



## THE HAWES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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### Honorary Memberships:

Col. Benjamin Walker Hawes  
(1909-1988)

Mildred and Jack Foster  
Lewisport, Ky.

### Memorial Memberships:

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

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Dear Friends:

Hello to each of you!

Your first 1992 Newsletter carries with it the happy news that our family association's application for a historical marker at the old Hawes Family graveyard at Yelvington (Daviess Co., Ky.) has been approved by the Marker program of Kentucky.

Our president, Anna Hawes Greaves, of Louisville, has been in touch with the Frankfort people and while we are not -- at this writing -- absolutely sure of the cost, it (like everything else) has gone up. They will edit the message on the marker, and if two sides are necessary (front and back), the cost will be a little beyond our present bank balance. Anna has a message for the members, and here it is:

We are nearing our goal of having a Historical Marker placed at the Hawes Graveyard at Yelvington, Ky. I talked with Miss Wells, Manager Kentucky Highway Marker Program, who told me the Marker had been approved. However, as in so many States they are running out of funds - does that sound familiar? I talked to Helen and we decided to go ahead and get the Marker put up as soon as possible. Miss Wells said they are booked to July so we set Labor Day, Sept. 7th, as the target date to have the Marker in place.

Now for the sad news. The Association doesn't have quite enough in the treasury to pay for the Marker. To put it bluntly we are short about \$450. If any one would like to contribute to the Marker, please send your check to Helen stating it is for the Marker fund. THANKS SO MUCH!



I know that Anna pled our case, requesting the Marker be in place by the time Abbie Catherine and Lindy Mercer host the Reunion (always the first Sunday after July 4th), but as Rudy Vallee used to sing, "My time is Your Time", we must abide by their decision and reach out for Labor Day.

One other thought from your secretary -- our bank account is just a few dollars below \$900.00. Most everyone keeps dues paid up, but if you were one of our original members -- back in Sept. of 1989 - and have paid dues only one time, we would welcome your 1990-1991 dues. Several members have also sent liberal donations, to be used for whatever is needed...usually this is postage and cost of the Newsletter, but whatever is received will be greatly appreciated --- and we will keep you advised.

I am copying below the text of the Marker, as suggested in our application, all of which was documented by exhibits in the application.

The Hawes Family Cemetery adjoins (westerly) the site of the old homeplace of Richard and Clara Walker Hawes who came to Kentucky from Virginia in 1810. Establishing the cemetery for themselves and their descendants, the first burial was that of Richard Hawes who died November 29, 1829. Surviving her husband by 19 years, his widow was granted the first ferry operating license in neighboring Hancock County, at Hawesville, Ky., on May 26, 1834. Known as the H & C Ferry, it became one of the largest ferry operations in Kentucky until a bridge opened in 1966. The ferry was sold by the Hawes heirs in 1892.

This cemetery was maintained for many years by the late Colonel Benjamin Walker Hawes, of Owensboro. Before his death he set up a Board of Trustees for future care of the "Old Hawes Graveyard", as the family called it.

One other thought about the Marker -- without the support of each one of you, this could not have happened. Thank you, and we will all derive great satisfaction knowing that a Marker at the cemetery honoring Richard and Clary Hawes will be there for all future visitors to see.

Also, since 1992 is Kentucky's BIG BIRTHDAY (200 years), what a year for the Marker. Perhaps a ceremony at the cemetery could take place, so any thoughts you may wish to express, don't hesitate to write me.

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We welcome one new member -- H. P. Mallory of Jacksonville, Fla. He is a retired Lt.Commander of the Navy.



Our Newsletter Number Two, dated September 1990, introduced a new member --- Irene Murdock Jones, of Paducah, Ky. Included was copy of a newspaper article about this lady, and now she has added another dimension to her life. A most delightful book which is the biography of Irene was sent to me and it is "94 years of Laughing and Learning", written by a friend, Colla Ro. Each page bubbles with Irene's zest for living and now at 94 years of age, she is enjoying public appearances (yes, on TV) plus autograph parties regarding her book. Filled with all the statistical facts of her life and her traveling experiences to almost every country in the world, it is not only very enjoyable reading but most informative. She writes that she will be attending the Reunion in July at the Mercer's farm....I THRILL TO THINK I WILL MEET THIS REMARKABLE LADY!

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The Hancock County Museum (in the old railroad depot) in Hawesville, Ky. is putting the finishing touches on a caboose car donated to them. All the faithful people there will - again - be giving of their time and hard work to make this an attractive addition to their Museum.

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Now - for some new babies who have arrived in the world:

John Lawrence Murphy (to be called "Jack") is the new son of John and Cathy Hawes Murphy, of Alexandria, Va. Jack joins his little sister, Mary Catherine Murphy, they being the grandchildren of Walter H. Hawes, II (Pat) of St. Michaels, Md. Jack was born January 2, 1992.

Another grandchild of Walter's is Megan Marie Hawes, born in Taiwan on September 29, 1991, daughter of Walter Hawes III and wife, Kathleen. The baby has already taken her first trip to America -- to Florida last December -- where gr. grandmother Claudia Hawes snapped her picture many times.

Aisling Cait Hennessy, born September 16, 1991, is the latest new-born for Roark David Hennessy and wife, Laura. This new daughter joins Cavan Lee Hennessy, b. in 1985. Roark is the son of Claudette Hawes Hennessy (sister of Walter Hawes II (Pat)). Roark and family live in California.

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A telephone call from a niece of Joe D. and Marjorie Hawes informs me that the Haweses involved with the land at Matagorda are "doing fine"...AND, Joe D. is inscribing upon the minds and hearts of the younger generation the story of Matagorda and the Hawes family....also, instilling hope in them to "carry the torch" in their time.

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If you have news for our Newsletter, please send it to me. No, your secretary is NOT a gypsy -- changing addresses all the time -- but health problems last year necessitated a change in my life style and the address on the first page should be permanent, henceforth.

Until next time, I am,

*Helen*  
Helen Hawes Hudgins, secy.