

# Patrick Henry

"Patrick Henry was a native of Virginia, of which State he became Governor. He was eminent through life as a statesman and an orator. A little before his death, he remarked to a friend, who found him reading his Bible, Here is a book worth more than all the other books which ever were printed; yet it is my misfortune never to have, till lately, found time to read it with proper attention and feeling."

This excellent man left in his Will the following important passage:

I have now disposed of all my property to my family: there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is, the Christian religion. If they had that and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich; and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor."

The descendants of Patrick Henry are now members of Baptist churches, and the inhabitants of the counties in Virginia where the Baptists were then persecuted, are now almost all connected with that denomination.

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