

8. Ellen Florence Hendry, born August 30, 1881; married Jesse McMillan.

George was a cattleman and farmer but never completely recovered from his injuries sustained in the war. George W. Hendry died March 30, 1882 at Peru and was buried in Brandon Cemetery.

According to family accounts, Sarah, after George's death, was left with exactly a quarter and hired out as a laundress to support her family. As her sons reached adulthood, they soon were able to take hold. The brothers had a grocery store at Seventh Avenue and Twenty-Second Street, Tampa. They later became cattle ranchers with Joel "Joe" eventually owning about 75,000 acres of range in Hendry and Glades counties and in the process was at one time the largest individual cattle owner in the state.

On December 12, 1902, Sarah A. Hendry applied for a pension as the widow of George W. Hendry of Kendrick's Co. She gave her address as Gary, Hillsborough County. C. W. McMillan and W. L. Hendry attested to her application. On December 14, 1903, W. P. McGriff, 48 of Gary, stated that he had known George for ten years. On October 24, 1903, Reuben Hague, 59 of Riverview, gave an affidavit of George's military service and also stated that he had attended his funeral. On February 11, 1904, certificate no. 6449 for Sarah A. Hendry was issued at the rate of \$8.00 per month, commencing June 27, 1902. She was last paid \$12.00 per month to December 4, 1922.

On May 15, 1909, she applied for a pension as the widow of George W. Hendry of Co. A, 9th Fla. She gave her post office address as Tampa. On September 4, 1909, continuing her claim, she gave her address as Riverview and listed her property to consist of real estate located at Archie Hammock, Hillsborough Co., \$700.00, and a horse valued at \$75.00. Sarah's claim was on November 16, 1909 not allowed due to George's being carried on the rolls as absent without leave Oct. 10, 1864. An appeal was filed by her on November 20, 1909 in which her son, W. L. Hendry, forcefully pointed out that his father's absence had been explained (see earlier affidavit of Alfred Asbury Hendry and Elizabeth Hendry). On March 14, 1910, her claim under pension no. 5520 was approved with pay from September 13, 1909 at the rate of \$120.00 per annum. Sarah Hague Hendry died December 19, 1922, according to pension records.

SOURCES: Spessard Stone, John and William, Sons of Robert Hendry, Genie Plus, 1984; Milton D. Wilson, Pioneer Families of Polk County and South Florida, Polk County Historical Commission; Soldiers of Florida, 1903; military and pension records of George W. Hendry Sarah Hendry, National Archives; 1850 and 1860 Hillsborough County census; pension application of Sarah Hendry, Florida Archives; Joe Ackerman, Jr., Florida Cowmen A History of Florida Cattle Raising, 1976; D. B. McKay, Pioneer Florida Volume III, 1959.