

Henry Hale born 1826 Forest of Dean

Henry Hale was born in a special place called the Royal Forest of Dean, the Hundred of St. Brivales, Gloucestershire, England in 1826.

Henry married Miriam Chivers on May 10th 1846 and they left Liverpool aboard the ship Devonshire and arrived in New York City in Sept of 1849.



Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,
Volney, Oswego Co., NY
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Henry and Miriam established themselves in Volney, Oswego County, New York and raised 6 children by the time the American Civil War broke out. With 5 children ranging in age from 2 to 14 Henry might have avoided the war but he chose to serve, joining the 184th NY Infantry Company A. On the first day of the first battle Henry was mortally wounded. He survived the trip home and died in less than a month, on 14 November 1864 at the age of 38.

Fate somehow arranged that, before I learned of Henry's service, the only Civil War battle reenactment I ever saw was the Battle of Cedar Creek where Henry was wounded.

Henry's family followed him to America in 1851. His mother died shortly after arriving in Volney and is buried in the same cemetery. His father remarried and together with Henry's brothers and sisters moved on to Cook County, Ill. and finally to Central Iowa where they were successful farmers and prominent citizens. Several of the Hale boys were Mayor of their towns and Isaac Hale was the first Constable of the Village of Palatine, Illinois in 1866.

Although Henry didn't survive to enjoy his children and the good life he had helped to defend he is remembered by his family and honored for the sacrifice he made on that battlefield far away from the ones he loved.

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