

Early Malone Tragedies

Charlie Everett, born in 1878 and a life time resident of Malone (Father of Hayes and Charles Henry) were accidentally killed in 1942. According to information extracted from several interviews; In October 1942 Charlie was engaged in the storage and preservation of his livestock hay for the winter. His farm was located about 2 miles west of Malone. Charlie was working with a wagon and mules with no additional manpower. He had stacked hay several bails high on the wagon. It was during the process of transporting it from the hay field to his barn the accident occurred. The wagon wheels traveled into a depression while entering onto present day Autumn Road. This sudden jolt created the load to shift and tumble forward on him and the mules. When the hay bails fell on the mules they became spooked and pulled the wagon over Charlie. The large steel coupling pin used to connect the front and rear wheels on the wagon struck him in the head. He was killed, perhaps instantly. He was buried at Friendship Cemetery which is only a short distance from where the accident occurred.

Henry Anderson, born in 1859 and a life time resident of Malone (Father of Charlie, Ressie, Clayton, Jodie and Rosie) were accidentally killed in 1923. According to information extracted from several interviews; In December 1923 Henry and 18 year old son Charlie traveled to Marianna from his farm 3 miles west of Malone. The summarized purpose of the trip was to trade mules. Henry's farming needs warranted a younger animal. They went shopping at Richard Hinson's place of business. Hinson was well known for his quality animals and equipment during this era. The business transaction was completed and Henry unhitched the older mule and replaced him with the younger one. The accident occurred on the return trip home and only a short distance from where he purchased the mule. On present day Jackson Street in Marianna the young mule became unruly. Using standard procedure Henry attempted to regain control with the bridle bit. Normally this procedure would have been most effective; however

the bit broke leaving Henry and Charlie with a run away dilemma. No one knows whether they exited the buggy by jumping or not. Henry was killed in the accident and Charlie survived and lived five more decades. Both are buried at Collins Cemetery.

