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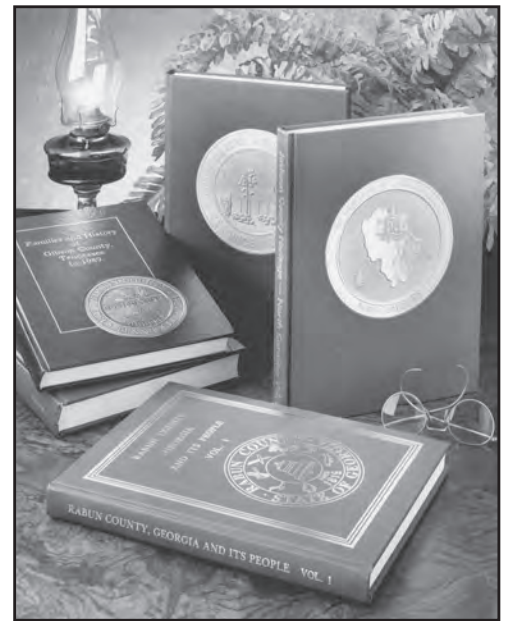
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# Henry County, Virginia Heritage 2010

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- The Bassett Historical Center and County Heritage, Inc., announce the publication of a new Henry County Heritage book! All pre-publication sales go to the expansion of the library.
- We invite all residents, former residents, and those with roots in Axton, Bassett, Collinsville, Dyer's Store, Fieldale, Horsepasture, Leatherwood, Martinsville, Ridgeway, Sanville or anywhere in Henry County, Virginia to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed free!
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**DEADLINE FOR STORIES, PHOTOS &  
BOOK ORDERS: NOV. 5, 2009**

## SAMPLE STORIES

Use these articles to guide you in preparing your own stories!

## FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS

500 words, and one photo FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional photos @ \$12.50. **Each word counts as one word** (including **a**, **and**, **it**, **for**, and **by**). The previous sentence contains 13 words. The only exception to the count each word rule is abbreviations: up to and including 4 letters/numbers or less = 1 word. 5 letters/numbers or more = 2 words (punctuation is ignored).

## WILLIAM M. "Buck" CLARK

William M. "Buck" Clark, Jr., born 11/26/1837, was a son of William Clark and Ann Martin. In the 1860 Census he lived with his family at Carter's Store in Henry County. He joined the 16th Virginia Regiment of the Confederacy at Huber Barracks in Norfolk, in April 1862. He received a wound at the Second Battle of Manassas on August 30, 1862. When he applied for his pension in 1888 he stated, "I was shot in the left arm between elbow and hand which wound caused my hand to be amputated." After a time in the Invalid Corps, he returned to his family at Traylorville (now known as the Rangely Community). He continued to aid the cause of the Confederacy by delivering food and supplies to families in dire situations.



*William M. Clark Family*

His brother Stephen (b. 1831) served the Confederacy, but spent much of his time in Georgia working as a shoemaker. He was in the 1880 Henry County Census with wife and son. His other brothers Willis (b. 1834) died of injuries in battle in March 1862, Charles (b. 1836) died of injuries before 1865, and Thomas (b. 1843) died 12/10/1861 in battle in Pocahontas County. His brother Joseph Henry, born in 1833, died of the flux in September of 1859 in Henry County. With these events most of the male descendents of William and Ann bearing the Clark name locally are the progeny of William "Buck" Clark and his wife Susan Jane Wells. The daughters of William Clark and Ann Martin were Mary Ann (b. 12/20/1838 d. 12/29/1894), Eliza J. (b. 1841), Sarah "Sac" "Sallie" (b. 6/12/1846 d. 2/3/1908), and Martha "Mattie" (b. 12/28/1847 d. 3/21/1929).

Susan Jane Wells was the daughter of Joel Wells and Sarah Eliza M. Tarpley. They died before 1860. Their young children were living with the older ones in the 1860 Henry County Census. Susan and "Buck" married 1/10/1860

in Henry County. Her younger sister, Lucy, was with them when their first child, Joseph Henry, born in 1861, was accidentally shot while playing with a gun before 1870. Their second child was James Walter (born 12/18/1865). He was followed by John Clay (born 3/28/1868). Another son, Stephen was born 7/29/1870, but he died as an infant in 3/3/1871. A daughter, Susan Virginia "Jennie" was born 5/6/1873. In 1875 twins were born. David and Sarah Ann Launa "Bess" share the birthdate of May 12, but he did not survive childhood. His twin sister however lived to be 105 years old dying in Martinsville on 6/28/1980. They were followed by Roxie born 11/10/1877 (died 9/14/1896), George Thomas born 1/7/1882, and Mary Lou born 5/30/1884.

On 11/20/1883, William "Buck" Clark bought land from Pinkney Spencer along the North Mayo River near Spencer, VA. He resided there until his death on 11/7/1909. He was buried in the Horsepasture Christian Church Cemetery. His wife Susan died 12/21/1927. She and their daughter Roxie are also buried there. **(487 words)** Submitted by *Daphne Stone, Spencer, VA.*

## CHURCHES, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

250 words and one photo FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional photos @ \$12.50.

## BASSETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bassett Memorial United Methodist Church began in 1893, as Mountain Mission, holding services in a tobacco warehouse located in the current Bassett Furniture Industries office parking lot. Old Uncle Dock Davis, a well-respected black man, built wooden coffins in another part of the building.

Families instrumental in beginning the church were Bassett, Burchfield, Penn, Franklin, Stanley, Wade, Eggleston, Bullock, Jarrett, Martin, Weaver, Lindsey, Mitchell, Rakestraw, Shumate, Stone, Holbrook, Via, and Young

In 1900, part of Henry Circuit, the first building was moved from Oak Level, and situated between Smith River and N&W railway. The flood of May 12, 1901, washed this building away. Mrs. America Campbell donated land on current Campbell Court Road for a new site. Records of October 7, 1901, show the cost of this property to be \$15.00.



*Bassett Memorial U.M. Church*

Exchange of property with George Penn in 1910 brought the church to the present site. To honor presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Atwill, the church became Atwill Methodist Episcopal. On May 31, 1936, a motion of T.B. Stanley (later governor of Virginia), the church became Bassett Memorial Methodist, memorializing Mr. and Mrs. Charles Columbus Bassett, both having died in an automobile accident in route to Florida.

Early ministers included Reverends Holman, Kesler, Garland, Wimbush, King, Drewry, Traynham, Scales, DeShazo, and Chapman.

The physical building was enlarged twice providing classrooms, a large kitchen and fellowship hall. Memorials through the years include art glass windows, Gulbranson and Baldwin pianos, baptismal fountain, elevator, carport, new fellowship hall windows and other numerous items. **(250 words)** Submitted by *Betty Scott, Bassett, VA.*

## MILITARY STORIES

100 words and 1 picture (in uniform) FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional pictures @ \$12.50.

## VIRGINIA GROGAN, USN



*Virginia Grogan, US Navy*

The fifth child of Trudie Fulcher and Terry Frank Grogan was Virginia Marybelle Grogan. Born in Critz on 6/4/21, her family moved to Bassett in 1922. She graduated from Bassett High School and was the first of her family to graduate college, the University of Virginia. Like her brothers, she served her country as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Nurse's Corps 1941-1944 on active duty in Norfolk and in New Orleans. She married, served ten years in the Naval Reserves, and had three children. She resides in Baltimore. **(91 words)** Written and submitted by *Pat Ross.*

**(Note: Genealogical charts and tabular material cannot be accepted. Stories must be in flowing, narrative form.)**



“... and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time.”

*The Psalm of Life by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

You and your family are important to the Henry County Heritage Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of our county heritage book.

**I. Who is eligible to participate?**

- A. Present residents of Henry County.
- B. Former residents of Henry County.
- C. Those with roots in Henry County.

**II. How much may I submit, and what is the cost?**

- A. Each household is encouraged to submit 500 words of family genealogy/history and one picture. (*Heading, "submitted by" and source information are not part of the word count ... only the body of the article!*) -- or --
- B. If your ancestors came to Henry County by or before 1800, you may submit 1,000 words and 2 photos (per household).
- C. Additional words are 10¢ per word. Extra photos are \$12.50 each. Double-wide or double-deep photos are also \$12.50 additional.
- D. **Abbreviations:** Up to 4 numbers/characters = one word. 5 or more numbers/characters = 2 words. Punctuation is ignored!

**III. What can I write?**

- A. Ancestors.
  - 1. Why and when they came to Henry County.
  - 2. Dates and locations of births, marriages, deaths and burials.
  - 3. Family stories.
- B. Yourself and your family.
  - 1. Childhood, school days, and other events.
  - 2. Jobs, residences, hobbies and pastimes.

**IV. Topical articles** (to be used at book committee discretion).

- A. Histories of churches, clubs, and organizations.

- 1. Each allowed 250 words and one photo. **Churches or clubs over 100 years old may submit a total of 500 words!**
- 2. Additional photos see Paragraph II.C.
- B. Communities and major topics. (Ask committee for details.)
- C. Military service biographical sketch.
  - 1. Each allowed 100 words and 1 photo.
  - 2. Additional photo; see Paragraph II.C.

**V. Article format.**

- A. Double-space type or word processing on plain white paper. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower case must be used! **A hard copy must be included. We will also accept text on diskettes, using MS Word or Word Perfect.**
- B. Include at end of article:
  - 1. Word count.
  - 2. Sources, if available.
  - 3. Name, address, phone number and email address of story submitter.
  - 4. Caption to appear with photograph (see paragraph VI.C).
  - 5. A list of all names, **last, first, maiden or middle**, please, typed on a separate sheet of paper and stapled to your story (see Paragraph IX.)

**VI. Photograph directions.**

Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos! **Please send them in flat (do not bend) mailers.**

- A. Types and size.
  - 1. Glossy photos are best! Black and white are preferred, but we accept 35mm color and studio quality prints. **Laser copies do not reproduce well, so please don't submit them! We will**

**accept .jpg or .tif photos on a separate diskette or CD. If submitting digitized scanned images, please scan at 300 dpi. A glossy print of your photo must also be included!**

- 2. **The following are not acceptable: Xerox® copies, negatives or faded Polaroids.**
- 3. Any size up to 8"x10".
- 4. All photos will be reduced to one column - 2½" wide by 1¾" high, with standard cropping as a bust shot. You must pay extra, as detailed in II.C., for larger sizes.

**B. Identification.**

- 1. Place an address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print this information lightly with soft lead pencil on back of photo.

**C. Captions.**

- 1. Limited to 10 words or less.
- 2. Type at end of article.

**VII. Writing assistance.**

- A. Contact committee members.
- B. Sample VA County Heritage books may be viewed at the Bassett Historical Center. They are published by County Heritage, Inc., and will be helpful with writing your own story!

**VIII. Restrictions.**

- A. Articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual.
- B. No genealogical charts or tabular material can be used.

**IX. Index.**

Please help prepare an every name index: List **last, first, maiden or middle** names. Type on a separate sheet of paper and staple to your story.

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