

HISTORIC SITE FILE: **HENRY HOUSE**
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FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

County Prince Wm

Supervisor R. C. Ficht Date February 24th

Worker's signature _____ Identification No. 5495-164

Worker's address Haymarket No. hours worked this day 7

If this is a re-written report give date of original July 1st 1936

1. Subject. Present Name Henry House

1-A. Synopsis of transition from original to present name.

always known by the same name.

2. Exact Location. (By road numbers and compass directions in counties. See illustration in 3400 for locations in cities.)

to the east of Sudley -- Haymarket Road, no 234, about 1/8 mile from

Lee Highway, going towards Manassas.

Note: Follow bulletin 3400 for all reports on buildings and other objects, including books. Use reverse side of this report for topics 3 to 8 inclusive, continuing on other paper whenever necessary. Attach architectural form No. 3686 to reports on all buildings. 3400 will not apply to reports solely on legends, copies of wills etc.

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RELIC 975.527 WPA**

3. Earliest date is not known, it was originally a part of the Carter tract. The house was built by the father of Dr Isaac Henry, some time in the latter part of the 18th century.

4. There seems to be no records of transfer prior to 1930 when it was sold by Hugh Henry of Havana, Cuba and Arthur Henry to Manassas Battlefield Park Inc. 120 acres known as the Henry House or Henry Farm. (deed book, 38, 3)

5. The original house was of logs, later plastered and weather-boarded, and contained six rooms being described as a typical small farmhouse of that type. The story of its shelling during the first battle of Manassas, (and Mrs Henry's tragic death) and the burning during the second battle, seem too well known to be retold here.

The present house was built on the site of the old one, and the remaining son and daughter of Mrs Henry lived there until their death.

There is nothing unusual to note of the present house, other than that it has many valuable relics of both battles.

6. Mrs Isaac Henry was a Carter, the daughter of Landon Carter, and brought up at Pittsylvannia, where Dr Henry's body now rests, but during the first battle it was impossible to take Mrs Henry there for burial and she was buried close by the house to the west together with a son and daughter. There were two Henry sons, both teachers, but one of them was a great traveler, taught a while and then became restless and would start on a trip, often to Philadelphia, where he had relatives; It was on one of these trips that he evidently lost his life, as nothing was ever heard from him after leaving a farm house where he had stopped on his way, as he had several streams to cross, it is thought that he slipped while crossing a foot-bridge and was drowned.

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