

John Henry Routon

(Son of Philip Routon and

Mary Fuqua Routon)

Born: March 16, 1832 Died: June 4, 1921

From The Routon's of Paris and Henry County, Tennessee

by Stephanie Routon Tayloe

John Henry Routon was a twin to Philip Q. Routon born March 16, 1832 in Henry County, Tennessee.

His father died when he was but a small boy. His mother with the help of the Routon slave family held the family together.

Mr. John Routon was married to Martha Wimbish on

February 18, 1855, Henry County.

She was the daughter of Watson and Judith Wimbush.

They had nine children, of which seven lived to be grown.

John was a tall man with a beard and blue eyes. He was a well-read man, and an avid reader. He names one of his sons Milton V. Vincent after his favorite write, John Milton.

He joined Spring Hill Baptist Church as

a young man, and was a great Bible student, reading it through many times during his long life.

He began going deaf around age 50.

In later years he would carry a little slate and stick of chalk so he could communicate with people. They would ask questions on the slate and he would answer verbally with his deep voice.

Martha died November 6, 1886, and is buried at Spring Hill Church Cemetery. John H. married a second time, to Amanda Andersen in 1892, no children of this union. John Henry Routon died at his farm on

June 4, 1921. For many years his grave was unmarked. Then in 1990 his great-grandson, Mr. Dick Routon, put a marker on the grave. Mr. John lived the longest of his family and was the last member of the family to go. Most of this information was written by Fred Booth, Dick Routon, and Vera Routon and from his obituary.