

# WILLIAM HENRY HAYMES, JR

From

The Routons of Paris and Henry County, Tennessee

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William Henry Haymes was born in Amelia County, Virginia, in the 1790's. He was the son of William Haymes and Henrietta Irby. The Haymes family traced their genealogy back about six generations in Virginia to Randolph Haymes in the 1650's.

He married Mary Frances Walters in Halifax County, Virginia, the daughter of Archibald Walters and Katie Stamps. With

several families of relatives they migrated to Tennessee in a covered wagon in 1840. My great grandmother was

only six years old when they made the long journey.

His wife died leaving him with several small children.

His oldest daughter, Catherine, was married at the outbreak of the Civil

War. He was broken hearted after his wife's death, and restless. Old

by the common soldier's standards, he enlisted at the courthouse in Henry County in the Confederate Army in the stead of his son-in-law,

Stephen Palmer Routon. He had agreed with his daughter that if anything happened to him in the war, she would raise his minor children. He was killed in 1862 at Island No. 10. He died in a church being used as a hospital, with his son with him. Places

of his burial and that of his wife are not known to me.

The Haymes family sent five sons into the  
Confederate Army and only three returned.

The Haymes were famous for claiming kin far and hear, typical of them  
generation of Southern families. There was not much distinction between aunts, great aunts, uncles  
and great uncles,

nor was much distinction made between the degree of cousins.

Several of the Haymes were reclusive or “peculiar”, a  
continuing characteristic in later generations.