

Henry Dye and Anna Washburn

Henry Dye was likely the son of John Dye Sr. of Chester Co, SC.

Henry was born about 1765 in VA or SC.

Henry first appears in South Carolina County Records about 1790.

Henry had married Anna about 1790

It is widely believed that Anna was a sister to Gabriel Washburn, It was recorded in a Family Bible that belonged to the Gilbert Dye descendents, however, I have never seen this record. She was recorded as born July 18, 1771 and Aug 10, 1853, shortly after her arrival in Ozark Co, MO. She is said to have been buried at Herndon Cemetery there, no stone exists today.

"Bill of Sale from Charles Kitchen of Laurens Co, SC to Thomas Gaither of Rockey Creek in Chester Co, SC dated 10 Oct 1791 for the sum of 50pds, for one negro woman named Ester and her two mulatto boys named Henry and Ben. Wit: HENRY DYE, JOHN DYE Signed Charles Kitchen attested before Philip Walker JP, by JOHN DYE 24 Jan 1792"

Some South Carolina County Records p. 70 Vol. 1, Brent Holcomb, Southern Historical Press

Henry Die appears on the 1790 Chester Co, SC census.

Henry's first land deed was for 100 Acres he purchased from Jonathan & Esther Hemphill on 29 January 1795. He paid 30pds Sterling. The land was located on Rockey Creek in Chester Co, SC. Witnesses were: William Stone, John Dye and Charles Kitchen.

Deed Book D pp. 428-429 Chester Co, SC Deed Books

Henry's Father, John Dye Sr., is believed to be the son of Thomas Dye Sr., whom settled in South Carolina shortly before the land lottery of 1771. Thomas Dye and John Dye appear together as witnesses on several court records. John was married and had several children by a first wife (inc. Henry and George Dye) and later he married Agnes Ferguson Stone, a widow, possibly of an earlier, William Stone (whom appears also in land deeds with the Dye family), and Her Son, William P. Dye is listed as a Step-son in John Dye's Will.

This marriage is evidenced in the Will of John Dye, 1826

Henry has a known brother named George Dye whom married Mary Lemley.

George was in the Revolutionary War and John Dye, their father, served in the militia.

John had children with his first unknown wife and Agnes also. William Thomas Dye of Spartanburg b. 1803, and Perry Dye I, Sarah Dye Collins and John Dye Jr. are all named in his will as children of he and Agnes, as they still lived in the family home.

Henry and Anna resided in Chester Co, SC until September 28, 1799, when Henry sold his land to Jacob Westbrook.

Anney Dye relinquished her dower rights on the 16th Day of January 1800.

In November of 1799, Anna gave birth to twin boys, William and Thomas Dye.

Source: 1850 Census data for Thomas and William, The Census dates indicate they were born bet. Oct 1799 and Dec 1799.

The 1850 Habersham Co, GA Census, 1850 Monroe Co, TN Census.

Before the 1800 Census in Rutherford Co, NC, The family moved across the border. Attending the Sandy Run Baptist Church and residing in the vicinity of the old Millstone Fork at Sandy Run, near Morgan Township. The 1800 Census lists Henry Digh. The 1800 Census accounts for 6 household members: Eldest Daughter, Sarah was the only girl, brothers, John, William & Thomas, Henry & wife Anna. This local spelling of Digh, would later take on a it's own lineage for John Dye's descendents, John Whitson Digh and daughter Sarah Digh.

Known children of Henry & Anna Dye:

Sarah Dye Scoggins (1790)

John Dye (1794)

William Dye (Nov 1799)

Thomas Dye (Nov 1799)

Agnes Dye Ramsey (1801)

Gilbert Dye (1803)

Melinda Dye Bridges (1805)

The Book " The Sandy Run Settlement and Mooresboro" by Virginia Green DePriest © July 1976 has a great deal of information about this area and the original inhabitants.

Ann and Henry Dye are listed on the Sandy Run Baptist Church Roll in 1804.

On the 1st day of Jan 1805, Henry obtained a tract of land from Dennis Carroll for the sum of \$100.00. This land was located on the Millstone Fork of the Sandy Run.

Source: Rutherford County Court of Pleas and Qtr Sessions.

On the 31st day of December 1806 he paid William Green 80pds for a parcel of land laying on the Millstone Fork of the Sandy Run.

On 11 April 1808, Ann Die and Larkin Dicus appear in court to claim the goods and chattels, rights and assigns of Henry Die, deceased. Henry is believed buried at the Ramsey Family Cemetery or at Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery grounds, no stone exists today.

Anna remarried to Mr. Casper Webber Bet. 1811 & 1816. I have not located a Marriage Record. Casper Von Webber had previously married Miss Rosanah Humphries and is buried next to her at Weber Cemetery in Spartanburg Co, SC . Rosanah Humphries Weber died in 1811.

In 1810 Anna was renting property from Casper Webber, who owned several properties in the area.

On July 30, 1816, Casper Webber records a "Deed of Gift" to his children of his 1st marriage. This record divides up his slaves to his children.

His wife, Anna Dye Webber, signs off any claim to the property mentioned.

Source: Rutherford County, NC Deeds, Vol. 29 pp. 33-35.

Casper Webber died in 10 Feb 1818 and was buried in SC with his 1st wife.

On the 1820 Rutherford Co, NC Census, Anna Webber, resides next door, to her eldest son, John Dye. The 1820 Census Shows that Melinda Dye Bridges is the daughter 16-26!

Henry's father, John Dye I, died in Chester Co, SC in December 1825. His will mentioned his children with his wife Agnes that resided in the home at the time of his death, and included his stepson William P. Stone, his son Perry, daughter Sarah, and son John Dye Jr.

On the 10th day of October 1831, Anna Webber bought some land on Rosses Creek in Rutherford Co, NC from William Clark for the Sum of \$50.00

On the 5th day of November 1832, Anna Webber sold her land on Rosses Creek \$150.00 to Milton Gold. (Not a bad business deal!)

Source: Rutherford County Court of Pleas and Qtr Sessions

About 1835-1840 Gilbert and Thomas had a difficult time in court trying to keep the land they inherited from Henry's Estate. The battle began in Court Records around January of 1833.

Source: Rutherford County Court of Pleas and Qtr Sessions

By 1840, the Family was moving around the area residing on rented lands.

Gilbert had moved to Spartanburg, SC, near his Uncle William Dye and Aunt Matilda Goins Dye, Anna resided with Gilbert and his wife Priscilla. Gilbert's family made the move to McMinn Co, TN in 1853. Gilbert dies about 16 Miles east of his destination in Ozark Co, MO in 1853, and is buried along the old wagon road in an unmarked grave. Priscilla Harrill Dye is buried at Herndon Cemetery in Ozark Co, MO. Anna Washburn Dye Webber is indicated in family records to have been buried at Herndon Cemetery after her death a couple months after arrival in Missouri, on Aug 10, 1853.

Source: Passed down family knowledge in Gilbert Dye line.

Henry and Anna's son William D. Dye sold his land in Rutherford Co, NC rented some land in Cherokee Co, NC near Murphy, NC until moving on to Monroe Co, TN by 1847.

William and his wife, Sarah, settle in Monroe County, TN near Madisonville. They died about 1855. Their younger children resided with relatives until they were old enough to marry.

John resided in Rutherford Co, NC until about 1847, he moves the family to McMinn Co, TN where he resides the next 20 years, at the age of 85, he last resided in Grundy Co, TN, near Altamont, His son Perry had a large farm nearby in 1870. Ailey died in Bledsoe Co, TN sometime after the 1880 census, in her later years she resided with her son, Obediah, and his wife, Cynthia. John Dye married Ailey Hill, his 2nd wife, 18 March 1831. This marriage appears in the North Carolina Spectator and Western Advertiser, Apr. 2, 1831. He had 6 Children with his 1st wife, John Whitson Dye/Digh, Sarah Digh, Susannah Digh Dycus, Unknown Male Dye, David Dye, & Judith Dye (born 1830). He married Ailey, after her death and moved to McMinn Co, TN.

Thomas Dye would make the move to Habersham Co, GA circa 1842, to meet up with his wife's family. Her Father, Zachary Pulliam (Rev War Vet), died in Habersham Co, GA on 10 Aug 1844.

When, Tom's twin brother, William, died about 1855, Thomas moved his family to Madisonville, Monroe Co, TN and took over his brother's farm. Tom and Sarah Lucy Pulliam Dye remained in Monroe Co, TN.

In November of 1884, Thomas died of Ear Cancer.

The 1880 Mortality Index shows that Lucy died in October 1880 of injuries and resulting illness after falling in the creek. They are buried at Piney Grove Cemetery, near Madisonville, Monroe Co, TN.

Agnes Dye married Alexander Ramsey, 23 Nov 1823, remained in the area, near Lattimore, in the newly formed (1841) Cleveland Co, NC. Alexander had a big farm there and the Family Cemetery still exists in the back of Ramsey Family Private Property today, unfortunately it has been neglected and only a few stones remain, Agne's stone was removed from and placed at Gold Cemetery.

Agnes was born in 1801 and was the 1st child born in Rutherford Co, NC.

Alexander Ramsey died in 1869 at his home in Lattimore, Cleveland Co, NC.

There is a court record available of his estate claims which went on for several years and name several heirs. Agnes died 12 Jul 1894, at her home in Lattimore and was buried at the Family Cemetery.

Sarah Ann Dye Scoggins family had moved on into Rabun Co, SC and then into Georgia and finally settled in Bradley Co, TN. She was the eldest daughter of Henry and Anna Dye. She married Charles Westley Scoggins, 28 Mar 1810, at Rutherford Co, NC. Charles fought in the War of 1812. He died in Bradley Co, TN 4 Apr 1861. Sallie, died in 1862 and both are believed to be buried at Lee Cemetery, Bradley Co, TN.

Gilbert Dye married Priscilla Harrill, 18 Dec 1827 in Rutherford Co, NC. He was born 5 May 1803 and died 9 Feb 1853, along the Wagon Road about 16 miles from his destination of Ozark Co, MO. Priscilla is buried at Herndon Cemetery, She died 7 Nov 1878.

It is told by the family, that Anna Dye Weber, died a few months after arriving in Missouri and is also buried at Herndon Cemetery.

Melinda Dye married Jesse Bridges about 1844 in Cleveland Co, NC
She 1st appears on the 1850 Cleveland Co, NC Census after Jesse died.

1820 She is acutally on the census living with Anna Webber, her mother
She is the daughter 16-26 years old. Sarah Dye Scoggin was already married to Charles Scoggin.

Agnes was the daughter under 10, I had not realized that before and thought the older daughter was Sarah, but Sarah married in 1810. Melinda Dye Bridges was born 1804-1805 right after Gilbert. (*Info on Findagrave.com)

She was the 2nd wife of Jesse Bridges. Married about 1844-1845.

On the 1850 Cleveland CO, NC Census... her husband is already dead.

She has children:

Sarah Jane Bridges Barnett b. 8-20-1843 d. 7-5-1927 Hickory Grove Bapt. Polk Co, NC

Jesse Whitson Bridges b. 10-6-1845 d. 8-7-1904 Double Springs Cemetery

Rueben Henry Bridges b. 3-30-1848 d. 3-15-1921 Union Bapt. Church Cemetery.

(Look at those names could it not be more obvious?)

She is buried at Ramsey Family Cemetery with Agnes Dye Ramsey (her sister)

Agnes Ramsey lived in the home of her Nephew Jesse Whitson Bridges on the 1880 Census, the last one she appeared on.

On the 1820 Census of Anna Webber, John Dye her son is next door, the only persons in his home, is his 1st wife, Whitson and Sarah Dye his children by his 1st wife, no one born in 1804-1805;

Many people early on had picked her as Melinda Dye granddaughter of Elisha & Rebecca Dye, daughter of Philip C. Dye and Sophia Gaither, however, there is census evidence that this Melinda remained in South Carolina and resided with her mother Sophia. For years I have gone back and forth over this Melinda being a daughter of Henry & Anna, but I didn't really look at the evidence until now. I believe that the evidence is convincing.

Jesse Bridges had previously married Elizabeth Harrill and had 3 kids with her. Her married her 17 Jan 1821. It is sad that she died and he remarried to Melinda.

The Children of Jesse and Elizabeth (Betsy Herral were:
Samuel, Rebecca Elmira and Frankie Bridges.

Sarah Jane Bridges married William Franklin Barnett, resided in Polk Co, NC.

Children: Pantha Barnett, James B. Barnett.

Jesse Whitson Bridges married Mary Jane Hamrick 16 Sep 1868, Cleveland Co, NC

Rueben Henry Bridges married 1st Margaret Mauney Gold, 2nd Martha Alice Washburn

Children: Laura E. Bridges Champion, Magnolia (Nolie) Bridges Hamrick, Robert Henry Bridges, John Monroe Bridges, Cora V. Bridges and Florence G. Bridges.

* For more information, See the Jesse Bridges and Melinda Dye Family Album.