



THE HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Colonel Benjamin Walker Hawes
(1900-1988)

Mildred and Jack Foster
Lewisport, Kentucky

Anna Hawes Greaves (1912-1999)

Helen Hawes Hudgins
Franklin, Tennessee



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 (1925-1993)
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) Hawes (1919-1996)
Lucille Mae Russell (1911-1996)
Edith McCallum Howard (1910-1997)
Colonel Edwin Hugh Hawes (1912-1945)
John Anthony Seaman, Jr. (1918-1997)
Hugh Adrian Hawes (1922-1992)
Nancy Sparling Burkhardt (1926-2001)



Purpose of The Hawes Family Association:

To continue to collect and
preserve family histories of Hawes
people and allied families; to share
our knowledge of family histories
and to strengthen extended family
ties.

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MEMBERS ON PAGE TWO**

Colonel Edwin Hugh Hawes

1912-1945

The freedom of information act brought details to us from a previously secret government file, of our memorial member, Edwin Hugh Hawes. We thank Jonni Carville for this file.

Five days before the end of World War II, Col. Hawes died in a bombing raid, his group following orders to attack an enemy aircraft carrier sighted in Beppu Bay at the northeast tip of Kyushu Island, Japan.

Col. Hawes was the commander of the 38th bombardment Group (M); assigned to the Army Air Forces island base of Okinawa, and a pilot. Officers of the higher commands realized that this attack on a heavily armed enemy ship would be particularly vicious, and they had ordered Col. Hawes to stay on the ground. But his enthusiasm was extremely high for it was his ambition to sink a major enemy naval ship, plus he had a self-imposed ritual of leading his men over a particularly dangerous target. He melted the opposition of the officers of higher command and Colonel Hawes was given permission to participate in the mission.

Then August 9, 1945, the twelve B-25 bombers roared down the runways of Yontan strip and took to the skies. After a flight of just over two hours they arrived in the vicinity of their target, with Colonel Hawes in the lead ship. They skimmed low over the trees and buildings of the town below, in poor visibility. Then as the target came into view, Col. Hawes realized that they were too far off to the left. Banking his ship sharply to the right in a effort to fly directly over the carrier, the tip of his right wing hit the tree tops below. In the ensuing split seconds he righted his plane enough to drop two one-thousand pound bombs on the port side of the enemy vessel. But as he roared over the enemy carrier, the right wing of his plane was still tilted and it became entangled with the foliage that was utilized as camouflage. The plane veered to the right and cart-wheeled end over end, exploding into the

sea, leaving no survivors.

The event happened with such suddenness that other crewmen were unable to see what happened. Then the fact that "the old man was gone" dawned on each and every man with crystal like clearness. Other bombs were dropped on the carrier but with unobserved results, and two of the squadrons did not attack because of poor visibility. However, upon inspection of later reconnaissance photos, the carrier Kaiyo was seen to be listing on its side. Colonel Hawes got his ship!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Susan Foster

Susan's column will appear again in the October newsletter.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF OURS HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Ola Ann Moseley
Austin, Texas

Richard Burkhardt
Columbus, Mississippi

Marian Sue Hawes
Owensboro, Kentucky

Worden Thompson
Owensboro, Kentucky

Sidney Dierlam McGlothlin
Sunrise Beach, Texas

GONE AHEAD TO A BETTER PLACE TO WAIT FOR US.

Nancy S. Burkhardt

Vicksburg, Mississippi

Nancy Sparling Burkhardt, 75, died of cancer Saturday, February 24, 2001, at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Visitation was at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Fisher-Riles Funeral Home. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with burial in Green Acres Cemetery. Father Bronson Bryant, interim pastor of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, officiated.

Mrs. Burkhardt was a native of Little Rock, Arkansas and had studied music at Louisiana State University and in Chicago. Before her marriage she had lived in Tallulah, Louisiana and Fayetteville, Arkansas, working as a newspaper reporter in those two cities. She was a resident of Warren County for the past forty years, retiring as a paralegal for the Vicksburg Hospital and served as chairman of the Warren County Election Commission for twenty-four years. Mrs. Burkhardt was preceded in death by her parents, Charles E. and Mary Coleman Sparling of Tallulah. Mrs. Burkhardt was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Survivors include, husband of forty-nine years, E.C. Burkhardt of Vicksburg; sons and daughters-in-law, Charles E. and Shelby Burkhardt of Starkville, Richard W. and Barbara Burkhardt of Columbus, and Michael P. and Barbara Burkhardt of Auburn, Alabama; grandchildren, Mary Katherine and Jamie Burkhardt of Starkville, Hawes and Amanda Burkhardt of Columbus, Matt Irie of Eglin Field, Florida; two great-grandchildren of Eglin Field, Florida; brother, Arthur E. Sparling of Tallulah, Louisiana; and numerous cousins in the Lovingson, Virginia area.

Pallbearers were Mike Gettinger, Gene Parker, Bryum Cunningham, Motor Carr, Bobby Bailess, and Richard George.

Honorary pallbearers are Connie Williams, Doug Hassell, Dr. Chad Oliver, Earl Brassfield, Landman Teller, Jr., Dr. W.K. Purks, Oren Bailess, Bud Tacke, Raymond May, Johnny Nassour and Vance Barnes.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1193, Vicksburg, MS 39181-1193

Richard Clyde Hawes

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

PORT O'CONNOR, TEXAS –

Richard Clyde Hawes, 5, of Port O'Connor, died in a tragic drowning accident here.

He was born April 25, 1996, in Port Lavaca. He was a Baptist.

Survivors: father and stepmother, Chris and Rhonda Hawes of Bloomington; mother, Shelley Scallan Hawes of Port O'Connor; grandparents, Forest and

Nancy Pomykal, and David and Helen Hawes, all of Port O'Connor, John and Dee Burkholder of Bloomington and Robert Scallan; great-grandparents, Robert and Retha Mae Orsak of Port Lavaca, and Joe and Marjorie Hawes of Tivoli.

Visitation was at the Richardson Funeral Home Chapel and services were at 2 p.m., Saturday at Front Beach in Port O'Connor, with Brother Jerry Davis officiating. Burial was at Port O'Connor Cemetery on Saturday, May 19, 2001.

Nancy Sparling Burkhardt

E.C. Burkhardt has arranged for a new memorial membership for his wife, Nancy, effective with this issue.

Nancy's obituary on page three tells a lot about her life. I never met her in person. But in July 1999, while visiting the genealogical section of the old court house in Hawesville, Hancock County, Kentucky, my aunt Marjorie Goode Hawes and I came across a letter she had written years before requesting information about the Hawes family to include in a binder she was putting together for her sons. She said in the letter that she was a descendant of Catherine Walker Hawes, one of the daughters of Richard Hawes I. She had included a family tree with a lot of information and wanted more Hawes family information so that her sons might know their family history. I copied the letter and wrote to her when we returned home.

Due to the renumbering and renaming of streets in their city, the letter was returned because of an incorrect address. But I did locate Nancy by telephone a few weeks later.

Nancy was sweet and generous, treating me as though she had known me all her life. She sent me a large binder full of notes and family information she had collected. We exchanged letters, information and discussed the possibility of meeting in person one day. She offered to help me with family research and never gave me any clue that she was suffering and being treated for cancer.

We welcome her son, Richard Burkhardt, as a new member of our family association. Richard, your mother touched many lives and she will live on in our hearts and memories.

. JHS

HELEN HAWES HUDGINS

Our dear friend, Helen Hawes Hudgins, has relocated and since many of you correspond with her we are including her new address. She is living at the beautiful home of her daughter, Elaine Husband. Her address is:

1319 Adams St.

Franklin, Tennessee 37064

QUERIES

1. Does anyone know of living descendants I might contact of Hugh Walker Hawes & his first wife, Maria Juliette de Rion? J.H.S.

Answer: Please see the narrative and letter below.

Joe D. & Marjorie Hawes of Port O'Connor and Tivoli, Texas have made it a habit through the years, when they have a little time and are near a library, to do family research. In 1978, on one such occasion, Marjorie decided to check a Kentucky telephone book. There she found the name and address of Col. Benjamin W. Hawes of Owensboro. Some time soon after that, (... continued on page 5)

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she wrote a letter to him, inquiring if he might be a descendant of Richard Hawes I and telling him that Joe D. was the great-grandson of Hugh Walker Hawes. Col. Ben later wrote to them, telling them that "*...the Kentucky relatives thought that all of the descendants of Hugh Walker Hawes in Texas were wiped out in a tidal wave years ago*". He gave them the address of Helen Hawes Hudgins and also they received the letter, which follows. Marjorie found it among hers and Joe's papers this month. It is dated September 20, 1978, from Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mrs. Hawes,

My name is Anna Hawes Greaves and I am a great great granddaughter of Hugh Walker Hawes.

I am doing some genealogical research on the Hawes family. Last Saturday my sisters and I went to the Hawes cemetery at Yelvington, Ky. (which is ten miles from Owensboro, Ky.) where Richard Hawes and his wife Clary Walker Hawes are buried. There are a number of Haweses and Taylors buried there, including Hugh Walker Hawes' first wife, who was my great great grandmother. While we were copying names from the tombstones Colonel Benjamin W. Hawes, who has been taking care of the cemetery, came to finish some work. We introduced ourselves and he invited us to his home in Owensboro. He also showed me your letter which he had just received so I took your name and address as I am interested in securing more information about Hugh Walker Hawes. I read your letter rather hurriedly and I believe you said your husband was his great grandson.

This is what I know about Hugh Walker Hawes – after graduating from college he went to New Orleans and practiced law. He was in the law office of Judge de Rion and married his daughter. Their first three children were born in New Orleans. They returned to Ky. And evidently lived in Daviess County where his wife died in 1840 soon after the birth of their fourth child. He later married Corilla Calhoun. I don't know when or how many children they had or if she was from Ky. He moved to Texas.

My great grandfather, Charles Theodore Hawes and his wife Anna Allen Taylor Hawes, spent one year in Texas in 1853-1854 according to my records. They returned to Hawesville, Ky. And lived there the rest of their lives and are buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. They had ten children.

I have joined the D.A.R. using Colonel Richard Taylor who was the grandfather of Anna Allen Taylor Hawes. I would like to use the Hawes line as a supplement. I have proof that Richard Hawes' father Samuel Hawes (who was married to Anne Walker) served on the Committee of Safety in Caroline County, Va. In 1774-1775. Samuel Hawes, Jr. was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War but he never married. Wingfield's History of Caroline County, Va. States the first Samuel Hawes married Anne Spencer about 1712 and had five children. It also states The Hawes family in America dates back to 1635 at which time Richard and Edward Hawes, presumably brothers, immigrated to New England and settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. From this point several members of the family moved to Virginia about half a century later. Later on I intend to do some research on Richard and Edward. I know it will be tedious (....continued on page 6)

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and will require a great deal of time but eventually I hope to work on it.

I would like to have a copy of Hugh Walker Hawes' death certificate or copy of an obituary from the newspaper. Do you have either of those? Or, can you tell me where I can write to obtain them.

I am enclosing my record of Hugh Walker Hawes also some blank sheets which I hope you will fill in about your branch and return to me. I shall be very appreciative in knowing any information you can give me. It was such a coincidence that we happened to go to Yelvington (my first time there) and Colonel Hawes should come up – then he had just received your letter! I feel very fortunate in learning about you.

Thanks so much for your trouble.

Sincerely,

(signed) Anna Hawes Greaves

[Our Hawes Family Association member Fred C. Greaves of California is the son of Anna Hawes Greaves and a descendant of Hugh Walker Hawes and his first wife, Marie Martha Juliette de Rion. I should have known this already, but I did not.]

THOMPSON – HAWES REUNION

June 10, 2001 was a day to be fondly remembered by all who attended the reunion held that day. Space does not permit listing all of those who attended but some were: Ken & Sandy Riley, their son Michael and grandson, of San Antonio, Tx ; Cindy Hawes Rogers and Freeman Rogers of Greenville, S.C.; Bill & Jill Sailors of Overland, Mo; Lora Hawes Hawes, William & Debra Hawes, Margaret Hawes Shively, Mr. & Mrs. Carl W. Hawes, Billy Miles, Billy Joe Miles, Louis & Margaret G. Hawes, Carl & Clara Hawes, Benjamin Lee Mercer, Lindy & Abbie Hawes Mercer, Carolyn Mercer Adams, Rebecca Pauline Hawes Lee Moreland, Mr. & Mrs. Worden Thompson, Benjamin W. Hawes, Jr., Marian Sue Hawes, and Betty Caulkin, all of Owensboro, Ky; Dixie Hawes Falk of

Bowling Green, Ky; Ben Taylor & Sandi Phillips of Philpot, Ky; Lucius & Ruth Hawes of Hopkinsville, Ky; Anne Taylor McNeilly and David & Dianna Hampton and their son Christopher, of Paducah, Ky; Thelma Thompson, Brian Hawes, Julie Hawes, and Susan W Foster all of Maceo, Ky; and Molly Rader of Aransas Pass, Texas.

Marian Sue Hawes and Worden Thompson are to be commended for the fine job they did in putting together the reunion. Somehow or other I missed the collection taken to cover their out-of-pocket expenses. Perhaps there are others who did also. It is not too late. When we have our next reunion, I think we would be wise to ask for ten dollars or so per family, with the registration, don't you agree?

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY TO YOU AND YOURS

(Colonel Hawes
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Col. Hawes was the great grandson of Hugh W. Hawes, native of Texas, a graduate of Victoria College, and a former teacher and coach; he taught math and coached basketball & tennis. In 1935, he joined the Army Air Force as an Aviation Cadet, and was assigned to the 3rd Attack Group at Barksdale Field, La. There he met and married Evelyn Louise Criss. They had two sons, Edwin and Jeffery C. Hawes. In 1938, he returned to Randolph Field as an instructor, later volunteering for patrol duty in the Caribbean six months before WWII began. Col. Hawes was a decorated hero.

**Send cards, letters, &
information to:**

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Dear Family & Friends,

What a great time we had meeting in person so many of our cousins at the Thompson-Hawes reunion near Owensboro, Kentucky on June 10th. Marian Sue Hawes and Worden Thompson did a wonderful job and many came from near and far, to visit and enjoy some wonderful food. A vote was taken to continue having the reunions each year, as had been done until the recent past. No date was decided for the next reunion. But the weather was lovely and much cooler than the heat we had been experiencing here in Texas. Sue McCown, great-great granddaughter of Hugh Walker Hawes had her plans to attend thwarted by the terrible flooding in Houston, which made it impossible for her to even reach the airport where many hundreds of flights were cancelled.

Molly (Hawes) Rader and I started out for the reunion early on June 4th, doing family research along the way both before and after the reunion. We had a wonderful visit with Helen Hawes Hudgins in Franklin, Tennessee. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find Helen's new address. Helen's daughter Elaine Husband packed a little brunch for us to take along with us to Frankfort, Kentucky, where we were headed when we left Franklin. We visited the Hawes Cemetery in Yelvington, Kentucky where Richard & Clary Walker Hawes our great-great-great grandparents are buried and the Calhoon Cemetery in Calhoun, Kentucky where our great-great grandmother, Corilla Calhoon Hawes is buried.

On August 3rd & 4th I will attend the Norman family reunion in Lincolnton, Georgia and have an opportunity to meet some of the descendants of Isaac Hawes, Sr. of Virginia. It will be so good to meet more of our cousins in person. Adelle Dozier Adams of Thomson, Georgia has invited me to lunch with her and a few cousins in her area, on August 6th. Originally, I planned to drive on from there to Maryland to meet Celia Hawes Taylor and we were planning to visit *Woodpecker*, in Caroline County, Virginia, the home built in about 1750 by Samuel Hawes II. But that trip will have to wait for another time, hopefully no later than next year.

Had space permitted, I could have written many more pages about Colonel Edwin Hugh Hawes. His government file is full of his heroic exploits. His widow is our long-time Hawes association member Louise Throgmorton of Emporia, Kansas.

Let me hear from you. Sincerely,

