

Hooks - Holland

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"THE NAME IS HOOKS,
HARDY HOOKS."

... and the Walls make Five

(Apex's Henry Harrison and Emily Walls, that is)

I attended a three-day training seminar at Apex (NC) Baptist Church last November, and one day the weather was so beautiful that I walked down to the Apex Cemetery at lunch. During my walk back to the church, it hit me that I had parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents there, and that provided quite a moment of poignant and emotional reflection.

And, I have every expectation that one day, my wife and I will also repose there, in the plot my father bought.

I've let those feelings marinate for a while, thinking about the three generations of continuity and family. But I was wrongly thinking only backwards in time; the Apex

Cemetery connection is larger than that. The grandchildren of Hardy and Bertha (we call ourselves simply "The Cousins") are represented there in *four generations*:

- ① one first cousin (Michael Hooks)
- ② both my parents (Grover and Ruth Proctor) and one uncle/aunt (James and Lois Hooks)
- ③ two grandparents (B. Hardy and Bertha Hooks)
- ④ and two great-grandparents (Bryant and Della Holland).

And just this week, I landed on a piece of information that has been in my family database for some time, but I hadn't pulled it out to add to this discussion until now.

It turns out that we are represented by **Five Generations** in Apex Cemetery:

⑤ **two great-great-grandparents (Henry Harrison and Emily Walls).**

Wow! It adds yet one more layer of depth to our connection to Apex and the Cemetery. (No pun intended.)

So that you can get to better know Henry and Emily Walls and their connection to us, I have written a short narrative. (See box below.) And to help you see those connections, I've listed what I currently know of Henry Harrison Walls' descendants on page 2.

And one final, very important note: a huge thanks for several of the key facts in the story below is owed to my cousin **David Hooks**, who had the foresight over 30 years ago to interview Bertha ("Ma-Ma") about her/our family history.

And now, here's their story...

Henry Harrison WALLS was born on 11 Oct 1843 in Burlington, Alamance County, NC. The 1860 Census lists Henry as "Henry Walls" age 16, with a brother named "Harrison Walls" age 14. (See below.) We know that, as early as 1862, Henry gave his name as "Henry H. Walls," and as an adult, he was known as Henry Harrison Walls. Did his brother perhaps die, and Henry take the brother's name as his middle name? Was it an "enumerator error" on the part of the Census taker? Unknown.

On 2 April 1862, Henry enlisted to fight for the South in the Civil War. Four weeks later, he was assigned as a substitute to Company F, North Carolina 53rd Infantry Regiment and was mustered out on 15 May 1862. (So if any of you want to join the Sons or the Daughters of the Confederacy, H. H. Walls may be your admission ticket.)

The 1880 Census shows Henry married to Emily Moore, with his occupation listed as "mechanic." By the time of the 1900 Census, the 57-year-old Henry had moved to Hunter Street in Apex (White Oak Twp.), next door to his daughter Della, her husband Bryant H. Holland, and their *3½-year-old daughter Bertha Gertrude Holland*. (See page 2 of this newsletter.)

Henry had, by this time, become a blacksmith ¹ or "iron moulder," as it states in the Census. His Civil War records indicate his "occupation" was a "moalder." Might he have learned this skill as early as the 1860's? His eldest son, 33-year-old Thomas Henry (who was married with 7 children and who lived on the other side of the Bryant Holland family) was also employed as an "iron moulder" in 1900.

Henry died of apoplexy on 27 Jun 1930 at the age of 86, and was buried on 28 Jun 1930 at Apex Cemetery.

Emily R. MOORE was born on 2 Feb 1847. Henry and she were married about 1866 in Chatham County. The 1900 Census records the fact that Henry and Emily had 14 children (including Della R. Walls, our great-grandmother). Emily died on 22 Nov 1909 at the age of 62 in Apex, Wake County, and was buried at Apex Cemetery.

Three of Henry Harrison and Emily's children and their spouses are also buried in Apex Cemetery:

- Thomas Henry Walls (1866-1951)
and Mary Ellis Walls (1870-1945)
- James Emery Walls (1876-1932)
and Elsie Rogers Wells Welch (1880-1961). ²
- Della R. Walls (1877-1924)
and Bryant Henry Holland (1867-1930).

NOTES:

¹ This is one of several pieces of information about Henry and Emily that David Hooks obtained when he interviewed Bertha ("Ma-Ma") in the early 1980's. Depending on what year David did the interview, Ma-Ma would have been between 85 and 90 years old. Truly, all the things he was able to pull from her memory at that age about her/our family

history is astounding. What a goldmine! Hats off, and thanks again big time, David!

² After the death of James, Elsie married J. Seaton Welch (second marriage for both). They were married for just under 3 years when he died in 1939. Seaton was buried in the Olive Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, next to his first wife. When Elsie died in 1961, she was placed next to James Walls in the Apex Cemetery.

Henry Walls	38	11
Julia	5	5
Henry	16	11
Harrison	14	11

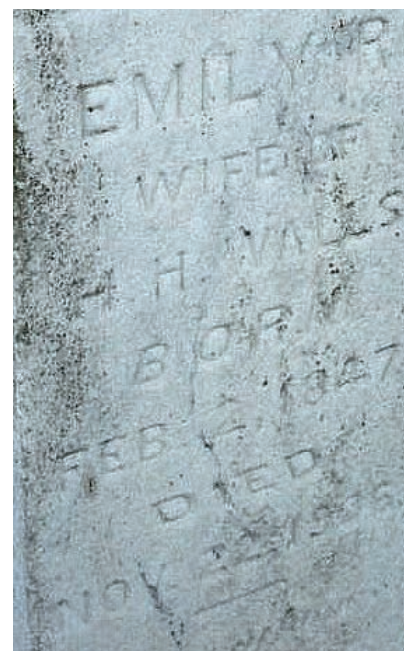
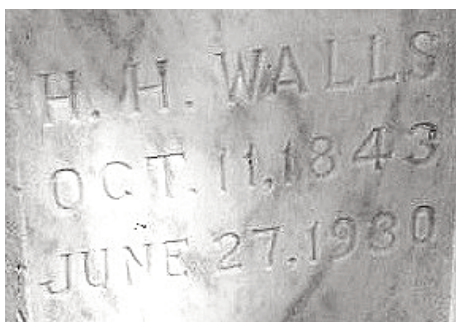
Descendant List of Henry Harrison Walls

This is a list of what I currently know of Henry Harrison and Emily Walls' descendants. Our direct line is **highlighted in red**, and the generations are labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4.

- 1-Henry Harrison WALLS (1843-1930)
- +Emily R. MOORE (1847-1909)
- .. 2-Thomas Henry WALLS (1866-1951)
- .. +Mary A. ELLIS (1870-)
- 3-Notie J. WALLS (1885-)
- 3-Mary M. WALLS (1887-)
- 3-Joseph W. B. WALLS (1889-)
- 3-Sydia O. WALLS (1891-)
- 3-Frank S. WALLS (1894-)
- 3-William D. WALLS (1896-)
- 3-Sizzie G. WALLS (1899-)
- .. 2-George W. WALLS (1868-1927)
- .. +Frances "Fannie" BURKE (1864-1944)
- 3-Florrie B. WALLS (1889-1921)
- 3-Macie WALLS (1890-1963)
- +Robert H. WICKER (1886-1957)
- 3-Rufus George WALLS (1892-1964)
- +Rosa BOONE (1889-1945)
- 4-Clarence Worth WALLS (1914-1914)
- 3-Ervin (Erwin?) Edgar WALLS (1900-1974)
- +Virginia Mae GRAY (1911-1995)
- .. 2-James Emery WALLS (1876-1932)
- .. +Lona Elsie [-?-] (1880-)
- 3-Emma WALLS (1904-)
- 3-Hany WALLS (1909-)
- .. 2-Della R. WALLS (1877-1924)
- .. +Bryant Henry HOLLAND (1867-1930)
- 3-Carole HOLLAND (-1894)
- 3-Thomas Henry HOLLAND (1894-1922)
- +Elizabeth Jane "Bessie" MARK (1898-1976)
- 4-Elizabeth Mark "Betty" HOLLAND (1920-2011)
- 3-Bertha Gertrude HOLLAND (1896-1991)
- +Bennett Hardy HOOKS (1890-1929)
- 4-Mary Louise HOOKS (1913-1991)
- 4-Alma Gertrude HOOKS (1916-1999)
- 4-James Bennett HOOKS (1921-1980)
- 4-Edna Ruth HOOKS (1925-2012)
- +Harold Jackson EDGERTON (1903-1968)
- 3-Carrie A. HOLLAND (1899-1901)
- 3-Wester Lee HOLLAND (1904-1934)
- +Claude Ransome CLIFTON (1889-)
- 3-Oma Lee HOLLAND (1919-1981)
- +Isaac Harold EDWARDS (1918-)
- +Lon H. "Slim" GOODWIN Jr. (1901-1982)
- 3-Herman Lee HOLLAND (1919-1993)
- +Ruth Marie BRYANT (1929-2003)
- 4-Kevin HOLLAND (1957-)
- .. 2-Lutie WALLS (-)
- .. 2-Ida WALLS (-)

Walls, Henry H.	Head	W	M	Oct-	1843	56
Emily R.	Wife	W	F	Feb.	1847	50
James E.	Son	W	M	Oct-	1876	23
Elsie	D. in-law	W	F	Oct-	1880	19
Holland, Bryant H.	Head	W	M	Aug	1867	32
Della	Wife	W	F	Oct-	1877	22
Thomas H.	Son	W	M	Jan	1894	5
Bertha G.	Daughter	W	F	Aug	1896	3
Carrie A.	Daughter	W	F	Apr.	1899	1
Walls, Thomas H.	Head	W	M	Nov.	1866	33
Mary A.	Wife	W	F	Sept-	1867	32
Notie J.	Daughter	W	F	Mar.	1885	10
Mary M.	Daughter	W	F	Apr.	1887	13
Joseph W. B.	Son	W	M	Aug	1889	10
Sydia O.	Daughter	W	F	Sept-	1891	8
Frank S.	Son	W	M	Feb-	1894	5
William D.	Son	W	M	Nov.	1896	3
Sizzie G.	Daughter	W	F	Jan	1899	1

ABOVE: The 1900 CENSUS for Hunter Street, White Oak Twp. (Apex), NC. The three consecutive households are those of Henry Harrison and Emily Moore Walls, Bryant and Della Walls Holland, and Thomas Henry and Mary Ellis Walls. The 7 columns contain this information: (1) name, (2) relationship to head of family, (3) race, (4) gender, (5) DOB month, (6) DOB year, and (7) age at last birthday.



CEMETERY WALLS:

(I've been waiting the entire newsletter to make that pun...)

Grave markers for Henry Harrison Walls and Emily Walls, Apex Cemetery.