

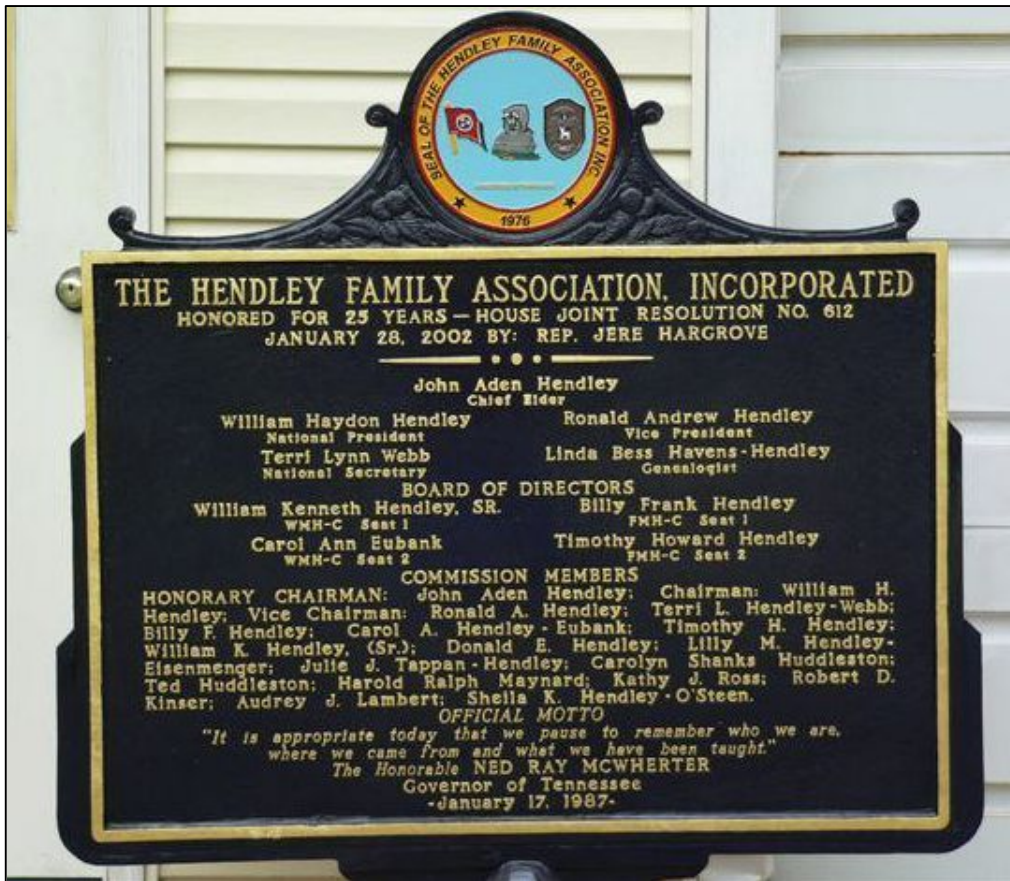


## THE HENDLEY HOMESTEAD

Site of the founding of the Great Hendley Family of Tennessee  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 128 – March 20, 1989 By: Sen. Tommy Burks

Adin Smith Hendley (b. July 14, 1812 Georgia) and Elizabeth Jane Gentry (b. December 14, 1817 Tennessee) were married on June 18, 1935 in Jackson County: of this union were born 12 children: Nancy C. (1836), Julia A. (1837), Lucrecia M. (1839), Mary J. (1841), America F. (1844), William M. (1847), Martha L. (1849), Francis M. (1851), Sarah A. (1855), Paralee E. (1856), Matilda E. (1858), and Margaret E. (1861). During the War Between The States, Margaret Elizabeth Hendley died (July 3, 1864), and was buried in what was the front yard of their home. Later Adin (d. October 6, 1890) and his wife Elizabeth (d. January 29, 1897) passed away and were buried with their daughter. In later years, daughter Lucrecia M. Hendley – Wells (d. June 7, 1915) was buried with her husband William Byrd Wells (they had sold land across Hopewell Road to Smellage Cemetery for a “*public hitching ground for horses*”, October 27, 1911), along with descendents of Nancy C. Hendley – Shanks in the Smellage Cemetery. Elizabeth Jane Gentry – Hendley was honored by SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 337 on February 26, 1996 on the occasion of her 175<sup>th</sup> birthday, as the ‘MOTHER of the Great Hendley Family of Tennessee, her epitaph reads ‘SHE WAS A KIND AND AFFECTIONATE WIFE, A FOND MOTHER AND A FRIEND TO ALL.’”

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Dedicated: May 26, 2008  
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THE HENDLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED  
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 January 28, 2002 By: Rep. Jere Hargrove

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*OFFICIAL MOTTO: “It is appropriate today that we pause to remember who we are, where we came from and what we have been taught.” Governor of Tennessee, January 17, 1987.*

**W. B. WELLS & WIFE DEED TO GRAVEYARD**

To whom it may concern.

For the consideration of twenty dollars (\$20) cash in hand we, W. B. Wells and wife Lucretia M. Wells, have this day bargained and sold a certain parcel or lot of land to the trustees of Smellage Graveyard for the purpose of making a public hitching ground for horses.

The present trustees are J. W. Anderson chairman, A. L. Smellage clerk and J. Y. Shanks treasurer.

The parcel or lot is described as follows. Beginning on a black oak on the South side of the road opposite the South West corner of the part of the land bought off George Kinard in 1911 as an addition to the Smellage Graveyard; thence south with the hollow to a hollow to a small hiccory (sic) in George Kinard's line. Thence up the hollow and with George Kinard's line to a rock in the public road. Thence with the road to the beginning corner. The same to be one acre more or less. We agree to warrant and defend the title against all lawful claims. This October 27, 1911.

Signed: W. B. Wells (William Byrd Wells)  
LouCresia M. Wells (her mark)

STATE OF TENNESSEE, Putnam COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me J. W. Barks, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named W. B. Wells with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he executed the within Deed instrument for the purpose therein contained. And Lou Cresia M. Wells, wife of the said W. B. Wells, having personally appeared before me, privately and apart for her husband, the said Lou Cresia M. Wells acknowledged the execution of said Deed to have been done by her freely, voluntarily, and understandingly, without compulsion or constraint from her said husband, and for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Boma Tennessee, this 27 day of October, 1911.

J. W. Barks, Notary Public - - my commission expires July 6, 1912.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, PUTNAM COUNTY

The foregoing instrument and certificate were noted in Note Book H, Page 206 At 10:41 O'Clock AM 4-Sept. 1973 and recorded in W. D. Book 154, Series\_\_\_\_ Page 505 State Tax Paid \$\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_Recording Fee 4.00 Total \$4.00. Witness My hand. Receipt No. 25189 James W. Breeding, Register.

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