

HENRY REYNOLDS

Born 3 Dec 1840, NY was the son of Stephen Reynolds, born 17 Nov 1800, Washington, NY and Mariam Babcock, born 11 Mar 1807, VT.

Henry lived and worked on a farm near Nichols, Tioga, NY. He married Chloe Vandermark c 1861 in New York. Chloe was born c 1840 in New York. A son was born to this union, Oscar Henry Reynolds, 7 Dec 1861.

He then joined the Union Army, as a Private, 6 Aug 1862 in Company E, 130 Regiment, New York, 19th Calvary. He was captured by Confederate General Jubal Early's troops on 28 October 1864 at Middleton, VA. He was held at Richmond, VA then on 4 Nov 1864 sent to the Confederate Prison Camp at Salisbury, NC. He was paroled on 15 Feb 1865 at Richmond, VA. He spent some time in a couple hospitals before being returned to his Regiment. He was charged \$12.55 for his transportation.

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“Working their way carefully around the base of Three-top Mountain by a concealed pathway, and hidden by early morning fog, the three main forces of Gen. Jubal Early struck the Federal encampment at Cedar Creek or Belle Grove. The Northern positions crumpled and some still-sleeping soldiers were rudely awakened. As the sun rose and the fog lifted, the Confederates of Joseph B. Kershaw and John Brown Gordon had full possession of the camps and earthworks of the Eighth and Nineteenth Corps of Sheridan's army and had taken many prisoners, considerable artillery, camp equipment and trains. Next Early attacked the Federal Sixth Corps, which had just returned to the army. Sixth Corps commander Horatio Wright was in charge of the entire Army due to Sheridan's absence. Sheridan had been in Washington part of Oct. 17 and hurried back toward the Valley by special train the same night. On Oct. 18 he went from Martinsburg, W.VA, to Winchester arriving in mid-afternoon. Instead of leaving directly for Cedar Creek, Sheridan paused to survey the defenses of the town.

The Sixth Corps did manage to make brief stands against Early's thrusts, withdrawing to a post north and west of Middletown, supported by the other slowly rallying Federals. Some of the Confederates looted the Cedar Creek camps as Early halted the drive. About ten-thirty in the morning Sheridan arrived from Winchester, helped inspire the Federals, strengthened the lines, and about 4 P.M. attacked. He drove Early back to Fisher's Hill with heavy losses in men and material. The Confederates were badly beaten, but they made a gallant showing. Sheridan's return became the theme of the famous poem of T. Buchanan Read, “Sheridan's Ride,” which perhaps exaggerated the Federal commander's role. Out of more than 30,000 engaged, the North lost 644 killed, 3430 wounded, and 1591 missing for 5665 casualties. Confederate figures are disputed, with estimates of numbers engaged ranging from 8800 infantry to 18,000. Losses were possibly 320 killed, 1540 wounded, and 1050 missing for 2910. Confederate Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Ramseur was mortally wounded. Cedar Creek marked the last major battle of the war in the Shenandoah. Early's remnant continued to be a nuisance, but Federals controlled the Valley until the end.”

When Henry Reynolds returned home to Nichols, NY, he found his wife, Chloe, had married another man. She had never heard from him and thought he was dead. Henry could not read or write.

Henry divorced Chloe in 1865. He married 24 Dec 1866, Geraldine Crandall Gould, who was born 4 Jan 1848, PA. Henry, Geraldine and their children left New York, lived 14 years in Lebanon, MO, then moved to Iowa for 12 years. They are buried in Guthrie, IA. Henry died 10 Sep 1914 and his grave is marked with a Civil War marker.