

## Family Group Sheet for David Polley

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**Husband**      **David Polley**

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Birth: 1735 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA  
Marriage: Abt. 1757 in Halifax, Virginia, USA  
Death: Jul 1785 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA; Age: 52  
Father: **Edward Polly**  
Mother: **Unknown at present**

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**Wife**              **Agnes Adkins**

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Birth: 1744 in Henrico, Virginia, USA  
Death: 1798 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA; Age: 54  
Father: **William Vortimer Adkins Jr.**  
Mother: **Lydia Lunsford Owens**


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**Children:**

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1      Name: **Joseph Andrew Pauley Sr**

M      Birth: Abt. 1757 in Halifax, Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 13 Jun 1785 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA


Death: Aft. 01 Jun 1840 in Logan, Virginia USA

Spouse: **Levinia Midkiff**

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2      Name: **Edward P. Polly**

M      Birth: 21 Dec 1758 in Halifax, Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 25 May 1784 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA

Death: 19 May 1845 in Ermine, Letcher, Kentucky, USA; Age: 86


Burial: Mayking, Letcher, Kentucky, USA

Spouse: **Mary Agnes Mullins**

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3      Name: **John Polley**

M      Birth: 1760 in Halifax, Virginia, USA


 Death: 04 Sep 1840 in Adair, Kentucky, USA

Spouse: **Susan Unknown**

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4      Name: **George Polley**

M      Birth: 1763 in Halifax, Halifax, Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 14 Sep 1820 in Adair, Kentucky, USA


Death: 04 Sep 1840 in Adair, Kentucky, USA

Spouse: **Francis Lee**

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5      Name: **David Polley Jr.**

M      Birth: 1765 in Halifax, Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 21 Mar 1785 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA


Death: 1847 in Pike, Kentucky, USA

Spouse: **Elizabeth Justice**

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6      Name: **Lorany Polley**

F      Birth: 1766 in Halifax, Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 24 Oct 1782 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA

Spouse: **John Watson**

Other **John Penn Hagins** (20 Jun 1818 in Floyd, Kentucky, USA)

Spouses:


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### Children: (cont.)


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7 Name: **William Polley Sr.**  
M Birth: 06 Dec 1766 in Halifax, Virginia, USA  
 Marriage: 12 Jun 1799 in Green, Kentucky, USA  
Death: 16 Jan 1847 in Harrison, Darke, Ohio, USA  
Burial: Darke, Ohio, USA; Cedar Grove Cemetery  
Spouse: **Jemima Kelso**  
Other **Sarah Haley** (20 Aug 1794 in Halifax, Virginia, USA)  
Spouses:


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8 Name: **Henry Polley Sr.**  
M Birth: 1767 in Halifax, Virginia, USA  
 Marriage: 24 Sep 1792 in Halifax, Virginia, USA  
Death: 1840 in Logan, Virginia, USA; Age: 73  
Spouse: **Athalia Mullins**

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9 Name: **Lydia Polley**  
F Birth: Abt. 1770 in Virginia, USA  
 Marriage: 15 Aug 1796 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA  
Spouse: **John Swinney**

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10 Name: **James Polley**  
M Birth: 1780 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA  
 Death: 1817 in Floyd, Kentucky, USA

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### Notes for David Polley:

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#### David Polley

The list of Land and Tithes taken by Hugh Innes for Pittsylvania County in 1767 shows David Polly. David is not listed as having any slaves.

On June 26, 1767 David paid the sum of 10 pounds for his half of 150 acres in Pittsylvania County, VA with Francis Bucknall, on both sides of Reedies Creek.

On December 7, 1774 David Polly received a land grant for 384 acres on both sides of the Rudice Creek, and adjoining his own land, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. [source: Land Office Patents No. 42, 1773-1774, p. 886 (Reel 41).]

In the April 1776 session of the Pittsylvania Court, David Polley was sworn in as constable. [Pittsylvania Court Records No. 3, 1776 - 1791, p.9]

The 1777 Oaths of Allegiance list for Pittsylvania County shows David Polley on the list enumerated by William Witcher.

David Polley had 440 acres beside Widemouth Creek (Pittsylvania Co.) surveyed October 23, 1777, according to Property Lines From the Old Survey Books by Roger Dodson. There is a land grant listed on February 1, 1781 for this same property.

From Pittsylvania Deeds 1774 - 1778, "Page 438. [Blank month and day], 1777 from David Polly (Polley) of P, to Ephriam Witcher of P, for 15 pounds, one certain tract of land in P, about 302 acres bounded by Ready Cr. Signed - David Polly. Wit - Patrick Morison, William Maples, William Smith. Recorded Nov 27, 1777. Agnes, the wife of David Polley, relinquished her right of dower to the lands conveyed."

The 1782 Census of Pittsylvania County, Va. lists David Polley as a head of household with nine white persons (see web link). The only other Polly listed (of any spelling) is a John Polley by himself. David had a son named John who would have been about 22 years old at the time of this census.

The 1782 Pittsylvania County Land Tax List shows David Polley with 673 acres . On the 1783 Alterations to Land Tax List, David Polley is listed with no acreage amount so I'm not sure if he bought or sold land .

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### Notes for David Polley: (cont.)

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Because these are transcriptions, I will have to see if the originals are available. David is not on the 1784 Alterations To Land Tax List. No other Polleys are listed on these three lists.

"AC 1, p. 178 - David POLLEY's Inventory

Inventory of David Polley decd. appraised 26 Aug 1785 by Jeremiah Ward, William Justice, James Mitchell. Sorrel horse, black horse, still & worm tub, 2 casks, grind stone, 3 axes, foot adz, 2 drawing knives, small bagg, sythe & cradle, hand saw, rifled gun & shot bag, smooth do., 2 Dutch plough hoes, 2 iron wedges, gouge, chisel, auger, smoothing iron, 2 hoes, w gumblets, parcel old iron, old flax wheel, 2 old potts, raw hide, hide & some pieces leather, dress'd deer skin, Dutch oven, 2 pewter basons, dish, plate, tin funnel, horn tumbler, 2 flint tumblers, bed & furniture, slea & harness, old tray, water pail, old wheel & cards, bagg, chair, basket, razor, 18 hogsheads, heifer, raw hide, 5 reap hooks.

Recorded: 19 Sep 1785

Total: (pounds) 55.2.6

The research of Gwen Bjorkman of Bellevue, WA, as printed in the March 1996 issue of Polley Pointers, provides the following information:

"David Pauley must have been at least 21 years old in 1754 when he went to the Court held for Halifax County and asked for a tax exemption for his father, Edward [Halifax Co. Pleas Book 1:450]. In 1755 David was paid for one old wolf's head along with William Mullings, Parker Adkins and others [Halifax Co. Pleas Book 1:488].

"In a 1764 Halifax County list of polls taken at an election for a burgess at the courthouse on 28 November, Edw'd Polley and David Polley voted for Mr. Edward Booker [Halifax Deeds 3:390]. David Polly is on the tithes List for Pittsylvania County in 1767 and 1770 with 150 acres of land. In 1777 he is not tithable, but still has his 150 acres. In 1778 and 1780 David and Edward Polley are listed with one tithe. This likely was David's son Edward since his father died in 1771. In 1781 David is listed with David Polley, Jun'r with one tithe and in 1782 with Jos. Polley with two tithes. In the 1784 Personal Property tax list, David and Joseph are listed next to each other and in 1785 it is Joseph, Agness and Edward next to each other. David Polley Sen'r died by this date and his wife, Agnes, administered his estate.

"At the July 1785 Court, on motion of Agness Polley, 'certificate is granted for obtaining letters of admx of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits of David Polley, decd, which were of the sd David at the time of his death.' She, together with Edward Polley and Moses Atkins, her surety, entered into bond. William Witcher, William Justice, Jeremiah Ward & James Mitchell (or any 3 of them) were to value the personal estate and return an inventory and appraisement [Pittsylvania C. O. 5:204].

"At the August 1785 Court, William Witcher, Jeremiah Ward & James Mitchell were appointed to lay off & allot to Agnes Polley, widow of David, her dower & report back to the court. At the September 1785 Court, the inventory & appraisal of David Polley decd was returned & ordered recorded [Pittsylvania C. O. 5:221, 232]. David Polley's inventory was appraised for a total of £55.2.6 on 26 August 1785 by Jeremiah Ward, William Justice and James Mitchell and recorded on 19 Sep 1785 [Pittsylvania I & A, AC 1:175].

"On the 1787 Pittsylvania County tax list, District of Griffith Dickerson, for the Polley family we find Joseph, Edwd., David and Henry listed [1787 Census, 1:459-460]. In 1787 Edward and Agnes sold 250 acres on both sides of Redies Creek to Daniel Witcher. In 1787 Agnes Polley bought 100 acres on Corn Branch from Daniel and Susannah Witcher and then in 1790 Agnes Polly sold the same 100 acres to David Polly (Jr.). David and Elizabeth Polley (David's son and daughter-in-law) then sold the land to James Parker in 1804. Henry and Joseph Polly were living on Big Cherrystone Creek as late as 1804 when Henry and wife Atha sold their property to John Midkiff, Jr. In 1807 Joseph and wife Levina sold their land to Joseph Hatchitt and Obediah Taylor [Pittsylvania Co. Deeds 8:16, 19, 479; 14:65, 109, 132, 155, 418].

"From the tax lists and deeds we can prove that Edward was the son of David and Agnes Adkins Polly, and be fairly confident that Joseph, David and Henry were also their sons."

Family Search Life Sketch: The first Pauleys who came to the Cole (Coal) River area were from Pittsylvania County, Virginia..in 1762 when Edward Polley bought land on Cherrystone and Mill Creek

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**Notes for Agnes Adkins:**

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**Agnes Adkins**

Agnes Polly was named in the will of her father in 1784. (Lydia Lunsford Owens)

Find A Grave Index:

Agnes Adkins Polly

Birth 1741

Henrico County, Virginia, USA

Death 1798 (aged 56-57)

Pittsylvania County, Virginia, United States

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**Notes for Joseph Andrew Pauley Sr:**

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**Joseph Andrew Pauley Sr**

On the 1787 Pittsylvania County tax list, District of Griffith Dickerson, for the Polley family we find Joseph, Edwd., David and Henry (brothers) listed [1787 Census, 1:459-460].

In 1787 Edward and Agnes sold 250 acres on both sides of Redies Creek to Daniel Witcher. In 1787 Agnes Polley bought 100 acres on Corn Branch from Daniel and Susannah Witcher and then in 1790 Agnes Polly sold the same 100 acres to David Polly (Jr.). David and Elizabeth Polley (David's son and daughter-in-law) then sold the land to James Parker in 1804. Henry and Joseph Polly were living on Big Cherrystone Creek as late as 1804, when Henry and his wife, Atha, sold their property to John Midkiff, Jr. In 1807, Joseph and his wife, Levina, sold their land to Joseph Hatchitt and Obediah Taylor [Pittsylvania Co. Deeds 8:16, 19, 479; 14:65, 109, 132, 155, 418].

Joseph and his wife, along with other members of their families, possibly including his brothers John and Henry, moved to western Virginia from Pittsylvania County, VA, on the North Carolina border, around 1807. This territory in 1824 became Logan County, and in 1847 was incorporated as Boone County from parts of Logan, Kanawha, and Cabell Counties. (Elk River Communities, Kanawha County, 1993)

At the 1830 federal census, Joseph and Levinia are in Logan County, Virginia. Listed separately on the same page are their children, Samuel, Meredith, and Joseph. At this point, their last name is spelled Pauley for all. On the same page are a Jeremiah, Henry and John W. Pauley.

At the 1840 census of Logan County, we find Joseph Pauley (80-90) with one female 50-60, a male 5-10, and a male 10-15. There is a second Joseph Pauley listed on the same page but the adult male and female are 30-40 with 8-10 children, and an adult female 20-30. From this we can presume that Joseph lived past this census and that his wife died before it.

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**Notes for Edward P. Polly:**

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**Edward P. Polly**

The Revolutionary War pension record of Edward Polly (in file) states that he was born December 21, 1758. While residing in Pittsylvania County, VA, he enlisted about six weeks after the Battle of Camden, South Carolina, and served 18 months as a private in Captain Burton's and Isaac Webb's companies, Colonels Gibson and Stephens' Virginia Regiment, participating in several skirmishes. (p. 57, Virginia Pension Abstracts by McGhee). The documents indicate his marriage and death information and list the twelve children noted herein.

Edward enlisted along with William Buckner and Joshua Mullins. They were enlisted in the fall of 1780 (about September) at Pittsylvania Court House by Capt. Charles Burton and marched to Petersburg, where they were placed under Col. Gibson. They were then transferred to South Carolina and placed under the command of Capt. Isaac Webb was in the corps of Col. Stephens in the 7th Virginia Regiment. They served until the winter of 1781, when they were discharged about the end of February, at Calder's Store near Taylor's Ferry on Big Roanoke by Capt. Isaac Webb. They were at the Siege of Ninety Six and in several skirmishes. (From the pension application of William Buckner, wherein Edward Polly swore by affidavit that the three men all were enlisted and discharged at the same time.) There is also an affidavit and transcript in the file, attached as

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## Notes for Edward P. Polly: (cont.)

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media, regarding Joshua's statement about Edward's service. Joshua was Edwards' brother-in-law - Mary's brother.

The pension documents for Edward [W9236] include a 1928 war department summary that lists the names of their 12 children along with his birth, marriage, and death dates. In 1850, Mary Polly made an affidavit stating that she and her husband had lived in Pittsylvania County for about eight years after their marriage. Then, around 1792, they moved to Tennessee, where they continued to live together for 30 years, before moving to Letcher County, Kentucky. Edward Polley is found on the 1797, 1798, and 1799 tax lists for Carter County, Tennessee, with no land.

In 1829, both Edward Polly and Joshua Mullins gave affidavits for the pension of William Buckner [S37804]. They had enlisted together in September 1780 and were discharged on 28 February 1781. William Buckner stated that he had lived in Carter County, Tennessee, "in a part of the country but thinly inhabited."

Edward Polley is found in the 1810 federal census for Floyd County, Kentucky, with five males and three females in the family. There is a John Pauley at the top of the same page. Edward Polly was appointed supervisor of the road from Charles Lewis' to the mouth of Rockhouse in Floyd County at the 28 March 1814 Court [Floyd Co. C. O. 2:]. On 22 October 1816, Edward Polley registered his land warrant for 50 acres on the North Fork of the Kentucky River in Floyd County [Kentucky Land Grants p. 1605]. This area became Perry County in 1820 and Letcher County in 1842.

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## Notes for John Polley:

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### John Polley

From the website of Gail Polley Shorney:

In Captain James Shelton's Company six months in 1777 and was in an engagement at Fort Chapel after which he is said to have deserted. If a person did not report to duty at roll call, he was marked missing and the record would show that he deserted. After his so called desertion, He served three months in Captain Thomas Brown's Company from March 1778 and from the latter part of 1789 in Captain Turley Choice's Company, Col. Williams' Regiment, he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse, Camden, Siege of Ninety-six and in several skirmishes with Cornwallis' Troops. He served until 1783.

He returned after discharge to Pittsylvania Co. and then to the Camden District, So. Carolina where he married Susan. They had eight children.

John Polley is listed on the 1782 tax list for Pittsylvania County (see web link)

There is a John Polley listed in the 1830 census for Pittsylvania County

Susan was granted his pension when he died in September 1840 in Adair County, KY. His widow moved to Russell County, Ky. See 1840 Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or military services returned by the Marshals of several Judicial Districts and printed by Blair and River 1841, reprinted by Southern Book Co, Baltimore 1954. On page 166 Kentucky, John Polly age 83 living in Russell County.

Following Information researched and contributed by Susan Jurban 5/18/2002

1790 Chester Co., So. Carolina Census - Camden District  
1810 Adair co., Ky. Census - John not listed  
1820 Adair Co., Ky. Census Page 42, line 1 - Mumfred Pelly  
Page 42, line 2 - John Polly 1830 Adair Co., Ky. Census Page 20, line 9 John Polly  
Page 23, line 13 William Polly (Married Jane Kelso) 7/20/1818  
Page 27, line 23 Hickman Pelly, line 26 James Pelly  
Page 28, line 13 Mumfred L. Pelly  
1840 Russell Co., Ky. Census  
Page 9 #114 William Polley and Jane Kelso with Wm. Perry  
M.H. Polly 19 m Mary Frances Young  
B. F. Polly 16, Robert 13, Milly 10, George A 8

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## Notes for John Polley: (cont.)

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E.J. 19 Female b. Ill and Jos. Fletcher age 2 Ky  
William Perry married Malinda Gay Bailey on 3/23/1853 per the Adair Co. Ky. Marriages  
Milton Polly married Mary Frances Yound 12/2/1855 Adair Co. Ky. Marriages

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## Notes for David Polley Jr.:

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### David Polley Jr.

The 1820 federal census for Pike County, Kentucky lists David Polley and family. The same page also has the families of John and Thomas Justice (wife's family name). The image may not be complete and a comparison of columns on the image with the known census form is difficult but it appears that it shows 1 WM 45 and up, 1 WF 10 to under 16, 1 WF 45 and up, 3 person engaged in agriculture, 1 male slave under 14, 2 male slaves 14 to under 26, 2 female slaves under 14 and 1 female slave 14 to under 26.

The 1830 federal census for Pike County, Kentucky lists a David Polley with one male 60-70, one female 5-10, one female 30-40 and one female 60-70. This record would be consistent with the age of this David Polley. It also lists on the same page David Polly, Jr. with one male under 5, one male 20-30 and one female 15-20.

Listed in his will, Peyton, Dug, William, Jude, Mariah, John, and Spencer were slaves of David Polley of Pike County, KY, and were emancipated and set free by his last will and testament upon his death. He left his entire estate to his wife and, when she died, to his then-former slaves.

The Finding Your Roots in the web link, which was only a limited preview, notes that the descendant of Peyton Polley, a freed slave, is a famous person by the first name of John. I couldn't find the last name, but only two are listed in the contents - John Legend and John Lewis.

See his WikiTree web link above for additional bio information.

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## Notes for Lorany Polley:

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### Lorany Polley

Lourania Polly was also known as Lourania Pauley. She was born on 20 October 1799 at Carter County, TN (not correct). As of 20 June 1818, her married name was Lourania Hagins. She married John Penn Hagins, son of William R. Hagins and Mary Linville, on 20 June 1818 at Floyd County, KY. Lourania Polly died on 22 November 1874 at Knott County, KY, at age 75. [see the link attached for the Linville Family website]

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## Notes for William Polley Sr.:

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### William Polley Sr.

At the 1830 federal census William is in Harrison Twp., Ohio listed in the family are one male 5-10, one male 10-15, one male 50-60, one female 5-10, one female 10-15, two females 15-20, and one female 60-70. If this is the correct Wm. this would support the later birthdate.

There is no ancestry death record for Sarah Haley Polley, however, those records were rarely kept during that period.

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## Notes for Henry Polley Sr.:

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### Henry Polley Sr.

The first record of Henry and Athalia is that of their marriage bond, Book I, pg. 24, Halifax County, Va, signed

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### Notes for Henry Polley Sr.: (cont.)

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by Henry Polly and Athalia Mullins. It provided for a payment of \$50 to the governor of Virginia if either party could not legally marry. At the bottom of the bond is a separate note, presumed to have been written by the father of the bride, which says, "to Mr. Carrandon; For please to let Henry Polly and Athaliel Mullins have their marriage Lisons. and in doing so you will oblige your friend. [signed] William Mullins. (Descendants of Henry Sr. and Athalia (Mullins) Pauley by Hettie Pauley Holestin in Kith and Kin of Boone County, Vol. VII).

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A Henry Polley was surety for the marriage of Nathan Turley and Polly Shaw 1 April 1801 in Pittsylvania County by Rev. Thomas Payne (see web link)

Henry sold property in 1804 in Pittsylvania County and moved to Kanawha County. He first appears on the 1806 tax record of that county. The exact date that Henry and Athalia settled in Boone County is unknown. However, records show that among the original nineteen members of the Olive Branch Baptist Church, organized at Turtle Creek, Boone County, the first Saturday in October 1824 were the names of two Pauleys, Lavina and Nancy. Among those received by letter in June 1826 were Henry Pauley and his wife Athalia. (Boone Co., WVa History, 1990, p. 51).

Henry appears in the 1830 census in Logan County, along with his brothers Joseph and John.