



THE HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Honorary Memberships:

Col. Benjamin Walker Hawes  
(1909-1988)

Mildred and Jack Foster  
Lewisport, Kentucky

Memorial Memberships:

Dorothy Horn Hawes (1912-1989)  
Anna Lewis Hawes (1855-1937)  
Edwin Combe Hawes (1856-1928)  
Lloyd Clark Hawes (1916-1981)  
Betty Lou (Carlton) Wilhoyte  
(1928-1993)

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Dear Friends:

Greetings to each of you! There's much to write about so here's hoping you are comfortably seated and will enjoy this Newsletter.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

If you see a big and happy smile on the face of both Margaret and Lewis Hawes (of Owensboro), there is good reason. They have just become great-grandparents of a new little fellow, born on July 30, 1994, in South Dakota. He is TYLER WILLIAM FALK, son of Tracy and Charles Falk III. The new grandparents are Dixie (Hawes) Falk and husband, Charles Falk, Jr., of Bowling Green. Margaret reports that Tyler William is a fine and healthy baby and our wishes go out to him for a good life.

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THE FOSTERS ARE NAMED CO-HISTORIANS OF THE YEAR IN HANCOCK COUNTY

At the 13th annual banquet of the Hancock County Historical Society, held in Hawesville on April 18th of this year, The Fosters (both of them) were given the Society's highest honor -- they were named Co-Historians of the Year. This honor is a very deserving one since they both continuously give their time and efforts toward all things historical in Hancock County. We can just imagine the applause they received when accepting this Award. The Treasurer of the Society, Patsy Young, praised the Fosters, saying "we probably haven't presented the Award to anyone more worthy...they make sure things happen". This writer would like to add, "Yes, they certainly do...things like the Hancock County Museum". Other fine comments from members of the Society, regarding the Fosters, were printed in The Clarion. To them I say "Don't forget, you two are also Honorary Members of our family association, and while we have no Awards to bestow, we can certainly send you our hearty Congratulations, Mildred and Jack. From our very beginning, you have contributed much to us."

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While working in my files, was found a copy of the official document of the Confederate States of America appointing Richard Hawes II as Major in the Commissary Department. It had been sent me by a man in Kentucky who wrote that Richard Hawes II "was one of his heroes". I had never used this document -- thinking it was lost. It bears the signature of Acting Secretary of War Benjamin, and is dated October 17, 1861. It is an honor to include it in this Newsletter. Richard Hawes II was 64 years of age when he "rode off" for The Cause when lesser men would have considered themselves "too old to go" (my opinion, of course). Four of his sons joined the Confederacy; his home was broken up and his wife had gone to Virginia, taking one of their daughters...a second daughter later joined those of her family in Virginia. Until the end of the War, Richard Hawes II was "still riding", to wherever he was needed. When the family returned to Kentucky - after the War - they found their home had been burned to the ground; the son Samuel had given his life for The Cause, and would not be with them. Richard Hawes II, however, wasted no time in establishing another home for his family and taking up an active life again. He lived to be 80 years old and the State of Kentucky refers to him as the Second Governor of Confederate Kentucky. Most of you already know these facts but they look SO GOOD in this Newsletter, and this opportunity could not be resisted.

Confederate States of America.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Richmond, October 1861.

Sir:

You are hereby ~~informed~~ that the President has appointed you  
 Brig. Commissary

Major

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States. You are requested to signify your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment: and should you accept you will sign before a magistrate, the oath of office ~~of service~~, and forward the same with your letter of acceptance to this Department. You will report for duty to the Army.

J. B. Benjamin  
 Acting Secretary of War.

Major Richard Hawes  
 Brig. Commissary

Next, as your secretary prepares to eat a small dish of crow, let me correct a mistake made in the March Newsletter -- or, rather an omission.

Colonel John Martin and Mary Elkin were the parents of Mildred Elkin (Martin) Taylor, who was the mother of Jonathan Gibson Taylor (the husband of Susan Elizabeth Hawes)

BUT, there was a first John Martin --- father of Col. John Martin who married Mary Elkin. I completely left out this first John Martin, who was one of the early pioneers in Kentucky, coming there in the time of Daniel Boone. He is spoken of in two books, Collins' History of Kentucky and Kincaid's The Wilderness Road. He is also in the Daviess County Historical Map publication. I think the excitement of my "discoveries" was the reason he was omitted...I was in too much of a hurry. Now, the FIRST John Martin is on our record.

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We welcome a new member: Mary Ethel (Hawes) Reeder, who lives in Arlington, Texas. A first cousin of this writer, Mary Ethel is a retired school teacher and has grandchildren to whom she will be "teaching" their Hawes family history.

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He will not like my mentioning this, but I MUST. Major Ronald D. Risley, of Ventura, California, has become a member of The Aztec Club of 1847, a Military Society of the Mexican War. From material sent, it was learned this is the second ranking American Patriotic Society, coming next after the Society of the Cincinnati.

We are proud our patriotic "cousin" is now enrolled in this outstanding organization. He is a collateral descendant of General Simon Bolivar Buckner; no direct descendant of the General has applied for membership. Major Risley enjoys Ten Supplemental Ancestors in the many patriotic organizations to which he belongs, two of which are the Haweses and Buckners. Congratulations to him, and when his term as State Executive Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution ends and he then occupies the office of State President of SAR, in April of 1995, I hope bells are ringing and drums beating for him.

He and his wife were one of the first families to join our Hawes Family Association; they have loyally supported our every effort.

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Here is a message from our President:

Recently I visited the Hawes Graveyard at Yelvington, Ky. It is a pretty, quiet and peaceful place. The grass had just been cut and trimmed, thanks to Lewis and Margaret Hawes who have given such loving and tender care to keep it in good shape. THANKS A MILLION LEWIS AND MARGARET. However, Richard's grave has deteriorated very badly. I believe it is beyond restoration and something else should be done. After all it has been there 165 years so guess it has held up remarkably well. It would be nice if it could be put back as it was originally.

I am in the process of getting estimates from local (Owensboro) Monument Companies to see what can be done. Some time ago Ben Walker Hawes, Jr. told me to get estimates and send them to him, which I will do just as soon as I receive them, and he will take it up with the Trustees. As most of you know, Col. Ben Hawes set up a Trust Fund for the Graveyard, naming trustees, etc.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Fall and Happy Holidays which will be coming up very shortly.

As Clary (Walker) Hawes was growing older and evidently not in the best of health, her sons -- all well-educated men -- were well aware of changes that would come. Our member, Dr. Katherine Hawes Coleman Seaman has furnished us with many copies of letters written by Clary's sons. I think you will enjoy reading them, and intend to repeat one or two in each future Newsletter.

Over in Virginia, Clary's son Dr. Aylett Hawes, was the first of her children to die. Born in Virginia in 1803, he died at his home "The Grove" on December 29, 1845. He had married his first cousin, Mary Hawes (daughter of their father's brother, Walker and Mary Martin Hawes). At the time of his death, Dr. Hawes was serving in the Virginia House of Delegates, leaving six surviving children, the oldest one being a son, Richard (1829-1869) who was now married to Mary E. Timberlake.

Clary's son, Hugh Walker Hawes, one of the lawyers in the family, seemed to handle business matters for all branches of Clary's family, and upon learning of the death of his brother, Dr. Aylett Hawes, he wrote a beautiful letter to his nephew, who was about 19 years of age when his father died.

Some parts of his letter to young Richard are as follows:

"Dear Richard:  
My mother received your letter acquainting us with the death of our beloved Brother. We sincerely console with your Mother and Family upon the melanchony event. It is some consolation, however, to know that your sister and self are of an age sufficient to appreciate the importance of maintaining that station of respectability and \_\_\_\_\_ which your parentage and fortune have assigned to you and that your living parent is endowed with the virtue, prudence and sensitivity necessary to lead the younger children in the only path which conducts to happiness. As the foundation of both happiness and inspiration, I regard honesty and \_\_\_\_\_, after these, industry, economy, a just sense of personal honor and dignity, affection to your parents, fidelity to your friends, kindness to your relatives, respect to your neighbors & acquaintances and a critical selection of the associates of your youth are the strongest guarantees of your success".  
(He continues in this letter to speak of business matters in the family and signs his letter with:  
"My best love to you all, Yrs. Afft. Uncle  
H.W. Hawes")

Clary died in October of 1848. Her son, Albert Gallatin Hawes, who was elected to Congress from Kentucky, died a year following his mother's death -- in 1849. The letters reflect "plans" being made, and "talking" (through letters) of the future...these talks were now serious ones and it is this writer's belief you will enjoy reading these letters exchanged between the children of Richard and Clary Walker Hawes.

Another short letter follows -- written by William Franklin Hawes in 1843 when he was aboard the boat "Queen City", on its way back to Kentucky after a trip southward.

A letter to his sister, Ann Hawes Coleman.  
"I left home on last Tuesday week for the mouth of Red River and intended returning to see you but I have been detained so much longer than I expected. I am very sorry that I cannot do so.

I shipped to Mr. Thomas Allen 2,000 lbs of bacon; 4 kgs lard, and 15 lbs. Tallow which is in a box of bacon and a barrel of vinegar, marked H. H. Coleman, and having intended to stop, left no directions with it.

.....Mama is now a little better than she has been; she has been very unwell through the winter, scarcely able to leave her room since all Fall...all the balance of the family are well.

Sister, this is the first time I have failed stopping to see you and I would do so now but my Aurelia is nearly deranged not hearing from me and my being so much over my time. The boat is shaking so much that I cannot write. But I will write you a long letter as soon as I reach home....give my love to all my relations and Ma says if you do not come to see her shortly that you will not see her alive. I wish you would come to see her and no doubt you could relieve her mind a great deal. Kiss all for me and accept my very best love from Ma and my Aurelia, for she is the loveliest woman on earth.  
Your most aff. bro. Wm. F. Hawes"

Let me know if you like these "samples", written by Clary's sons.... they write good accounts of brother Hugh Walker Hawes deciding to go to Texas --- Wm. Franklin also goes, to look over the situation, and Richard Hawes II writes his sister, Susan Elizabeth, that "if he were younger" he'd also go. There's a great letter, written by Edwin Hawes, telling about the experience of "joining the Church"  
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Our October's bright blue weather has arrived here and before we realize it, another year - 1995 - will be ushered in. Wherever you live, I join with Anna in wishing all of you THE BEST. Keep those cards and letters coming in -- with YOUR news, and until March of next year, that's all, folks.

Sincerely,

*William F. Hawes*  
your secretary