

Chapter X

Last Homes of Patrick Henry



JOHN HENRY, son of Alexander and Jean Robert-son-Henry of Aberdeen, Scotland, came to Virginia in 1728. He seems to have been a relative (and be-came the friend) of Colonel John Syme, a Han-over Burgess, who lived at *Studley*, Hanover, and there Henry visited him. Col. Syme married Sarah, dau. of Isaac and Mary Dabney-Winston, but died in 1731, and several years afterwards his widow married John Henry. They continued to live at *Studley*, a frame house with beautiful grounds, on the Tottipottimoi river and there three sons, John Syme of her first marriage, William and Patrick Henry were born, the last named, in 1736, and a few months afterwards his parents moved to *Mt. Brilliant* in the Rocky Mills neighbor-hood near the South Anna river. In 1765, though living in Hanover, Patrick Henry filled the vacancy in the representation of Louisa, in the Assembly. In 1779 he purchased a large tract of land in Henry, the county named for him, an estate called *Leatherwood*, which numbered 10,000 acres and there he re-sided until 1784. Retiring from the governorship in 1786, his next move was to Prince Edward county. At this time he was poor and in debt; then—though he had reached the age of 50 years,—he set himself the task of repairing his fortunes; this was accomplished principally by investments in land. In 1794 he purchased Long Island, Campbell county, upon which he lived before settling at *Red Hill*, and even afterwards he alter-nated between the two places for some years. As his last and preferred abode, *Red Hill* became a historic place. Standing but a few miles from Brookneal and on the Staunton river, was the old one story and a half house with a lean-to, in which Henry was content to spend his last days, for he liked to hear the rain pattering on the roof; and he appears to have been a



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In this tree



Sarah Mary Jane Henry

1745 - 1820



Sarah Dabney (D'Aubigne) Winston

1710 - 1784



Patrick (Governor Patrick) Henry

1736 - 1799



John Henry Jr.

1659 - 1708

In other family trees

Bates/Cook Family Tree



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