

Henry Lever, photo taken at Tarpon Springs, Florida c1885

## **Henry Lever Emigrates to America**

Henry Lever was born in 7th November 1822 in Ansty, the son of George Lever and Hannah (Gerrard). His father George was a carpenter. Henry was baptised in the parish church 3 days after his birth on the 10th November.

He was the second child born to George and Hannah. Other brothers and sisters were: James, 1820; Edward, 1825; George, 1828; Jean, 1830; Ann, 1834; and Elizabeth, 1835.

He does not appear with his family in Ansty in the 1841 or 1851 census.

The date of his emigration to America is unconfirmed however a Henry Lever of the same age arrived in New York aboard the Franklin in 1851.

Henry Lever married Caroline Frances Crosby 8th January 1865 in Tama, Iowa, USA. In 1873 Caroline was named beneficiary to the Civil War Pension of Henry Lever who had served as a private in the 10th Regiment of the Iowa Infantry as part of the Union forces during the American Civil War.

The 1870 American census shows him at Morris Township, Carrol County, Missouri:

H. Lever, 46, farmer, b. England; C. Lever, 35, Keeping house, b. New York; E. Lever, 4, b. Ohio; and C. Lever, 2, b. Ohio.

The 1880 American census shows the family living in Bates Township, Carrol County, Missouri:

Henry Lever, 54, farmer, b. 1826, England; wife Caroline Lever, 46, keeping house, b. 1834, New York; son Edward Lever, 14, at home, b. Ohio 1866; son, Charles Lever, 12, at home, b. 1868, Ohio; son, Harry Lever, 9, b. 1871, Missouri; daughter, May Lever, 3, b. 1877 Missouri.

Henry Lever died 11th January 1890, at Tama, Iowa, USA. ©Wiltshire OPC Project/Year/Maureen Withey