



## THE HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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### Honorary memberships:

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Dorothy Horn Hawes (1912-1989)  
Anna Lewis Hawes (1855-1937)  
Edwin Combe Hawes (1856-1928)

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It will be October before you receive this Newsletter. I wish to report one new member whose name was erroneously left out of the March 1991 list -- Dolores Koester, of Brenham, Texas, has joined for herself and husband, Arthur. We welcome them and hope they will enjoy being a member of the Hawes Family Association.

Our organization is now two years old; our membership now numbers 60 Hawes people and from notes and letters received by your secretary, interest in our association is strong, and messages of encouragement are truly appreciated.

Our finances continue to grow. Several members have sent liberal donations "to be used for whatever is needed". This leads me to report that our application for a historical marker for the cemetery at Yelvington suffered a set-back when the First Reviewer moved to another location and "lost" our papers. Our president, Anna Hawes Greaves, hastened to make another copy and sent it to him; meantime, he found the original papers and wrote a strong letter, endorsing our request to the Kentucky Marker Program Chairman. His letter gave a history of the area and he stated:

"the documentation is accurate and complete. The facts are significant to the history of the area. Marker would be a service to the area, Owensboro and Daviess County".

Again Anna contacted the Marker Program people in Frankfort and she was advised our request is now being considered by the "Committee". If the old adage is true that Patience (or is it Virtue?) Has It's Own Reward, we hope the Committee will support us and soon advise us. Both Anna and I have celebrated two birthdays since the original application was prepared, so it is natural that we hope for an affirmative decision soon.

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Abbie Catherine Hawes Mercer and her husband, Lindy, were again the gracious hosts at the annual Hawes-Thompson reunion, held at the home of their daughter on the first Sunday after July 4th. It was well attended and such a pleasure to meet new Hawes people -- also, placing others as to their family line. Richard Haase, from Texas, was there, also his brother Robert from Chevy Chase, Maryland, along with their family members and what a pleasure to meet them, since correspondence has been had with both of them. The food - prepared by the Hawes people of the Owensboro area - was both ample and delicious.

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Our member, Mary Hawes Wood, of Covington, Ky., wrote an interesting letter to the Editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer newspaper. From their issue of October 9, 1990, it is copied here:

#### "Civil War

Along with many of your readers, I, too, was fascinated by the Public Broadcasting System's series on the Civil War. I was especially interested in the Battle of Shiloh because my grandfather, Gen. James Morrison Hawes, was aide-de-camp to Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston. General Johnston bled to death on the Shiloh battlefield from a bullet wound in his leg.

In Reminiscences of Maria Jane Southgate Hawes, written in 1882, General Hawes describes in great detail the events leading up to the Battle of Shiloh and the battle itself. His on-the-spot description differs greatly from what was seen and described on the PBS' Civil War.

Maria Southgate Hawes was born in Cincinnati in 1836. In 1857, in Christ Church, she was wed to Capt. James M. Hawes, a West Pointer of Paris, Ky. When the War between the States broke out, Captain Hawes resigned from the U. S. Army and joined the Confederate Army. His father, Richard Hawes, was the Confederate Governor of Kentucky.

Maria Jane, whose uncle was Salmon P. Chase, followed her husband all through the South during the war and when the war ended, she, her husband and their four children returned to Covington, Ky., where, in 1882, she wrote her Reminiscences, of growing up in Cincinnati and her experiences in the South during the war, which includes General Hawes' account of the Battle of Shiloh.

I have published my grandmother's Reminiscences mostly for my family, but, because of the interest in the War between the States, it sold widely around the country to history buffs and libraries.  
I still have a few copies left.

Mary Hawes Wood  
416 Riverside Drive  
Covington, Ky."

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From the Orlando Sentinel of June 23, 1991, carrying the headline "CATTLE ARE DRIVEN OFF TEXAS ISLAND", we see the Matagorda Island cattle raising business operated by the Hawes people has now come to the ending. The article is reproduced below -- followed by another account from a Dallas newspaper, under the same date. Our previous Newsletters kept up with these happenings, and your secretary feels you will be interested in this matter.

A-8 The Orlando Sentinel, Sunday, June 23, 1991

## Cattle are driven off Texas island

'End of an era': Government ruling forces ranchers to leave

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MATAGORDA ISLAND, Texas — A family that raised cattle for 150 years on this desolate strip of land off the Texas coast left Saturday, forced off by a government ruling that ranching endangered a federal wildlife refuge.

"This is the end of an era," said 70-year-old Joe Hawes as he stood under a blazing sun watching his nephews, cousins and grandsons gather 550 cattle in a final roundup.

The younger men stayed near the cattle pen, prodding and shoving the cattle and calves into huge trucks. At the docks, the middle-aged relatives directed the 18-wheelers onto barges, which then made

the 90-minute trip to Port O'Connor.

Hawes' great-grandfather settled the island 200 miles southwest of Houston in 1839. The military claimed it in World War II for a bombing and gunnery range, purchasing it from the family in 1943.

Hawes says his father felt he had no choice but to sell. The military paid \$7 an acre — \$1.50 above the going market rate, and the family received grazing permits every year.

There was no written contract, but family members recall they were told they would be able to buy back the land. Years of effort, including a bill that languished in Congress, failed.

The land was named a federal wildlife refuge in the 1970s and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last

year ruled that cattle grazing would harm the island's plant and animal life. The family's annual grazing permit was not renewed, forcing Hawes to concede.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to turn Matagorda into an unspoiled island of beaches and bike trails for tourists. A passenger ferry will begin regular trips the weekend after the Fourth of July.

Brent Giezentanner, who oversees the island for the Fish and Wildlife Service, says he has lost a lot of sleep over his decision to shut down the Matagorda Island cattle ranch. "I know this is very emotional for them, and I feel for them, I really do. But I have a job to do."



Associated Press

Joe Hawes (right) watches his relatives herd his cattle onto trucks on Matagorda Island.

## Environmentalism means end of an era for island rancher

By WENDY BENJAMINSON  
The Associated Press

**MATAGORDA ISLAND** — Joe Hawes stood in the searing sun, watching as his nephews, cousins and grandsons prodded his hundreds of cattle onto trucks, to leave this remote island the Hawes have called home for nearly 200 years.

"This is the end of an era," said the 70-year-old Hawes, taking off his fly-covered cowboy hat to wipe his brow. "I'm old enough to know that when the older ones here are gone, there won't be anyone left to fight this battle for me."

Local officials have told Hawes that cattle grazing is incompatible with the island's wildlife. So about 50 family members gathered Saturday on this Gulf Coast island, about 200 miles

southwest of Houston, to help Hawes in a final island roundup.

He reluctantly evicted his own herd of about 550 cattle and moved it to leased acreage on the mainland.

Brent Giezantner, the Aransas refuge manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ruled last year that cattle grazing was unsuitable with the island's plant and animal life. It became a federal wildlife refuge in the late 1970s.

Giezantner refused to renew the annual grazing permit, and subsequently Hawes was forced to concede a 50-year battle with the federal government, which took over this island during World War II.

In 1943, the military paid the Hawes family \$7 an acre — \$1.50 above the market rate at the

time — and created the long-running feud.

Without any written contract, the land was never returned to the Hawes, who received grazing permits every year.

Hawes says his father felt he had no choice but to accept the money, even though they didn't want to leave the land Hawes' great-grandfather had settled in 1839.

After exhausting every appeal legally available to him, including having U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials fly down from Washington to examine his land, Hawes agreed to move the cattle.

"It's real hard to cooperate with them," Hawes said. "I've been married more than 50 years and my wife says we've spent our entire married life fighting this fight."

The death of Holloway S. Hawes on August 4th, 1991, is saddening to learn of; we send his family our sincere sympathy. The newspaper account and obituary which appeared in the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer of August 6th is copied below:

## Former county engineer dies at 73

### Messenger-Inquirer

Holloway Hawes, a civil engineer, farmer and former Daviess County engineer, died Sunday at the Carmel Home in Owensboro. Hawes, 73, lived on Route 1, Maceo.

A Daviess County native, he was appointed Daviess County engineer in 1957, a career that **Holloway Hawes** lasted 25 years until his retirement in 1982. Hawes' main responsibilities as county engineer included overseeing construction and maintenance of bridges and roads. By virtue of his office, he became a member of the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning and Zoning Commission, serving on the commission until his retirement.

Hawes received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Purdue University in 1947 and was employed for 10 years as a building engineer for Cincinnati and Suburban Telephone Co. He was also an instructor at the University of Cincinnati.

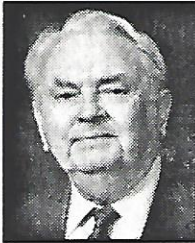
In 1941, he received a bachelor of science degree in trade and industrial education from Purdue University. He then became training director at the Jeffersonville (Ind.) Boat and Machine Co. where LST ships were being built and, at the same time, was an instructor for Purdue University extension evening classes in Jeffersonville.

He received a commission as ensign in the Navy in 1943 and completed indoctrination training at Cornell University. He served as line officer on the destroyer USS John D. Edwards in the Atlantic theater. He later became gunnery officer on the destroyer tender USS Cascade in the Pacific, one of the first allied ships to anchor in Nagasaki harbor.

He holds decorations for service in the European African Middle Eastern Theater, and received the Asiatic Pacific Victory Medal and the Occupation of Japan Medal.

Hawes was born in Maceo, a son of farmer George Bright Hawes and Laura Little Hawes, and brother of Benjamin W. Hawes, a former Owensboro city commissioner and mayor, and Powhatan Hawes, a respected Daviess County farmer. He attended Maceo Elementary School and graduated from Owensboro High School in 1936.

(Obituary, this page)



**Holloway Steele Hawes, 73,** of Route 1, Maceo, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 1991, at the Carmel Home, Owensboro. He was born in Daviess County; was a farmer and a former Daviess County engineer; was a member of Maceo Baptist Church, American Legion Post No. 9, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Travelers Protective Association and Cattlemen's Association; and was a life member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. He was Daviess County engineer for 25 years before retiring in 1982, and during those 25 years he was also a member of the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning and Zoning Commission.

Survivors include his wife, Lora Hawes; a son, George Bright Hawes of Daviess County; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Patsy Hawes) Gordon of Daviess County and Mrs. Joseph (Alice Hawes) Levine of Falls Church, Va.; four grandchildren, Julia Bright Hawes, Brian Lee Hawes, Catherine Hawes Gordon and Rachel Starling Gordon, all of Maceo; a stepgranddaughter, Erika Dawn Levine of New York, N.Y.; and a brother, L.P. Hawes of Owensboro.

Services are at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Glenn Funeral Home. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, Ky. 42303 or the Hospice Association, P.O. Box 1403, Owensboro, Ky. 42302-1403. Memorial contribution envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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In the next Newsletter your secretary wants to give some of the delightful happenings written by Dr. Edwin Gallatin Coleman, son of Judge Hawes Harris Coleman, when he was in medical school. His Diary, written in 1871 and '72, is a joy to read, as he speaks of a time quite different from the present day -- EXCEPT in one particular incident -- as you will deduct from his entry of December 7th, 1871 -- it begins:

"Rec'd answer from (Pa) Judge Hawes Harris Coleman  
an order for \$100.00.....Wrote Pa for \$175.00 more".

All our Hawes people paying college tuition today for their children will appreciate this. The young medical student visits his Kentucky kin, in their various homes, meets his young cousins and everyone will enjoy his writings -- more will follow.

Please remember your secretary is always glad to hear from members and hope this Newsletter finds you in good health and that October's bright blue weather prevails in your area.

Until next time - March, 1992, that's all, Folks!

Your Secretary, *Helen*  
Helen Hawes Hudgins