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Dear Friends:

Warm greetings to each of you from Anna Hawes Greaves and Helen Hawes Hudgins, your President and Secretary of our Hawes Family Association. Please know that your secretary thanks each one who remembered me at Christmas, sending beautiful cards and sweet messages.

The fast-approaching deadline for preparation of this March '96 Newsletter was knocking at my door, and while pondering about subjects which would be interesting and informative, Lady Luck hurled a neat bundle right into my lap, filled with facts guaranteed to be both interesting and historical.

Three people are due my sincere thanks. First, Mr. Jack Foster, of Lewisport, Kentucky, who writes a column for Hawesville's newspaper, The Clarion; a lady named Ellen Banks who had sent Mr. Foster a very old newspaper clipping dated April 1, 1841, plus a brochure dated 1889; and our own "cousin" and member, Dr. Kitty Seaman, from her writing "1810-1900 Letters from Migrating Southern Families of the 19th Century, Part II".

Our October '95 Newsletter was filled with Texas history. So many of our members live in that state and many nice letters were received from them. Now, there's MORE to add, which will be especially appealing to you present-day descendants of Hugh Walker Hawes. This Newsletter will continue with him...both his Texas descendants and those in Kentucky (plus other places) will, I believe, be filled with pride upon learning more about him. After studying all the facts contained in this Newsletter, I am ready to say he earns the title of the Big Enchalada.



Several years ago - while preparing a paper on The Stith Family of Virginia - it was learned from the Hardin County Kentucky Historical Society records that Richard Stith and wife, Lucy (Hall) came to Kentucky, to the Otter Creek area in Meade County (old Nelson Co.) by flatboat, down the Ohio River, arriving in 1784. After spending only a few months in Kentucky, they returned to Virginia, however, all of their children except one daughter remained in Kentucky. Further, that a church was organized at "Thomas Stith's in Breckinridge County...that in 1804 there were 13 members; later Stith's meeting house was built 4 miles west of Big Springs".

The Guide to Kentucky Historical Markers, published by the Kentucky Historical Society at Frankfort, states that Marker #934 designates TAR SPRINGS at Cloverport, U.S. 60, Breckinridge County, 4 miles south, and while it was a popular and fashionable health spot in the 1840's, it was the Indians who had first known and used the curative waters where 11 springs flowed from a 100-foot cliff, each spring having a different mineral water.

While in 1804 it was called Big Springs, there can be no doubt but that Big Springs became TAR SPRINGS -- so, you may ask, how is all this connected and suitable for our Newsletter? Beautifully, as you will see, and this is where we bring Hugh Walker Hawes back on the scene.

The Virginia-born Stiths settled in what we called "Stith Valley", later known as "Stithton".

Hugh Walker Hawes, the 4th child and 3rd son of Richard & Clary Hawes, was born in Virginia on October 10, 1798; he was about 12 years of age when the family came to Kentucky, early in the year of 1810. Educated to be a lawyer, we are privileged to read many of his letters, all of which show he was an enterprising man with many fine characteristics. All of the sons of Richard & Clary Hawes were in Kentucky except for one, Dr. Aylett Hawes, who had remained in Virginia, and Hugh Walker kept this brother informed on all the news from home. Writing from his home "Montebello", in Daviess Co. Ky., dated September 5, 1840, is the following letter, addressed to Dr. Aylett Hawes, Ayletts, King William Cty. Va.

Dr Brother:

The only letter written by you since your departure, the date & address of which I have forgotten but believe it to have been directed to Benjamin, was received about 10 days ago.

(here follows a paragraph regarding business matters which he was taking care of for the family -- it is omitted here)

Mama is in fine health - Br Saml better than usual & with prudence I might say in good health; William and little Willy are recovering from a moderate attack of bilious fever...Otherwise the Health of all our families in the county has been better than usual. Edwin as was to have been expected had a severe bilious attack and 2 of his



Children chills - His Home is infested with Mosquitoes. He and Family left yesterday for home, having been at Mama's 10 days.

Our crops of corn are unusually fine, of oats we had but a common crop and of wheat & Rye not more than 1/3 of a crop in a quantity and very inferior in quality.

Some 5 weeks since, Mr. Combe, Albert and Myself purchased 30 out of 55 shares of which the White Sulphur and Tar Springs in Breckinridge, 4 miles from Cloverport is composed; Mr. Combe 6, Albert 8, myself 16 shares. It had cost the holders 127\$ per share besides forfeiture of shares making the whole cost of the property about \$6500. I negotiated the whole - we got the shares at \$70 per share.

We intend building 20 more cottages which will make the springs capable of accomodating 200 persons. The great value of the sulphur water, and the unrivalled efficacy of the Tar water in cutaneous, and lung affections, and Dispepsie, place them in a medical point of view before any waters in the United States. I might say any known. Their position near the Ohio, then centrally as it regards North & South, East & West, the indiscriptive beauty of the immediate scenery, surpassing the falls of Niagara, the Natural Bridge or of your own or the Eastern Mountains, commerate them to be the most celebrated watering place this side the Atlantic -- I wish so bold a man as you were here -- I have no doubt but on visiting them, that you would not hesitate to give \$200 per share for the remainder which might mostly be bought of \$100. We have already deadened 150 acres of the land which is fine for blue grass and Meadow. The tract contains upwards of 500 acres. The remainder of the tract is inferior. That which we have deadened is incompassed within Hill and can be enclosed by 1000 yds. of fencing. It will furnish us pasture for our cattle & sheep and visitors Horses - and Hay for the Stal.

It is really worth a trip to Ky. to see the springs - I have paid for my stock by exchanging Moses for part and the rest I paid for in my note on Fisher & Flannan for the sale of my hogs. They owned 12 shares & I shall buy all the stock I can at some advance upon what I have paid but cannot go to \$100 per share - the charter authorizes us to raise the number of shares to 1000 which will be done as all our purchases are completed.

Give my love to Mary & all the children and to Kitty and Mr. Coleman & their children if you see them, and my best respects to Aunt and Family

Yrs Most Truly  
H W Hawes

(Letter copied as written---no changes made in spelling by me)

The following page shows the April 1, 1841 advertisement

## WHITE SULPHUR & TAR SPRINGS.

*This establishment, situate about 100 miles by water, & 65 by land, below Louisville, and 4 miles from Cloverport, Ky. the nearest suitable landing, will be ready for the accommodation of visitors by the 1st day of May next. The waters are highly salutary to most constitutions, & peculiarly so in dispeptic, cutaneous & pulmonary diseases: indeed, they are believed to be without a parallel in the United States in these diseases. The health of the surrounding country, and the picturesque & romantic scenery at the Springs, render them altogether the most attractive in the West. The proprietors have added largely to the accommodations, & will endeavour to render them agreeable. The Country abounds in deer & other game, and a pack of hounds will be kept: dancing and other amusements are also provided.*

*The visitors, who come by water, will find conveyances ready at Cloverport. Visitors having their letters marked "Tar Springs" directed to Cloverport, Ky. will receive them daily.*

### Terms.

Monthly Boarders, per week	- . . . - - - - -	\$5,00
Weekly do do	- - - - -	6,00
Daily do per day	- - - - -	1,00
Children under 12, & Servants half price.		
Horses, per day	- - - - -	0 50
do per week	- - - - -	2,50

April 1st 1841.

HUGH W. HAWES.

DAVID R. MURRAY.

JOHN COMBE.

A. G. HAWES.

JOHN STERETT.

EDWIN HAWES.



We all know that Hugh Walker, Albert Gallatin and Edwin Hawes were brothers, and while I have no information on David R. Murray or John Sterett, the other proprietor of Tar Springs - John Combe - can be identified and his in-law relationship to the Hawes brothers will be shown.

John Combe was born in London in 1791, the son of Pierre Combe and wife, Jeanne Adelaide DeRivieres, both born in France and probably escaped during the French Revolution. John Combe went to Danish West Indies, where he married Helene Armethemis Berthoud, daughter of Charles and Sarah Vincent Berthoud. John and wife resided in Danish West Indies until about 1823/4, then they went to New Orleans. Within three years, he moved to Owensboro, Ky. where he had a tobacco plantation. He died in 1855; is buried in the Elmwood cemetery in Owensboro. His wife died in 1852.

Hugh Walker Hawes went to New Orleans when a young man, after finishing his legal education. He was in the law office of Judge Jean Dominique de Rion. The de Rions were French; an ancestor, Albert de Rion, commanded the French Fleet Pluton in 1782 that anchored at Basseterres, St. Kitts, West Indies. Judge de Rion came from Paris to Charlotte Amalie, Island of St. Thomas, West Indies, with his wife, Aimee, and their two sons, Charles and Theodore.

A daughter - Marie Martha Juliette - was born to them on St. Thomas Island and she became the wife of Hugh Walker Hawes. Later on, they named their second son Charles Theodore Hawes, honoring her two brothers. This child was born in 1833, so it was after that year that Hugh Walker and family returned to Kentucky.

More will be said about Hugh Walker later, but now, for the in-law kinship of John Combe to the Hawes brothers: the youngest child born to Richard & Clary Hawes was William Franklin Hawes (1819-1889). He was 9 or 10 years of age when his father died and from letters which have been saved, we learn that all of his older brothers were making sure that he had father-figures as he grew and eased into young adulthood. He visited in their homes, would be well educated and he was very close to his mother; in fact, he would be the one who would run her Ferry later on in life.

On February 25, 1838, William Franklin Hawes married Aurelia Josephine Combe, daughter of John Combe and wife, Helene Armethemis Berthoud Combe.

Since I could write all day about William Franklin Hawes - he being my great grandfather, I realize this is Hugh Walker's story - so, now that everyone has been "placed", the next page shows a copy of Mr. Foster's column from The Clarion, dated Feb. 8, 1996.



# Tar Springs ... Healing Waters?

In her research Ellen Banks has found an original advertisement for the healing waters of Tar Springs. It is headed "White Sulphur and Tar Springs." (see cut) The advertisement is dated 1841 and from the names of the promoters it would appear to be a "home grown" operation: Hawes, Murray, Combe, and Sterett. Mrs. Banks' information indicated that Mound Indians were aware of the "healing waters" and had left artifacts and other evidence of their living and camping in the area.

The resort was not used during the Civil War. But after the war new facilities were built and one piece said that people from "all states in the union" visited and stayed at the hotel or one of the nearby cabins. Here is a portion of an 1889 brochure touting the facilities at the springs:

## Accommodations

For the convenience of out-of-town people two hotels--The Cloverport Inn and The Tar Springs Hotel--are run in connection. The Cloverport Inn is first class in every way, and gives the best attention to those en route to the resort. The Tar Springs Hotel is a three story brick with electric lights, steam heat and water works.

## Cottages

Twent-five summer homes of two rooms each, fully furnished for housekeeping, and will accomodate three adults or two adults and two children, are delightfully situated near the springs. Prospective tenants need bring only blankets, towels, and bed linens. The rooms are well ventilated and conveniently arranged.

Hotel rates per day, \$1.50.

Hotel rates per week, \$7.00 to \$10.00.

Cottage rent per week, \$5.00 to \$10.00

Transportation to and from Cloverport, 75 cents to \$1.00.

Pay no livery man or any one until baggage is delivered to cottage or hotel.

A bus meets every train at the depot in Cloverport.

## Amusements

Tennis is one of the most popular games at the resort on account of the well layed courts.

Croquet offers much pleasure.

Hunting can be heartily indulged in on account of the surrounding country.

A merry-go-round is run on special entertaining days.

Dancing pavilion.

Skating rink.

of Daviess County, but in Louisville, where she would marry Col. John Churchill; they had a son, John Churchill, Jr.

# So It's Been Told

## Footnotes to Hancock County history

By Jack Foster



An 1841 advertisement for the "healing waters" resort at Tar Springs. The resort had a checkered career of ups and downs for almost 100 years, but is now pretty much a memory.

Turning now to the man Hugh Walker Hawes, his letters reveal that he was not only the lawyer for all the Hawes family members but also acted in their behalf as banker and treasurer. He kept them advised on politics of the day, prices of crops and livestock, not only in the State of Kentucky but other markets in the country.

The letters always began with a report of their mother's health... Clary was getting older and he kept close watch over her. He also wrote of the general health of all family members and mentioned the children in the families with much tenderness. Their progress in school and making good grades was a source of satisfaction to him.

Now, let us look at his return to Kentucky. With him was his wife, the oldest son, John Richard (b. 1832), the second son, Charles Theodore (b. 1833); the next child was Emma Juliette, born in 1835. She would grow up and marry George Nicholas<sup>5</sup> but would die on 4-14-1854, shortly after the birth of her daughter, Emma J., who was called "Tina". Tina was not raised in the environs



The last child born to Hugh Walker and wife was a daughter, given the name of Juliette, but this baby died shortly after March 5, 1840... that is the date when Marie Martha Juliett (de Rion) Hawes died. Her tombstone in the Hawes Family Cemetery carries a beautiful inscription.

For a man in the prime of life, the loss of his wife had to be almost unbearable; perhaps the plans for and development of Tar Springs helped assuage his outlook on the future.

He did marry a second time and the new wife, Corilla Calhoun must have been a remarkable woman...she was not only acquiring a husband but also his motherless children.

In a letter dated 11-8-1849, Hugh Walker wrote to his now-widowed sister-in-law (and cousin) in Virginia, Mary Hawes, who had married Dr. Aylett Hawes, and in it was the following sentence:

"I shall leave in a few days, perhaps immediately for Texas, with Corilla, who will determine whether we shall move there".

Just when the "Texas Bug" had bitten Hugh Walker, I do not know but now by the 1850's, many changes had come. His mother had died in 1848; his children by his first wife were growing up; Dr. Aylett Hawes had died in 1845 and another brother, Albert Gallatin, died in 1849. While Hugh Walker "almost persuaded" two of his other brothers to also settle in Texas, they did not leave Kentucky even though they visited the Texas location. In a letter dated April 26, 1850, Susan Elizabeth (Hawes) Taylor wrote to her sister in Mississippi, Ann (Hawes) Coleman, as follows:

"Br Walker has gone to Texas with Br William and his son John. If John was pleased he would let him farm there and William will move there too, if he likes the place. Br Richard is delighted with Texas, says if he was a younger man, he would move there".

So, it looks as if Corilla "had determined".

The Daviess County Historical Quarterly of October 1989 tells us that when Algernon S. Thruston came to Daviess County, Ky., he made his home on a 626-acre farm about two miles n.e. of the present community of Thruston, in Yelvington Precinct, 7-1/2 miles northeast of the county seat of Owensboro. This farm had been purchased a few months prior to September 16, 1853, by Algernon's brother, Alfred Thruston, of Louisville, who had bought it from HUGH W. & CORILLA HAWES (Daviess Co. Beed Book L, p. 163)

So, now having sold his land, in 1853 they left Kentucky, to begin a new life in Texas. Corilla now had children of her own and from the 1850 Census of Daviess County, Ky. (which gave the ages of the children and to which we can add 3 years) they took Hugh Walker's second family of children, namely, Hugh Walker, Jr., age 10; Mary, age 8, Alfred Calhoun, age 3, and Corilla, age 1. This writer has never been able to further locate this "Corilla". I think it is generally understood that Hugh Walker & Corilla had six children -- Corilla would have made a 7th child; I have often wondered if she died in childhood.



Evidently Hugh Walker's son Charles Theodore was in school at this moving time; he settled in Hawesville, made an excellent marriage into the family of Pres. Zachary Taylor, and both he and his wife, Annah Allen (Taylor) Hawes lived out their lives in Hancock County and are buried in the Hawesville cemetery. They had many children but also lost some by death. Charles Theodore's descendants are the line from his father, Hugh Walker Hawes.

In the year 1856, John Richard, Hugh Walker's oldest son, was drowned. Evidently he was named for the father of his first wife, *Judge Jean DeRim* and for Hugh Walker's father, Richard Hawes. It is hoped that Hugh Walker was still so engrossed in getting settled in their new location that he was - again - assuaged in this tragedy by the hard work involved in their new surroundings.

Matagorda Island was their new home, but the future would bring him losses when the War Between the States came along. Mr. Edwin Hawes III, of Wharton, writes "He still owned a large amount of land, although his residence on Matagorda Island had been burned and he had sunk his two steam boats in Caney Creek to prevent the Federal forces from using them".

This sketch is necessarily lengthy, but to close, our thoughts have to be that if EVER a man faced the storms and vicissitudes of life with courage and resolve, it was Hugh Walker Hawes. At the age of 86, he died at his home Salura on Matagorda Island in Calhoun County, Texas, where he is buried. Date of death was October 21, 1889. His wife, Corilla, returned to Kentucky after her husband's death. She died on December 26, 1890, at the age of 68, and is buried in the Calhoun-Hobson Cemetery in Calhoun, Kentucky.

All of you Texas descendants of this man can point to him with pride, and say THERE WAS A MAN.

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In the late Fall of '95, two of the Texas descendants surprised me with a nice visit to Franklin...I only wish they could have stayed on and on, but they were anxious to get back to Texas....home.

Have also had two Buckner gentlemen come - at two different times. My door is always open, especially to Haweses and Buckners.

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Our member, Mary Eleanor Hitzelberger sent the following obituary from Charlottesville, Va., dated December 21, 1995. It concerns the death of Anne Hambrick Uzmed, who is a descendant of Richard & Clary Hawes through their daughter Ann (Hawes) Coleman, wife of William Harris Coleman.

"Anne Hambrick Uzmed, 74, of Charlottesville, died Tuesday, December 19, 1995 at the University of Virginia Medical Center. She was born June 6, 1921 in Princeton, West Virginia, daughter of the late Dr. George Walter Hambrick and Sally Anna McCallum Hambrick. She was the wife of the late Albert J. Uzmed. Mrs. Uzmed graduated in 1945 from the University of Virginia School of Nursing and received a B.S. from Vanderbilt in 1947. Anne had enjoyed a rewarding career in nursing. After receiving her nursing degree from the University of Virginia, she was a Public Health Visiting Nurse in Ardmore, Pa. She was later employed by Baltimore County Public Schools as a school



nurse until she retired.

As a 50-year graduate of the University of Virginia School of Nursing, she was a member of the Thomas Jefferson Society and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a daughter Anna (Terry) Columbus and son-in-law, Marc J. Columbus of Charlottesville; one brother, Dr. George W. Hambrick, Jr., of New York City; two grandchildren, Jillian Anne and Cole McCallum Columbus.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM, Friday, December 22, 1995, at Monticello Memory Gardens with Rev. John McFadden officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association, 3025 Berkmar Drive, Charlottesville, Va. 22901."

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#### Louise Hawes Applegate - 1907-1995

When I learned of the death of Louise, sister of our President, Anna Hawes Greaves, I asked Anna if she would write a few lines about her sister -- for this Newsletter. The following is from her:

My sister, Louise Hawes Applegate, passed away December 4, 1995, just three days short of her 88th birthday. She lived alone and was able to take care of her affairs until the stroke on November 13th. She was a devoted, loving and caring sister and I miss her very, very much. From childhood she was interested in genealogy and was very proud of her heritage. She enjoyed traveling, the arts, particularly music and the Opera. The highlight of one trip was sitting behind the stage to see the Opera. The performance was sold out and our cousin, Dorothy Traub, who sang in the Metropolitan chorus, got permission for Louise to sit backstage. She enjoyed it and said it was quite different seeing the actors before going on stage.

We shared many ups and downs but what I remember is all the happy times we spent together. I am thankful she was in the Nursing Home only 12 days. Her pastor told me when he called on her and mentioned she was in a Nursing Home, she said, "Well, I be damned".

While I miss her tremendously, I know she has no more worries and is happy and at peace.

Your loving sister,  
Anna

(Louise was buried in Louisville's beautiful cemetery, Cave Hill, in the lot where her son Charles was buried. She was a lovely lady and I feel fortunate to have known her. It must be added -- since it is timely - that she was one of the Kentucky descendants of Hugh Walker Hawes)

Having no new members or new babies to report on, will say, 'til next time - October - remember...I am here and always glad to hear from you.

Helen Hawes Hudgins, secy.

*Helen*