

Henry Schultz Lubbock

Captain Henry Schultz Lubbock was born 2 April 1823 in Charleston, South Carolina. He was the fifth of six children of Henry Thomas Willis Lubbock and Susan Ann Saltus. He attended the famous South Carolina Society School.¹

The family moved to Savannah, Georgia in 1828, where his father died in 1830. On the 1830 census, his mother and siblings were back living in Charleston, South Carolina.² His mother died in 1836 when Henry was thirteen years old.

Henry married Mary G Warner about 1846 and they eventually had five children. Henry also raised a stepson from Mary's previous marriage. In 1850, they lived in New York City, New York³, where Henry had been an apprentice machinist in the shop of T F Secor.⁴ Henry was appointed dock engineer in Charleston for Brooks & Barden line of steamers between Charleston and Savannah.⁵

When the gold excitement broke out in California, Henry sailed on the ship *Prometheus* to Panama, then across Panama by canoe (pulled by natives) and by mule, in a party of nine people. One of them came down with smallpox, and Henry stayed behind to care for him. He then sailed for San Francisco on the maiden voyage of the ship *Union* in February 1851.⁶

Henry came to San Francisco for the specific purpose of working the iron steamer *American Eagle*, which had been brought in sections on the ship *George Brown* from Philadelphia. Henry served as engineer and his brother William was ship captain. After two years, the ship was sold and Henry went back east to bring the steamer *Bay City* to the west coast. However, it ended up disabled in Rio Janeiro.⁷

In 1855 the family lived in Brooklyn, Kings, New York; where Henry was listed as an agent.⁸ Henry returned to San Francisco and took charge of the steamer *Sophia* for the California Steam Navigation Company on the San Jose route until 1859.⁹ In 1860, Henry was raising stock in Harris, Texas, with his brother, and both their families.¹⁰

At the commencement of the Civil War, Henry returned to the South and enlisted in the Confederate army. He was a Brigadier General, serving on the staff of General Magruder, and was in command of the Confederate gun boat *Bayou City*,¹¹ which attacked and captured the Union gunboat *Harriet Lane* in Galveston harbor. (An interesting note, Henry sold the *Bayou City* to the Confederate States

¹ Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress, 1892, p. 317.

² United States Census, 1830.

³ United States Census, 1850.

⁴ The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320.

⁵ The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320.

⁶ The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320; Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress, 1892, p. 317..

⁷ The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320; Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress, 1892, p. 317..

⁸ United States Census, 1855.

⁹ Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress, 1892, p. 317.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1860.

¹¹ Battle on the Bay: The Civil War Struggle for Galveston; *The San Francisco Call*, 9 December 1908, p. 4.

government for \$50,000).¹² Frank R. Lubbock, Henry's brother, was the Confederate war governor of Texas and was an aide to Jefferson Davis. He was captured with the president of the confederacy and was for a time in Fortress Monroe under sentence of death. Another brother, Thomas Lubbock, was the head of the Texas Rangers and was killed in a battle with the Union forces in Tennessee. Henry was a personal friend of General Grant, and when his brother, the governor of Texas, was a prisoner in Fortress Monroe he besought the head of the Union armies to assist him in obtaining a pardon for his relative.¹³ [To read more about Henry's involvement in the Civil War, see the book *Six Decades in Texas: Or, Memoirs of Francis Richard Lubbock, Governor of Texas in War Time, 1861-63. A Personal Experience in Business, War, and Politics*, by Francis Richard Lubbock, 1900.]

In 1868, Henry returned to California and engaged in farming in San Jose.¹⁴ He was also a mining superintendent.¹⁵ On the 1870 census, Henry is listed as a steamboat captain in Santa Clara, California.¹⁶ By 1875, Henry and Mary were in Lincoln, Nevada, where Henry was an engineer in charge of the Flora Springs Water Works.¹⁷ In 1876, Henry moved to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory¹⁸ where he was a miner.¹⁹ Mary and her daughter and family were living in Alameda, California.²⁰

In 1884, Henry returned to San Francisco and was appointed the Superintendent of Repairs on the State Board of Harbor Commissioners.²¹ In July 1887 he was appointed the Inspector of Steam Vessels by President Cleveland.²² His district embraced all the waters and rivers of the US west of the Rocky Mountains.²³

Mary died in 1893. Henry lived in Alameda until his death in 1908.²⁴ He is buried in Hayward, Alameda, California.²⁵ He was "one of the oldest and most experienced engineers on the Pacific coast". He was a prominent member of the Masons and was a Knight Templar.²⁶

¹² *Six Decades in Texas: Or, Memoirs of Francis Richard Lubbock, Governor of Texas in War Time, 1861-63. A Personal Experience in Business, War, and Politics*, by Francis Richard Lubbock, 1900, p. 421.

¹³ *The San Francisco Call*, 9 December 1908, p. 4.

¹⁴ *The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History*, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320; *California Great Registers*, 1869.

¹⁵ *Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress*, 1892, p. 317.

¹⁶ United States Census, 1870.

¹⁷ Nevada State Census, 1875.

¹⁸ *The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History*, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320.

¹⁹ United States Census, 1880.

²⁰ *Ibid.*

²¹ *Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress*, 1892, p. 317.

²² *The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History*, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320; *The San Francisco Call*, 9 December 1908, p. 4.

²³ *Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress*, 1892, p. 317.

²⁴ United States Census, 1900; *California Great Registers, 1884-1896*; *San Francisco Call*, 9 December 1908.

²⁵ *Find-a-grave*.

²⁶ *The Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and its Suburban Cities: A History*, 1892, Vol 2, pp. 327-320.



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(image from *Master Hands in the Affairs of the Pacific Coast: Historical, Biographical and Descriptive: A Resume of the Builders of Our Material Progress*, 1892, p. 316)



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To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate **Henry S. Lubbock**, of California, to be supervising inspector of steam vessels for the first district, in place of Charles C. Bemis, removed.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *December 12, 1887.*

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Texas Marine Department officers, left to right, Capt. Jno. Hall, Signal Officer G. A. Fosgard, 1st Engineer Donehue, unknown Sailing Master, 2nd Engineer James Edwards, and Super Cargo Henry S. Lubbock. *From the SUGG Studio, Houston, ca. 1867 to 1870; courtesy the J. Dale West Collection, Longview.*

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