

John Henry son of Patrick, when at school with  
Dolly Dandridge, fell in love with her. It so hap-  
pened that afterwards Patrick Henry the father, ignorant of  
his son's early attachment courted & married the same lady.  
John the son, entered the army of the revolution, was  
promoted & distinguished himself particularly at the  
battle of Saratoga, by the side of, Morgan Arnold & the  
other gallant officers of the American army.

At the close of the action however, he was observed  
walking over the field of battle, occasionally pausing to  
recognize such persons among the fallen as he chanced  
to know; at length he stopped by the body of a comrade,  
& there stood wistfully gazing on the face of the dead  
as if lost in abstraction; suddenly he drew his sword  
from its scabbard, snapped it in pieces, dashed it  
on the ground, and went raving mad.

When Patrick Henry heard of the calamity that had  
befallen his son & learned for the first time his  
attachment to Miss Dandridge now his mother-in-law.  
he was overwhelmed with grief & was often  
heard to exclaim poor John, poor John & at the  
bare mention of his name would shed tears.  
Note this story is almost too romantick to be true  
I have it however from Mr Spotswood Fontaine a  
descendant of Patrick Henry.



John Henry