



THE HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Honorary Memberships:

Col. Benjamin Walker Hawes
(1900-1988)

Mildred and Jack Foster
Lewisport, Ky.

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 (1928-1995)
Dr. Oscar Garth Fitzhugh (1901-1994)
Mrs. Oscar Garth Fitzhugh (1904-1994)
Thomas J. Abbott, Jr. (1929-1994)
Louise Hawes Applegate (1907-1995)
Robert Taylor Haase (1911-1996)
Camilla (Gillette) Haase (1919-1996)
Lucille Mae Russell (1911-1996)
Edith McCallum Howard - died 1997
Col. Edwin Hugh Hawes (1912-1945)
John Anthony Seaman, Jr. (1918-1997)

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Dear Friends:

A Happy Hello to each of you from your president, Anna Hawes Greaves,
and your secretary, Helen Hawes Hudgins.

This Newsletter is purposely late - because Armistice Day has always been important to this writer...for good reason, and the decision was made to feature the Hawes "soldiers" I knew about who have served their country during America's wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War. Maybe his name was not Hawes, but he had married into the Hawes family and, of course, I do not have them all, but from records I do have, I feel sure you will be proud of each "soldier". As I was listing them, I recalled with clarity THAT DAY -- the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. There are only a few of us left who heard the bells ringing and the whistles blowing on that day, as people gathered to celebrate the end of WWI. In our little west Tennessee town, Kaiser Bill's life-size and straw-stuffed effigy was first HANGED and then BURNED, and what a Day it was, that Armistice Day. Almost every family had sent a soldier-boy "Over There" and the flu epidemic had not skipped over our town, but now the War was Over...everything was going to be better. My 7-year old brother was supposed to look after me, and when the noises began, he simply announced, "I'm a-goin'...you'd better keep up". We didn't know what was going on, but the 5-year old sister "kept up" and what I saw and heard on that Armistice Day is still engraved on my brain.

The young soldier who had left our house was Walter Hawes, my uncle, who served in France but he returned home safe and sound.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Our member Christy Bond (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Simrall Hawes III, of St. Louis) sends the message that she is now a grandmother and LOVES IT. Marie Christy Kolzow was born February 25, 1997 to Hannah Marie (Bond) Kolzow and husband, Jacques Raymond Kolzow. Another new arrival for the St. Louis Hawes branch is Marie Margaret Brennan, born January 13, 1997, whose mother is Eleanor Brennan, sister to Christy Bond.

Down Texas way, Joseph Ehren Huber was born April 24, 1997 to Lydia and Richard Huber of Victoria, Texas. The new baby is another great grandson for Marjorie and Joe D. Hawes, of Port O'Conner.

Your writer's own granddaughter, Clare (Husband) Nugent and husband, Barry, are the proud parents (for the first time) of Samuel Phillips Nugent, who arrived in Los Angeles on June 23, 1997. He's already made two airplane trips to Nashville, meeting all his Husband and Hudgins close-kin. (A SAMUEL --- great)

OBITUARIES

It is fitting that we pay tribute to Claribel Phillips, of Lewisport, Ky., who died at the Heartland Villa in that town on August 6, 1997. It was Claribel who founded the Hancock County Archives; later she organized the Hancock County Genealogical Society, which issues the publication "Forgotten Pathways". Serving on the Literary Council of Hancock County, she taught many people to read. The State of Kentucky dubbed her a Kentucky Colonel and in 1991 she was named the County's Historian of that year. Claribel's husband died in 1987.

To know Claribel was to know a mother who loved her children and grandchildren with a gentle fierceness. For over 10 years she fought the ravages of cancer but continued to work until forced to enter Heartland Villa.

The Hancock County Fiscal Court has appropriately named the Archives in her honor.

The State of Kentucky and the County of Hancock owe a great deal to this lady. She will be greatly missed, certainly, but she will be remembered by everyone. Her survivors are two daughters, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mildred Catherine Henning Yeiser, 75, died on September 30, 1997, in Lewisport, Ky. Descended from Richard & Clary Hawes' son, Edwin Hawes and wife, Cary Ann Trotter Hawes, Mrs. Yeiser's son by her first marriage is Millis Basham, who lives in Hawesville.

When his mother's second husband, Howard Yeiser, died in 1996, Millis went to Arizona and brought his mother back to Kentucky. She had resided at the Heartland Villa in Lewisport. She became a member of our Hawes Family Association in October 1994 and had furnished this writer with records her mother had kept.

Burial was in the Hawes Family Cemetery at Yelvington. Survivors include her son, two daughters, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and a brother, Jack Henning of Tuscon, Arizona.

You will notice two new Memorial Memberships which have been established. They are as follows: For Colonel Edwin Hugh Hawes (1912-1945) by his widow Mrs. Louise C. Throgmorton of Emporia, Kansas. Louise is also a new member of our family association and we welcome her. (see text on "soldiers", regarding Col. Hawes, her late husband)

Dr. Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman, of Faber, Virginia, has established a Memorial Membership for her late husband, John Anthony Seaman, Jr., (1918-1997) (see text on "Soldiers". regarding this gift to our association).

"OUR SOLDIERS"

We begin with Samuel Hawes III, the first son of Samuel Hawes ~~II~~ and wife, Anne Walker Hawes, who was born June 7, 1754 and died September 29, 1788. (from a handwritten family record)
A distinguished officer of the Revolution, he served his country for seven years and ten months. (From The War Department Old Records Division)
His military record shows he was a Captain in the 2nd Regiment, Virginia Line, Alexander Spotswood, commanding.
He was promoted to rank of Major, commanding the 3rd Brigade on the death of Colonel Seayres at the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777.
He was Major of the 10th Virginia Regiment of Foot from December 1777 to July 1778 and in the Muster Roll for September 1778.
The Rank Roll of the Field officers of the Virginia Line shows him as Lieutenant Colonel, having received this commission on March 1, 1778.
He was with his Regiment in the New Jersey campaigns and in Winter Quarters at Camp Middlebrook in that hard winter of 1778-9.
He held rank of Lieutenant Colonel until the end of the War, and remained in service until June 16, 1783, when he was mustered out.

(This information is in Elizabeth Hawes Ryland's compilation, "The Hawes Family of Caroline County, Virginia," and it was Ms. Ryland who furnishes us with the War Department Old Records Division data)

Samuel Hawes III was never married, and by his will, his estate went to his parents, however, the death of the parents changed the entire picture. The large number of land grants now went to the siblings of the soldier who were living in 1788 -- they were his sister, Elizabeth who married Thomas Buckner; Mary, who married Robert Buckner; Charlotte who married Richard Buckner and secondly, William A. Buckner; his brother, Aylett, who married Frances Thornton; Richard, who married Clary Walker and the youngest child in the family, Walker who married Mary Martin.

When we think about the history of our great country, America, and then read of the early death of the soldier, Samuel Hawes III, it is hard to hold back the tears....and though it is sad, it is also a beautiful story...the young soldier's death was the reason WHY his sisters Elizabeth and Mary and his brother, Richard, left their Virginia homes and came to KENTUCKY and left all of US the brilliant records of accomplishments in those early Kentucky days. The soldier's siblings who remained in Virginia left good records, too, as we all know.

Turning now to the War Between the States, it is exactly correct that we begin with Richard Hawes II...Congressman, General, Governor, Judge... a few titles we can apply to this man. Each word we read about him portrays in glowing terms a man about whom it was written: "He was a hero, whether upon the broad field of life's battle or amid the shock of arms at the meeting of contending nations".

Elected the Confederate Governor of the State of Kentucky, this father first bade Godspeed to his 4 sons who were soldiers of the Confederacy. Richard Hawes "rode away" too, being over 65 years of age at the time. He took his wife and a daughter to Virginia, to the home of his sister, Kitty Hawes Coleman, then he began his traveling throughout the South, with the rank of Major in the Commissary Department of General Humphrey Marshall. After the war, the family began life anew in Paris, Kentucky, but his son, Samuel Hawes, was "lost" in the War, and he was not with them.

The sons of Richard Hawes and wife, Henrietta Nicholas Hawes, who served in the War Between the States were:

James Morrison Hawes (1824-1889) Graduate of West Point, he married Maria Jane Southgate. His brilliant war record is detailed in "Maria's Recollections", written in 1882 and published in 1986 by her grand-daughter, Mary Hawes Wood

Samuel Hawes - Maria Southgate Hawes wrote that Sam served as Captain in the Cavalry, C.S.A., and was captured and taken to Johnson's Island as prisoner. After his exchange, he joined General Simon B. Buckner's army in the battles around Chattanooga and it was here that he became "lost", with his family never knowing his fate.

Cary Nicholas Hawes, M.D. Chief Surgeon in Breckenridge's Division in 1862...he was at Shiloh, and he died about 1872, without descendants

Smith Nicholas Hawes, Lieutenant, A.D.C. to Brig.-General

James Morrison Hawes (above) at the beginning of the war. He was also at the battle of Shiloh.

This son of Richard Hawes II married Susan Elizabeth Simrall, and in the text dealing with soldiers of WWI, you will find descendants in this line serving their country in that war.

Edwin Hawes (1807-1877), 8th child of Richard & Cary Hawes, married Cary Ann Trotter, daughter of James Gabriel Trotter and wife, Elizabeth Randolph Nicholas.

Edwin Hawes was granted in the Hancock County court a license to practice as an attorney -- from Minute Book #1, Hancock County, Ky. The second child born to Edwin and Cary Ann was Richard Hawes (1835-1893). In the War Between the States, Richard was attached to Co. E., 10th Cavalry. He is buried in the Hawes Family Cemetery at Yelvington. Edwin & Cary Ann's son, James Gabriel Hawes, M.D., was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg in the War Between the States. Quoting from the Richmond Examiner, it was stated "Dr. Hawes had won the esteem and friendship of those with whom he was associated, and his loss is deeply felt by his companions in arms, who will ever remember him as a gentleman, a pleasant companion, a soldier and an officer."

Regarding Aylett B. Coleman, young son of Catherine Walker (Hawes) Coleman and husband, John J. Coleman, who died of wounds received at the battle of Fisher's Creek, at age 20, the Newsletter #11, dated in March of 1995, carried details on this young soldier. Anyone who wishes to read what Aylett's superior officers said of him, write me and I will repeat the message...it ended saying "Green is the sod on his soldier's grave and cherished is his memory by a grateful country".

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES (continued)

When the War Between the States came, William Franklin Hawes (1819-1889), the youngest child of Richard and Clary Hawes, raised a company of men in Hancock County, Ky. He was given rank of Captain in Co. D, 1st Regiment (Col. Ben Hardin Helm's Regiment. He was soon made Quartermaster of Breckinridge's division, with rank of Major, which position he held with honor until the close of the war. We can read about him in Maria's Recollections, and she wrote "on many occasions when my husband or any of the children became ill, Uncle William was there, helping me with them".

Jonathan Gibson Taylor, Jr., son of Susan Elizabeth (Hawes) and husband, Jonathan Gibson Taylor, was born January 14, 1839. He was a 2nd Lieutenant, Company D, 1st Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., and died on October 14, 1864, while in a military prison in Rock Island, Illinois. He was buried in the Hawes Family Cemetery, carrying Registration Number 53. His mother, Susan Elizabeth (Hawes) Taylor was the youngest daughter of Richard and Clary Hawes.

Albert Gallatin Hawes, Jr., son of Albert Gallatin Hawes and wife, Adele Combs, enlisted as a private on October 5, 1861, in Russellville, Kentucky. Maria Southgate Hawes - when writing about the Battle of Shiloh said, "On that field was my husband and Uncle William Hawes and "a young man, the son of his Uncle Albert Gallatin Hawes".

Charles Theodore Hawes (1833-1883), was the son of Hugh Walker Hawes and his first wife. He married Annah Allen Taylor, a niece of U.S. President, Zachary Taylor. Their home was in downtown Hawesville and they had a large family of children. During the War Between the States they were oftentimes forced to flee from their home to safety when shellings occurred.

It is proper to include the names of two of Annah's brothers and their war-time activities. They were Major Joseph Walker Taylor (1826-1889) and Samuel Burks Taylor (1841-1867).

From a 1903 edition of the Confederate Veterans magazine, from an article written by Mr. Glenn Hodges in the Community History magazine, entitled "The Hawes and Taylor Families" and from the book "Some Notable Families of America", by Annah Robinson Watson, we learn that Major James Walker Taylor devoted himself to Confederate secret service activities at the beginning of the war, scouting inside enemy territory in western Kentucky and Tennessee. He was wounded at Fort Donelson and wore a muffler around his neck and a plaster over the hole in his cheek. He proposed one of the boldest schemes of the War and that was to capture President Lincoln and deliver him to the Confederate officials in Richmond.....He said, "Why, every day after his dinner, President Lincoln rides out to the Old Soldiers Home in an open buggy...it would be easy to kidnap him". He presented his plan to the Richmond officials but they were not in accord with Taylor's "plan".

Major Taylor was buried in the old burying ground at "Springfield", the Taylor home built by the father of Hancock and Zachary Taylor. Samuel Burks Taylor (1841-1867) was a Captain in C.S.A. under General John Hunt Morgan and he exhibited great bravery during the daring rescue of Morgan from the Ohio prison. Morgan escaped but young Taylor was caught and put in prison. He lived only two years after his prison release.

These brothers often visited their sister and her family in Hawesville... slipping into town after dark and amid the horrors of war, surely these visits were joyous ones for everyone

Referring to soldiers in WWI who were descendants of Richard Hawes II and wife, Henrietta Nicholas Hawes, we find that the two sons of Smith Nicholas Hawes and wife, Susan (Simrall) Hawes, were:

Harry Bartow Hawes (1869-1947) and Richard Simrall Hawes, born in 1873.

Harry entered the military intelligence department of the United States Army in August of 1917. Promoted to Captain, he was sent to Spain as assistant military attache at Madrid. He served as an officer in the reserve corps of the Army with rank of Major. After the War, he was elected Senator from Missouri and served his country in that capacity.

Senator Hawes' brother, Richard Simrall Hawes married, as his 1st wife, Mary Kemp and their son, Richard Simrall Hawes, Jr., was born 7-18-1899. He served in WWI, entering the Red Cross service in May of 1918, on the Italian front. He went to London and joined the Army as a private, assigned to the 341st machine gunners, Company B, 89th Division. After the Armistice, he was assigned to the Army of Occupation, stationed in Germany.



Walter H. Hawes
1895-1971

(somewhere in France)

It seems like a miracle that I am sitting at my typewriter in Franklin, Tennessee, in November of 1997, and am using Elizabeth Hawes Ryland's book THE HAWES FAMILY OF CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, to trace the genealogy of a Hawes gentleman we will now introduce to you, and while it is interesting to read, it is also a tribute of honor to one of the heroes of World War II. And where did this information come from for me to use? Look at the first soldier I mentioned, on the first page, my uncle Walter Hawes, a WWI soldier. His son, Walter Hawes II ("Pat") sent me this information.

Now - meet Rear Admiral Richard Ellington Hawes and the Naval vessel USS HAWES.

Admiral Hawes' genealogy begins with SAMUEL HAWES I and his Spencer wife, and they had, among others:

ISAAC HAWES, born about 1717/18 and who married _____, believed by Ms. Ryland to have had the name of _____ Burton. Isaac's will of Nov. 3, 1786 named 5 sons and 2 daughters, but we will concentrate on the youngest son, Isaac Hawes, Jr., who was born in 1751 and who died in Lincoln County, Ga. in 1833. He married Phoebe Peyton (surmises Ms. Ryland) and their first son was Peyton Hawes, born after 1775 and before 1794. Peyton was married three times, having 3 children by his first wife, a Miss Jones; 7 children by his second wife, Elaine Moseley and no children by wife #3, Artemesia Hutchinson.

The 9th child of Peyton Hawes and second wife was ELLINGTON CODY HAWES, born 5-12-1826; died 6-5-1902, who married in McDuffie County, Ga. in 1851, Amanda Octavia Wilson (1826-1904). This man, Ellington Cody Hawes, was a prominent physician, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and he also represented McDuffie County in the General Assembly of Georgia in 1884-5. He lived in Thomson, Ga., and is buried in the Wrightsboro Cemetery.

The second child of this marriage was Elias Wilson Hawes, born 11-13-1854. At this point, Ms. Ryland's data ends in her book, but relatives of Admiral Hawes give the additional information as follows: Elias Wilson Hawes married on December 10, 1884, Adella Heath Wilder (1854-1929). The fourth child born of this marriage was RICHARD ELLINGTON HAWES I, born 2-21-1894, died 12-30-1968. He married Christin Strailman (1902-1964) in 1922 and to them were born two children, Ruth Eugenia Hawes, born 1924 and Richard Ellington Hawes, Jr., born 1928.

(Admiral Hawes' relatives have sent more on this line, but it is not given here, for lack of space, however, any one wishing it may write and request this family history up to the present time)

Rear Admiral Richard E. Hawes

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Richard Ellington Hawes was born in Thomson Georgia, on February 12, 1894. He attended the University of Georgia on a baseball scholarship before transferring to Mercer University. There he won recognition in both baseball and football. He earned a law degree along the way, but passed up the bar exam to coach and play professional baseball.

When America entered World War I in 1917, Hawes enlisted in the Navy as a Fireman Second Class. Fifteen months later he accepted a temporary appointment as an Ensign, but reverted to Boatswain (Warrant Officer) in 1920.

In March 1926 Hawes joined USS FALCON (ARS-2) as Executive Officer. While aboard FALCON he played a key role in the salvage of USS S-51 off Block Island, RI in September 1925. For his part in that difficult and dangerous operation Boatswain Hawes received his first Navy Cross. He also assisted in the salvaging of USS S-4, which sank off Provincetown, MA in December 1927.

On February 18, 1929, Hawes was commissioned an Ensign by a special act of Congress in recognition of his services in salvaging the S-51 and S-4.

In January 1940 Lieutenant Hawes assumed command of USS PIGEON (ARS-6) and was serving in that role when the United States entered World War II.

On December 10, 1941 the PIGEON was docked at the Cavite Navy Yard on Manila Bay for repairs to her steering gear when Japanese warplanes attacked. Since Pearl Harbor three days before, Hawes had main steam pressure up and the full crew aboard, ready to get underway at an instant. Lashed to the minesweeper QUAIL (AM-15), which provided steering for both, PIGEON cleared the docks and headed for the relative safety of the bay to dodge the enemy bombs. By this time Cavite had become a hellish inferno. After separating from QUAIL Hawes could see that the submarine SEADRAGON (SS-194) was about to be engulfed by bombs and fire in her berth. Through heavy bombing and strafing, Lieutenant Hawes maneuvered the 187 foot PIGEON back to the flaming dock to haul the helpless submarine stern first from her berth. Another submarine and a minesweeper had just been sunk there by direct hits. The heat and flames were so intense that they blistered the ship's paint, singed off body hair, and melted the brim of Hawes' cap. But PIGEON's crew managed to rig a line on the SEADRAGON and tow her to safety. For this heroic action, Hawes received his second Navy Cross and PIGEON was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the first warship to receive the award in World War II. SEADRAGON went on to distinguished service, earning eleven battle stars before the war ended.

Immediately after the attack Hawes found and mounted on his ship two 3 inch guns and twelve .50 caliber machine guns from the wrecked Navy Yard. By the end of December the new "gunboat" had received her second Presidential Unit Citation for shooting down several enemy planes and bombarding enemy troops. She was the only surface warship to win two Presidential Unit Citations in World War II.

Except for the brief periods when he was in transit or putting USS CHANTICLEER (ARS-1) and USS ANTHEDON (AS-24) into commission, Hawes spent virtually all of World War II at sea in the Pacific in command of his three ships. Like Hawes himself, his ships always had a reputation for efficiency and readiness. When he put CHANTICLEER into commission, he had depth charge racks installed so he could prosecute Japanese submarines. When he put ANTHEDON into commission, 92% of his crew were inductees and had never been to sea, but he sailed directly from commissioning to the Pacific war and within two hours of his arrival was servicing submarines. He received the Bronze Star for "undaunted

courage and professional skill" for his command of that ship. As he left the Western Pacific theater in January 1945, the Commander, Submarines, Philippine Sea Frontier sent ANTHEDON a message of thanks and good wishes, describing Commander Hawes and his men as "ever ready, ever fearless."

Hawes was promoted to Captain on March 25, 1945. On December 1, 1952 he was transferred to the retired list and promoted to Rear Admiral.

Rear Admiral Hawes died at his home in Thomson, Georgia, on December 30, 1968.

About the USS HAWES



USS Hawes departing Maine.

USS HAWES is a 4100 ton, 453 foot long, OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigate, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

USS HAWES is manned by a crew of 16 officers, 15 chief petty officers, and 185 enlisted men. HAWES' Commanding Officer is Commander James A. Sanford. HAWES was the 20th PERRY class frigate built by Bath Iron Works of Bath, Maine.

USS HAWES utilizes two LM-2500 marine gas turbine engines for main propulsion, and is configured with surface-to-surface (harpoon) and surface-to-air (SM-1) missiles, a 76 mm gun, anti-submarine torpedoes, as well as a variety of sophisticated self-defense weapon systems, electronics, radars and communications equipment. USS HAWES is also configured to carry two SH-60B LAMPS III (Light Airborne Multi-purpose) helicopters, which are integrated with the ship's combat systems suite to enhance the ship's anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare capabilities. The ship is also configured with the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS).

USS HAWES is a multi-mission platform capable of performing in a variety of roles ranging from convoy escort and littoral operations to air and surface warfare. The addition of NTDS, LAMPS helicopters, and the Tactical Towed Array System (TACTAS) has given USS HAWES a combat capability far beyond the class program expectations of the mid-1970's, and has made the ship an integral and valued asset in virtually any war-at-sea scenario and particularly well suited for operation in the littoral.



Shield:

The chevron extending into chief represents the process of submarine rescue, the transition from sea to air further suggested by the chevron wavy below and straight above. The shield, divided vertically, alludes to the Atlantic and Pacific oceans Rear Admiral Hawes distinguished himself, and is colored gold and blue in the Navy tradition. At the top, two awards of the Navy Cross, received for distinguished service in submarine salvage operations, are denoted by the silhouetted crosses. The five-pointed star at the center signifies an award of the Bronze Star Medal to Admiral Hawes when, as commander of the submarine tender ANTHEDON, he organized the refitting of thirty-four submarines.

Crest:

The trident suggests retrieval from the sea and the special equipment and vessels used in submarine rescue. The seahorse is a traditional symbol of the Navy diving service. The color scarlet is symbolic of courage in the face of danger and gold signifies excellence and achievement.

The complete coat of arms as emblazoned upon a white oval background enclosed by a dark blue border edged with gold rope and inscribed "USS HAWES" at top and "FFG 53" in base all in gold.



SOLDIERS OF WORLD WAR II (continued)

JOHN ANTHONY SEAMAN, JR.

John Anthony Seaman, Jr., 78, of 16997 Thomas Nelson Highway, Faber, Virginia, died March 6, 1997 at his home after a long illness. He was born June 19, 1918 in Trenton, New Jersey, was a graduate of Immaculata Conception Boys High School in 1937 and the University of Alabama in 1941.

He entered the U. S. Army OCS in 1941 and following OCS was commissioned 2nd Lt. of Armor. He entered combat in France in January 1945 with Company B, 43rd Tank Battalion, 12th Armored Division, where he served as Tank Company Commander. As a Tank Unit Spearhead Leader, he saw action in southern France and the Rhineland. He was wounded in action near Ludwigshaven, Germany in late March 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Eastern European Campaign Medal with two battle stars and various other campaign medals. It was during his convalescence at Woodrow Wilson Hospital in Staunton that he met his wife, 2nd Lieutenant Catherine Hawes Coleman of the U. S. Army Nursing Corps. They moved to Nelson County in 1946 where Mr. Seaman worked for E.I. Dupont in Waynesboro for 35 years and raised beef cattle on the family farm.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dr. Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman, four children, Catherine S. Fisher of Richmond, Gwendolyn S. Whipp of Oakton, John A. Seaman III of Richmond and Andrew H. C. Seaman of Richmond, seven grandchildren and his sister, Mary Hart, of North Carolina.

Funeral services were held at his home "Rockford", where he was interred in the family cemetery. Remembrances of Mr. Seaman should be made to the American Heart Association or Trinity Episcopal Church at Arrington, Virginia, 22922.

William Irby Coleman, Jr., died in a Japanese prison camp located in the Phillippines, after surviving Bataan, Corregidor and the Death March during World War II. Descended from Ann Hawes (first child of Richard and Clary Hawes) and her husband, William Harris Coleman, this soldier was a brother of our member, Dr. Catherine Coleman Seaman, of Faber, Va.

Ray H. Buckner served his country as a Marine. Descended from Robert Buckner and wife, Mary Hawes, Ray was a brother of our member, Verna Reed of Carlsbad, N. M., and brother of our friend, Newman Buckner, of Shreveport, La.

Edwin Hugh Hawes was born June 27, 1912 in Rockport, Texas. He was a descendant of Hugh Walker Hawes and second wife. Edwin married Evelyn Louise Criss in Gridley, Kansas, on 12-27-1937 and they had two sons, Edwin Hugh Hawes II and Jeffrey Criss Hawes. The Wichita Eagle newspaper, dated Thursday, May 31, 1990, carried a story on Col. Edwin Hugh Hawes. Headed "Widow sees to it that WWII hero gets his due". His widow was now married, secondly, to Mr. Throgmorton.

The article continued: "It took 45 years to balance Col. Edwin Hawes'

military ledger. One of the last Americans to die in World War II, Hawes today is being post-humously awarded a Silver Star for gallantry. His widow and her son, Edwin, Jr. will be among other family members who will be at McConnell Air Force Base today to watch Edwin Hawes III receive the medal on behalf of the grandfather he never met. Hawes was killed less than a week before the Japanese surrendered, ending WWII. His plane crashed in Japan's Beppu Bay after bombing an aircraft carrier".

The article continued to say that Hawes joined the Army Air Corps in 1935, after teaching in Texas. Hawes was stationed at Barksdale Air Base and then became a pilot instructor in San Antonio; later, assigned to a bomber squadron in the Pacific, where he was first a flight instructor and then assigned to the 38th Bombardment Group in the Pacific. He was wounded by a land mine when bullets from his B-25's machine gun hit the mine; however, he got the plane back to the base. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star for valor and 2 Air Medals -- also, 3 Purple Heart awards. He was commanding officer by the time the 38's outfit got to Okinawa. Being told on the morning of August 9, 1945 that the Japanese air-craft carrier Kaiyo had been sighted on the Japanese island of Kyushu, Hawes, now 34 years of age, signed up for the voluntary mission before anyone asked for volunteers. Even though he already had orders to go home, the military records show that he stated: "If I've got to go, I'd like to go down over the target...that's the way I want it". He dropped two 1,000 pound bombs on the left side of the carrier, but as he passed over the ship, one of his wings hit part of the ship's camouflage, spinning his plane into the bay. His body was never found...he was given credit for sinking the aircraft carrier. That same day, almost 200 miles away, Nagasaki was destroyed by the atomic bomb. His widow stated that Hawes had been praised by officers but the enlisted men who took care of Hawes' bomber shook their heads and said, "He was one of us".



Illustration courtesy of family

Col. Edwin Hawes said that if he had to die, he wanted to go down over the target. On Aug. 9, 1945, he did.

WORLD WAR II - continued

Major Ronald D. Risley served his country as an Air Force officer, stationed in Germany. Now a resident of Ventura, California, he is an attorney and he enjoys membership in many historical organizations of America. A delight to know, "cousin Ron" is a descendant of Robert Buckner and wife, Mary Hawes. He and his wife, Rosemarie enjoy life at it's best...in my opinion, that is.

George Bright Hawes and wife, Laura S. Little, had three sons and all three of them served in WWII. Descended from the first Benjamin Walker Hawes (son of Richard & Clary Hawes), their sons are:

Benjamin Walker Hawes III (1909-1988)

Lucius Powhatan Hawes, born 1911

Holloway Steele Hawes (1917-1991)

It would be an easy task to spend the rest of this day and tomorrow relating their accomplishments, but I will attempt to go by the records I have.

Called "Colonel Ben", Benjamin Walker Hawes III died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Louisville at age 78. He had served as Mayor of Owensboro from Nov. 1957 to 1964; had been a city commissioner of public works in 1952 and '53. Ben Hawes State Park was named in his honor. Graduating from West Point in 1935, he held all ranks from cadet to colonel during his Army service. Losing a foot during combat in WWII, he retired as Colonel and was the recipient of two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He and his wife, Constance (who died in 1984) had a son, Benjamin Walker Hawes IV, who is an attorney in Owensboro. Benjamin IV married Janice Michelin and to this union was born "Katie", in 1980, whose full name is Catherine M. Hawes....she was her grandfather's "special" little girl and his only grandchild.

Col. Ben was steeped in family history; he cared for the Hawes Family Cemetery; he started many a person working on their genealogy and family history -- including this writer. At his funeral, full military honors were extended by Army personnel from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

I do not have a record of the WWII service of Lucius Powhatan Hawes, but know that he served in the Pacific area...he was married to Gladys Van Polt Dutrow, of Australia, and they were the parents of five children....I understand Powhatan now lives in a retirement home. He was a prominent farmer.

Holloway Steele Hawes was a civil engineer -- also a farmer. His obituary was included in our Newsletter #4, September 1991. Appointed Daviess County Engineer in 1957, he remained in this capacity until his retirement in 1982. His credentials are exciting to read, and his war record shows he received a commission as ensign in the Navy in 1943, completing training at Cornell. Serving on the destroyer USS John D. Edwards in the Atlantic theater, he later became gunnery officer on the USS Cascade, a destroyer. Also was in the European African Middle Eastern Theater, receiving the Asiatic Pacific Victory Medal and the Occupation of Japan Medal.

He married his cousin, Lora Hawes, and they are the parents of one son and two daughters...his widow now lives in Owensboro but the beautiful homeplace and farm is still in the family....a daughter and her family living there, where the echoes of childhood are heard again...now by the grandchildren of Lora and Holloway Hawes

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Robert Blythe, husband of my sister, Martha, served in the Army; he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and would imagine he has many war stories he could relate...a wonderful father and husband, the Blythes enjoy crabbing and other water activities in the Chesapeake area near their home in Mechanicsville, Maryland

Bernard Meeks, husband of my sister Lillian, served in WWII, receiving a commission of Lt. j.g., in the Navy. Training at Cornell and Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., he was sent to Hawaii. Later, suffering an accident there, he was sent back to San Francisco and then to Quantico before getting a medical discharge.

 This writer's late husband, Ward Hudgins - born on a 4th of July - served in the Marine Corps. After boot camp in California, he was sent to Hawaii, was in the office of the Judge Advocate...later, assigned to the Marine gunnery outfit aboard the USS Texas battleship...this ship being part of the Third Fleet of the U.S. Hudgins' death occurred two days after Armistice Day in 1966.

 A LATE "WELCOME TO THE WORLD":

John Monika Meeks announce the arrival of their third child, Fiona Sofia Meeks, born in Switzerland on Sept. 23, 1997...a 3rd grandchild for Lillian & Bernard.

 Laura Jane (Figgatt) Jackson, of Alton, Illinois, reports the death of her brother, Hugh Maitland Figgatt, Jr., ("Pete"), age 75 of Squaw Valley, California. He died October 15, 1997. Laura Jane and her brother are descendants of Catherine Walker (Hawes) Coleman and husband, John Jay Coleman. They were the only children of their parents. Laura Jane (Coleman) Figgatt and husband, Hugh Maitland Figgatt.

 Here is a note from our president, Anna Hawes Greaves:
 Greetings:

I trust you all had a very pleasant summer and are enjoying this wonderful weather. I attended the Hawes-Thompson Reunion, with all the good food and seeing so many cousins. It was a great day. I visited the Hawes Graveyard and as usual it is in good condition and looked very pretty, thanks to Margaret and Louis. I know they have put in many hours of hard work and we are all indebted to them. The only sad note is the condition of Richard's monument. On each visit it has deteriorated more. One end is out and two corners of the slab have broken off. Would love to see it repaired.

Just a reminder that our association dues are \$10.00 a year. If anyone is in arrears, would appreciate your check (send to Helen) as you know costs seem always to go up. Thanks.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and may 1998 be a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful and Prosperous year.

Anna

 I realize this Newsletter has barely "touched the hem of the garment". It is certainly not my intention to leave anybody OUT -- in fact, in WWII, EVERYBODY was a soldier...those left at home and those who went away. I wrote this Newsletter from the records I do have. I join with Anna to send you best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. 'til next time - 1998, I am, your secretary,

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