one Nancy Henry was born in Penn.

Research has shown that Joseph and Catherine Henry were early pioneers of the Ohio Territory before Ohio became a state and when it was still a part of the North West Territory of the United States. They were among the first settlers of what has since become Lemon Township, Butler County, which was originally a part of Hamilton County, Ohio. They were born in the early 1770's.

In Deed Book A, page 47, in the Butler County Recorder's office, Hamilton, Ohio, it is recorded that on August 1, 1804, Christopher Dixon transferred to Joseph Henry, 80 acres of land in Lemon Township, Butler County, Ohio.

In Book 2, page 33, it is recorded that on October 7, 1833, William J. Henry and wife, Nancy, Brittain Wright and his wife, Eliza Henry Wright, of Montgomery County, Ohio, and Sarah Henry and John P. Henry of Butler County, Ohio, sell, release and quit claim their right, title and interest in the same 80 acres of land which was conveyed to Joseph Henry by Christopher Dixon.

In Probate Court records, Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, is found the settlement of estate for Joseph Henry, case number 8599. Isaac L. Patten appointed administrator, August 24, 1815. Estate papers give list of items held by Catherine Henry, widow of Joseph Henry. Sale was held October 12, 1815. Also recorded is a receipt from Catherine Henry, dated October 12, 1815, for \$119.37 being in part of dower of said estate of Joseph Henry, late of Lemon Township, Butler County, Ohio.

One Joseph Henry was constable of Franklin Township, Hamilton County, in 1798. Found in History of Hamilton County, Ohio, by Ford and Ford, page 71.

A record from Territorial Papers of the North West Territory of the United States, by Clarence Edwin Carter, Vol. 3, page 72 and 73, - A Petition to Congress by inhabitants of Hamilton County, Ohio, January 1800. "Section 26 being a reserved section by Congress." Petitioners want the land sold to Abraham Freeman for a mill seat. Land located in the fourth range of township which is in what has since become Lemon Township, Butler County, Ohio. Among the signers to the petition were Joseph Henry and several McClures. Sarah Henry, the daughter of Joseph Henry, married one of these McClures. Abraham Freeman did establish a mill in Butler County which was at that time a part of Hamilton County, Ohio. The fourth range in Lemon Township was the home of the Henry's and the Wilson's.

From Old Will Records, Vol. 3, page 420, Case number .01762, - John P. Henry of Lemon Township, Butler County, Ohio, made a will on June 14, 1849, probated September 22, 1851, in which he mentions a son, Joseph, and a sister, Sarah Henry McClure. This Joseph would be a grandson of Joseph and Catherine Henry.

The Ohio 1850 Census Report lists John P. Henry, evidently the son of Joseph, as 52 years old and born in Ohio. He died August 1, 1851, aged 53 years, seven months, eleven days. Taken from Old Miltonville Cemetery Records, Vol. 1, page 24, Butler County, Ohio.

Joseph Henry and son, William Jackson Henry, the first, died before the 1850 Census was taken. Since Joseph Henry died in 1815, he is not listed on the Ohio 1820 Census. One Catherine Henry, a widow, is listed in Lemon Township, Butler County, Ohio.

From a History and Biographical Cyclopedia of Butler County, Ohio, pub. 1882, Quote, "When Daniel Doty moved to this neighborhood, near Middletown in about 1796, his neighbors were Mr. Brady, Mr. Carson, John Reed and Joseph Henry."

From Pioneer Biography, Lives of Some of the Early Settlers of Butler County, Ohio, by James McBride, "Mr Daniel Doty was born in Essex County, New Jersey, on March 22, 1765. On September 10, 1790, he left his home for the Miami country in the Ohio Territory. He made several trips back to New Jersey but remained on his land, helped to build cabins and a block house for the few early settlers who were there at that time. In the spring of 1796, Mr. Doty, his wife Betsy, and children moved to where the town of Middletown is now located. Here he died.

Later research on this family in Hamilton County, Ohio, September 2, 1880. Indenture made 31 st of August 1797 and recorded in Hamilton County, Ohio. James Henry of Redminister, Somerset County, New Jersey, and Abby, his wife, to Mary Henry of the same place, for 200 pounds money of New Jersey. Section of land located by warrant # 341, section 2; 1st Township east from the Great Miami River and 2nd entire Range of townships in the Miami purchase- 640 acres. That James Henry and Abby, his wife, are lawfully seized of the land- having a good and clear title by indenture of conveyance, given by the honorable John Cleves Symmes, bearing date on or about July 10, 1797.

Witnesses

Signed James Henry

John Henry

Abby Henry

Robert Blair (recorded in Book D2, page 29 and 31, Hamilton County, Ohio.)

Deposition by Robert Blair, of Somerset County, New Jersey, on September 1, 1797; personally appeared before him James Henry and Abby, his wife, and acknowledges their signatures.

Book D 2, page 35, - James Henry to Thomas Alston, - James of Lexington, Somerset County, New Jersey and Thomas Alston of Hamilton County, Amount- \$ 400. Land in South end of Section 9, Township I; 2nd entire range, 200 acres.

Witnesses

Signed

Griffen Yeatman

James Henry

John Brown