Civil War soldier to be honored here Sunday Newspaper story about Aden Hendley Herald - Citizen, Cookeville, TN – 25 August 1994

He served in a war that pitted brother against brother and this weekend he will be honored for his service.

Civil War veteran Aden (Andrew M.) Sutton Hendley, who was born in Georgia and moved to Jackson County (now Putnam County) around 1830, served as a private in the Union Army and fought in the Kentucky area. This Sunday, August 28, at 2 p.m., a dedication ceremony will take place at his grave in the Smellage Cemetery in the Boma community, which was the Hendley homestead at one time.

The ceremony will be in conjunction with the Shanks family Reunion and is being sponsored by the Hendley Family Association Inc. of Tennessee.



A memorial marker donated by Cookeville Marble and Granite will be dedicated at the ceremony in memory of Hendley's service to Company "B" of the Green River Battalion of the Union Army of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Descendants of Hendley remain in Putnam County and Tennessee and they will receive citations by State Senator Tommy Burks, on behalf of Governor Ned McWherter, for preserving the heritage of the Hendley family. They are:

Harold Ralph Maynard of Cookeville, Carolyn Shanks Huddleston of Silver Point and her sister, Miriam Shanks Gwaltney of Old Hickory.

As it was true in many families during the Civil War, brothers often fought on opposite sides – and the Hendley family was no exception. His brother, Nimrod, served in the 13th Tennessee Cavalry for the Confederate States of America. His other brother, Capal, served in the First Tennessee mounted Infantry, USA, and is buried south of Cookeville.

Hendley was married to Elizabeth Jane Gentry in 1835 and they had 12 children, four of which are known to be buried in Putnam County. Julia Lucas Wallace is buried near Silver Point, Nancy Shanks is buried at the Shanks Cemetery in Buffalo Valley, and Lucrecia Wells and her sister Margaret are buried with their parents in the Smellage Cemetery.

The ceremony is open to the public and all descendants of the Aden Hendley Family are invited.



Aden Hendley Ceremony

L to R: Ralph Maynard, Miriam Shanks Gwaltney, Carolyn Shanks Huddleston & William "Bill" Haydon Hendley Official position of the Hendley Family Association, Inc., regarding the grave marker honoring Aden Sutton Hendley: As Andrew M. Hendley, at Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

The oral story past down to descendence of William Meredith Hendley, was that, while the Aden Hendley family was living in Putnam County, Tennessee during the Civil War. The Confederate Government began conscription not long after hostilities broke out. Having no desire for his son William to be swept up into this conflict, Aden like other southern refugees, left Putnam County, Tennessee.

Desiring a safe geographical location they settled near Fountain Run, Kentucky, in Monroe County. This put the Cumberland River, between them and any invading Confederate Army. Not long after settling in their new temporary home, then the United States Government instituted conscription.

The oral tradition concludes that William was saved from the Union's conscription but does not say how.

It is our theory that: Aden Hendley presented himself as a substitute in place of his son. And in joining the Green River Battalion, used a close alias so as to be legal for the substitute, but yet be readily identified as the same person when he returned to Putnam County, Tennessee (The Confederate States of America) and rejoined his rebel neighbors and kin folk (brother Nimrod served with Gore's 13th Tennessee Cavalry, CSA).

Berlin Hendley, his youngest son was the informant. Also Aden's youngest daughter Margaret Elizabeth Hendley died July 3, 1864. This also may have played a part in convincing Aden not to lose another child to the war.

Andrew M. Hendley, enlisted in Company "B" of the Green River Battalion on November 6, 1864 as a Private and was mustered in at Calhoon, Kentucky, February 28, 1865. He was discharged August 23, 1865, at Cloverport, Kentucky. This information can be found in the "REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF KENTUCKY", Volume II. - - 1861-1866, Pages 8-- & 801.

The name Andrew has been passed down in this regard, Ronald Andrew Hendley is Vice President of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. As well as others.

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Mr. William H. Hendley National President 1326 Bacon Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46227-3110



William "Bill" H. Hendley and his wife Julie at standing next to the tombstone of Aden Hendley at the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

http://www.ajlambert.com

Name: Andrew M Hendley , (Aden Hendley/Henley).

Enlistment Date: 06 November 1864

Distinguished Service: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Side Served: Union State Served: Kentucky Unit Numbers: 3644 3644

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 06 November 1864

Enlisted in Company B, Green River Battn Regiment Kentucky on 28 February 1865. Mustered out Company B, Green River Battn Regiment Kentucky on 23 August 1865 in Cloverport, KY

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The American Civil War Research Database is a historic effort to compile and link all available records of common soldiers in the Civil War. This database makes it easier than ever before to find information on ancestors who fought in the Civil War.

Historical Data Systems has compiled and linked a wide array of record types including state rosters, pension records, regimental histories, photos, and journals. The genealogical value of this record is immeasurable. More than authoritative names and dates, this database connects researchers with the history their ancestors lived.

The collection is divided into four sections: soldier records, regiment records, battle histories, and officer records. This section, the soldier records, may contain any of the following information about an individual soldier: the soldier's name, residence, date of entry, regiments, companies, rank, promotions, transfers, events (such as POW, wounded, etc.) and how and where the soldier exited the military (discharge, desertion, muster out, or death). Some states also include in their official records a soldier's birthplace, age at enlistment, occupation, and physical description.

Source Information:

Historical Data Systems, comp. Military Records of Individual Civil War Soldiers. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 1999-. Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works.

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