

Dear Tony,

I am surprised to find that there is another person out there who is interested in Henry H. Hudgens. There are all kinds of Hudgens searching but not a single one knows one thing about Henry H. Please tell me you are a descendent of Henry H and where you have been hiding?

I have never been in touch with Patricia Crosby but have tried to find her. Got her name from the genealogical society in Williamson County, Illinois but could never trace her down so finally just gave up. I do not know what she had on Henry H and would love to have her information. The information they had at the genealogical society was very limited.

I think that a William was the father of Henry H but have not proof. None of the other Hudgens who are searching in Williamson County know of a connection. Henry H was in Williamson County long before the others arrived from Tennessee but they all came from the same VA location and I keep thinking there must be a connection to the later arrivals. Somehow I think that Henry H came directly to Williamson County from Virginia but may be wrong about that.

Tell me how you knew I was searching Henry H. It is exciting to think there might be someone else who is interested in finding his ancestors. So far I know as much as anyone else does and want to find someone who knows more. Have dug and dug to get to where I am but can't seem to break through to another generation.

Somehow I think that Hand may not be Henry H's middle name. Are you sure that Hand is correct? Do you know the names of any of his siblings?

Jane

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Dear Tony,

Well, I'm pouting because you are not a descendent of Henry H. but by now I should be used to the idea that I am alone in my search for his ancestors. Thank you for all the material you sent and while I do have a good bit of it already there is always a chance that there might be some clue that I have missed.

According to an 1892 county history book in which Henry H. Hudgens had submitted information he was born in 1811 in Cumberland County, Virginia and emigrated to Williamson County, Illinois in 1835 where he lived until he moved to Iowa in 1847. The question is whether he was in any other location between Cumberland County, VA and Williamson County, IL? For me based on the way the article reads it would appear that he was not any where else between Cumberland and Williamson Counties. Henry H. Hudgens and William Hudgens each purchased land in Williamson County in 1836.

In the 1840 census Henry H. Hudgens, married in Illinois, is living next door to William Hudgens. I am making an assumption based on the age difference that William is the father of Henry H. There were others living with William who might be brothers and sisters of Henry. I have the names of other Hudgens who married in Williamson County early on. Will send you their names and see if you know who they are.

I descend from William Carl Hudgens born 1838 Williamson County, IL the oldest child of Henry H. Hudgens. Lucian B. the ancestor from which Patricia Crosby descends is the third child.

Jane

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