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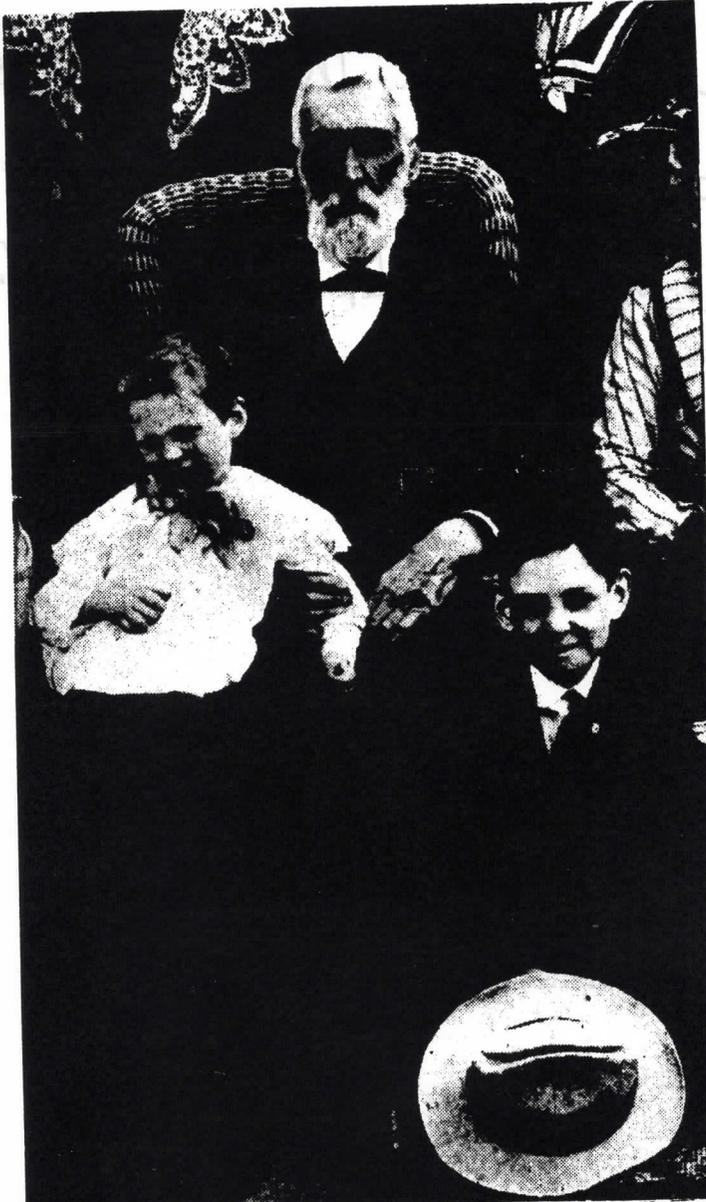
Stephen's Son Henry — The Herald Founder

Henry Dyer Lowing was six years old when Stephen moved the family to Linesville. He attended public school in the area, and then spent three years at a private academy at Kingsville, Ohio. But that was only the beginning of his education; for as his great-grandson, Larry Lowing, says with amusement: "When they got an education back in those days, they really learned something."

After the academy at Kingsville, Henry taught school at Springboro, Pa., for five years and spent 18 months studying law at Allegheny College in Meadville. Somewhere within those years he became an ordained minister. Then he was made professor of mathematics at Randolph Academy at Randolph, N.Y., where within a year he was offered the position of assistant principal. While teaching at Randolph, 30-year-old Henry was asked to serve as pastor for the Congregationalist Church in Napoli, a few miles from the Academy. Henry then quit the Academy and moved his family to Napoli, where he worked until Sept. 23, 1862, when he enlisted for 18 months as a chaplain for the Civil War.

During his life, Henry also served the Congregational Church at Pierpont, Ohio, the Conneaut Center Church, and the Andover Church. He was ordained when 21-years old, but it is not known where he received his theological training.

One fact about the Linesville Herald founder does stand clear: the same stubborn blood that is reputed to have coursed through



Harold D. Lowing, 10, third-generation publisher of The Herald, sat by the knee of grandfather Henry D. Lowing, founder of newspaper, for family picture at Conneaut Township homestead in 1900. Youth standing at left is Frederic Z. Lowing, another grandson of the founder.

many of the Lowing veins, definitely affected Henry. One of the many examples of this occurred when Henry was 16, during a row with his uncle James in Gainesville, N.Y. Uncle James thought Henry should wear a tie. Henry disagreed. And one day the bulls locked horns. James was adamant and Henry said that if a tie around his neck meant peace instead of war, he would return comfortably to Pennsylvania. When his uncle stood firm, Henry packed his bags and started walking — 160 miles back to Crawford County.

Henry's adult life, like his father's, overflowed with many varied projects. Aside from serving many churches, he was instrumental in the founding of Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. He was elected to the State Legislature two times, and campaigned three times for Congress without success.

Rev. H.D. Lowing married Nancy Jane Pierce and they produced seven children and several of them earned quite a reputation.

Henry S. Lowing for example — blind from birth — managed to work fervently on the farm, hoeing, milking and tending the cows. He wrote music, and played and tuned pianos. One of his songs may be found in the hymnals of the United Presbyterian Church. The man was so versatile that the printing members of the family once dragged him down to the paper to see if he could read the raised letters on the block type as if it were braille.

Frank C. Lowing, The Wanderer with Ideas, Prompts the Founding of the Linesville Herald

Henry S. was unusual, but Frank C., another of the reverend's offspring, (although unusual also) proved to be the most instrumental of the Lowings in the founding of the Linesville Herald.

During a time when the extended family thrived, when the children were expected to stay home and tend the farm, Frank spent much of his life traveling and working. He started school

at four years of age, and continued through to two years at Oberlin College and one year at Oberlin seminary.

Frank then moved to Pittsburg and learned the printing trade. This proved to be his calling in life; and as his great-nephew, Lawrence Francis Lowing puts it: "He was the only one of us to choose printing. Circumstances dictated the trade for the rest of us."

Frank wrote several books, including a 144-page history of the Lowing family. Certainly one of the most amusing sections of the book is Frank's account of himself, specifically his description of the founding of The Linesville Herald:

"Learned the printing business in Pittsburg Pa., became the editor of a country weekly at Linesville, Pa., later edited the

Braddock Daily Herald..." That's all Frank had to say about our paper; but further investigation shows it was brevity that might have been caused by embarrassment.

According to Larry Lowing, Frank returned to Linesville after traveling from Cleveland to Pittsburgh, working at different printing jobs: "The pickings might have been getting lean for Frank...we don't really know,