

HENRY CULP b. 24 Feb 1781 - d. 1838

Born in Pennsylvania on 24 Feb 1781 (no record other than Internet sources)

It is most likely that Henry's family migrated with other close families (including the Funks) from Pennsylvania to Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1785.

Married Frances (Fanny) Funk in Rockingham Co., VA 22 Mar 1798 (copy of marriage consent signed by **Henry Culp (Henry's father)** and Fanny's brother, Abraham available)

1st known child, Nancy Culp, b. 16 Aug 1798 in Rockingham Co., VA (less than five months after Henry and Fanny's marriage); m. Jacob Swank in 1820 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. William Perrin in Ohio; d. in Ohio.

Henry first appeared on the Rockingham Co. tax list in 1800 with two horses when he was nineteen years old.

2nd known child, Joseph Culp, b. 28 Jan 1800 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Hannah Lincoln 13 Aug 1829 in Rockingham Co., VA; d. 30 Jan 1845 in Logan Co., OH.

Henry is listed on the Rockingham Co. 1801 tax list as having one horse.

3rd known child, Barbara Culp, b. 25 May 1802 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Daniel Garber.

4th known child, Jacob Culp, b. 1806 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Barbara Funk.

Henry is listed on the Rockingham Co., VA 1806 tax list as having two horses.

5th known child, Susan Culp, b. 01 May 1808 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Samuel Claytor 17 Aug 1829 in Augusta Co., VA; d. 21 Jan 1858 in Allen Co., OH.

6th known child, Henry Culp, b. 20 Sep 1809 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Mary Powell 15 Dec 1831 in Logan Co., OH; d. 11 Jul 1879 in Union Co., IL.

7th known child, Samuel Culp, b. 1811 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Mary Hufford.

Henry's 127 acre farm in Singer's Glen was just north of the community (photographs available). This is believed to be the three parcels of land that he purchased from Jacob (Henry, according to Swank) Toffinger on 16 September 1811.

8th known child, David Culp, b. 30 Sep 1813 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Catherine Mohr 12 Aug 1841 in Logan Co., OH; d. 30 Mar 1886 in Logan Co., OH.

Henry sold his 127+ acre farm to John Averts (Evers, according to Swank) on 15 April 1814 for \$700.00. The land was transferred upon John's death to his daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Daniel Swank. This land was the property of Henry Burkholder in 1980, and was still in the Burkholder family in 2000 (photograph available).

9th known child, Christian Culp, b. 20 Mar 1815 in Rockingham Co., VA; m. Elizabeth Good 30 Nov 1837 in Fairfield Co., OH; d. 05 Jan 1883 in Allen Co., OH.

10th known child, Frances Culp, b. 20 Mar 1817 in Augusta Co., VA (more likely Rockingham Co., VA); m. Noah Good 16 Dec 1841; d. 09 Feb 1901 in Oronogo, MO.

Henry and Fanny deeded other Rockingham County land tract to William Rice on 28 January 1817.

11th known child, Elizabeth Culp, b. 1821 in Augusta Co., VA (more likely Rockingham Co., VA); m. Jacob Berry

In the spring of 1830, Henry set out on horseback from Virginia to find a location for a home in the West. He came to Union Township, Logan Co., Ohio and entered 40 acres in the "Fallen Timber" district in the west side of the township. In 1831 he brought his entire family of about fifteen persons, including his son-in-law, Samuel Claytor, Nancy, a widowed daughter and her three children. They set out from Rockingham County, Virginia, with a three horse team, arrived in the fall, and put up in the cabin which had been prepared for them. They arrived in Logan Co. before the marriage of their son, Henry, to Mary Powell on 15 December 1831. Two sons, Joseph and Jacob, followed the next year. They improved the forty acres of government land which they had entered, and succeeded well in the new country. Henry's occupation was that of a miller, and he continued in the Mennonite faith. He died intestate and the Court appointed Joseph, his oldest son, to administer the estate (copy of Court document available).

EVIDENCE OF PENNSYLVANIA ORIGINATION:

The 1880 Census quotes Christian, Henry's son, as saying that his father was born in Pennsylvania.

In Baskins History of Logan County, Ohio, David Culp (son of Henry and Fanny) was quoted as saying that his father was a miller by trade, and had moved to Virginia from Pennsylvania when he was young.

In Perrin's "History of Alexander, Union, and Pulaski Counties, Illinois", Nancy Culp (daughter of Henry born 11 July 1879 in Rockingham Co., VA, and Mary Powell) indicated that her father was from Pennsylvania and her mother from Maine or Ohio. Either Nancy was incorrect, or Perrin misinterpreted what she said - because Henry was from Virginia and Mary was from Maine or Delaware. They did come to Union Co., Illinois by way of Ohio, but I believe the Pennsylvania reference eludes to Henry's earlier roots.

In a letter from Clifton Winfred Culp (son of Joseph born 30 October 1856 and grandson of Henry born 11 July 1879) to his son in law Fred Hill dated June 9, 1950, he states that his grandparents were born and reared in Pennsylvania. Again, this is incorrect, but it is indicative of the family claim to Pennsylvania roots passed down to another generation.

Several family history files found in the Stinson Memorial Library in Anna, Union Co., IL, referenced the Culp family coming from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ohio before settling in Illinois.

Henry's marriage surety (consent form) was signed by a Henry Culp. I believe this Henry was his father, the Henry Culp born in Pennsylvania in 1762.

BURIAL: Most sources believe that Henry was buried in Logan Co., Ohio, on Daniel Funk's farm west of Bellefontaine. Other sources believe that he was buried on the farm of his son, David Culp. Both farms should be in the same general area of Union Township. The Ohio Death Index places Henry's death in 1836, instead of 1838 used by most researchers.