

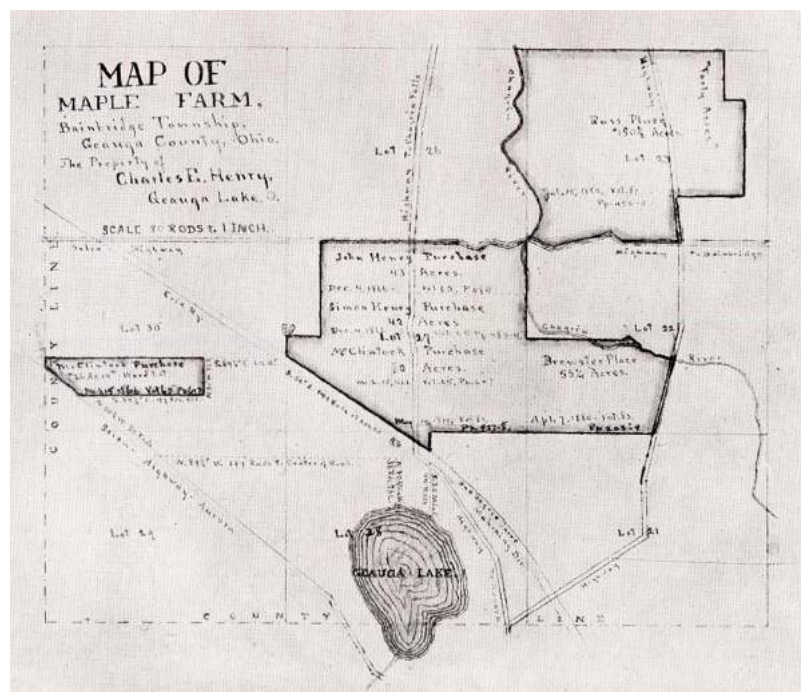
# ***The Story of the Simon & Rhoda Henry Family Of Bainbridge Township***

*... And how after 200 years his son John's ancestors are still  
living on the family land. ...*

In September of 1817, Simon and Rhoda Henry departed from their home in Washington, Massachusetts with eight of their ten children and traveled to their property in the southern section of what is now Bainbridge Township. Two sons, Orin and John, arrived in 1816 to clear land and build a cabin for the family so that their "journey began and ended at HOME." Simon and Rhoda arrived on November 1, 1817, having traveled 600 miles in 45 days. They were the ninth family to settle in Bainbridge.

The Henry Family story is told in the book, Captain Henry of Geauga, A Family Chronicle by Frederick A. Henry, 1942.

Simon's son, John, married Polly Jacqua. John and Polly raised nine children on property on the south side of Pettibone, near Geauga Lake Road. Their seventh child, Charles Eugene Henry, acquired the land of his birthplace and the land ownership has since passed through the family to the sixth and seventh generation.



Map of 400 acres Captain Henry acquired 1865-1882,  
his Birthplace and Lifelong Home



Henry Homestead at Geauga Lake, Geauga County, Ohio



## Henry Homestead. Affectionately called “The Big House”



**Front L to R:** (Gene) Charles Eugene Henry, Judge Frederick Augustus Henry holding (Dutch) John Weaver Rosenberger, (Steve) Stephen Alan Messner (sitting), Louise Adams Henry holding Donald Grant Henry, (Lou) Anne Louise Rosenberger, **Row 2:** Blanche Hawley Henry, Marcia Alice Rosenberger, (Andy) Andrew Frederick Messner held by (Rhoda) Margaret Rhoda Henry Messner, (Char) Charlotte Sophia Henry Rosenberger, John Webster Henry, James Henry Rosenberger. **Row 3:** Vern Messner, Polly Marian Henry Ally, Frederick Hawley Henry, Charles Adams “Chuck” Henry, **Row 4:** Marcia Louise Henry Rosenberger, Dr. Cliff Rosenberger. (cir. approximately 1937)



**Henry Homestead**

**(Photo Cir. 2017)**



**Sixth Generation Cousins Continue to Gather  
Bainbridge Twp. ~ November, 2017**

**(Left to Right) Jane Schweitzer and Andy Messner, Jeanne Henry, Jim Rosenberger, Barb and Steve Messner, Don and Dottie Henry.**

# **Henry Homestead Family Tree**

## *Lineage through Captain Charles Eugene Henry*

- 1. Simon and Rhoda (Parsons) Henry**  
(10 children)
- 2. John and Polly (Jaqua) Henry**  
(9 children)
- 3. Charles Eugene and Sophia (Williams) Henry**  
(5 children)
- 4. Frederick Augustus and Louise (Adams) Henry**  
(5 children)
- 5. Charles Adams and Blanche (Hawley) Henry**  
(4 sons)
- 6. Frederick (Janet Cope), John (Barbara Pace), Eugene (Jeanne Fisher) and Donald (Dorothy Wallace) Henry**  
(18 children)

After raising their four sons, Frederick, John, Eugene (Gene), and Donald, Chuck and Blanche sold the family homestead at 18821 Geauga Lake Road with a 10-acre parcel of land. Their four sons inherited the remaining property containing approximately 100 + acres.

Over the years some property was sold, though much of it was placed into a land conservancy. A 60-acre (+/-) parcel on the southern side was sold to Bainbridge Township with land conservancy restrictions. A 40-acre parcel off Pettibone Road has been retained by the Henry Family LLC and is also within the land conservancy.

Family members continue to gather throughout the year at what is affectionately called the “Shed” property on Pettibone Road. Spring and fall clean-up days at the property include food, fellowship, a bonfire, family hikes, and a completed list of projects. Adults and children enjoy October clambakes and family Halloween parties that include wagon rides “over the river and through the woods.” Family hunters find fellowship playing poker games around the woodstove the night before the hunt. Family members of all ages have enjoyed camping out on the property through many seasons of the year.

**7. James (Jim), Scott, Daniel (Dan), Patrick (Pat) Henry**

Four seventh generation Henry families have built homes and lived on the “Homestead”.

**1984 Jim and Grace (Schultz) Henry**

(Gene Henry Family)

7589 Pettibone Road, Chagrin Falls 44023

Four children born and raised here - Erin, Todd, Anna, Ross



**July, 2017**

**Front:** Anna, Grace w/ Oliver James Henry, Jim w/ Evan Henry Kearns, Ross.

**Back:** Katie and Todd Henry, Jeremy and Erin Kearns.

<b>1991</b>	<b>Scott Henry</b> 18908 Brewster Road, Aurora, 44202 (Sold in 2003)	<b>(Frederick Henry Family)</b>
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**1994 Daniel and Cindy (Bourdukofsky) Henry (Gene Henry)**  
18841 Geauga Lake Road, Chagrin Falls, 44023  
Two sons – David and Peter

**2015** **Jeanne Henry joins Dan and Cindy . . .**and the home is renovated to include a great room & wrap-around porch. It becomes a wonderful gathering spot for extended family.



## Gene and Jeanne Henry Family, Christmas 2016

**Front:** Peter Henry, Henry Erdman, Tasha Chenot, Jeanne Henry, (Ross) James Ross Henry, Grace Henry, Jim Henry. **Middle:** Linda Henry, Jeremy Kearns, Erin Kearns, Katie Henry, Peter Lee, Dodie Lee, Andrew Erdman, Kim Erdman, Cindy Henry, Adam Henry, Ashley Henry. **Back:** Jason Wild, Todd Henry, Anna Henry, Jeanne Wild, David Henry, Dan Henry.

**2017 Patrick and Lori (Baker) Henry**  
18755 Geauga Lake Road, Chagrin Falls, 44023  
~ House under construction ~

**(Gene Henry)**



**“THE SHED”**  
**The Henry Family Gathering Place**  
**Built in 1981**

*Believed to be near the location of the original John Henry cabin.*



**Left:** Looking north toward Pettibone Road.  
**Right:** Looking east toward Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River.

**SIMON & RHODA HENRY FAMILY**  
**CELEBRATE THEIR FAMILY BICENTENNIAL**  
**ALONG WITH BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**  
**1817 – 2017**

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