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# Whitmel Proctor

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## *Two Brides for Henry Proctor*

This issue should be called the "Hallie Michel Special Edition," as it was she (my cousin) who told me our grandfather Henry Proctor had been married once prior to marrying Mary Ella Hinton, our grandmother. (Henry was the son of John William Proctor and the grandson of Whitmel Proctor.) I immediately began to research this, and in the August 2011 edition of this newsletter, with the help of genealogist Kay Early, I was able to report finding that Henry married Katie Braswell in December 1908 and that by the 1910 Census Henry was listed as a widower. In the July 2012 issue, I was finally able to give much more information on Katie Braswell Proctor's family.

In searching through pictures for a family gathering, much to her surprise, Hallie found the picture at right, and on the back was written "Henry Proctor Sr. & First Wife." Nice to finally put a face to your name, Katie! (See a larger view on page 2.)

At the family gathering mentioned above, Hallie showed me a framed hand-colored photographic portrait of Henry and his bride for 56 years, Mary Ella. I had no memory of ever having seen it before, though I suppose I must have, That, coupled with how lovely it was, caused my mouth to drop open, and I was speechless. It was like seeing them again in person after their deaths 45 years ago.

Hallie was kind enough to let me scan both pictures, for use in this newsletter.





Photos of Henry and Katie Braswell Proctor (above) and Henry and Mary Ella Hinton Proctor (page 1) are courtesy of Hallie Michel. Many thanks, cousin!

Henry Proctor, Sr.  
& First wife