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David Glenn "Little Dave" Henderson

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Birth: Mar. 28, 1842, Scotland
 Death: Jul. 19, 1926
 Fontana
 San Bernardino County
 California, USA

David Glen 'Little Dave' Henderson was born in Abricon/Calder Brae, Lanarkshire, Scotland, the third of six children born to David and Margaret Ada (Adam) Henderson. David Glen's father, David Henderson, a coal miner, was born 28 Dec., 1812 in Cleland, Lanarkshire, Scotland. David Glen's mother, Margaret, was born 12 Aug., 1816 in Calder Brae, Old Monkland, Lanarkshire, Scotland. David and Margaret were married 23 June, 1835/39. The elder Dave died in 1850 at Dry Hill, now within the city limits of St. Louis, Missouri of heat stroke and/or cholera. Dave's widow was soon afterward married as a plural wife to her sister's husband, James Easton, a member of the Mormon Church.

Early in the spring of 1851, James Easton, his wives and the Henderson children went from St. Louis to a point near Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they joined a train made up of fifty ox teams and embarked for Salt Lake City. The captain of the train forbade any killing of buffalo, and they had no serious trouble with Indians, reaching Salt Lake in the fall of 1851. Here, James Easton took up farming. In 1853, the second stage of the journey was begun, again by ox team. On both of these stages of the transcontinental trip, David Glenn Henderson drove a three yoke ox team, though on the trip from the Missouri River, he was only a youth of eight or nine years old. The destination of the second stage of the journey was San Bernardino, Ca. The route was through the desert, and Mr. Henderson had a vivid recollection of some of the hardships encountered.

While passing through a canyon in the mountains, a party of Indians met them and demanded food and whiskey. Halt was made in an open spot and a discussion ensued. The travelers offered the Indians potatoes and turnips, but this did not please them, and from the way they handled their bows and arrows, their only weapons, the party feared an attack. An older brother of David, William McDonald Henderson, acted as interpreter, and while talking with the Indians, displayed an old pepper box revolver, showing how rapidly it could be fired. It was a piece of strategy that served to discourage the Indians from any hostile act, and they withdrew, sullen but peaceful.

In crossing the desert from one water hole to



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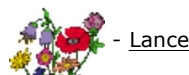
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another, the party filled all the churns, pails and everything that would hold water, and they traveled chiefly at night, resting the oxen through the heat of the day. The journey itself, as well as the work necessary to be done after reaching the destination was evidence of the great courage and determination that entitle these pioneers to lasting admiration. Once in San Bernardino, the Henderson family settled about one mile east of Ft. San Bernardino, and it was here that David Glen came to manhood. David's education was limited to that received from the ages of five to seven in the Mid West, after which he set up a program of work. He did, however, continue to study on his own and became an exceptional penman. He was skilled in the art of woodcraft and hunting. Time spent hunting in the Sierras was a favorite pasttime. He found employment as a youth, driving an ox team, hauling food and provisions.

In 1862, David Glenn married Miss Matilda Caroline Hawker, born 27 July, 1845 in Victoria Co., Australia. Matilda was the first of nine children born to Thomas Hawker (b. Nov. 1814 in Taunton, Somersetshire, England) and Charlotte Stapley (b. 29 March, 1823 in Robington, Kent, England).

Directly after his marriage, 'Little Dave' purchased five acres but soon sold that and then purchased 20 acres, both tracts being near San Bernardino. In the years 1864-65, he was engaged in placer (gold) mining on Lytle Creek, then a boom district, though his luck as a miner failed him. In the fall of 1865, he went to the coal mines at Mount Diablo, in Contra Costa County. He worked the mines for two years, getting good wages and returned with some capital. He then did farming and teaming. In February of 1884, he homesteaded 80 acres of state land and improved it to secure title and planted the land. He sold this land after 20 years in 1904. Then, leaving his family in San Bernardino, he once again went to the frontier, filing on 80 acres of desert land seven miles southwest of the Imperial Town site. He improved the land and sold it two years later. On returning to San Bernardino, he filed on a 160-acre tract in the northwest quarter of section 29, north of Etiwanda. Later, he discovered that this was not Government land, but was owned by the railroad. He made arrangements to purchase 40 acres from the railroad. This land lies at the corner of Summit and Etiwanda avenues. He built a home and planted fruit and otherwise instituted improvements that marked his secure material property.

After nearly fifty years of companionship, his wife, Matilda, was taken from him on January 10, 1921. Eleven children were born to David and Matilda, ten of whom lived to maturity;

- 1) David Thomas, b. Jul. 08, 1863 in CA. and d. Aug. 05, 1953 in San Bernardino Co., CA. He was a farmer at Bishop in Inyo Co., Ca.
- 2) Alexander 'Alec', b. Oct. 6, 1864 in San Bernardino, San Bernardino Co., CA. and d. Apr. 6, 1951 in San Bernardino, San Bernardino Co., CA. Alec also lived in Bishop, Inyo, CA.



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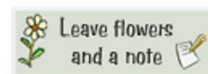
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- 3) William Penn 'Bill/Will', b. Sept. 10, 1867 in CA. and d. Apr. 18, 1968 in L.A. Co., CA. He was in business in Rialto.
 - 4) Walter Scott, b. Nov. 10, 1869 in CA. and d. July 26, 1964 in San Bernardino Co., CA. He was a resident of Etiwanda.
 - 5) Nettie Jeanette, b. Mar. 1, 1872 in San Bernardino, S.B., CA. and d. Mar. 11, 1961 in Ontario, S. B., CA. She married Joseph E. Perdeu and lived on a place adjoining the Henderson ranch
 - 6) Charles Glen, b. 1875 and d. Feb. 21, 1882. He died as a child and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in San Bernardino, CA.
 - 7) Robert Roy, b. Nov. 1, 1877 in San Bernardino Co., CA. and d. May 2, 1938 in Etiwanda, San Bernardino, CA. He was a rancher in Etiwanda
 - 8) Margaret, b. Dec. 2, 1882 in San Bernardino Co., CA. and d. Jan. 12, 1936 in San Bernardino, S.B., CA. 'Maggie' married James Anderson of San Bernardino
 - 9) Lottie Belle, b. 1884 and d. 1976. She was the wife of William St. Claire of Little Rock, Los Angeles Co., CA.
 - 10) Grover Cleveland, b. Mar. 15, 1887 in CA. and d. Jun. 17, 1970 in San Bernardino Co., CA. He was a citrus grower in Etiwanda.
 - 11) Earl Elmer, b. May 26, 1891 in CA. and d. Nov. 13, 1964 in Monterey Co., CA. He lived in Etiwanda, S.B., CA.
- Source: Donald Henderson and son, David Henderson.

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CELEBRATION OF A GOLDEN WEDDING

Friends Gather For a Happy Reunion Event at the Henderson Home

Etiwanda, March 28 (1912) - (Staff correspondence of THE SUN) - Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Henderson of Etiwanda celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding today at their home, surrounded by relatives, and all but one of their ten children, and 25 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have resided in Etiwanda for many years and were previously residents of San Bernardino, where their wedding occurred, their families being among the early settlers of the valley.

A special guest of honor at today's notable gathering was Mrs. Charlotte Hawker of San Bernardino, the mother of Mrs. Henderson, who will tomorrow celebrate her 89th birthday. A celebration feast was served at noon, two huge turkeys being features and a 12-pound fruit cake, with a special wedding cake also. The decorations were profuse, long branches of Lady Banksia (roses), in white and gold and mountain ferns being used about the rooms with Marie Henriette roses.

A number of pictures of the company and the group of grandchildren and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were made by Artist Shagner of San Bernardino.

A number of gifts were received, the sons having presented a handsome gold clock and the mother of Mrs. Henderson, a beautiful gold sugar spoon.

Mrs. Sinclair of Rock Creek was the only one of the couple's children unable to be present, being detained at home by illness. The others

present were William, Robert, Walter, Alex, David, Grover and Earl Henderson, and Mrs. Nettie Perdeu and Mrs. James Anderson of Highland, with their families. Mrs. Victor Delor of San Bernardino, sister of Mrs. Henderson, was a guest also.

Obituary from San Bernardino, California
Tuesday, July 20, 1926:

IN THE SHADOWS

DAVID GLEN HENDERSON

Death came to David Glen Henderson yesterday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of his son, Robert Henderson, in Fontana. Mr. Henderson was 84 years old and a native of Scotland, but had claimed California as his home for the past 77 years. Forty-four years of that time, he had made his home in Etiwanda, where he had been an orange grower. He was well known throughout the valley and will be missed by many friends as well as his family. John A. Henderson, former mayor of this city (San Bernardino), is a brother and a sister, Mrs. Jeanette Roberts, also of this city.

Surviving are ten children:

David Henderson of Imperial Valley,
Alec (Alexander) Henderson of Atolia,
California;
William Henderson of Rialto;
Nettie Jeannette (Henderson) Perdeu (of Alta Loma) (husband was Joseph Edward Perdeu),
Walter Scott Henderson and
Robert Roy Henderson of Etiwanda;
(the wife of) Charles Glen Henderson of San Bernardino; Mrs. Belle St. Clair of Little Rock, California;
Grover Cleveland Henderson of Alta Loma and
Earl C. Henderson. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Family links:

Parents:

[David Henderson \(1811 - 1849\)](#)
[Margaret Ada *Adam* Henderson \(1816 - 1900\)](#)

Spouse:

[Matilda Caroline *Hawker* Henderson \(1845 - 1921\)*](#)

Children:

[David Thomas Henderson \(1863 - 1953\)*](#)
[Alexander Henderson \(1865 - 1956\)*](#)
[William Penn Henderson \(1867 - 1968\)*](#)
[Walter Scott Henderson \(1869 - 1964\)*](#)
[Nettie Jeanette *Henderson* Perdeu \(1872 - 1961\)*](#)
[Charles Glenn Henderson \(1875 - 1882\)*](#)
[Robert Roy Henderson \(1877 - 1938\)*](#)
[Margaret *Henderson* Anderson \(1882 - 1936\)*](#)
[Grover Cleveland Henderson \(1887 - 1970\)*](#)

Siblings:

[William McDonald Henderson \(1833 - 1904\)*](#)
[Isabella *Henderson* Nish \(1835 - 1890\)*](#)
[Margaret Victoria *Henderson* Yager \(1837 - 1921\)*](#)
[David Glenn Henderson \(1842 - 1926\)](#)
[Jeannette Adam Walkinshaw *Henderson* Roberds \(1844 - 1936\)*](#)
[Mary Adam *Henderson* Ashcroft \(1848 - 1904\)*](#)
[John Alexander Henderson \(1856 - 1938\)*](#)

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