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LEVI H. TURNER

10TH SHERIFF



Levi H. Turner was Sheriff in Henry County in 1848, 1852 and 1856.

Levi Hancock Turner, born June 8, 1809, married Frances (Fannie) Bibb Harper on June 5, 1830. Records indicate that he moved to Henry County in 1843 and resided in McDonough on Burnt Mill Road (now Hampton Road).

Levi's parents were Wade H. Turner who married Elizabeth Moseley and were one of the very first settlers in Henry County. He was interested in county affairs, and was a Justice of Inferior Court from 1823-1825. Wade's name is often found on court records. On December 8, 1835, Wade H. Turner donated one acre of land to the Trustees of Turner's Church to build a meeting house.

In 1831 Levi donated \$50.00 to help buy land for Shingleroo Campground. He was among the nine original trustees. He also constructed a tent (cabin) on the campground in 1873.

Levi H. Turner took the oath as the tenth Sheriff of Henry County on January 24, 1848. He was Sheriff for two additional terms in 1852 and 1856. Levi and Frances had 13 children, several died at young ages while most of the surviving children remained in Henry County and several lived into the 20th century. Additionally, Levi was appointed as guardian of 11 minor children in July, 1855 after the death of Joseph Josiah Harkness.

Some documents also indicate that Levi Turner was also commissioned as a Justice of the Peace of Henry County on January 25, 1845.

Levi's son Levi Ashbury Turner married Tommie Louisa Glass who was the sister to N. A. Glass the 19th Sheriff of Henry County.

Levi died October 11, 1889, and is buried at Turner United Methodist Church.

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