



THE HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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(1904-1994)

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Dear Friends:

Your president, Anna, and your secretary, Helen, send to each of you a special greeting via our October Newsletter. Wherever you live, we hope that you, too, are enjoying the stunning show now being hosted by Old Mother Nature Herself, as she paints our scenes with glorious colors, further enhancing the bright blue days of October. Moreover, her pageant of unsurpassed beauty is Free to Everyone -- no cover-charge and no taxes.

We have two new members. In April of this year, our 74th member was Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, of Maceo, Kentucky. Mrs. Miller was - before her marriage - Patty Ann Thompson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson II, also of Maceo.

Her descent from Richard & Clary Hawes is as follows:

Richard & Clary, Benjamin Walker Hawes (1810-1861) and wife, Mary Ann Taylor/ Samuel Taylor Hawes (1835-1811) and wife "Patsy" Sterrett/ Sallie Stone Hawes (b. 1870) and husband, George William Thompson/ George William Thompson II and wife, Thelma Marksberry.

Patty and her family live on Kingfisher Road, and, as she says, "within walking distance of the Hawes Family Cemetery...just over the hill". She also wrote me that when her 3 daughters were young they picked Easter flowers from the cemetery.

Patty's mother, Mrs. Thelma Thompson, wrote me a letter which is of importance. I have never known the exact date when Clary's home was destroyed.....so, wound up having 3 different dates. Now comes a letter which establishes - for certain - WHEN it burned. The facts follow (as written by Mrs. Thompson):

"George and I were married on December 7, 1928. On December 18, my father and George had been to Rockport, Indiana on the ferry boat. On the way back home, they came by Kingfisher Lake and saw the house burning. It was 11:00 A.M. My husband came in our room to tell me about it...I was sick in bed that morning". In my opinion, no bride is going to forget her early bridal days, SO, having this information from Mrs. Thompson, my records will show that Clary's home burned on the morning of December 18, 1928.

Speaking of that fire, in one of the writing of our president's "Aunt Anna" (Anna Lewis Hawes 1855-1937), she wrote that the first wife of Hugh Walker Hawes - Marie Martha Juliette (di Rion) Hawes had played the harp. After her sad death in March of 1840, the harp had been taken to Clary's home...and it had burned up in the fire.

Our second new member is Gary Schone, who lives in far-away South Dakota. His town is Frankfort. I asked him the size of his hometown and he said, "Well, I reckon about two hundred people live here". He is delightful to talk to and is now working on his various family lines. Both our cousin, Coleman Currie, of Lovington, Va., and I have been corresponding with Gary and sending him information.

He has many good lines and in the Hawes line he is descended from Nicie (Eunice) Hawes, the sister of our own Samuel Hawes II. Nicie married John Coleman of "Pine Forest", so Gary is very busy working on the Coleman-Hawes people.

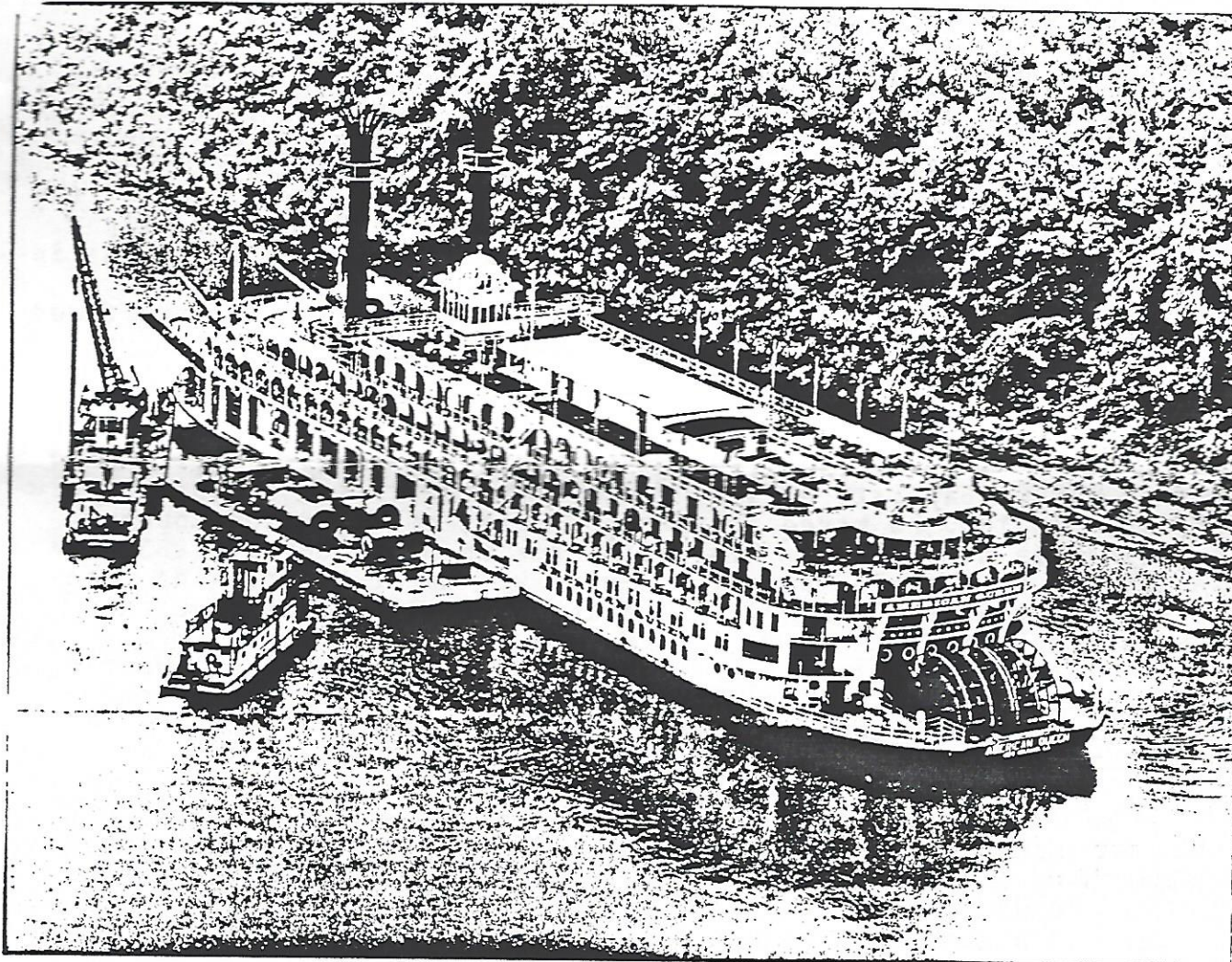
The first child of Nicie and John Coleman was a daughter, Frances, (called "Frankie") who was born in 1744. She married Joseph Graves and she lived to be 100 years old - according to a Bible record - and died in Lexington, Kentucky in 1844. She was the mother of TWELVE children.

Inasmuch as I read and study the Historical Highway Marker books published by the Kentucky Historical Society (they're better than a novel) learning Kentucky's history, I was very happy to send Gary some information about Frankie's 7th child, a son, named BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GRAVES, born 1771. The State of Kentucky bestowed an honor on him by naming a county for him...Graves County, located in the extreme southwestern part of Kentucky, VERY close to the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. The Marker is on the lawn of the Courthouse in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky. It reads:

"For Maj. Benjamin Franklin Graves. Born Va. 1771, came to Ky. 1791. A farmer, settled in Fayette Co. Elected to the General Assembly, 1801, 1806. Enlisted at the beginning of War of 1812, commissioned Aug. 7. Presumed killed by Indians after being wounded and captured, battle of River Raisin, Mich. Jan. 22, 1813. County, part of Jackson Purchase, formed from Hickman".

Probably one reason why this Marker became important to me is the fact that we could throw a rock almost to Hickman, Ky. from the town where this writer was born. Isn't it a small world?

We are glad to have Gary join us; all previous Newsletters were sent him.



In the photograph above tug boats attempt unsuccessfully to push the American Queen free. Efforts to lighten the boat to free it were not successful. At right, John Tuggle, of Troy, shows some of the boat's staff how shallow the water surrounding the mighty boat is.

—Aerial photo. by Donn Wimmer. Photo. at right by Steve Wimmer

For any of you who may have missed the TV story (which originated in Hawesville) of the beautiful boat which became "stuck" in the Ohio River earlier this year, here is a picture of it, as taken by Mr. Donn Wimmer, publisher of The Clarion, Hawesville's weekly newspaper. She was the American Queen, carrying many distinguished guests and headed for Cincinnati, where she would begin her maiden voyage. The towns of Hawesville (on the Kentucky side) and Troy (on the Indiana side) became exciting places to be; both offered every possible assistance; however, it was several days before this majestic vessel became "unstuck" and was free to resume her journey down the beautiful Ohio River. Just look at those TREES!

We have many Texans who are members of our family association. They live in Arlington, Waco, Port O'Connor, Victoria, Falfurrias, Brenham, Rockport, Burton, Dickinson, Corpus Christi, Bay City, Wharton, Fort Worth, Houston and Austin. Their loyal support is deeply appreciated.

Whatever years are left for this writer, they will be spent in searching for and finding Hawes people; then adding them to the rich limbs of the Hawes Family Tree....if they belong there, that is.

From A History of Wharton County (1846-1961) by Annie Lee Williams, we learn more about Hawes people in Texas.

Mr. Horton Foote, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in the field of Drama in 1995, is now retired and living in Wharton, Texas. The records show he is a descendant of MARY HAWES, who was born in Kentucky in 1845. She was the daughter of Hugh Walker Hawes and second wife, Corilla Calhoun, and Hugh Walker Hawes, one of the 8 sons of Richard Hawes and wife, Clary, went to Matagorda Island. Mary Hawes was a very young child when her father sold the lands inherited from his father, and moved his family to Texas. Mary married Robert John Horton, born 3-21-1844, a son of the famed Albert Clinton Horton whose accomplishments began when Texas was a-borning. Leaving his Alabama home, he became one of the freedom fighters of Texas. Serving in the First and Second Congresses of Texas, he was one of five men chosen to select the site for the capitol of Texas. He was elected Lt. Governor of his state in 1845. He was also a Baptist, a Mason and a charter trustee of Baylor University. In 1840 he moved to the upper part of Matagorda County, building his home there. His death came on September 1, 1865. He was buried in the old Matagorda cemetery. Later his remains were moved to the State Cemetery in Austin, where other distinguished Texans are buried.

Six children were born to A. C. and wife, Eliza (Holliday) Horton but only two survived to adulthood....the son, Robert John, and a daughter, Patience Louisiana Texas Horton, who married Colonel I. N. Dennis.

We learn from Presidio La Bahia, by Catherine Stoner O'Connor, that Captain Albert Horton's Mounted Cavalry was at Goliad, Texas in March of 1836 when the Goliad massacre took place. They were in Col. Fannin's Regiment and Capt. Horton and others had been sent to inspect a location for a possible creek crossing...many lives were lost at Goliad, and this "creek inspection" probably saved Capt. Horton's life and the others with him.

Six children were born to Mary (Hawes) and Robert John Horton, the oldest being a daughter, CORRIE (1869-1940) who married Albert Foote. To this marriage was born Albert H. Foote (b. 1891) who married Hallie Brooke. To this union was born Horton Foote, who married Lillian Vallish. Besides Horton were two other sons, John Speed Foote and Tom Brooks Foote (who was a WWII casualty).

Mr. Horton Foote's distinguished career covered 40 years in the film, theater and television industries. A playwright of great merit, it would take another entire page to list his works in the fields just mentioned. I have placed this talented gentleman on our records, in their proper place and my hope is that -- someday -- a letter will come from him, telling me who HIS children are.

Our best wishes go out to Donna Hawes, daughter of Walter Hawes II (Pat), who was married to James Hodson on September 23, '95. Donna lives in Lexington, Kentucky and is one of our members. This news comes from the new bride's grandmother, Claudia Hawes, who has just recently changed her life style. She has moved from her former home in Newburg, New York, into a very nice retirement center in Easton, Maryland. She is only 30 minutes away from St. Michaels, Md., where Pat lives. She writes that she is VERY HAPPY with the many comforts and accommodations they offer their "guests".

Maybe not a single one of our members is interested, but I want to mention this, regardless.

Studying constantly Elizabeth Hawes Ryland's compilation, THE HAWES FAMILY OF CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, I have learned a great deal about the children of Samuel Hawes I and his Spencer wife...more particularly about their first son, Isaac Hawes (1717-1789) who left seven children.

The 5th child was THOMAS HAWES (1747-1833) who was born in Caroline County, Va. and died in Gallatin County, Kentucky. From records sent me, I prepared a "paper" titled PRESENTING THOMAS HAWES, because Ms. Ryland lost tract of him in 1788 and that was the year he came to KENTUCKY -- where he lived the rest of his life.

Many of the heirs of Isaac were "moving on"...some to Georgia, some to South Carolina and MANY to Kentucky. In fact, I found Haweses settling in the following counties of Kentucky: Ohio, Logan, Mason, Fleming, Henderson, Gallatin, Bourbon, Nicholas, Oldham, Shelby, Woodford, Daviess, Hancock and Scott.

There was another "discovery" -- every Hawes man named Samuel named a son Isaac...likewise, every Hawes man named Isaac named a son Samuel --- oftentimes the first son in the family.

If you are saving Hawes history for your children, or even grandchildren and would like to have this "paper", drop me a line.

Our oldest member, Anna Irene Jones, 98, of Paducah, died in that city on July 10th of this year. Burial was in the Maplelawn Cemetery, where Reverend Robert Herndon conducted grave-side services. She was a member of the Bardwell Methodist Church, and the widow of the late Thomas Neil Jones. Her survivors are numerous cousins.

This remarkable lady traveled extensively for more than 40 years. At the age of 67, she volunteered her services to the Peace Corps, serving in Peru. She was appointed an unofficial observer of the United Nations, representing United Churchwomen, and for ten years she carried out these duties. At the Fifth Anniversary of United Nations, held in London, she was one of the speakers. When she was 94, a close friend wrote her biography, titled "94 Years of Laughing & Learning". The Preface, written by "cousin" Irene, includes -- among others -- this sentence: "I think I have met someone from every country in the world and I've learned something from each of them. And, not one of them would I have missed knowing". I am sure this was her philosophy...such a grand person will be missed AND remembered.

Our president, Anna, had a visit from her California son this month. He took her down to the cemetery, and he saw -- for the first time -- the cemetery AND the new Marker. Anna reported the grounds were beautiful and her son, Fred, was very impressed by it all. Anna asked me to thank ALL the people who keep the grounds looking so well...people like Margaret and Louis Hawes....and others.

Your notes and letters are always welcomed; send in your latest family news. For all the first-joiners, 'tis dues time. So, until March of 1996 (ouch!), that's all, Folks.

Your secretary

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Helen Hawes Hudgins