



Who was Jacob Hockersmith, Jr. ?

by Robert T. Hockersmith
Research by Faye Johnson

I have been deliberating on how to write this article since this past February when our cousin Faye Johnson of Frankfort, Kentucky sent to me some of her truly outstanding research. Faye is very talented in assembling vast amounts of disjointed data and arranging and formatting it in a logical scheme so that we can make sense of it and see what it is telling us. I have come to the conclusion that the best method of presenting this data is the same way it was presented to me (see Table 1 on page 2).

I'm afraid that to many current readers of this newsletter the facts recorded here will be somewhat troubling. Not that we are going to uncover some dark family secret or scandal or anything like that. The sensitive part of this article is that there are many of you who believe that you can trace your roots all the way back to our American progenitor, Conrad Hackenschmidt, by way of his son Jacob and his grandson Jacob, Jr. At the very heart of the matter lies the question; which Jacob, Jr. are we talking about?

We can locate records of the late eighteenth century and early nineteenth century which show that at least three men in Kentucky were

using the name Jacob Hockersmith and/or Jacob Hockersmith, Jr. The process of tracking these three men individually through the progression of time has eluded most researchers until now.

Two of the most compelling entries which identify Jacob (A) as the son of Jacob (of Maryland) are those which occurred in 1795 and 1825. The 1795 entry definitely establishes the fact that Jacob (A) and Henry Hockersmith were brothers. The 1825 entry proves that this same Henry was the son of Jacob (of Maryland). Since Henry and Jacob (A) were brothers, then logically we now know that Jacob (A) was also the son of Jacob, son of Conrad.

The entry dated 20 Jan 1801 concerns Elizabeth, the daughter of Jacob (of Maryland). She had first married a man named Kennady (Kennedy) and by him had a daughter circa 1788 named Mary (Polly). Elizabeth's second husband was James Graham. This entry shows that Jacob(A) signed the bond for her third marriage to Arthur McGaughey, an Irishman born circa 1769. Although this entry does not prove that Jacob (A) was the son of Jacob (of Maryland), it does establish the fact that there was some sort of link between Jacob (A) and a daughter of Jacob (of Maryland).

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From The Fatherland

The following family members were located using the International Genealogical Index (IGI) of the Mormon Church Family History Center.

First Generation

1. Elias HACKENSCHMIDT.

He married Jacobina Ernestina ? They had the following children:

- 2 i. Catharina Magdalena HACKENSCHMIDT
- 3 ii. Johann Henrich HACKENSCHMIDT
- 4 iii. Maria Carolina HACKENSCHMIDT
- 5 iv. Anna Ernestina HACKENSCHMIDT
- 6 v. Johann Philip HACKENSCHMIDT

Second Generation

2. Catharina Magdalena HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1769. Christen 1 Jul 1769 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

3. Johann Henrich HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1771. Christen 18 Oct 1771 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

He married Anna Margaretha STAEBIG, 8 Sep 1795 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern. They had the following children:

- 7 i. Philipp Jacob HACKENSCHMIDT

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YEAR	JACOB (A) (lived in Fayette, Franklin, Scott, and Owen Co., KY)	JACOB (B) (proven son of Jacob (A) - lived in Franklin and Anderson Co., KY)	JACOB (C) (married Anna Keziah Skinner 12 Sep 1803 - lived in Estill Co., KY and Randolph Co., MO)
Birth date:	circa 1770	circa 1800	24 Jun 1779
1795 16 Feb 1795.....	Jacob of Fayette signed note to pay 60 Pounds for 700 acres on Eighteen Mile Creek, Kanaway Co., Virginia, "adjoining a tract of 600 acres Taylor sold . . . to Henry Hockersmith, brother of your orator . . ." (per suit filed in Franklin County Circuit Court 1799). Jacob Hockinsmith and Henry Hockinsmith signed bond together in 1798 to sheriff of Franklin County regarding this suit.)		
1796	Jacob and Henry Hockersmith bought 132 ¼ acres on Elkhorn Creek, Franklin Co. (see Franklin Co. Deed Book A, page 161.) Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List		
1797	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List		
1798	No Franklin Co. Tax List Available (Jacob and Henry signed bond to sheriff of Franklin Co. - see 1795)		
1799 11 Jul 1799.....	No Franklin Co. Tax List Available Jacob served on jury - (District and 6 th Circuit Order Book B, page 99) (Jacob filed injunction in Franklin Co., regarding suit - see 1795)		
1800 22 Apr 1800.....	No Franklin Co. Tax List Available Franklin Co. Order regarding a spring "for the establishment of a mill by Taverner Branham and built by Henry and Jacob Hockersmith is overflowed by the water in said dam . . ." (per Franklin Co. Order Book B, page 91)		

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1800 (continued) 24 Jun 1800.....	Franklin Co. Order that "execution issued against Henry and Jacob Hockersmith . . . for the overflowing of a spring by a dam for a water grist mill." (per Franklin Co. Order Book B, page 96)		
Jun 1800.....	Franklin Co. Order regarding Jacob viewing a road to new mill near Goar's Station (Franklin Co. Order Book B, pages 97, 103, and 112)		
Aug 1800.....	Franklin Co. Circuit Court Suit – regarding 100 Pound note of Henry Hockersmith and Jacob Hockersmith on 18 May 1798 (Case # 18)		
Sep 1800.....	Jacob and Mary's son, Jacob Jr. (B) was born in Franklin Co. (his daughter's death certificate says father born Anderson Co. but Anderson was not formed until 1827 from Franklin Co.)		
circa 1800.....	.....	Jacob (B) was born in Franklin Co. (his daughter's death certificate says "Jake" born Anderson Co. but Anderson was not formed until 1827 from Franklin Co. – think informant assumed Anderson since dau. Was born Anderson)	
1801 20 Jan 1801.....	Jacob (misspelled James) on Franklin County Tax List – 116 acres Elkhorn Creek. Jacob signed bond for marriage of Arthur McGaughey and Elizabeth Graham (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1795-1810). Franklin Circuit Suit – Jacob suit against McCracken for trespass – May 1797) – Case # 27.		
1802	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 116 acres Elkhorn Creek.		
1803 6 Feb 1803.....	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 116 acres Elkhorn Creek. Jacob signed bond for marriage of Andrew Rogers to Polly Kennedy (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1795-1810).		Jacob on Madison County Tax List (along with John and George)

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1803 (continued) 12 Sep 1803.....	Jacob of Madison County married Anna Skinner.
1804	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 116 acres Elkhorn Creek. Jacob and Mary's daughter, Rebecca was born. Franklin Circuit Court Suit – Marston vs. Jacob Hockersmith re: note (Case # 51).		
1805 21 May 1805..... 25 Feb 1805.....	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 116 acres Elkhorn Creek. Jacob signed bond for marriage of Frederick Hockersmith and Rebecca Mefford (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1795-1810). Order refers to "Hockersmith's Mill on Cedar Creek . . . road from Hockersmith's" (Scott Co. Order Book).		Jacob on Jessamine Co. Tax List (along with Michael Sr. & Jr., and Edward).
1806	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 116 acres Elkhorn Creek.		Jacob on Jessamine Co. Tax List (along with Michael Sr. & Jr., and Edward).
1807	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 80 acres Elkhorn Creek.		
1808	Franklin Co. Tax List Not Available.		(Estill Co. formed from Madison Co. and Clark Co.) Jacob and Anna's daughter, Mary Jane born.
1809 21 Aug 1809.....	Franklin Co. Tax List Not Available. .....	.....	Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List. Jacob and Anna's son, Thomas Jefferson born. Estill Co. Court Record – Vol. 1 (or A?) – Jacob regarding Sugar Camp Road intersect Richmond Rd. at Drowning Creek (KY499).
1810	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 42 acres Elkhorn Creek. <u>1810 Franklin Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 1 male under 10 3 males 10-16 1 male 16-26 1 male 45+ (Jacob) 2 females under 10 1 female 26-45 (Mary) 2 slaves		<u>1810 Estill Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 2 males under 10 1 male 26-45 (Jacob) 2 females under 10 1 female 16-26 (Anna)

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1811	Jacob on Franklin County Tax List – 42 acres Elkhorn.		Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List. Jacob's son, John born.
1812			Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List.
1813			Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List. Jacob's daughter, Charlotte born.
1814			Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List. Jacob's child "Fanna/Francis" born.
1815	Franklin Co. Order Book F mentions several times the "Hockersmith Old Mill" near Goar's Station (pages 52, 53, 64, and 72).		Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List.
1816	Jacob on Scott Co. Tax List.		Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List.
Jul 1816.....	Scott Co. "Georgetown Patriot" newspaper notice of letters at Post Office for Jacob.		
6 Sep 1816.....	.....	.....	Jacob's daughter, Eliza born.
1817			Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List.
1818	Jacob's father, Jacob of Frederick Co., MD, son of Conrad the immigrant died – left Jacob \$1,800 and Henry \$2,000.		Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List. Jacob's son, Jackson Smith born.
1819 (Owen Co. formed from Franklin and Scott Co.)	Jacob on Scott Co. Tax List.		Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List.
1820	Jacob Sr. on Scott Co. Tax List. <u>1820 Scott Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 1 male 10-16 3 males 16-18 3 males 16-26 1 male 45+ (Jacob) 2 females under 10 2 females 10-16? 1 female 26-45 (Mary) 4 slaves? 1 Apr 1820..... Jacob bought 62 acres in Scott Co. on LeCompte's Run (Scott Co. Deed Book C, page 468).	Jacob Jr. on Scott Co. Tax List.	Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List. <u>1820 Estill Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 3 males under 10 1 male 26-45 (Jacob) 2 females under 10 2 females 10-16 1 female 16-26 (Anna) Jacob gave consent for Delila Hockersmith marriage to John Pittman (Madison Co.) (John Pittman witnessed agreement between John & Edward of Madison Co. selling mill in 1828 and 1831.)
1821	Jacob Sr. on Scott Co. Tax List.	Jacob Jr. on Scott Co. Tax List.	Jacob on Estill Co. Tax List.
17 Aug 1821.....	Jacob purchased 100 acres in Franklin Co. from Thomas Cox and "settled thereon" on main Elkhorn . . . next to Benjamin Head's . . . Goar's Station Rd. Teste: Henry Hockersmith, Benjamin Cox (Franklin Co. Circuit Court – Case # 431).		

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1821 (continued) 23 Sep 1821.....	Franklin Co. Circuit Court Suit against Jacob Hockersmith for forcibly entering tract on waters of main Elkhorn ... Robert Church heirs – jury found not guilty (suit filed 1825 – Case # 379). Franklin Co. Circuit Court Suit against “Armistead Sinclair, Jacob Hockersmith, John Hockersmith, Henry Hockersmith, Robert Greene” for cutting timber on 3,440 acres, a part of which is in the county of Franklin and part on which trespass was committed (Case # 289 – initiated 18 Jul 1820)		
1822 29 Jan 1822..... 27 Mar 1822.....	Jacob and Mary’s son, Jacob Jr. married Sally Thompson in Franklin Co. (Franklin Co. Marriage Record 1, page 58 and Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1818-1823) 	Jacob Jr. married Sally Thompson in Franklin Co. (Franklin Co. Marriage Record 1, page 58 and Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1818-1823) 	Jacob on Estill County Tax List. Estill Co. Circuit Court Record – Jacob co-signed note of \$80 dated 29 Aug 1820.
1823	One Jacob listed on Franklin Co. Tax List.		Jacob on Estill County Tax List.
1824 Jan 1824.....	One Jacob listed on Franklin Co. Tax List. 	Jacob of Franklin Co. bought 55 acres lying in Franklin Co., south side of Ky. River (Hoomes Survey), area of Franklin became Anderson in 1827 (Anderson Co. Deed Book, page 125 – not recorded until 1832) (See where Jacob and “Sally” sell in 1831).	Jacob on Estill County Tax List.
1825 8 Jan 1825.....	Jacob Sr. on Franklin Co. Tax List. (Jacob’s brother, Henry of Scott Co. purchased lands in Indiana with “entire legacy of two thousand dollars devised to me by the last will and testament of my father, Jacob Hockersmith, dec’d, the county of Frederick, State of Maryland” . . . “legacy aforesaid . . . of the estate of Wm. Hockersmith.” (Scott Co. Deed Book F, page 347).	Jacob Jr. on Franklin Co. Tax List.	Jacob on Estill County Tax List. Jacob’s daughter, Sally Ann born.
1826	Jacob Sr. on Franklin Co. Tax List. Franklin Circuit Court Suit – Jacob sued Searcy for \$275 owed regarding saw mill – Case # 394.	Jacob Jr. on Franklin Co. Tax List.	

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1827 (Anderson County formed from Franklin and Scott Counties) Mar 1827.....	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List. "daughter of Jacob", Elizabeth married George W. McClure (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1827-28).	"Jacob Hawkersmith Jr." on Anderson Co. Tax List – 55 acres on Salt River. Jacob and Sally's daughter, Rebecca was born in Anderson Co. (per death cert.).	
1828	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List.	Jacob on Anderson Co. Tax List – 55 acres on Salt River.	
1829		Jacob on Anderson Co. Tax List – 55 acres on Salt River.	
1830 Jun 1830..... 1 Apr 1830..... 15 Jul 1830.....	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List. <u>1830 Franklin Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 1 male 60-70 (Jacob) 1 female 5-10 1 female 15-20 1 female 20-30 1 female 60-70 (Mary) Jacob of Franklin purchased 12 acres on Elkhorn Creek in Franklin, corner of Benjamin Head, Goar's Station Rd. (Franklin Co. Deed Book N, page 241). Jacob of Franklin purchased 14 ¼ acres "between Hockersmith and Benjamin Head" (Franklin Co. Deed Book N, page 450).	Jacob on Anderson Co. Tax List – 55 acres on Salt River. Jacob's son, David J. was born Anderson Co. – per tombstone and Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1856-57). <u>1830 Anderson Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 2 males under 5 1 male 30-40 (Jacob) 2 females 5-10 1 female 20-30 (Sally)	<u>1830 Estill Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 2 males under 5 1 male 10-15 2 males 15-20 1 male 20-30 1 male 50-60 (Jacob) 1 female 5-10 2 females 15-20 1 female 20-30 1 female 40-50 (Anna)
1831 18 Jul 1831..... 24 Dec 1831.....	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List. Jacob deed sold land to Harris (Franklin Co. Deed Book N, page 385). 	No Anderson Co. Tax List Available. Jacob & Sally, his wife, of Anderson Co., sold 55 acres "lying in county of Anderson (formerly Franklin)", south side of Salt River (Hoomes Survey) (See where purchased in 1825) (Anderson Co. Deed Book B, page 126).	

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1832		No Anderson Co. Tax List Available.	
17 Sep 1832.....	Jacob and "Mary" recorded deed of land to Lewis Suggett (no description) (Franklin Co. Order Book I, page 167).		
10 Dec 1832.....	"daughter of Jacob", Rebecca married Francis Cox (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1831-34).		
1833	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List.	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List.	
4 Feb 1833.....	.....	"Jacob Hockersmith Jr." of Franklin Co. purchased from Thomas Long 76 acres on Elkhorn – Sulphur Lick Rd – Craig and Bledsoe survey (Franklin Co. Deed Book O, page 49).	
4 Nov 1833.....	Jacob (A) appointed "my son, Jacob Hockersmith Junr," trustee for personal property to be loaned to "my daughter, Rebecca Cox, late Rebecca Hockersmith" for her use by the said "Jacob Hockersmith Jr." (Franklin Co. Deed Book P, page 70).	Jacob (A) appointed "my son, Jacob Hockersmith Junr," trustee for personal property to be loaned to "my daughter, Rebecca Cox, late Rebecca Hockersmith" for her use by the said "Jacob Hockersmith Jr." (Franklin Co. Deed Book P, page 70).	
1834	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List.	Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List.	
23 Jan 1834.....	Franklin Co. Circuit Court Suit – Jacob sued Blantons of Virginia, for \$1,000 note owed him (Case # 618). Jacob's daughter, Mary married William McKim, George McClure bondsman (Geo. Married Jacob's dau Elizabeth) See 1839 deed also. (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1831-34 and Franklin Co. Marriage Book 1, page 14).		
1835	Jacob Sr. on Franklin Co. Tax List.	Jacob Jr. on Franklin Co. Tax List.	
15 Aug 1835.....	Jacob and "Mary, his wife of Franklin Co." sold land in Scott (Scott Co. Deed Book K, page 37).		
1836			
1837			
1838			
7 Aug 1838.....	Jacob of Franklin gave property he purchased at sale of property of Geo. W. McClure, to his grandchildren. Jacob H. McClure, Mary McClure, and Jos. F. McClure," children of my daughter, Elizabeth McClure and her husband, George W. McClure." (Owen Co. Deed Book F, page 224).		

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<p>1839 16 Apr 1839.....</p> <p>28 Nov 1839.....</p>	<p>Jacob of Owen Co. gave Lot #147 in Owenton to Wm. McKim for \$1 (Owen Co. Deed Book F, page 356) (Jacob's dau Mary married Wm. McKim) (previous deeds show Lot #147 sold to John H. Hockersmith to George McClure to Jacob).</p> <p>William and Polly McKim sold Lot #42 in Owenton (Owen Co. Deed Book F, page 413)</p>		
<p>1840</p> <p>15 Jul 1840.....</p> <p>6 Oct 1840.....</p>	<p>George McClure on Owen Co. Tax List - (couldn't locate Jacob).</p> <p>Wm. McKim signed mortgage using as security for note "one lot in Owenton being same deeded to me by Jacob Hockersmith." (Owen Co. Deed Book G, page 45).</p> <p>Jacob deeded to his daughter, Elizabeth McClure, one mantel clock. (Owen Co. Deed Book G, page 184).</p> <p><u>1840 Owen Co. Census:</u> William McKim: 2 males under 5 1 male 20-30 (Wm. McKim) 1 male 60-70 (Jacob?) 1 female 20-30 (Mary) 13 slaves (couldn't locate Jacob as head of household - assume this must be him living with his daughter to whom he gave Lot #147)</p> <p>George McClure: 1 male under 5 1 male 10-15 1 male 20-40 1 female under 5 1 female 5-10 1 female 30-40 1 free colored 5 slaves</p>	<p><u>1840 Franklin Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockersmith: 2 males 10-15 1 male 40-50 (Jacob) 1 female 10-15 1 female 15-20 1 female 20-30 (Sally)</p>	<p>Jacob died in Randolph Co., MO.</p> <p><u>1840 Estill Co. Census:</u> (No Hockersmiths listed - Jacob had moved to Missouri and died 1839 - his sons also moved to MO.</p>
<p>1841</p>	<p>Geo. M. McClure (no land) and William McKim (one town lot Owenton) on Owen Co. Tax List.</p>	<p>Jacob and Sally's son, John Thomas is born.</p>	

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1842	Geo. M. McClure and William McKim on Owen Co. Tax List.		
29 Jan 1842.....	Wm. McKim used for security for note "one lot in Owenton known by its number (147) (Owen Co. Deed Book H, page 37).		
30 Jun 1842.....	Jacob of Owen Co. deeded to grandson, Joseph Franklin McClure, mare (Owen Co. Deed Book H, page 349). Jacob deeded calf to grand-daughter, Mary Jane McClure (Owen Co. Deed Book H, page 118).		
1843	Geo. McClure on Owen Co. Tax List.		
16 Jan 1843.....	.....	Jacob signed bond for marriage of Parthenia Hockersmith and William Hancock (Franklin Co. Marriages 1842-1844).	
1844	Jacob listed on Owen Co. Tax List (no land, total value \$30) (along with Wm. McKim).		
1845			
1846 Aug 1846.....	Jacob Jr. of Owen Co. sold to Henry Hockersmith 50 ¼ acres in Franklin Co. "including part of the farm on which I formerly resided and it being same tract Henry Hockersmith now resides." Teste: Wm. P. Hockersmith (see Jacob's purchase in 1821) (Franklin Co. Deed Book 7, page 67-68; wasn't recorded until 1859). (Faye's Note: Jacob's brother, Henry, had died in 1840 so this Henry is either Henry Jr. or Henry (married Polly Cox). My theory Henry md. Polly Cox is son of this Jacob as he was born in Franklin Co. 1796 and only ones on Franklin Co. Tax List then were Henry Sr. and his brother Jacob; he was already residing on Jacob's farm; and he was living in Owen Co. when his first child was born.)		
1847			
1848			
1849		Jacob of Franklin deeded "to my sons, John T. and David J." for \$1 in hand 76 acres "on which I formerly resided" – main Elkhorn – Sulphur Lick Road – same deeded Thomas Long & "pay to my surviving children the sum of \$50" (see purchase in 1833) (Franklin Co. Deed Book 3, page 299).	

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1850	(Can't locate Jacob on Census.)	<p><u>1850 Franklin Co. Census:</u> Jacob Hockensmith..51 born KY Sally 40 Rebecca S. 24 David J. 20 John T. 9</p> <p><u>1850 Manufacturing Census:</u> Franklin County: Jacob Hockensmith Saw and Grist Mill - \$1,000</p>	<p><u>1850 Estill Co. Census:</u> (No Hockersmiths)</p>
1851 16 Jun 1851.....	<p>"Jacob Hockersmith, late of this county, has been dead more than three months and that he died intestate . . . no one having applied for admin. Of his estate . . . ordered the sheriff to take into his possession the estate of said Jacob Jr." - no one applied to be administrator. (Franklin Co. Order Book M, page 273). (Faye's Note: Not sure if this is Jacob (A) - but there has only been the two Jacob's in Franklin County - why wouldn't his children have applied to administer? But if this is Jacob "Jr." (B) why didn't David J. apply at that time and he did apply to admin. His father's estate in 1867 ???).</p>		
1852			
1853	Jacob and Mary's daughter, Rebecca Cox, died of typhoid.		
1854 13 Dec 1854.....	.....	<p>"dau of Jacob" Rebecca S., married Thomas Cox - witnessed by David Hockersmith (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1854-55 and Franklin Co. Marriage Book 3, page 54).</p>	
1855			
1856 23 Dec 1856.....	<p>David J. Hockersmith married Sally Ann Dailey (Franklin Co. Marriage Bonds 1854-57 and Franklin Co. Marriage Book 3, page 99).</p>	
1857			
1858			
1859	(See 1846 deed - Deed Book 7, page 67 - not recorded until 1859)		

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1860		1860 Franklin Co. Census: Jacob Hockensmith..60 born KY Sarah Hockensmith 57 (Sally) Rebecca Conn 30 Thomas Con 18	
1861			
1862		Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List – North side of Elkhorn.	
1863			
1864		Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List – North side of Elkhorn.	
1865			
1866			
1867		Jacob on Franklin Co. Tax List – North side of Elkhorn.	
26 Mar 1867.....	.....	David J. (Sally, his widow consenting) made admin. Of the estate of Jacob, dec'd, . . . "set a part for Sally . . . as the widow of Jacob" (Franklin Co. Order Book 1, page 304.)	
21 May 1867.....	.....	Inventory & Appraisal & List of Sales of estate of Jacob, dec'd, recorded (Franklin Co. Inv. & Sales Book G, page 330-332.)	
27 Oct 1867.....	.....	Settlement of Jacob's estate – D.J., admin. Of Jacob – "rent on farm 9/25/1866 thru 3/25/1867 – 6 mos. – "when Jacob died – on note" – "4 heirs" – share of ea. Heir \$82.70. (Franklin Co. Settlement Book, page 185.)	
7 Nov 1867.....	.....	Joseph Hancock apptd. Admin of the estate of John Thomas Hockersmith, dec'd. (Franklin Co. Order Book 1, page 340.) (Note: not sure if same John Thomas; see deed 1868.)	
1868			
25 Jan 1868.....	.....	John T. Hockersmith & Artimesia, his wife, of Clinton Co., Missouri, sold to David J. Hockersmith "land on which Jacob formerly resided – same deeded to him by Thomas Long" (see purchase in 1833 & deed to sons in 1849) (Franklin Co. Deed Book 10, page 119).	
5 Dec 1868.....	David J. & Sally Ann, his wife, sold to Hancock land on main Elkhorn, Sulphur Lick – James Van Allen's line (filed 18 Jun 1870) (Franklin Co. Deed Book 11, page 162).	

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1869			
1870		(No Jacob listed on Franklin Co. Census.)	
9 Jul 1870.....	David J. purchased land on waters of Elkhorn (recorded 10 May 1872) (Franklin Co. Deed Book 12, page 293).	
1880			
1885		D. J. Hockersmith bought one acre beg. at corner to D. J. Hockersmith's (not recorded until 1888) (Franklin Co. Deed Book 26, page 38).	

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The entry dated 6 Feb 1803 concerns Mary Kennedy, daughter of Elizabeth (Mentioned above).

What does all this mean and what can we conclude from it? First, I believe that Faye has shown us that we need to re-think the long-held tradition that Jacob (who married Anna Skinner) was the son of Jacob, Sr. (of Maryland).

Also, I believe that this data shows us that Jacob who lived in Fayette, Franklin, Scott, and Owen Co., KY is the son of Jacob, Sr. (of Maryland).

If you accept the data presented herein (as I do) compelling enough to say that Jacob (C) (who married Anna Skinner) was not the son of Jacob (of Maryland), then it is appropriate to ask, "who was his father?" I know that there are researchers out there with an opinion. Do we have any volunteers to research the matter further and to present their findings for publication in a future edition of this newsletter?

Proof that Henry Hockensmith Sr. of Scott County, Kentucky is the son of Jacob Hockersmith Sr. of Frederick County, Maryland

Scott County Deed Book F -1821-25, page 347:

Know all men by these presents that I, Henry Hockensmith, of the county of Scott, State of Kentucky, for and in consideration of a contract made and entered into with Lewis C. Suggett of the County of Scott, State aforesaid by which he is to convey to me certain tracts of land and - lots in the State of Indiana and pay me certain sums of money as specified and set forth in said contract, have bargained and sold and do by these presents bargain, sell. . . convey and confirm to him that said Lewis C. Suggett the entire legacy of two thousand dollars devised to me by the last will and testament of my father, Jacob Hockersmith, dec'd., the county of Frederick, State of Maryland, also all my portion or part of the Estate . . .

. of Maryland and County of Frederick .
 of his lawful heirs and do hereby
 forever defend all my right title to the legacy aforesaid together. of the Estate of Wm. Hockersmith, dec'd . . . to him the said Lewis C. Suggett and . . . heirs forever

authorizing and empowering him to pursue any legal means which he may deem necessary and proper in the . . . Estate hereby conveyed to him as the . . . may become due and payable . . . thing which he or his attorney may lawfully do shall be irrevocably binding obligations upon me.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this 8th day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty five . . . Received two hundred dollars of my legacy is not to be included in this conveyance.

Henry Hockensmith
Witness:
John W. Bradley
Warren M. Benson

State of Kentucky, Scott County
January Court 1825

The foregoing deed of bargain and sale from Henry Hockensmith to Lewis C. Suggett was this day in open court being acknowledged by the said Henry Hockensmith to be his act and deed and ordered to be recorded and certified by virtue whereof the same is certified and of record and entered of Record.

Last Will and Testament of Jacob Hockersmith, Sr.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Hockensmith, of Frederick County in the State of Maryland, being in good health of body and strong and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth, in lieu of her right of Dower, twenty-four bushels of wheat, nine bushels of rye, and twelve bushels of corn

yearly, and every year during her life to be delivered to her at her residence in the course of three weeks after my decease, and so on the same quantity every year thereafter during her lifetime, also fifteen dollars in current money to be paid her annually during her life, at the time and manner the grain is to be delivered her. Also one good bed, two cows which she may choose herself, and my mare now on the farm or some other good creature, should she not be there at my decease. She is also to have any room she may choose in my house, and firewood and hay found for her two cows and horse creature. (The firewood and hay to be furnished by my son William, whom I consider to have the advantage of the divisions of my land as hereinafter made by having the mill and water right.)

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Henry, two thousand dollars to be paid him as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob, eighteen hundred dollars to be paid him as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Peter, the sum of Four hundred dollars, in addition to all I have already given him to be paid him as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son David, two thousand dollars to be paid him as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth, six hundred dollars, to be paid her as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary, five hundred dollars, to be paid her as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine, five hundred dollars, to be paid her as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Magdalena, five hundred dollars, to be paid her as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Polly M. Clief, One Hundred and Eighty Dollars, to be paid her as hereinafter mentioned.

Item - I give and devise unto my son

George, John, and William, all my tract of land lying on Middle Creek on which they and myself now live. Containing by patten 367 acres to be the same, more or less, to them, their heirs, and assigns forever, to be divided between them equally in quantity as nearly as may be in the following manner (vis) John to have one-third thereof to include that part on which he lives so far as to the Old Orchard fence thence the ballance to make up his quantity to be laid off on the North side of the road and to begin at the main road so as to take a part of the field next west of what was formerly William Ruparts land thence adjoining said Ruparts land so as take in about half of the wood land, I have on the East side of Middle Creek and adjoining Ruparts and Grabills George's part or one-third to be and include the part on which he now lives, and all the rest of my land on the east side of Middle Creek not included in John's part but is not to interfere with the water right of Middle Creek - the ballance to make up his quantity or one-third to be laid adjoining Joseph Littles and John Grabills land in such a manner as will be most suitable but is by no means to encroach on the privileges of or round the Mill, dam, or any the water rights.

William's part to include the improvements on which I now live together with the mill and all the water right of Middle Creek on my land. I also give and bequeath to my son William, one creature which he may make choice of himself, also one good bed.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son David and my granddaughter Polly M. Clief, one good bed to each of them.

It is my will that as soon as convenient after my decease that my Executors hereafter named, make sale of all my personal property (not herein disposed of) and that my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of the proceeds thereof, and should there be any thing left out of the sale of my personal property, my wife to have one hundred dollars, and the ballance is to be equally divided among my seven sons, hereinafter named.

The legatees hereinbefore mentioned to be paid out of my real estate by my sons, John, George, and William, (to whom I have devised

the whole) in the manner following that is each of them John, George, and William, to pay two hundred dollars at the expiration of one year after my decease to my son David and two hundred dollars apiece at the expiration of two years after my decease to be paid to my son David also. It is to be understood that they are to pay two hundred dollars a piece a year each and every year after my decease until the whole of the legacies be all paid.

The third payment of six hundred dollars being two hundred dollars a piece from John, George, and William, to be paid to my son Henry. The fourth payment of six hundred dollars to be paid to my son Jacob. The fifth payment of six hundred dollars to be paid to my daughters Elizabeth, Catharine, and Magdalene, each to have two hundred dollars. The sixth payment to be paid to my son Henry and the seventh to my son Jacob. The eighth payment to be paid to my four daughters and granddaughter in the following proportion: Elizabeth, Catharine, and Margaret and Polly M. Clief to have one hundred dollars a piece and my daughter Mary to have two hundred dollars. The ninth payment of the hundred dollars to be paid to my son David. The tenth payment of six hundred dollars to be paid to my son Henry. The Eleventh payment of six hundred dollars to be paid to my son Jacob. The twelfth payment to be made to my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catharine, and Margaret, in the following manner, that is: Elizabeth to have three hundred dollars and each of the other three one hundred dollars a piece. The thirteenth payment of six hundred dollars to be paid to my sons Henry and David and my daughters Catharine and Magdalene, Henry and David to have two hundred dollars each and Catharine and Magdalene to have one hundred dollars a piece. The fourteenth payment and last of six hundred and eighty dollars to be paid to my son Peter and my daughter Mary and granddaughter Polly M. Clief, Peter to have four hundred dollars, Mary two hundred, and Polly M. Clief eighty dollars. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons John and William to be my Executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made,

ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen.

Jacob Hockensmith (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Jacob Hockensmith, the above named Testator, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Philip Nunamacher
Frederick Row
Andrew Smith

Frederick County, to wit:

On the twelve day of October, 1818, there came John Hockensmith and William Hockensmith and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the foregoing instrument of writing is the true whole will and testament of Jacob Hockensmith, late of Frederick County, deceased, that hath come to their hands and possession and that they doth not known of any other.

Henry Steiner
Register of Wills

Frederick County, to wit:

On the twelve day of October, 1818, there came Philip Nunamacher, Frederick Row, and Andrew Smith, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Jacob Hockensmith, late of Frederick County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the testator therein named, sign and seal this will; that they heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, that they respectively subscribe their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator and all in the presence of each other.

Test: Henry Steiner
Register of Wills

YESTERDAY'S DOLLARS

This information was originally posted in the FYI supplement to the Forbes magazine, Nov 25th, 1991 issue. The author, a Matt Conner, compiled statistics from the U.S. Dept Of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Prices and Living Condition Statistics. It compares the value of yesterday's money to 1991 values, and can give some perspective to genealogists when searching through wills and land deeds, etc.

Table 2: Equivalent Values

Time Period	Approx. Value in 1991 \$
1820-1850	\$1.00 equals \$13.28
1850-1875	\$1.00 equals \$13.14
1875-1900	\$1.00 equals \$14.85
1900-1925	\$1.00 equals \$11.38
1925-1935	\$1.00 equals \$ 9.91
1935-1945	\$1.00 equals \$ 7.56
1945-1955	\$1.00 equals \$ 5.08
1955-1965	\$1.00 equals \$ 4.31
1965-1975	\$1.00 equals \$ 2.53
1975-1985	\$1.00 equals \$ 1.26

When we study Jacob's will in light of the comparison made above, we can see that he left a considerable estate. Jacob died within a 62 day period between 11 Aug and 12 Oct 1818. The proceeds of his estate were distributed starting in 1819 and continued until 1832. By comparing the totals which each heir received with the above chart, I calculate that Jacob's estate would be valued today at \$112,614.00. Keep in mind that this amount does not include the real estate that was bequeathed to George, John, and William.

An Open Letter by Marion (Hockersmith) Hawkersmith

I'm writing this to let you readers of the newsletter know why I, being the son of Charlie T. Hockersmith and only living grandson of John Wesley Hockersmith, spell my name Hawkersmith.

When my grandfather, John Wesley Hockersmith, applied for his Civil War pension in Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee, the clerks spelled it Hawkersmith,

but he never signed it that way. My father signed it Hockersmith.

When I started to school, the teacher signed us up as Hawkersmith. At that time, I wasn't aware of the correct spelling. When we got our report card with Hawkersmith, my mother signed it that way. I thought that was OK.

When I was around 9 or 10, my parents took me to Missouri. There I met my cousin La Wanda (Hockersmith) Douglas. She told us that we were spelling our name wrong. By then it was too late to change for we were already in the school system as Hawkersmith.

I deeply regret having spelled it Hawkersmith. It makes me feel I have disowned my father, grandparents and Conrad Hockerschmidt.

yours,
Marion

[My two cents worth. I have been researching our family for 11 years. I have seen our family surname spelled as Hockensmith, Hockersmith, Hawkersmith, Hockeysmith, Hockismitt, Hockensmit, and several other variations which I can't recall at the moment. My point is this: regardless of your particular spelling of our family surname, we are still relatives and cousins - as much so as if we all spelled our surname exactly the same way. The spelling of our surname doesn't make us related; our genes and our blood makes us related. We all share the same genes and blood; we all descend from common ancestors; we ARE family. RTH]

SUCCESS

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Compassionate Genealogist

Genealogists, whether hobbyists or professionals, are a peculiar breed indeed. There are too many adjectives which amply describe them to mention here. One adjective however, stands out among the others to reflect the true nature of those people who care so much for “family” that they sacrifice untold hours to the pursuit of bringing the family together. That adjective is compassionate.

While browsing the electronic world of the fidonet, I came upon a message from one researcher to another researcher who had recently lost his father. It touched me and I want to share it with you. It read (in part):

“Please accept our heartfelt condolences. You have been richly blessed; much more than many people. I hope you cherish the memories and the lessons learned and pass them on to others. Although I never met your father, I'm sure that's what he would expect of you, expressed or not.

It always strikes me that we genealogists have adopted the tree as the symbol of our family bonds - the “family tree.” For every leaf that falls, every branch that turns hollow, there is a new bud and a new twig. New bark replaces the old. But the new life could never reach existence without the labor and the sacrifice of the old, and it falls upon the new life to then carry that burden so the tree, once again, can bear fruit and put on a new generation of growth. For plants and animals, we call it natural instinct. For cognizant human beings, we take it as quite a responsibility and quite a challenge. Maybe it is what we make of that charge that measures the quality of our own lives. Best wishes, and God's peace be with you.”

Gleanings from the Internet

@ <http://www.albany.net/~hit/puroresu/titles/world/world-hi/world.html>

George Hackenschmidt Acclaimed First Undisputed World Heavyweight Title Holder.

[photo of George Hackenschmidt]

George Hackenschmidt wins world wrestling championship tournament in Nov. 1901 in Vienna, Austria; wins tournaments in Paris, Hamburg, St. Petersburg, Elberfeld, and Berlin in the same year; wins European Greco-Roman title from Tom Cannon on 09/04/02 in Liverpool, England; wins recognition as World champion on 01/30/04 in London, England, defeating Ahmed Madrali; defeats American champion Tom Jenkins on 4 May 1905 in New York, NY to become recognized champion in North America and first undisputed World champion. Loses title to Frank Gotch on April 3rd, 1908 in Chicago, Illinois. George Hackenschmidt died Feb. 19, 1968 at age 90 (would make his year of birth circa 1878).

Does anyone know who this George Hackenschmidt is or anything more about him? I am assuming that he is European, so I really don't expect to find much about him. I would venture to say that he is a long-lost cousin.

From The Fatherland

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- 8 ii. Friedericke W. HACKENSCHMIDT
 - 9 iii. Carlotte Henriethe HACKENSCHMIDT
 - 10 iv. Johannes HACKENSCHMIDT
 - 11 v. Wendelinus HACKENSCHMIDT
 - 12 vi. Johann Henrich HACKENSCHMIDT Jr.
4. Maria Carolina HACKENSCHMIDT. Born

1776. Christen 24 Nov 1776 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

5. Anna Ernestina HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1778. Christen 18 Oct 1778 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

6. Johann Philip HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1780. Christen 4 Dec 1780 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

Third Generation

7. Philipp Jacob HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1796. Christen 19 May 1796 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

8. Friedericke W. HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1797. Christen 2 Jan 1798 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

9. Carlotte Henriethe HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1800. Christen 1 May 1800 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

10. Johannes HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1805. Christen 20 Aug 1805 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

11. Wendelinus HACKENSCHMIDT. Born circa 1808. Christen 7 Feb 1808 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

12. Johann Henrich HACKENSCHMIDT Jr. Born circa 1811. Christen 3 Feb 1811 in Evangelisch, Sippersfeld, Pfalz, Bayern.

To my knowledge, all of these family members were born in Bavaria, Palatinate and never came to America. Sippersfeld is 20km NE of Kaiserslautern, Germany. Evangelisch is the Lutheran church. Certainly the Elias mentioned here was a contemporary of our original immigrant, Conrad. Perhaps Elias was a younger brother or maybe a nephew or first cousin. We may never know, but it is fun to speculate.

Here are some more:

First Generation

1. Johann Jacob HACKENSCHMIDT. Also listed as Johann Julius HACKENSCHMIDT.

He married Regina BOHNENSTENGEL. They had the following children:

2. i. Christian Friedrich

- HACKENSCHMIDT,
3. ii. Anna Carolina HACKENSCHMIDT,
4. iii. Hanna Luisa HACKENSCHMIDT,
5. iv. Carl Andreas HACKENSCHMIDT.

Second Generation

2. Christian Friedrich HACKENSCHMIDT. Born circa 1806 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 23 Feb 1806 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia.

He married Charlotte Dorothea PETERS. They had the following children:

6. i. Johann Carl Friedrich HACKENSCHMIDT,
7. ii. Christian Wilhelm HACKENSCHMIDT,
8. iii. Christian Friedrich HACKENSCHMIDT.
3. Anna Carolina HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1808 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 8 May 1808 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia.
4. Hanna Luisa HACKENSCHMIDT. Born circa 1811 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 22 Feb 1811 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia.
5. Carl Andreas HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1814 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 27 Nov 1814 in Kattenhof, Pommern, Prussia.

Third Generation

6. Johann Carl Friedrich HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1829 in Grabow Stettin, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 6 Dec 18294 in Sankt Peter & Paul, Grabow Stettin, Pommern, Prussia.
7. Christian Wilhelm HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1831 in Grabow Stettin, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 13 Nov 1831 in Sankt Peter & Paul, Grabow Stettin, Pommern, Prussia.
8. Christian Friedrich HACKENSCHMIDT. Born 1835 in Grabow Stettin, Pommern, Prussia. Christen 1 Nov 1835 in Sankt Peter & Paul, Grabow Stettin, Pommern, Prussia.
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Current Family Researchers:

Gary Campbell

Gary James Campbell was born in 1946. His father is Robert Lee, s/o Alexander Proctar, s/o Granville Kelly CAMPBELL who was the second husband of Maria Jane Hockensmith, d/o William Harrison Hockensmith, s/o David, s/o Edward Hockersmith who died in Jessamine Co., KY in 1808. Gary, his wife Florence, and their son Darren live at 59 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Bill Putman

William Byrnes Putman, II was born 10 Apr 1937 in Evanston, IL. He is the s/o William B. Putman who married Almeda M. SHARON, d/o Addison Joseph Sharon who married Minnie Florence JONES, d/o John Jones who married Minerva Eve PATTERSON, d/o Lemuel James Patterson who married Ann Elizabeth HUME, d/o Stanton Hume who married Sara Ann BRECKENRIDGE, d/o James Breckenridge who married Eve Hockersmith, d/o Edward Hockersmith who died in Jessamine Co., KY in 1808. He resides at 288 Scudder Ave., Hyannis Port, MA 02647.

Family In The Spotlight

[photo of Carroll L. WRIGHT family]

**Standing left to right are Benjamin Lawrence HEAD (son-in-law) and John Allen WRIGHT (son).
Seated left to right are Georgia Elizabeth (Wright) HEAD (daughter), Carroll Lynn WRIGHT,
Aaron Alexander HEAD (grandson), and Maggie Elizabeth (Clopton) WRIGHT.**

Carroll Lynn Wright was born 5 May 1944 in Denison, Grayson Co., Texas. He is the son of George Edward and Elsie Mae (Young) Wright. Carroll's paternal grandparents were Ed W. and Bessie (St. John) Wright. His maternal grandparents were William Robert and Mamie (Howard) Young. Mamie Howard was the daughter of Alex (Joe) Sims Howard and Nancy Jane Hockersmith. Nancy Jane was the d/o John Wesley Hockersmith, s/o George M., s/o George and Sally (Miller) Hockersmith.

On 19 Apr 1965, Carroll married Maggie Elizabeth Clopton, d/o John Benjamin and Julia Elizabeth (King) Clopton. Maggie was born 4 Jan 1946 in Loraine, Mitchell Co., TX.

Carroll is a conductor for the Santa Fe Railroad and Maggie is a housewife. They are members of the Burleson Church of Christ. Carroll is a very experienced woodworker. He built custom kitchen cabinets for the public to finance their children's college education (this was in addition to his railroad job). Now Carroll builds antique reproductions and furniture or whatever members of the family might want. Maggie says that woodworking is now a hobby for both of them. Carroll and

Maggie have two children.

Georgia Elizabeth Wright was born 18 Sep 1965 in Ft. Worth, TX. She was married on 27 Dec 1985 to Benjamin Lawrence Head who was born 3 Oct 1963 in Ft. Worth. Both are graduates of Abilene Christian University. Georgia is a Home Economics teacher. She taught one and one half years at Covington, TX High School. She is now a housewife. Ben is the quality program supervisor at Purina Mills in Shreveport, LA. They have one child, Aaron Alexander Head, born 18 Feb 1992 in Ft. Worth, TX. They are members of the University Church of Christ in Shreveport where Ben now serves as a deacon.

John Allen Wright was born 27 Nov 1967 in Ft. Worth, TX. John is a graduate of Abilene Christian University with a degree in science. He taught science in the Burleson High School for two years. In August of 1993, John had the opportunity to go to Guatemala in the medical mission field. John now serves as administrator of two medical clinics and one surgical clinic with Health Talents International, which is supported by the Churches of Christ. John is single.

Gleanings from the Internet

@<http://diamondville.com/band/ND.html>

Hadley Hockensmith

[photo of Hadley HOCKENSMITH]

The following comes from the bio given at the Neil Diamond Band Page (along with the above photo):

“Hadley Hockensmith
Zen Master of Hang Time

Hadley Hockensmith is an Oklahoman who went as far west as possible without getting wet, now living in the notoriously safe city of Irvine, California. His guitar playing has been part of the NDRRT (Neil Diamond’s road band [Ed.]) sound for 13 years now (he stepped in when Richard Bennett went off to seek his fortune in Nashville), and his hair spray has brought EPA warnings to our dressing rooms in every state.

Known to frequent waffle houses, Hadley’s hearty appetites are the stuff of legend, as is his rack of signal processing gear. One day he arrived late for rehearsal, an offense which usually results in fines and suspension of food-table privileges. But Hadley was forgiven: we knew he was late simply because he was routed through so many effects.

How much of a man is Hadley? Enough to admit that he once recorded an album with Paul Anka! He recalls an early nightmare session when his regular amp was broken and he showed up at a session using a hi-fi tuner as his audio source. Turned out the session was with Jeff Beck, who must have wondered

“What the ?” In recent years, Hadley has also performed extensively with the jazz-type group Koinonea, and we really should mention that he has a solo album available, the cover of which looks something--no, make that exactly--like this:" [there is a photograph of his CD entitled “Heartsongs”].”

Hadley is now on tour with Neil Diamond’s band.

From what I can piece together of his career, he has played with the Phil Keaggey band (Christian music) (1982 and 1991) and earlier with another entertainer, Alec Accuna.

Hadley played bass and lead guitar during the recording of Gordon Lightfoot’s album “Salute”, He was also a member of the Christian musical group “Love Song” in the 70’s.

Can anyone identify which branch of our family tree Hadley is perched upon? Has anyone purchased his CD? If not, run out to your local record shop right now and order it.

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