

began operating a sawmill about one and one-half miles west of New Zion Baptist Church. Most area frame houses were built with lumber from his sawmill.

In the summer of 1884 he decided to move the sawmill to a new site into what was then the southern part of Manatee County, now DeSoto County. Disassembling the mill and loading onto wagons and carts drawn by many yokes of oxen, he began the slow move. The first night he spent at the Thomas H. Albritton place on Horse Creek, first called Castalia, later Lilly. The oxen were unyoked, fed and watered. Then all went to Mr. Albritton's detached kitchen for supper. During the supper conversation, Rev. Hendry remarked, "Tomorrow, July 23, will be my forty-fifth birthday, and I will celebrate it by moving my sawmill to the Marion and James Waldron homestead at the old ford crossing on Peace River between Joshua Creek settlement and Pine Level."

After the men had left the kitchen for the front porch, Mrs. Albritton's daughter, Arcadia, said, "Mama, let's bake a cake for the preacher's birthday tomorrow." Mrs. Albritton agreed, and they gave it to him the next morning. Rev. Hendry was very appreciative. In response he replied, "This is awful nice of you ladies to remember me with a birthday cake. I'll tell you what I'll do. When I get to the new site and sawing lumber, a new town is surely to start. I'll just name it Arcadia in honor of Arcadia Albritton."

Prior to 1886 H. B. Plant's engineers made the preliminary survey to extend his railroad south to Bartow, Fort Meade, Fort Ogden and Punta Gorda. The location survey bypassed the county seat of Pine Level and the prosperous community of Joshua Creek to run through the James and Marion Waldron homestead and the sawmill site of Boss Hendry which he had called Arcadia. When the railroad was constructed, a new town sprang up and was called Arcadia.

In 1888, James M. Hendry applied for a pension based on his military service in Company B of the 2nd Florida Cavalry during the Civil War. A pension was granted under certificate #428267. When James applied for new benefits under the Act of June 27, 1890 he gave his address as Castalia, Florida and his two witnesses were Daniel D. Garner of Arcadia and Daniel G. Graham of Pine Level who stated that they had each known Mr. Hendry for 25 years.

Mary Jane (Payne) Hendry died May 3, 1899 and was buried in New Zion Cemetery.

James M. Hendry remarried on August 9, 1899 Martha Frances Wingate, born December 24, 1870, the daughter of Hiram and Rebecca (Porter) Wingate. They had six children:

12. William Francis Hendry, born October 6, 1900; married Bessie Phillips.
13. James Blaine Hendry, born November 24, 1902; married 1st, Louise Cowan; married 2nd, Nealie Gieger; married 3rd, Carolyn Young Hill.
14. Andrew Alexander Hendry, born September 7, 1904; married 1st, Althea Duncan; married 2nd, Opal DuBose.
15. Mary Ellen Hendry, born November 14, 1906; married Worley Roman.
16. Bidie Elma Hendry, born October 24, 1908; married Harry Phillips.
17. Anne Rae Hendry, born August 18, 1912; married Tracy Hugh Stone.