

# THE ROUTONS

From

The Routons of Paris and Henry County, Tennessee

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The Routons of Henry County are descended from two French Huguenot families, Routon and Fuqua of Normandy, France. Both families had been living in Buckingham County, Virginia, long before 1700. Both had fought in the Revolutionary War.

The Routons of Henry County are cultured, educated, and refined people, known for their intelligence and dignity. I have never heard of any being in conflict with the law. The men are loyal family men.

If I had to name one characteristic of the Routons in all branches of the family, it is their love of books. If it is farming, gardening, art, music or history – whatever their interest, they have stacks of books on the subject. Most often it is history. The Routons are alert and interested in current events.

Another characteristic I have noticed common to the Routon homes is they are collectors, never throwing anything away. Their houses are full of pictures, books and full of the past. I know few Routons who have concentrated on housekeeping.

The Routon men were handsome, most of them six feet or over tall, educated and almost always chose strong women for wives.

Philip Routon came to Henry County in the 1820's when it was a wilderness and helped carve out a beginning. Six generations later Routons in Henry County bear his name.

This is a story the first three generations of Philip Routon and his descendants. I hope you enjoy reading about them, and that later generations will find this and read about their ancestors, their stories, their dreams, sorrows and joys.

I could not have filled half these pages without my older cousin Vera, who was a warehouse of knowledge: Her notes, her father's and brother Ralph's. My grandfather S. J. Routon who never threw anything away passed on stories and my mother, Val Routon, was an interesting story teller. She would tell us her stories as a child. We listened as drama unrolled the stories that fired my imagination and fostered pride in me

heritage. I thank her for the hours we enjoyed together typing the stories. To Gini and Dickie whom I love more than I can say. Tom, Arthur, Curtis, Jill, Matthew and Joshua, this is for you.

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## VII. Philip Routon

Philip Routon was born in Buckingham County, VA, April 17, 1792.

His name first appears on the Buckingham County Personal Property Tax List in 1813. From 1815 to 1819, the Buckingham County Land Tax lists show John Routon's original 200 acres as being "Philip Routon's residence."

Philip left Buckingham County in 1819, the year the John Routon land holdings were sold. He moved to Logan County, KY, joining his brother Reuben. On November 3, 1819, he and Polly Fuqua took out a marriage license and were married the next day. (Polly's tombstone has the marriage date on it.)

Mary Penelope (Polly) Fuqua was the daughter of Stephen Fuqua and Susanna Garrett of Buckingham County. The Stephen Fuqua property in Buckingham County was adjacent to the Routon property. Susannah died in 1813. Stephen married Nancy Ayres in 1814. The family moved to Logan County (KY) in 1818.

In 1820 Philip was still in Logan County. He is enumerated on the census for that year next to his brother Reuben. He is on the Logan County Tax Lists through 1824 but not for any later years. So his move to Henry County, TN, must have been in 1825. The first year for the Henry County Tax List is 1827, and Philip's name is on that. They settled near the town of Manleyville. He had 316 acres of land. The next year (1828) the Henry County Tax List shows Philip with 158 acres and Philip's brother Stephen with 158 acres. It remained this way

until Stephen's death in late 1833.

Philip died in late 1838. Henry County Court minutes of November 5,  
1838, show:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Philip Routon, late a resident citizen of Henry County at the time of his decease, had died intestate, leaving Mary Routon his widow and next of kin who hereupon appeared in open court and relinquished her right to administer upon the estate of said deceased whereupon on motion it is ordered by the court that James C. Gainer be appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased who appeared in open court and entered into a bond of nine thousand dollars with Stephen Vancleve, William Fowler, John H. Warren as his securities and was qualified according to law.

1. Monday, December 23, 1833: On motion, It is ordered by the court that Philip Routon be appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights & credits of Stephen Routon, late of Henry County deceased, who thereupon entered into bond of six hundred dollars with James C. Gainer as his security and was qualified according to law.

2. Monday, March 24, 1834 (page 148) Philip Routon administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights & credits of Stephen Routon deceased this day appeared in open court and returned an inventory and account of sales of the estate of said deceased which was  
received and ordered to be recorded.

3. Monday, June 22, 1835 (page 307): Ordered by the court that John H. Randle, William Walters sen. and Robert Debruce be appointed  
commissioners to settle with Philip Routon administrator of Stephen  
Routon deceased and make their report to the next term of this court.

1. Page 13: Ordered by the court that John E. Warren, Philip Routon,  
and Jeremiah Moody be appointed commissioners to settle with James Watkins administrator of Richard Throgmorton deceased and make their report to the next term of this court.

2. Page 15 (October 3, 1836): Ordered by the court that James C. Gainer, Philip Routon, and Robert Jones be appointed commissioners to settle with Hamblin Manley administrator of all and singular the

goods & chattels, rights & credits Evelina G. Manley deceased & make their report to the next term of this court.

3. Page 15 (still October 3, 1836): John H. Warrenk, Philip Routon, & Jeremiah Moody who were appointed commissioners to settle with James Watkins administrator of Richard Throgmorton this day appeared in open court & made their report which received & ordered to be recorded

4. Page 18 (November 7, 1836): James C. Gainer & Philip Routon who were appointed commissioners to settle with Hamblin F. Manley administrator of Evelina G. Manley deceased this day returned into court a report of said settlement which was received & ordered to be recorded.

5. Page 56 (February 5, 1838): Ordered by the court that Robert

Jones, Philip Routon, John Morgan, Eli Kendall, Beverly Shankle,

James Lee, Junior, Jeremiah Dumas, Lemuel Boothe, Benjamin Dunn, Thomas Jenkins, Oliver Edwards, William Orr, James Johnson, William Wright, Abria Atkins, Thomas B. Love, James Crawford, John Crittenden, George Atkins, Samuel Wilson, Nathaniel Porter, James Parker, John M. Clark, John M. Hurt, John Atkins & Charles M. White, be summoned to attend as jurors and John Yow and John S. Taylor as constables at the next term of the Circuit Court.

6. Page 72 (November 5, 1838): Ordered by the court that William

Walters Senr, James Watkins & John H. Warren be appointed commissioners to lay off to Mary Routon widow and relict of Philip Routon deceased one year's provision out of the estate of said deceased and make their report to the next term of this court.

7. Page 75 (January 7, 1839): James C. Gainer administrator of all

and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Philip Routon deceased this day returned into open court an Inventory and account of sales of the estate of said deceased which were received and ordered to be recorded.

William Walters Senr, James Watkins & John H. Warren who were appointed commissioners to lay off to Mary Routon widow and relict of Philip Routon deceased one year's provision out of the estate of said deceased this day appeared in open court and made their report which was received and ordered to be recorded.

8. Page 161 (January 3, 1842): On motion it is ordered by the court  
that Mary Routon be appointed guardian to the minor orphans of  
Philip Routon deceased who thereupon appeared in open court and entered into bond of five thousand  
dollars with James D. Porter and  
Nathaniel Porter as her security.

9. Page 184 (July 4, 1842): Mary Routon guardian to the minor  
orphans of Philip Routon deceased this day appeared in open court  
and returned an account current of her guardianship to the estate of said deceased which was received  
and entered to be recorded.

10. Page 187 (no date shown): On motion it is ordered by the court  
that Mary Routon be appointed guardian to Aaron F. Routon,  
Stephen P., John H., Mary P., and Philip Q., Routon, minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased who  
thereupon appeared in open court  
and entered into bond of six thousand dollars with Nathaniel Porter and Felix B. Hagler as his security.

11. Page 231 (August 8, 1848): This day came William Porter clerk of Henry County & exhibited the  
following settlements, Viz....  
with Mary Routon guardian of Mary P., Philip Q., Stephen & John Henry Routon, minor orphans of Philip  
Routon, deceased.

12. Page 261 (April \_\_\_, 1844): This day came Constantine Frazier clerk of the county court of Henry  
County & Estate the following  
settlements (Viz:) ..... with Mary Routon guardian of Mary P., Philip Q., Stephen & John Henry Routon,  
minor orphans of Philip Routon, deceased.

13. Page 266 (July 1, 1844): On motion it is ordered by the court  
that Aaron Routon be appointed guardian of Stephen P., John H.,  
Mary P., and Philip Q. Routon minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased who thereupon appeared in  
open court and entered into bond of four thousand dollars with Samuel C. Peay & Felix B. Hagler as his  
securities.

14. Page 277 (September 2, 1844): Aaron Routon guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased this day appeared in open court & rendered an account of his said guardianship which was received & ordered to be recorded.

15. Page 278 (September 3, 1844): This day came Constantine Frazier clerk of the county court of said county & N exhibited the following settlements Viz: .... With Mary Routon guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased.

16. Page 314 (July 8, 1845): This day came Constantine Frazier clerk of the County Court for said county and exhibited the following settlements (Viz): .... With Aaron Routon guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased.

17. Page 360 (July Term, 1846): On motion it is ordered by the court that Aaron F. Routon be appointed guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased who thereupon appeared in open court and entered into bond of three thousand dollars with William Moody and Samuel C. Peay as his securities.

18. Page 365 (August 4, 1846): This day came Constantine Frazier clerk of the county court for said county & produced & executed the following settlements which was received & ordered to be recorded ..... With Aaron Routon guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased.

19. Page 413 (November court 1847): Settlement with Aaron Routon guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased.

20. Page 441 (July term 1848): On motion it is ordered by the court that Aaron Routon be appointed guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased who thereupon appeared in open court and entered into bond of four thousand dollars with Richard Throgmorton & Stephen Perry as his security.

21. Page 442 (July 4, 1848): This day came Constantine Frazier clerk

of the county court & produced and exhibited the following settlements which was receive & ordered to be recorded .....With Aaron Routon guardian to the minor orphans of Philip Routon deceased.