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W. P. A. State-wide Project, Historical Inventory

FIELD WORKER'S DAILY REPORT

District No. _____ County _____

Supervisor 111 PRINCE WM

Worker's Name R.C. WIGHT

Address SUSAN ROGERS MORTON Identification No. _____

Date HAYMARKET NO hours worked this day 7:05-1:04

Number of sites visited this day _____ SEVEN

Number of miles traveled this day ONE

Remarks: 21

When the old Conrad house is visited (I made the effort today, but learned there was no one at home) this will complete all the houses that were on the East side of the first Manassas.

2. Henry House
3. _____
4. _____

Exact location of "Stone House" on the Lee Highway on Sudley - Newmarket road 2 1/8 mile from

2. _____
3. Mr Robert Lewis, Miss Haud Ewell, Mr Powell.

Name of Informant 1. _____

2. _____
3. Manassas, Haymarket, Manassas.

Address of Informant 1. _____

2. _____
3. family connections, caretaker of the Henry house

Connection of informant _____

2. _____
3. _____

(Note: Please use reverse side for comments on sites visited. Refer to each by its number on the left hand side of these columns.)

I hereby certify the above statements are accurate.

Supervisor _____ Signature _____

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The original Henry house was of log and later plaster and frame added. It is said the house contained six rooms and was a typical small farm house of the period. It was built by the father of Dr Isaac Henry, and has always been in the Henry family, until sold to the Sons of the Confederacy, who together with other organizations, U.D.C. etc, incorporated it as Manassas Battlefield Confederate Park. of which Major E.W.R Ewing is the resident. It contains 15 acres at the present time but formally was a little larger.

The story of Mrs Henry's death and the shelling of the house during the first battle of Manassas and it's burning during the second battle seems to be too well known for it to be ret old here.

Mrs Isaac Henry was a Carter and brought up in the neighborhood, at Pittsylvania in fact, and Dr Henry's body is in the old cemetery there now. During the stress of battle, Mrs Henry's had to be buried close by and she rests with in a few feet of her home, together with a son and daughter. There were two Henry sons, both teachers, but one of them was a great traveler, taught a while then became restless and took a trip on foot, often to Philadelphia where he had relatives, it was was on one of these trips that he evidently lost his life, as nothing was ever heard from him after leaving a farm house on the way, some where in Pa. as the streams were high at the time it is supposed that he lost his footing from a footlog and was drowned

After the war the present house was built on the old site and the remaining son and daughter of Mrs Henry lived ther until their death. Every inch of ground here is hallowed by gallant courage and sacrifice; to the east, between thr Robinson house and the Hery house was Jackson's line and the spot where he earned sobriquet of Stonewall, very close to the house is the spot where Wade Hampton was wounded, but all these spots are indicate by markers, and I suppose it is not necessary to add it to reports.

The following houses are all closely connected with the first battle of Manassas, Chinn House (Hazel Plain) Stone House, Mathews, Van Pelt, Robinsons, Psotici, (Lewis) Henry House, Conrads. there are others near Sudley and Centreville and that figured in the ski rishing the day before and they will be treated of later. also those that were connected with the second battle.

There have been many distinguished visitors at the Henry house, among them the grandson of Stonewall Jackson, Major T.J.J. Christtian, in 1933.

Calvin Coolidge was there, with Mrs Coolidge in '20 and some tried to remove his autograph from the guest book, and while he was foiled in the attempted he defaced a great number of pages.

Mr Powell who has been the caretaker here for a number of years, is the son of Wa Powell, who was with Gen. Mosby when he raided the old Rectory at Fairfax and took Gen. Staughton prisoner. Mr Powell who was a boy of ten at the time of the war was born and lived for many years in the Bull Run Mountains, and is familiar with all the land there as well as the stories that concern the various spots, and has offered to accompany me there soon and explore some graves of soldiers and old breastworks that are not generally known now.

I copied the following from a letter of a man who was in Wade Hampton's Legion.

"On the train from Richmond to Manassas, he tried to get us some food, for he always treated us as if we were his children, at Gordonsville he found a little, but not enough for 600 men, but when we reached Manassas Junction before daybreak he saw that we all had a bountiful hot breakfast,