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PURPOSE: The Hawkins Family Organization began in 1985. It is conducted by mail and has no scheduled meetings. We want to promote genealogical research on Hawkins families and related lines; to promote and share family history; and to strengthen extended family ties.

NEWSLETTERS: *HAWKINS HERITAGE* is published three times a year in April, August, and December. We encourage members to contribute material to the editor. It is preferable if you type your material, but if not convenient, please share it anyway. Write your name or initials on each page.

QUERIES: Members are also encouraged to send queries to the editor. Send enough to cover your questions. Please include siblings whenever possible.

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: We began *HAWKINS HERITAGE* with the hope of identifying the parents of James and Margaret ? Hawkins, b. c1765 and 1768, probably in Virginia. Taxation records show that they lived in Stafford CO Virginia from 1793 until 1825, when they migrated to Clark CO Kentucky. One son, John R., married into the Hawkins/Bourne line, which may be a connecting branch of the above James. Because of an apparent need for group research, our publication is now open to descendants of all Hawkins lines.

Individual membership and subscription is \$12 per year. Contributing Membership and subscription is \$20 per year (may vote.)

Subscriptions begin with the April issue. Subscribers during the membership year may receive back issues of the current year or begin with the next year and pay for and single back issues, which are \$4 each. The 1st issue: December 1986; 2nd, April 1987; then three issues per year beginning April 1988 to current.

PEDIGREE SERVICE: You are welcome to send your Hawkins pedigree chart to be checked with our collection. You will be given any additional information which we might have on file, that would match up with your own. Your chart will be filed for possible future contact. Our ancestor files deal mostly with Hawkins of the south and southwest, but we do have some other areas. Cost of this service is \$1 to cover search and photocopies, plus SASE.

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References M-J-N-Q

Husband:	<u>William Hawkins</u>	Page:	<u>1</u>	Of:	<u>1</u>
Born:	<u>5-22-1775</u>	In:	<u>Union Co. So. Carolina</u>		
Married:		In:			
Died:	<u>2-20-1830</u>	In:	<u>Maysville, IN.</u>		
Father:	<u>Benjamin Hawkins</u>				
Mother:	<u>Martha Hollingsworth</u>				
Other Spouses:					
Wife:	<u>Sarah Wright</u>				
Born:	<u>4-10-1777</u>	In:	<u>So. Carolina ?</u>		
Died:	<u>3-3-1856</u>	In:	<u>Maysville, IN.</u>		
Father:					
Mother:					
Other Spouses:					

CHILDREN					
1	Name:	Joseph			
	Born:	1800	In:	So. Carolina	
	Married:	6-22-1826	In:	Davies Co. IN.	
	Died:	8-16-1842	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:	Harriet Thomas - 2nd Mary Ann McJunkin			
2	Name:	William "Lame Billy"			
	Born:	9-7-1808	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:	6-4-1831	In:	Maysville, IN. - ? -	
	Died:	4-13-1855	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:	Charlott Bratton of Kentucky			
3	Name:	Eli			
	Born:	2-21-1810	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:	1-14-1837	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Died:	1-28-1845	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:	Selina Bratton of Kentucky			
4	Name:				
	Born:		In:		
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				
5	Name:				
	Born:		In:		
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				
6	Name:				
	Born:		In:		
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				
7	Name:				
	Born:		In:		
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				
8	Name:				
	Born:		In:		
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				

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References K-J-L-M-T

Husband:	William Hawkins (Lame Billy)	Page:	1	Of:	2
Born:	9-7-1808	In:	Maysville IN.		
Married:	4-6-1831	In:	" "		
Died:	4-13-1855	In:	" "		
Father:	William Hawkins				
Mother:	Sarah Wright.				
Other Spouses:					
Wife:	Charlott Bratton				
Born:	12-17-1809	In:	Mason, Kentucky		
Died:	1-10-1887	In:	Washington, IN. - Daviess, Co.		
Father:	Benjamin Bratton				
Mother:	Mary Logan				
Other Spouses:					

CHILDREN					
1	Name:	James			
	Born:	1828	In:		
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				Could be stepson.
2	Name:	Amos			
	Born:	5-4-1832	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:	11-8-1853	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:				
3	Name:	Thomas			
	Born:	5-31-1834	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:	4-26-1855	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:				
4	Name:	Joseph			
	Born:	9-12-1836	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:	12-10-1854	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:				
5	Name:	Maria L.			
	Born:	8-21-1838	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:	4-16-1855	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:				
6	Name:	Benjamin			
	Born:	1840	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:				
7	Name:	William B.			
	Born:	2-28-1841	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:	4-19-1858	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Spouse:				
8	Name:	Eli E.			
	Born:	1842	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:	6-15-1866	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Died:	4-5-1876	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Spouse:	Catherine E. Deherty			

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References K-J-L-m-T

Husband:	William Hawkins	(Lame Billey)	Page:	2	Of:	2
Born:	9-7-1808	In:	Maysville, IN.			
Married:	4-6-1831	In:	" "			
Died:	4-13-1855	In:	" "			
Father:	William Hawkins					
Mother:	Sarah Wright					
Other Spouses:						
Wife:	Charlott Bratton					
Born:	12-17-1809	In:	Mason, Kentucky			
Died:	1-10-1887	In:	Washington, IN. Daviess, Co.			
Father:	Benjamin Bratton					
Mother:	Mary Logan					
Other Spouses:						

CHILDREN	
9	Name: Mary J. Born: 1847 In: Maysville, IN. Married: 3-31-1868 In: Washington, IN. Died: In: Spouse: John P. Coup
10	Name: Hiram Louis Born: 3-6-1850 In: Maysville, IN. Married: 4-11-1871 In: Washington, IN. Died: 5-3-1899 In: Washington, IN. Spouse: Laura A. Palmer
3	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
4	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
5	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
6	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
7	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
8	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:

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Reference L-M-O-R

Husband:	Hiram Lewis Hawkins	Page:	1	Of:	2
Born:	3-6-1850	In:	Maysville, IN.		
Married:	4-11-1871	In:	Washington, IN.		
Died:	5-3-1899	In:	Washington, IN.		
Father:	William Hawkins		Lame Billy		
Mother:	Charlott Bratton				
Other Spouses:					
Wife:	Laura A. Palmer				
Born:	4-1-1853	In:	Washington Twp. Daviess Co. IN.		
Died:	7-18-1901	In:	Washington, IN.		
Father:	Josiah C. Palmer				
Mother:	Elizabeth Ann Willemin				
Other Spouses:					

CHILDREN					
1	Name:	Clara	-Twin died at birth-		
	Born:		In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:	6-15-1887	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:	Homer F. Beatty			
2	Name:	William Palmer Hawkins			
	Born:	12--1877	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:	1-20-1904	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Died:		In:	East St. Louis, IL.	
	Spouse:	Jennie M. Friend			
3	Name:	Hugh Winford			
	Born:	11-3-1878	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:	9-4-1901	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Died:	1-2-1963	In:	Danville, IL.	
	Spouse:	Martha Elizabeth Brady			
4	Name:	Arthur			
	Born:	6--1882	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:		In:	Tyler, TX.	
	Spouse:				
5	Name:	Bertrand H.			
	Born:	2-24-1883	In:	Maysville, IN.	
	Married:		In:		
	Died:	3-22-1900	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Spouse:				
6	Name:	Peral			
	Born:	6--1886	In:		
	Married:		In:	Indianapolis, IN.	
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:	James			
7	Name:	Orman Ray	-carpenter, worked on Bolder Dam-		
	Born:	6--1888	In:		
	Married:	2-24-1926	In:	Danville, IL.	
	Died:		In:	Las Vegas, NV.	
	Spouse:	Ruth Iva Nolan			
8	Name:	Mary E.			
	Born:	11-3-1889	In:		
	Married:	6-28-1908	In:	Washington, IN.	
	Died:		In:		
	Spouse:	Charles C. Aikman			

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Reference L-M-O-R

Husband:	Hiram Lewis Hawkins		Page:	2	Of:	2
Born:	3-6-1805	In:	Maysville, IN.			
Married:	4-11-1877	In:	Washington, IN.			
Died:	5-3-1899	In:	Washington, IN.			
Father:	William Hawkins "Lame Billy"					
Mother:	Charlott Bratton					
Other Spouses:						
Wife:	Laura A. Palmer					
Born:	4-1-1853	In:	Washington, Twp. Daviess, Co. IN.			
Died:	7-18-1901	In:	Washington, IN.			
Father:	Josiah C. Palmer					
Mother:	Elizabeth Ann Willemin					
Other Spouses:						

CHILDREN				
1	Name:	Ruth A.		
	Born:	12-28-1891	In:	Washington, IN.
	Married:	12-20-1916	In:	Washington, IN.
	Died:		In:	
	Spouse:	Bert O. Burress M.D.		
2	Name:	Ann		
	Born:	7- -1895	In:	Washington, IN.
	Married:		In:	Indianapolis, IN.
	Died:		In:	Indianapolis, IN.
	Spouse:	William Day?		
3	Name:			
	Born:		In:	
	Married:		In:	
	Died:		In:	
	Spouse:			
4	Name:			
	Born:		In:	
	Married:		In:	
	Died:		In:	
	Spouse:			
5	Name:		Note:	
	Born:		In:	The 1900 Census lists Laura Hawkins
	Married:		In:	with 12 children. There may be an
	Died:		In:	older brother named Benjamin.
	Spouse:			
6	Name:			
	Born:		In:	
	Married:		In:	
	Died:		In:	
	Spouse:			
7	Name:			
	Born:		In:	
	Married:		In:	
	Died:		In:	
	Spouse:			
8	Name:			
	Born:		In:	
	Married:		In:	
	Died:		In:	
	Spouse:			

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Husband:	Hugh Winford Hawkins	Page:	1	Of:	1
Born:	11-3-1878	In:	Maysville, IN.		
Married:	9-4-1901	In:	Washington, IN.		
Died:	1-2-1963	In:	Danville, IL.		
Father:	Hiram Lewis Hawkins				
Mother:	Laura A. Palmer				
Other Spouses:					
Wife:	Martha Elizabeth Brady				
Born:	10-2-1883	In:	Washington, IN.		
Died:	6-7-1960	In:	Danville, IL.		
Father:	Owen Berry Brady				
Mother:	Elizabeth Davanport				
Other Spouses:					

CHILDREN	
1	Name: Lillian May Born: 1-25-1902 In: Washington, IN. Married: 7-24-1923 In: Danville, IL. 1st. Died: 8-28-1999 In: Effingham, IL. buried: Danville, IL. Spouse: Joseph Charles Dietzen, 2nd. Fred Raymond Brandon
2	Name: Melvin Hugh Born: 6-28-1903 In: Washington, IN. Married: 1-18-1935 In: Danville IL. 2nd. Died: 9-15-1977 In: Danville, IL. Spouse: 2nd. Helen Louise Guthery
3	Name: Ethel Mary Born: 9-23-1905 In: Madison, IL. Married: 7-15-1925 In: Danville, IL. 2nd. Died: 1-2-1968 In: Danville, IL. Spouse: 2nd. William C. Christy
4	Name: Ruth Thelma Born: 8-22-1907 In: Madison, IL. Married: 12-15-1936 In: Goshen, IN. 2nd. Died: In: Spouse: Hewitt Coffey 2nd. Howard Walter Phillips
5	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
6	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
7	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:
8	Name: Born: In: Married: In: Died: In: Spouse:

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FAMILY GROUP

HUSBAND HAWKINS, James Form No. _____
 Born c1765 Place VA
 Married _____ Place _____
 Occupation Farmer Resided at Lived in Stafford CO VA, Clark CO KY in 1826
 Church Affil. _____ War Serv. _____
 Died 23-7-1834 Place Prob. Fleming CO KY Sheet submitted by: _____
 Buried _____ Place _____
 Other wives _____
 Father _____
 Mother (maiden name) _____

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WIFE ?, Margaret
 Born c1768 Place VA?
 Church Affil. _____ Occupation _____
 Died 1-Apr-1848 Place Prob. Fleming CO KY
 Buried _____ Place _____
 Other husb. _____
 Father _____
 Mother (maiden name) _____

Place sources of information
 Family Bible; Stafford CO VA
 tax records; 19th century family
 letters; correspondence with desc.
 of John R. & Moses R. Hawkins;
 KY cemetery visits.

CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
	When	Where	When	Where	To Whom	When	Where
1 William R.	31-3-1791	VA	1-1879	Siloam Cem. Rowan CO KY	Judah Hawes	2-9-1821	
2 John R.	12-3-1792	VA	13-10-1881	New Hope Cem. Hillsboro, KY	Sarah Barnett	2-18-1823	
3 James R.	c1794	VA	23-12-1834	Bourbon CO KY	Caza Wilcoxin	12-5-1822	
4 Jane	c1810	VA			James W. Moody	28-7-1830	
5 Moses R.	16-6-1812	VA	4-6-1874	New Hope Cem. Hillsboro KY	#1 Melvina Nickell #2 Martha J. Nickell (1843 Fleming CO KY)		
6 Margaret	c1813	VA			David P. Ringo	28-11-1833	
7 Lucy Ann	15-4-1815	VA	1-1-1884	New Hope Cem. Hillsboro, KY	Jesse Hedges	23-12-1832	
8 Walter R. (Wat)	c1817	VA	After 1890		#1 Angelina Snedeger # Mary (married name prob. Presley)		
9 Sally					George Halliday	4-3-1835	
					Fleming CO KY		

Since Hawkins Heritage was originated with the hope of identifying the ancestry of James and Margaret Hawkins, b c1765 & 1785, we are including this family group sheet. The Hawkins Family Bible that belonged to my great grandfather, Andrew J. Hawkins, s/o the above William R., stated that James Hawkins, b c1765, died of cholera (possibly during the epidemic of 1833/34 in Fleming CO.)

We hope that in your own research, you will keep a corner of your thoughts open for this family. We now know the mother of Sarah, John R. Hawkins' wife, was a Hawkins connecting to the Bourne line. Perhaps James is also. His parentss still have not surfaced in the many years of Hawkins Heritage's publication.

Submitted by Sally Hathaway
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(Note: Some of the handwriting is barely legible. ~ SJH)

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Jasper S Hawkins of Mahornet, or Mahomet in the County of Champaign and State of Illinois being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last WILL AND TESTAMENT;

FIRST, I order and direct that my Executor hereinafter named ay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be. SECOND, After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife Mary J Hawkins, the life-time use of all of my property both real and personal, and at the death of my wife the said Mary J Hawkins I direct that all of the property descend equally to have and to have alike to my children named as follows. Lillie M. Hawkins, Allie E Hawkins, Elmer Hawkins and Archie B Hawkins. Third, I hereby direct that if at the death of my wife the said Mary J Hawkins My granddaughter Blanche T or J. Dillman be living then the above named heirs pay to her the said Blanche T Dillman One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). I also desire that the present house be and remain unsold so long as it is needed as a home for my unmarried daughters, Lillie M Hakwins and Allie E Hawkins if they so remain unmarried.

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Elmer Hawkins to be my Executor of this, my Last Will and Testament, without bonds hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 26 day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

signed Jasper S Hawkins and a seal

This Instrument was on the day of the date thereof signed, published and declared by the said testator Jasper S Hawkins to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

signed H. J. Morehouse

signed W. J. Prinkslow.....not real readable, could be slom or.....

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There is a legal page filed in Champaign Co IL. Aug. 1903 or 8, Jasper S Hawkins

Personal Estate not to exceed in value One Thousand Dollars

Real Estate not to exceed in value Three Thousand Dollars

That the value of the whole estate of said deceased does not exceed Four Thousand Dollars.

Oct 5th 1903

signed Charles Elmer Hawkins

Dues for 2002

Please send your dues to Joan George
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Irvine, CA 92714

See page 2 for specifics.

From: SJHATHAWAY@aol.com <SJHATHAWAY@aol.com>

Subject: JASPER S HAWKINS BIO

**SOLDIERS' AND PATRIOTS'
BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM**

Biographies and Portraits of Soldiers and Loyal Citizens in the American Conflict, together with the Great Commanders of the Union Army, Chicago, IL Union Veteran Publishing Co 1892.

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Jasper S. Hawkins, who has been, during the past 26 years a resident of Champaign, Ill., was born in Fulton Co., IN, Jan. 7, 1841. He was the son of Zodoc Hawkins of WA., who was the father of thirteen children, three of whom besides our subject, were actively engaged in the great war of the rebellion. His brother, William E., and James F., passed through the war, members of the 48th Ind. Vol. Inf., while Newton, the youngest of the brothers, was taken sick and discharged, dying shortly after his discharge from the effects of exposure incurred while on duty. Jasper attended school in his boyhood days during the winter months, working upon his father's farm through the summer season. In 1857, he began to learn the cooper trade, at which he was employed up to the time of his enlistment for service in the army. He joined the ranks at Indianapolis, IN., and was subsequently mustered in as a private in CO., A., 39th Ind. Vol. Inf., Aug. 29, 1861.

After drilling a short time, the Regt., under Buell, moved to Louisville, KY., thence to Nashville, TN., and from there to reinforce Grant's army at the famous battle of Shiloh. Arriving on the field Sunday night, they participated in battle on the following day, until the rebels were routed in confusion, not, however, without a heavy loss to the Union Army. Mr. Hawkins' Regt. at this time numbered abt 1,013 officers and men. Oct. 15th, after the battle of Stone River, having had companies L and M attached to it, it was reorganized as the 8th Cav. The Regt. during its service has borne on its rolls 2,500 men, and was engaged in over 100 battles and skirmishes. Some of the principal ones, and those in which our subject was personally engaged, are Shiloh, Luka, Cornith, Perryville, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamagua, Winchester, Jonesboro, Flint River, Waynesboro, Lost and Kenesaw Mts., Brown's Cross Roads, Lookout Mt and Missionary Ridge.

While at Chattanooga, Jasper was detailed on the courier service between Chattanooga and the front.

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In Feb., 1864, the Regt. veteranized, when the men were granted 30 days furlough. In the spring they were reorganized at Nashville, where they were supplied with fresh horses, new saddles, and other necessities. On the Rousseau raid, which began shortly after this and lasted 13 days and nights, the Regt. was almost continuously in the saddle and under the enemy's fire throughout the raid. Though the men endured almost every privation and hardship, nothing could deter them from their purpose, and many interesting and important victories might be spoken of, if lack of space did not prevent, one, worthy of mention, being that of a single battalion, belonging to their Regt. routing a rebel Brig. at Cheraw Bridge, AL.

After the 13th day the men returned back to the Union lines, and notwithstanding their fatigued condition, were on the third day detailed on the McCook Raid, and the 39th was the only Regt. which preserved its organization on the raid near Atlanta. It charged the enemy, routing them, and opening the way for 1,200 of McCook's men to make their escape. At Jonesboro it assisted in the capture of 550 wagons loaded with supplies, destroyed a lot of property, and assisted in the capture of five or six hundred prisoners, and several trains of cars freighted with provisions, and finally tore up several miles of railroad track, heating the rails and twisting them around trees. In July, 1864, Jasper was taken prisoner by Wheeler's Mounted Infantry, and sent to that living tomb, Andersonville, where amid such privations and such terrible scenes as human pen can never portray, he was held until after the fall of Atlanta. He was then transferred to Charleston, S.C., and placed in such a position that if the city should be fired upon, the prisoners would be the first to be killed. After being guarded here upon the open common, for about three weeks, he was removed to Florence, 80 miles eastward, and placed in an open stockade where he was kept until the closing days of the war, when he was again transferred to Richmond, VA., and placed in Libby Prison, in company with so many other poor, tired, hungry soldiers, that as they lay crowded together "spoon fashion" upon the hard, dirty floors, it was necessary if one wished to turn over, for all to turn. After being kept here for 2 days and 3 nights, he was discharged from prison and sent to Annapolis, MD., where he remained for 2 weeks, obtaining clean clothes and some money. While being forwarded to Camp Chase, OH, he was left off with the sick, at Grafton, VA., until he should recover his health sufficiently to continue. Upon arriving at Camp Chase, he was granted a furlough home, where he remained for 30 days. In pursuance of an order, he now reported at Indianapolis, but before he could rejoin his Regt., the war being over, he was discharged, mustered out, and returned home. In June of 1865, he was married to Miss Mary J. Brandon, and shortly after moved to ILL. They are now the parents of five children: Lillie May, b May 13, 1866; Vitilla, b Jan. 1, 1870; Alice Elizabeth, b Feb. 13, 1872; Charles Elmer, b Aug. 14, 1878; and Archie Brandon, b Jan. 17, 1882, all living. He is a member of Post No 140, G.A.R. and a Republican in politics,

while his wife, himself and oldest daughter are members of the M.E. Church,
at Champaign.

I also have a copy of his will.

THANKS.....:-)*

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Do-it-yourself

Take your own duplicate pictures of ancestors.

A little history: Inexpensive and more accessible methods used for picture-taking became more available in the mid-19th century. Before this, we used delicate and complicated daguerreotypes.

Melainotypes or ferrotypes were the original names used for tintypes. Photographers exposed them on thin iron sheets enameled in black. Glass plates were also used for ambrotypes. Both methods seemed more convenient but did not have the clarity of daguerreotypes.

Since small "pictures" were often in an oval mat of some kind, it appeared a person was looking in a photograph album in its little black case. More than one likeness could be used in a tiny album.

In France, similar small photographs were used, known as *cartes de visite*. They were about the size of a calling card. If a camera had four lenses, it produced eight negatives. One exposure taken at the same time would produce eight pictures after being cut.

The value of any of the above depends on the condition. If a person were fortunate to have a collection of Civil War photographs, the value would be considerably higher. If they are your family members, they still have extreme personal value to you and your family.

I have used a close-up lens purchased fifteen years ago for my Canon camera. I set up my "studio" outside in the light-not direct sun on the original. The set came with three lenses and I use one or all three, depending on how close I want. The lenses cost about \$25 at the time. Incidentally, my "studio" consists of a ladder with the original photo leaning against a flat surface (piece of cardboard will work) on the paint shelf.

So if you have a trusty camera that will take the close-up lenses, you will be able to shoot excellent black and whites of any daguerreotypes you might have, as well as tintypes. After

spending many \$\$ for new negatives and prints of ancestors' photos at the camera shop, I decided to try it on my own. (This also works great if you want to take a close-up of someone in a group snapshot.)

So if you haven't already tried this, give it a "shot."

~ Olyve

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our thanks to Wanita Lucas, Sally Hathaway, and Richard C. Dietzen for their contributions to *Hawkins Heritage*.

Please submit your Hawkins research "finds" to me, so others can benefit from it. I rely a great deal on your submissions. So send your queries, group sheets, pedigree charts and other Hawkins information that you would like to appear in our issues:

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As you know, postage has gone up over our years of publication, and from what we've heard recently, it will take another jump probably by the next issue. We will continue with our same subscription fee of the last several years. I know Hawkins isn't the only line we work on, and subscribing to various newsletters can grow to be costly.

Bright blessings and good health to you all.



HAWKINS NOTES

Hawkins Heritage member for several years, Wanita Lucas, is generously contributing sections of her Hawkins research on lines other than her own. Many of us have run into Hawkins with the same given names as our own. In some instances, if we don't have much to go on in our own records, we can speculate that the "John" or "James" is ours.

I know I've found one of those guys born in the same state, approximately the same year as my ggg gf, and wanted him to be the "real" James for me. Then it turns up he had children with totally different names and couldn't possibly be the one I'm looking for.

Hopefully, some of Wanita's research can eventually clear up the different Hawkinses. This will be a continuing article, thanks to Wanita.

HAWKINS LINES

These Hawkins families have been extensively researched by various people, and written up in genealogies. Many were prominent in their communities and took part in many affairs mentioned in historical records.

I note some variations in what has been written about them, and some obvious errors. What I include here is what I have found in historical records, other persons' genealogies, etc. I do not say all is accurate or correct. These are supposed facts that need verification if possible.

The first family I will write about is the Thomas Hawkins who was in Va. very early. He died in 1636, and had a will. He was a burgess in the early colony, in 1632 and 33. His wife was Elizabeth ----. The will referred to 600 acres of land on the Charles River. Later a Thomas Hawkins, probably his son, in 1639, gained land by the headright system, stating his father had transported six persons to the colony.

Some researchers connect this Thomas, Jr. with the Thomas later shown in Rappanhannock Co.--Capt. Thomas, a burgess, who died in 1676. That may not be true. I do not know.

There was a Thomas Hawkins living in Northumberland Co., Va, who was

very active in land deals. He was a merchant, buying tobacco and shipping it to England. Many records for him are abstracted by Fleet in his books. He was living in Northumberland Co. from about 1650 on.

Also in this county by 1650, Fleet shows land records and grants for a Richard Hawkins. Richard and the Thomas mentioned in that area were both about the same age--about 25 to 30-- in 1652. A Francis Hawkins is also referred to in some of the records from Fleet.

I am of the opinion that this Thomas was the son of the early Thomas who died in 1636 although age does not seem to fit. I note in the long genealogy, "Descendants of Sir John Hawkins" on the Internet, that a Thomas is included with the Plymouth Hawkinses--not very much proof? If any of the early Thomas Hawkinses were, it would probably be this one, as he seemed to have wealth and shipping connections with England.

From some information given in a book on the Hawkinses by Milly Farmer. A genealogist who did much work on the Hawkins family--Reginald Smith-- these Hawkinses were supposed to be in the line of the Hawkins sea captains in Plymouth. As I understand it Smith believed that Thomas, Richard and Francis were sons? grandsons? of William Hawkins and his second wife, Mary Halse. I have checked several reports of the lines in this English Hawkins family, and it is impossible for Richard, and Francis to be sons, as those Hawkinses were supposed to have been born in 1582 and 1584. And no Thomas shows up at all.

Mary Halse Hawkins may have come to America with her sons after her husband died, as Smith relates. However the only records that might possibly connect to them were records of some Hawkinses with those names in Barbados very early.

To get back to Richard Hawkins noted in Northumberland and then Westmoreland Cos., Va. shown there as early as 1650. He seems to be the Richard who died in Westmoreland Co., Va., naming two children--John and Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the Elizabeth Hawkins who married Humphrey Pope in 1650. There is an extensive Pope genealogy.

This Richard may possibly be the Richard in one account of the English sea captains lineage. (See family lineage on Pat Patterson's web site. I copied her account, which is different from some others, I have seen (Some lineages of these Plymouth families are reported taken from the very old book by Mary S. Hawkins. This book is long out of print. Some libraries may have it. I found it at the Fort Wayne library, but the family genealogy was cut out. What a waste.) Pat has this Richard as a son of Sir Richard and his wife, Judith Heale.

There is another Richard Hawkins family noted later. (No connection that I see) Richard Hawkins died in Elizabeth City, Va. in 1737. His will probated 21 Sept., 1737. He had a wife, Hannah. Son mentioned was Anthony Hawkins. Daughters were Elizabeth Reade, Mary and Phoebe. His widow married Charles Jennings. A witness to the will was a John Hawkins. (perhaps his brother?)

This Richard and his wife, Hannah, were said to be immigrants. The book, "Wills and Administrations in Elizabeth City Co., Va., 1699-1800" refers to this will. In a family account in one of the Boddie books, I see more on this family. Richard was said to be a son of the Thomas Hawkins who died in 1725, and his wife Elizabeth Hart.

Thomas Hawkins Will. Will dated 2 Jan., 1725-26, probated June 21, 1726 in Elizabeth City. Will named wife, Elizabeth. Sons: John, James, Thomas, Richard. Daughters: Anne, Mary, Elizabeth Whitaker, Phebe Parish. The son, Thomas and Elizabeth, wife, were executors.

A will for Anthony Hawkins (son of Richard) recorded in 1772, names wife, Upshan, sons, James and William, Youngest children (probably of minor age)-Anthony, John and Richard.

A very early William Hawkins mentioned as living in York Co. had a will dated 24 March, 1654, probated 25 June, 1655. All his estate is to go to his wife, Sarah, and after her decease to his son-in-law Argoll Blackstone. A heifer to be given to his god-son, John Wright.

Some researchers take this William as the William who married Sarah Pintheman and show a long family lineage, but I do not think they are the same William.

II

This is the line through Thomas Hawkins who was in Rappahannock Co., Va. Some of his line have been mixed up with the John and Mary (Long) family in recent researchers' lineages I have noted. This Thomas was in Va. much earlier than the John Hawkins families. If his family connects with any of the Plymouth Hawkins families, there is nothing that shows that connection, as far as I can see.

The recent family lineage you printed shows his grandson, Thomas Hawkins who married Ann Covington, as in John and Mary's family, and I saw that in some other places. Also some researchers have confused his grandson, William, with the other William Hawkins living in Spotsylvania and Orange Cos. at about the same time.

Thomas Hawkins

This Thomas Hawkins was a very prominent planter, living in old Rappahannock Co., Va. He was a burgess, with many land grants for transporting settlers to the colonies, and records of land purchases. At that time settlers could obtain 50 acres for each person they transported to America.

He transported his wife, Mary, and his son, Thomas, Jr. They all must have been born in England, unless some of his grants for transporting people were fraudulent.

Thomas Lucas, father of his wife, Mary, transported him, it was said. Thomas Lucas entered the colony in 1648. Thomas Hawkins may have been the immigrant referred to by the Filby listings, as immigrating in 1653. None of the land records and other references show he was in Rappahannock Co., Va. much before the 1660's.

None of the land records show his wife as Mary, after about 1664. His will was dated 8 Feb., 1675, and he must have died in about 1677. The will mentions his wife, Frances, and his children--Thomas, Jr. John,

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Elizabeth and Hannah. . There were probably other children.

Hannah married Col. William Moseley. Their children were William, John, and Martha Moseley. Hannah's husband was a son of a William Moseley and wife, Martha Brasseur. One of their younger daughters, Elizabeth married John Hawkins, brother of Hannah.

Col. William Moseley brought suit against his brother, Thomas Hawkins, in 1699, which indicates that Major Thomas Hawkins, son of Thomas, the burgess, was still alive at that time. Hannah had died before 1689.

Col.. William Moseley was also a burgess. Hhe died in 1700. His will dated May 3, 1699, named his three children, William, John, and Martha, and his three brothers, Edward, Robert, and Benjamin and asked that they oversee his children. Benj. Moseley gave bond for estate. William, Jr. was to be executor, but he was not yet of age.

We do not find anything definite about the daughters of Capt. Thomas Hawkins, other than Hannah.

Thomas Hawkins' wife at his death, was Frances. Since Thomas Hawkins' will refers to Samuel Bloomfield as brother, (Sometimes a friend and not a relation was called brother or cousin in those times.) we thought that Frances may have been a Bloomfield.

It seems that the son, John, was a minor child at his father's death, and since the older brother, Thomas, Jr. was deceased without issue, John Hawkins seems to have been the major heir to all the estate.

JOHN HAWKINS

The John Hawkins who seems to be confused on some recent researchers' genealogies, is the one living in Essex Co., Va., who was a son and heir of Thomas Hawkins of Rappahannock Co.--one with will of 1675.

John was a minor child at the time of his father's death , and the estate was not completely settled until much later. From the records I have noted, Thomas Hawkins' son, Thomas, Jr. seems to have been deceased and had no issue, and therefore the son, John inherited extensive landholdings.

John was also a burgess, and lived in the Parish of St. Ann in Essex Co., Va.. He died leaving a will dated Feb., 16, 1725/26

The will named son, Thomas Hawkins, son William Hawkins and daughters, Mary Hawkins and Elizabeth Reynolds. All received land and slaves. Wife was named as Grace and she was to be executrix

Grace was his second wife. His first wife and mother of his children was Elizabeth Moseley, sister of William Moseley., Grace was Grace Stallard, a widow. when she married John. Later , after John Hawkins' death, she remarried to John Morgan.

William and Mary were of minor age, and Elizabeth had married Joseph Reynolds, and he brought a suit for division of the estate in 1728 and became Mary's guardian.
Mary Hawkins later married John Boutwell.

The son Thomas was the Thomas, who married Ann Covington. They had the following children --Young Nannie, Lucy, Mary, Hannah and Betty. Thomas born about 1697, died in 1739 and had a will. This information from Dorothy Hawkins. (in Milly Farmer's book)

The son William married Margaret _____. One reference says it was believed she was Margaret Connor. He died in Va. in 1769, leaving a will. His will named these children--Elizabeth Mosely Hawkins, Sabrinah Hawkins, Margaret, John, Thomas, Levin, Birkenhead and William.

I was able to find abstracts of wills made by some of these sons, but none gave enough information to connect any descendants. Sabrinah married a Boutwell. Elizabeth seems to have been called Moseley and she married a Rowzee.

References--Dorman, John F.,
Essex Co., Va. Deeds and Wills, 1707-1711, and Essex Co. Wills, Bonds, Etc., 1722-1730

Milly Farmer's book, and various correspondence, etc.

Wanita

III

John Hawkins

We have many John Hawkinses in early Va. and Kentucky.

There is the one who was transported by Thomas Lucas in about 165-, and some others noted in land deeds and immigration records, in early Va. records.

John seems to be a very common Hawkins name, and anyone with one in their family lineage must be very careful not to be get their John confused with others.

One that is interesting--

There is a John Hawkins, born about 1675, who lived in Richmond Co., Va. and was a planter, and married Elizabeth Butler. (Richmond Co. was one of the counties formed from old Rappahannock, and no connection with the city of Richmond. This location was earlier part of King George co.)

This John Hawkins died in 1715, and one researcher believes his father was a John who had lived in Westmoreland co., Va. and died there in 1702, living in Caleb Butler's home. The earlier John was a merchant, and from Bristol, England.

I found information about his will and children., which I will insert here, and since his children had names later found in Orange and other nearby counties, I am speculating that this is the origin of some of our unconnected Hawkinses.. (The will is available from the Va. State Library, I am told.)

Will of John Hawkins, Hanover Parish, Richmond co., Va. , dated June 16, 1715.

Wife, Elizabeth

Sons, William, John, Benjamin, and James

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Daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth

Richard Butler and James Butler to take care of his children. (all six seem to be minors.)

William to go to Henry Wood to learn a trade

Sarah and Elizabeth under Richard Butler's care

John to live with Butler until he is 16

Benjamin and James to live with James Butler until they are aged 20

Witnesses , Isaac Arnold, Rebecca Butler, and John Suttle.

It seems to be very likely that the Family Tree Maker archives that shows this family, and continues with the son Benjamin, and states he is the Benjamin in early Orange Co., Va. who was married to Sarah Willis. is a accurate theory.as Sarah Willis' mother was married to Henry Wood, and that family lived in the same community as these Hawkinses.

I have had a problem with the statement that this Benjamin Hawkins was a son of William as so many genealogies show. My reason is that he seems to have been born too early to be that Benjamin, and since there were other Benjamin Hawkinses noted in references living at the same time, the Benjamin noted in William Hawkin s' will could have been one of these other Benjamins.

I am also wondering if other sons of this John and Elizabeth are the Hawkinses noted in early Orange Co. There was a John and a James who had wills there, that I have not seen identified by anyone.

I must note also that I first came across this will and the idea that these sons of John and Elizabeth were ancestors of some of our unidentified Hawkinses in the Hawkins newsletter. Joan Neilson had sent this information in and it was published in an earlier issue.

(I do not remember what issue this information appeared in. You may not want to put this in again,, but I am wondering if this particular family may be yours. We do not know the children of these Hawkins brothers, other than Benjamin, if he is the Benjamin that married Sarah Willis.)

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NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700

HAWKINS, Abraham (-1648) & Elizabeth ?; b 1643; Charlestown
HAWKINS, Edward (-1726) & Esther (ARNOLD) (DEXTER) [ANDREWS] (1647-1688±), w James, w Wm.; b 1685; Providence
HAWKINS, Edward (-1726) & 2/wf Anne ?; b 1690; Providence
HAWKINS, James (ca 1604-1670) & Mary [MILLS] (1616-1692, æ 76?); b 1646, b 1636?; Boston
HAWKINS, James (1654-5 Jan 1709/10, æ ca 56 y) & Lydia/Hannah [RICE] (-1718?, 1688); b 1679(80?); Boston/Framingham
HAWKINS, James (-1727) & Elizabeth HUMPHREYS; 5 Mar 1692/3; Marblehead
HAWKINS, Job (1620?-) (kinsman of Major William HOLMES) & Frances ?; b 1646/7; Boston/Portsmouth, RI
HAWKINS, John & Sarah DAMARILL, w Humphrey; 15 Sep 1654; Boston
HAWKINS, John (-1726) & Sarah ?; b 1679?; Providence
HAWKINS, John (-1712) & 1/wf ?; Hempstead, LI
HAWKINS, John & Abigail SHORE; m int 11 Mar 1698/9; Lynn
HAWKINS, Joseph (1642-) & Abigail HOLBROOK (1648-); 8 Apr 1668; Milford, CT/Derby, CT
HAWKINS, Joseph & [Mercy JOHNSON]; b 1681; ?Derby, CT
HAWKINS, Joseph & Lydia [FRENCH]; 1688; Derby, CT?
HAWKINS, Joseph (1668/9-), Derby & Elizabeth GUNN (1672-), Milford; 9 Aug 1693, at Derby; Milford, CT
HAWKINS, Richard (-1656±) & Jane ? (-1656+); in Eng, b 1609, b 1604?; Boston/Portsmouth, RI
HAWKINS, Robert (1610-1682?) & Mary ? (1611-); b 1635; Charlestown/?Derby, CT
HAWKINS, Robert & Esther HUGHS; 7 Jun 1694; Boston
HAWKINS, Thomas (1609?-1654?) & Mary ?, m/2 Robert FENN 1654, m/3 Henry SHRIMPTON 1661, (1661/2?); b 1638, b 1636?; Dorchester/Boston
HAWKINS, Thomas (1609?-1671) & 1/wf Hannah ? (-1644); b 1637, b 1636; Boston
HAWKINS, Thomas (?1609-1671) & 2/wf Rebecca ?; b 1645; Boston
HAWKINS, Timothy (-1651) & Hannah/Anna [HAMMOND?] (1616-), m/2 Ellis BARRON 1653; b 1637; Watertown
HAUKINS, Timothy & 1/wf Mary SHERMAN (1644-1667); 18 Jan 1666/7, 1666; Watertown
HAUKINS, Timothy & 2/wf Grace ? (-1675); b 1675; Watertown
HAUKINS, Timothy & Mary (TREADWAY) FISHER (1642-1677), w John; 21 Jul 1675; Watertown
HAUKINS, Timothy & 4/wf Ruhamah JOHNSON, m Daniel SMITH 1700; 13 Jun 1680; Watertown
HAWKINS, William (1609-1699+) & Margaret [HARWOOD?] (1612-); ca 1633/40?; Providence
HAWKINS, William & Sarah/Anna ?; b 1663; Boston
HAWKINS, William & Dorothy ?; b 1668; Boston
HAWKINS, William (-1723) & Lydia (BALLOU) [GARDINER/GARDNER?], w George; 14 Jun 1678; Providence
HAWKINS, William & [Hannah/Anna BIRCHAM], dau Edward; b 1684; ?Reading
HAWKINS, Zechariah/Zachary (?1639-1698) & Mary [BIGGS] (-1696+); b 1664?; Brookhaven, LI
HAWKINS, [?Thomas] & Agnes ?; ca 1673, 5 ch bpt 1685; Marblehead

CLIMBING THE FAMILY TREE

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You never know what you will find when you begin climbing your family tree. Sometimes you find a bunch of nuts, sometimes a few crazy birds, sometimes some beautiful flowers, the occasional rattling skeleton or two, or, in our recent experience, clusters of luscious fruit.

I began my family climb back in the 1970s, and it was not too long before my husband learned about the fun of the search. Genealogy has proved to be both an educational and fun pastime. On occasions you bump into stone walls, and then you will stumble over something right in front of you. We have visited libraries and archives, cemeteries and funeral homes, the homes of family members, the homes of strangers, genealogical societies, and old churches. We go wherever we think we can find some information, traveling from state to state. Of course, now we are traveling on the Internet looking for kith and kin.

We recently joined a genealogical society in Polk County, Tennessee. Within three days of the next journal's arrival in the mail with our names listed as new members, we received an e-mail from a distant cousin, Judy Davis, who lived near Birmingham. She placed us in touch with another cousin, Dolores Beavers, living in Soddy-Daisy, across town from us here in Chattanooga. After a few days of exchanged messages and information, we invited them to our home and met the new cousins face-to-face. It was as if we had

always known each other. We dug through our family history information, shared old family photographs (my husband's mother was most helpful in identifying some of the unlabeled photos), and made a few "field trips" to Forest Hill Cemetery and another old cemetery outside of Benton, Tennessee.

We began to piece together our information for a greater overview of our family background. It is interesting that the same family folklore has passed down through the generations of these many family branches. This tells us that it is not necessarily a tale but more probably a fact. In our situation it was a young Irishman (we believe possibly from County Cork, Ireland) named John McLafferty. As a teenager, and possibly on the wrong side of the law, he stowed away on a ship to Boston. He changed his name to John Redden and eventually worked his way south to Western North Carolina where he met and married a lovely young half-Cherokee girl named Matilda Ledford from Burke County, North Carolina. We know that she was born possibly as early as 1798. The various family members moved around a bit, and we have located them in Virginia, North Carolina (Randolph, Burke, Haywood, Macon and Cherokee counties), Georgia (Rabun, Gilmer, and Fannin counties), and Tennessee (Polk, Bradley, Rhea, Hamilton, and Lawrence counties).

Accordingly to the eldest son's Civil War pension records, there were seven

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children in the family: four boys and three girls. William George Redden was the eldest son, born in 1838. He was conscripted into the Confederate Army against his wishes. He went AWOL and joined the Union forces where he served until the end of the war. In 1869, probably on the wrong side of the law, he quickly left the South and ended up in Indian Territory in eastern Oklahoma. He married Nancy Catherine Plemmons in Polk County, Tennessee, but his descendants are now living throughout Oklahoma and Arkansas, with some scattered even further away. The next child was Lettissia Redden, born in 1838. She first married John Marion Thurman, by whom she had two daughters and a son; after his death, she married Jackson Carter and bore him one son. The Thurman descendants ended up mostly in Tennessee and Alabama. The Carter descendants settled in Chattanooga. The third child, Dorcas Louisa (born in 1839), married Henry Hezekiah Hawkins and had six sons and two daughters. Little is known of John and Matilda's fourth child, Nancy (born in 1840). The fifth child, John Redden (born in 1844), was named for his father and married Sarah Hawkins; they had twelve children (7 sons and 5 daughters), many of whom now live in the Soddy-Daisy area.

Their two youngest sons began as miners in Polk County and ended up as gold miners in Colorado. Burton Redden was born in 1846, married Elizabeth Pless, and died in Pueblo, Colorado, in 1917. The youngest child, Zachariah Jackson Redden, was born in 1849, married Lucinda ??, and also settled with his family in Colorado. These two younger sons took their mother, Matilda, to Colorado with them where she died in 1898, near the age of 100.

In the process of sharing this information with each other, the newly found cousins, Judy, Dolores, and my husband, Jim, learned of a Redden family reunion in Roland, Oklahoma, not far from the Cherokee Indian capital of Tahlequah. We contacted them and received a gracious welcome to join them. So, on the weekend of June 17-18, Dolores (a descendant of brother John), Jim (a descendant of sister Lettissia), and I traveled to Oklahoma to meet the descendants of brother William George.

A lovely young lady by the name of Dwaina Harry had organized the reunion in Roland. All the out-of-town family members stayed at the same motel where a block of rooms were reserved for us at a most reasonable price. She had set aside one room as a gathering spot; this room was seldom empty, with local and out-of-town family members packed into the room getting to know each other, sharing genealogical information, viewing old family photos, and just generally laughing and having a great time. We arrived mid-afternoon on Friday and went out to supper at a local steakhouse where the local family members joined us, more and more arriving as the evening progressed.

Early on Saturday morning, several of us, armed with cameras, toured local cemeteries in a downpour of rain, taking photos of relatives' grave markers (to help document the dates of birth and death). Only dedicated genealogists would go to such lengths, and we Tennesseans were foolish enough to do so! We arrived back at our motel just in time to change clothes, reload the cameras, and head off to the local high school where we had use of the cafeteria for the day. We entered a beautifully decorated room with green tablecloths, white lacy placemats, and welcoming reunion folders. A reception

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table welcomed us with a sign-up sheet (so we could share addresses), name tags, a sign-up for door prizes, and a rose boutonniere for each Redden descendant. There was even a United States map on the wall so we could show everyone where we lived. About half a dozen tables were covered with old family photos. Throughout the day there were crowds of people gathered there sharing their particular family memories with others. Tables were set up for the "serious" researchers where we could meet, talk, and share information. A camera was set up to make copies of old family photographs so that through the negatives we could all share copies. Someone even brought a photocopier so that we could copy each other's family information. Another family member set up an attractive backdrop with a wrought iron bench where family groupings gathered for "formal" family photographs (and we could all order sets of these photographs to take home with us). It turns out that our Oklahoma cousins are musically talented. We had a piano, guitar, fiddle, harmonica, and enough family soloists, duets, etc., to fill the afternoon with music. We enjoyed everything from good old gospel songs to a Patsy Cline sound-alike. The lunch was catered with plenty of delicious food for all to enjoy seconds.

We all had such a good time that it was hard to break up the group that day. We met cousins not only from Oklahoma and Arkansas, but also others from Texas, Indiana, West Virginia, and as far away as California. We continued gathering at the motel on Saturday evening and again on Sunday, just sitting around, chatting and laughing. It was hard to leave Oklahoma and return to Chattanooga. We wanted to stay with our newly found cousins/friends. Since our return home, we have kept the telephone lines and Internet lines occupied, chatting with our great new Oklahoma cousins. Our three days of partying in Oklahoma is continuing!

Now the Oklahoma cousins are interested in traveling east to meet their cousins here. We would love to schedule a local reunion, and we would love to hear from anyone descended from this family. We also would like to hear from anyone who has some information on the family or is looking for information. If we work together and share, we can soon locate all of the brothers and sisters of our common Irish immigrant. Please get in touch with us at Redden Family, P.O. Box 28172, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

Yes, climbing that family tree can be mighty interesting and a whole lot of fun. Why don't you give it a try? You just might find some delicious fruit!

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Suggestions welcomed.

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