



William Hockensmith Was With Oliver Hazard Perry At The Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

by Richard D. Hockensmith

While sight-seeing in Erie, Pa. in 1963, shortly after moving there, I boarded a restoration of the brig Niagara. It had been Oliver Hazard Perry's ship at the Battle of Lake Erie in September 1813. There was a big celebration in Erie in 1963 marking the 150th anniversary of the naval battle which insured American access to the Great Lakes. This restoration was not sea-worthy but was, in as much as possible, a replica of the original ship. Just aft of the deck there were several plaques listing the names of the crew members in 1813. Having explored Hockensmith genealogy for years, I was instantly interested in seeing that a William Hockensmith had been a member of Perry's crew during the battle.

Never having run across this fact before, I started some investigation. Knowing that Perry had come to Erie to command the fleet from Rhode Island and had brought men with him, I started there with the Rhode Island archives. No record there. Pennsylvania records could shed no light on the problem. Since my Hockensmith ancestors had come to Johnstown, Pa. (my hometown) from south central Pennsylvania across

the border from Maryland, I tried Maryland records. No record there. Naval records at the National Archives were no help. Finally I hit pay dirt and found a record of our William, and several other Hockensmiths in the Kentucky archives.

The presence of a strong British fleet on the Great Lakes, and especially on Lake Erie, was a thorn in the side of the United States. The British presence hampered lake traffic and denied access to water ways which could eventually lead to the Gulf of Mexico. Much of middle United States was therefore closed to commerce and colonization.

Realizing this, Congress authorized the building of an American fleet at Erie, Pennsylvania to wrest control of the Lakes from England. At Erie there is a peninsula or strip of land jutting out into the lake in a bent forefinger shape. This finger of land forms and protects Erie Bay and Harbor as well as smaller bays and waterways within the Peninsula itself. Lake Erie, the most shallow of the lakes, is subject to violent winter storms sweeping in from the Arctic, across Canada and the lakes. When these moisture-laden winds hit the land mass, they

often dump “lake effect” snows of several feet on the Lake Erie shoreline. The fleet was built on one of these peninsula protected bays during the winter. The men who labored on the ships suffered so from the elements that they named it “Misery Bay.”

Oliver Hazard Perry had been sent to Erie, arriving in March 1813, to superintend the fitting out of the ships and the selection and training of the crews. Perry was 27 years old. He had held the command of a flotilla of gunboats at Newport, Rhode Island stationed there for the protection of Narragansett Bay. A native of Rhode Island, he brought a number of officers and seamen with him from Newport to help man his ships.

[picture of Oliver Hazard Perry]

Oliver Hazard Perry

Erie, Pa., founded in 1795, along with the surrounding areas was, in 1813, on the frontier, sparsely settled and could not muster enough manpower to man Perry’s fleet. General William Henry Harrison, in command of American ground forces, visited Erie and realized Perry’s predicament. Harrison called for volunteers from among his troops and about 120 men responded. There were Kentucky troops. About 100, including our

William Hockensmith, were from Captain George Stockton’s Company of the 28th Infantry. There were regular army troops (not militia). The regiment was commanded by Colonel Thomas D. Owings. About 20 other volunteers were from Captain Payne’s Company. The Kentuckians arrived at Put-In-Bay, Ohio, where Perry waited and his fleet was anchored on 31 August 1813. Ten days later Perry would sail from this anchorage to engage the British fleet.

The Kentuckians arrived dressed in fringed linsey woolsey hunting shirts and trousers. Many had never seen such a ship and immediately inspected the Niagara from top sails to the bottom of the hold. The men that had experience on Ohio riverboats were assigned as seamen. Those who had never worked on boats were designated as marines. They would climb the rigging of the ship during battle and pick off the British gunners and officers with rifle fire.

Perry, William Hockensmith, the Niagara, along with the balance of the fleet met the British fleet September 10, 1813 on the waters of Lake Erie off Put-In-Bay in Ohio waters. The Niagara had been named for the Niagara River. She carried a crew of 132 and was armed with 20 guns - 18 were 32 pound cannonades and 2 were long 12-pounders. The British had fewer

ships. They were under command of Commodore Robert H. Barclay who had served under Nelson at Trafalgar. Most observers would have considered the British squadron to have been better armed (their ships had more guns) and better manned. However, after several hours of battle with heavy losses, the British ran up the white flag and surrendered. More than 400 of their crewman had been killed or wounded. American losses were about 123.

The Kentucky riflemen were instrumental in aiding the American victory. Colonel Bennett H. Young, said after the battle: "The loss on the British side largely exceeded that of the Americans. The Kentucky riflemen in the masts of Perry's vessels shot down every man that was visible."

Several weeks after the naval battle, General William Henry Harrison invaded Canada with ground forces and defeated the British under General Proctor at the Battle of the Thames. This ended military operations in the northwest. This, along with Perry's victory, gave control of vast areas of the country to the United States.

We do not know if our William was a rifleman in the rigging or if his duties as a seaman contributed to the American victory. We do not know what happened to him after the

battle. We do know he was not among the 22 dead and the 61 wounded on the Niagara, for he was not on Chief Surgeon Usher Parsons' report on the casualties from the battle. We are sure he survived for on 6 November, 1814, Private William Hockensmith received his share of the prize money, \$214.89, a handsome sum in those days. He was not, however, among the veterans of the war who gathered at Meadville, Pennsylvania for a reunion on 11 September, 1876. Some of these men were veterans from Perry's fleet.

Hopefully this story may interest some of our Hockensmith genealogists to search their records and perhaps fill out this tale of William and his war. It would be great to know his parents, siblings, spouse, children and what he did for the rest of his life. I held up this narrative in the hopes I would learn more of him. There are several possibilities but no proof. These were other Kentuckians, other Hockensmiths, in the War of 1812. John was a Private in Captain Philip Latham's Company, 6th Regiment, Kentucky Militia. There was also a John in Captain David Elliot's Kentucky Mounted Volunteers.

Several years ago, in preparation for the celebration of Erie's Bicentennial in 1995, the Niagara I visited was dismantled and a new seaworthy Niagara was built. She

now sails the Lakes her predecessor
helped to free so many years ago.

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[About The Author:

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I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Dick for this fine piece of writing and research. I know how much work went into it and I truly appreciate his effort. I hope

you are all inspired by his example and that you will realize that you too can write something like this if you will but try. RTHJ

from the

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The Homepage has been up for about two months now and I have received about six queries from relatives who are looking for family information. This is exactly what the Homepage was intended to do - put our name in front of anyone who is searching for it!

This is just one more avenue to use in unlocking some of our difficult questions, like who were the children of Johann Michael and

Conrad Hockersmith, Jr.? Who knows, maybe this year we will find out!

About This Newsletter

It's time to renew your subscription!

This is a quarterly publication, edited by me, with the purpose of passing along current family news (if I receive any) and genealogical data. It is, of course, aimed at HAWKERSMITH, HOCKENSMITH, and HOCKERSMITH and related families. If you didn't know, we are all one family.

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So there you have it; almost \$100.00 per issue out of my pocket. As I said before, making money by this newsletter is not my intention (and I don't). I am committed to spreading accurate genealogical family information to members of our family. As any of you who have undertaken family research will attest, there has never been a central point where people can obtain family historical information until now. I am committed to providing this service as long as it doesn't have a substantial impact on my family budget.

If you cannot or choose not to contribute, that is OK too, but you **MUST** take the time to write me a letter or a post card and tell me you want it! You must do this each and every year! I don't think that is asking too much of anyone. If you tell me you want to subscribe to the newsletter for 1997, that covers all 4 issues for 1997. I started the newsletter in January, 1995 and there were four 1995 issues and four 1996 issues. For these back issues I do charge \$2 each - because I have to go back and re-load them into my computer and re-print them and to tell you the truth, it is just a pain. I

don't mind doing it, but I'm not going to do it for free!

I understand that there are many of you on fixed incomes and you simply cannot afford to contribute. Please - just tell me you want the newsletter and say nothing of your financial situation. Don't even mention money. Your request will be honored and you will continue to receive the newsletter. That leaves the rest of you to make up the difference. 

If you are still interested in receiving this newsletter, take a minute to drop me a line and let me know. Conversely, if you really don't care to receive any more newsletters, let me know that also. I certainly don't want to expend my energy and my money to send the newsletter to someone who cares nothing about receiving it.

You won't hurt my feelings. I also welcome any constructive criticism concerning the newsletter's format and/or content.

Emigrant or Immigrant?

Look it up in your dictionary. Still confused? Right you are, the dictionary, in its attempt to be precise, gives two definitions that end up sounding identical.

Here are my concise (but not as precise) definitions:

emigrate (verb) -- to **leave** a country or region

emigrant (noun) -- one who **leaves** a country or region

immigrate (verb) -- to **enter** and settle in a country or region

immigrant (noun) -- one who **enters** and settles in a country or region

(I love the Swedish words for emigrant and immigrant--utvandrare & invandrare, Literally: out-wanderer and in-wanderer.)

The confusion for genealogists comes when talking about a single ancestor: in one move, an ancestor is an emigrant (from the old country) and also an immigrant (to the new country). The terms make more sense when speaking with reference to (or from) a country: for instance, we speak of immigrants "to the US" (these days, it seems the term "illegal" is often tacked onto the front), or of emigrants "from Europe",

The following genealogy is of the family of Newton HOCKENSMITH. He was the son of David HOCKERSMITH, s/o Edward who died in Jessamine Co., KY in 1808.

First Generation

1. **Newton HOCKENSMITH.** Born 1809 in Jessamine Co., KY. Died of cholera on 29 Jun 1851 in Independence, MO.

He married Jane Black PALMER, daughter of Francis R. (Frank) PALMER & Anne Wiley ROBINSON, 14 Sep 1842. Born Aug 1827. Died of cholera on 28 Jun 1851 in Jackson Co, MO. They had the following children:

2. i. David F. HOCKENSMITH
3. ii. Newton J. HOCKENSMITH Jr.
4. iii. Francis HOCKENSMITH
5. iv. Mary P. HOCKENSMITH

Second Generation

2. **David F. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 1843 in MO.

3. **Newton J. HOCKENSMITH Jr.** Born 18 Jun 1846 in Jackson Co., MO.

[picture of N. J. HOCKENSMITH]

Dr. Newton J. HOCKENSMITH, Jr.

He first married Virginia (Jennie) A. WATSON, daughter of Samuel WATSON & Martha JEFFRESS, 1 Nov 1866 in Callaway Co., MO. Born 27 Mar 1841 in VA. They had the following children:

6. i. Frank HOCKENSMITH
7. ii. Rowena HOCKENSMITH
8. iii. Mary Fannie HOCKENSMITH
9. iv. Watson HOCKENSMITH

He Second married Anna E FANTOM. Born Sep 1877 in MO. They had the following children:

10. i. Thelma HOCKENSMITH

[picture of N. J. HOCKENSMITH
Family]

Newton J. Hockensmith Family

4. **Francis HOCKENSMITH.** Born
in MO.

5. **Mary P. HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 7 Sep 1847 in MO.

Third Generation

6. **Frank HOCKENSMITH.** Born
1868 in MO.

[picture of Frank HOCKENSMITH]

Frank HOCKENSMITH

He married an unknown woman.
They had the following children:

11. i. Robert HOCKENSMITH

7. **Rowena HOCKENSMITH.** Born
18 Mar 1870 in MO. She married ?
BAECH. They had the following
children:

12. i. J. T. BEACH

13. ii. Alice G. BEACH

8. **Mary Fannie HOCKENSMITH.**
Born Mar 1876 in MO.

9. **Watson HOCKENSMITH.** Born
Oct 1878 in MO.

10. **Thelma HOCKENSMITH.** Born
Dec 1899 in MO.

[picture of Thelma PORTER]

Thelma (Hockensmith) PORTER

She married ? PORTER.

Fourth Generation

11. **Robert HOCKENSMITH.**

[picture of Robert HOCKENSMITH]

Robert HOCKENSMITH

He married an unknown woman.
They had the following children:

14. i. Bobbie HOCKENSMITH

12. **J. T. BEACH.** Born 1894.

13. **Alice G. BEACH.** Born 1896.

Fifth Generation

14. **Bobbie HOCKENSMITH.**

[picture of Bobbie HOCKENSMITH]

Bobbie HOCKENSMITH

Does anyone have any further
data on this line of our family? I
surely would love to fill in some of
the blanks.

[A BIG thank you to Patty Howard
for providing the preceding
photographs.]

I G I Data From The F a t h e r l a n d !

Husband: **Conrad HACKENSCHMIED**
Wife: Mrs. Conrad HACKENSCHMIED

Children

1. M Child: Johann Gottfried HACK-
ENSCHMIED (surname spelled HACK-
ENSCHMIDT at marriage). Birth: 10
Feb 1728. Place: Brotenfeld, Zwickau,
Sachsen. Spouse: Maria Sophia
HACKENSCHMIDT. Marriage: circa
1760. Place: Theuma, Zwickau,
Sachsen.

2. F Child: daughter HACKEN-
SCHMIED. Birth: circa 1737. Place:
Theuma, Zwickau, Sachsen.

The preceding records reside on the
Mormon Church International
Genealogical Index (IGI), 1994
Edition, version 3.04. They reference
microfilm number 455175.

Do you suppose? Could there be a
connection? It's probably just wishful
thinking, but when I first saw this
record, my eyeballs nearly popped
out!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

Obituary from the Medina County
[Ohio] Gazette, dated 1 Aug 1919:

JOHN HENRY HOCKENSMITH

John Henry Hockensmith, son of
Henry and Rebecca Hockensmith,
was born at Hagerstown, Md., June
23, 1834. He was the fourth of six
children, all of whom are now dead.

His only brother died at Gettysburg
during the Civil war.

Mr. Hockensmith moved from
Hagerstown to Greentown, Ohio,
and in the fall of 1870 to Wadsworth.
He was a woodworkman and
followed the trades of wagonmaker
and carpenter. On Oct. 12, 1855, he
was married to Miss Amelia Geib. To
this union seven children were born,
three of whom died in infancy. Two
sons, Samuel H. and Elbie L., and
two daughters, Mrs. E. O. Nolf and
Mrs. Alice Smith, survive to mourn
his departure. There are three
grandchildren - Farlin Hockensmith,
Gertrude Hockensmith and Nola
Nolf - and one great grandchild. His
wife died about eight years ago.

He was a consistent, faithful and
active member of Trinity Reformed
church for about 45 years, having
been received into membership by
baptism during the pastorate of Dr.
S. C. Goss.

The death of Mr. Hockensmith
occurred at 6:30 a. m. on July 17,
1919, and was due to a paralytic
stroke, his age being 85 years and 24
days. Funeral services were held at 3
o'clock Saturday afternoon from the
late residence of the deceased and
the remains interred in Woodlawn
cemetery. Dr. Etter had charge of the
services. - Wadsworth Banner Press.

[Note: John actually moved from
Fayetteville, PA to Ohio, not from
Hagerstown, MD.]

The following descendant list starts with the father of this John Henry Hockensmith, Henry Hockensmith: who was the s/o George, s/o Jacob, s/o Conrad.

First Generation

1. **Henry HOCKENSMITH.** Born 21 Dec 1795 in MD. Died 29 Nov 1878 in Franklin Co PA. Lived in Adams Co., Pa. in 1820.

He married Margaret (Rebecca) ? They had the following children:

2. i. Jane E. HOCKENSMITH
3. ii. Mary A. HOCKENSMITH
4. iii. Adaline HOCKENSMITH
5. iv. John Henry HOCKENSMITH
6. v. Charlotte K. HOCKENSMITH
7. vi. William L. HOCKENSMITH

Second Generation

2. **Jane E. HOCKENSMITH.** Born Apr 1826 in PA.

3. **Mary A. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 1829 in PA. Died 9 Aug 1883 in Franklin Co PA.

4. **Adaline HOCKENSMITH.** Born 1833 in PA.

5. **John Henry HOCKENSMITH.** Born 23 Jun 1834 in Fayetteville, PA. Died 17 Jul 1919 in Wadsworth, Medina Co., OH. Buried Jul 1919 in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wadsworth, OH.

He married Amelia GEIB, 12 Oct 1855 in Hartville, Stark Co, OH. Born

Sep 1839 in PA. Died Circa 1911. They had the following children:

8. i. Adeline V. HOCKENSMITH
9. ii. Charlie L. HOCKENSMITH
10. iii. Cordelia A. HOCKENSMITH
11. iv. Samuel H. HOCKENSMITH
12. v. Elbe L. HOCKENSMITH
13. vi. Rebecca Jane HOCKENSMITH
14. vii. Mary Alice HOCKENSMITH

6. **Charlotte K. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 22 May 1840 in PA. Died 26 Sep 1863 in Franklin Co., PA.

7. **William L. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 24 Jan 1843 in PA. Died 22 Aug 1863 in Franklin Co., PA. [*This is the brother mentioned in the obit for John Henry. It states that he died at Gettysburg during the Civil War, eluding that he died there during the battle. It is a matter of record that the Battle of Gettysburg occurred 1-3 July 1863. William may have died from wounds received during the battle, but he died some weeks after the battle.*]

Third Generation

8. **Adeline V. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 21 Oct 1856. Died 26 Sep 1857.

9. **Charlie L. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 19 Dec 1857 in OH. Died 27 Dec 1860.

10. **Cordelia A. HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 7 Feb 1859 in OH. Died 29 Sep 1860.

11. **Samuel H. HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 16 May 1860 in OH. Died 1932 in Wadsworth, Media Co, OH.

He married Mary M. ? Born Aug 1860 in P A. Died 26 May 1932 in Wadsworth, Media Co, OH. They had the following children:

15 i. Elbe Ford HOCKENSMITH

16 ii. Farlin Ford

HOCKENSMITH

17 iii. Gertrude HOCKENSMITH

12. **Elbe L. HOCKENSMITH.** Born 26 May 1862 in Greentown, Stark Co, OH. Died 1 Apr 1922 in Wadsworth, Media Co, OH. He married Franc BOWEN. Born Nov 1872 in OH. Died 6 Jul 1917 in Medina Co, OH. They had the following children:

18 i. Farlin Loren

HOCKENSMITH

13. **Rebecca Jane HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 13 Apr 1864. Died 1941.

She married Edward O. NOLF, 5 Jun 1884. They had the following children:

19 i. Nola NOLF

14. **Mary Alice HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 17 Apr 1866. She married ? SMITH.

Fourth Generation

15. **Elbe Ford HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 1882. Died 1888 in Wadsworth, Media Co, OH.

16. **Farlin Ford HOCKENSMITH.**

17. **Gertrude HOCKENSMITH.**
Born Oct 1899 in OH.

She married Brown SCHRADER.

18. **Farlin Loren HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 11 Jun 1890 in Wadsworth, Medina Co, OH. Died 10 Aug 1958 in Los Angeles, CA.

He married Florence Irene SEIBERLING. Born 1892 in Wadsworth, Medina Co, OH. They had the following children:

20 i. Albert Loren

HOCKENSMITH

21 ii. Jane Louise

HOCKENSMITH

19. **Nola NOLF.**

Fifth Generation

20. **Albert Loren HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 5 Mar 1919 in Detroit, MI. Died 22 Mar 1953 in Berkeley, CA.

21. **Jane Louise HOCKENSMITH.**
Born 2 Jul 1920 in Dallas, TX.

She married John Stuart RUSSELL, 25 Oct 1946.

Anyone who can provide more data on this branch of our family is encourage to do so.

A Whale Of A Fish Story !

Who holds the Official State of Oklahoma Largemouth Bass [Micropterus Salmoides] (caught on a rod and line) Record? Hint: the fish

weighed in at 14 pounds, 10 ounces, was 27.5 inches long, and had a girth of 22.5 inches. It was caught on 25 Mar 1993 at Mountain Lake. The answer to this question —

Roger Hockersmith.

This Roger is (I believe) Roger Elmo HOCKERSMITH, born 11 Nov 1937 in Berryville, AR, the son of Willis Gene, s/o Christian E., s/o John Mason, s/o George W., s/o John, s/o Jacob and Anna Keziah (Skinner) HOCKERSMITH. If this lineage is not correct, please let me know so we can set the record straight. Can any of you better this fish story?

IMPORTANT LAWS THAT NEVER GOT PASSED – BUT SHOULD HAVE

Thou shalt not marry someone with the same surname as your own.

Thou shalt not marry a second wife with the same first name as your first.

Thou shalt not give a name to your child that has been used in the past two generations by any of your relatives.

Thou shalt not use your first name one day and your middle name the next; nor are nicknames to be used on official documents.

Thou shalt not use only initials. First names must be spelled out in full while initials may be used for middle names if desired.

[*Wouldn't this make our jobs as family researchers so much easier? RTH*]

Reference:

Names In Stone: 75,000 Cemetery Inscriptions From Frederick Co., Maryland

Volume 1; by Jacob Mehrling Holdcraft; © 1966, published by the Genealogy Publishing Co, Baltimore, Md.; page 577.

[*Please note that the day of the week was added by me and was not in the referenced book. Also the computed age and/or birthday was added by me. RTH*]

Hockensmith, Barbara Louisa died Sunday 25 July 1830 4 yr-2 mo-17 dy (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Monday 8 May 1826).

Hockensmith, Bertha L. Sunday 27 Mar 1887 - Saturday 12 Feb 1949 (Thurmont Blue Ridge Cemetery) (computed age 61-10-16).

Hockensmith, Catherine died Monday 11 Mar 1878 75-9-24; sister of Mary and Sarah (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Tuesday 5 May 1802).

Hockensmith, Daniel died Saturday 18 Sep 1830 age 30-3-25 (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Saturday 24 May 1800) .

Hockensmith, John died Wednesday 28 Mar 1855 80-6-10 (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Sunday 18 Sep 1774).

Hockensmith, John died Monday 11 May 1891 86-11-17 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery)

(computed birthday Friday 25 May 1804).

w **Elizabeth** died Saturday 9 Feb 1861 683-3 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed birthday Tuesday 6 Nov 1792).

Hockensmith, John J. Tuesday 10 July 1832 - Monday 14 Feb 1910 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed age 77-7-4).

w **Mary E.** Sunday 24 Apr 1842 - Wednesday 23 July 1924 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed age 82-2-29).

d **Mary E.** Sunday 6 July 1873 - Thursday 27 Sep 1906 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed age 33-2-21).

Hockensmith, Julia M. w/o Robert E. & d/o S. & J.M. Maxell died Saturday 20 Feb 1886 32-0-25 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed birthday Thursday 26 Jan 1854).

s **W. Luther** died Saturday 11 July 1885 0-3-22 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed birthday Friday 20 Mar 1885).

Hockensmith, Laura C. w/o Robert E. & d/o J.Z. & H. Welty died Wednesday 3 May 1876 1910-10 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed birthday Monday 23 June 1856).

d **Harriet E.** died Saturday 15 July 1876 0-2-14 (Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery) (computed birthday Monday 1 May 1876).

Hockensmith, Lucy Ann died Sunday 5 Dec 1847 28-5-11 (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Thursday 24 June 1819).

Hockensmith, Mary died Sunday 4 Sep 1881 76-9-21; sister to Catherine & Sarah (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Tuesday 14 Nov 1804).

Hockensmith, Mary S. w/o George died Thursday 19 Apr 1866 (Emmitsburg St. Elias Lutheran Church Cemetery)

Hockensmith, Sarah died Friday 10 Aug 1894 79-2-10; sister to Mary & Catherine (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Wednesday 31 May 1815).

Hockensmith, William died Wednesday 25 May 1864 51-8-16 (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Wednesday 9 Sep 1812).

w **Alice Amanda** died Saturday 1 May 1858 42-6-19 (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Friday 13 Oct 1815).

s **John Franklin** died Saturday 12 Aug 1854 2-0-7 (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Thursday 5 Aug 1852).

d **Sarah Emma** died Wednesday 6 Aug 1856 age 33 days (Toms Creek Lutheran Cemetery) (computed birthday Friday 4 July 1856).

Description of Cemeteries:

Emmitsburg, Mountain View Cemetery: Helman called this

Fairview Cemetery (819 names; 1957).

Emmitsburg, St. Elias Lutheran Church Cemetery: Lutheran congregation at Toms Creek moved into Emmitsburg and built present church in 1797 (940 names; 1957).

Toms Creek Cemetery, Lutheran section (vl-p27). On east side of Four Points Bridge Road, opposite Methodist section on the west side. The first church in this vicinity was built in 1757 as a Lutheran Church with the Rev. John George Bager as pastor. Lutheran and Reformed used this log church until 1797, when they built the present Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg. A Methodist congregation bought the old church and used the building until 1904. The Lutheran Cemetery was not transferred to the Methodists, who instead began a new cemetery across the road.

Thurmont Blue Ridge Cemetery: Only a hedge separates this cemetery from the Thurmont United Brethren Cemetery. The U.B. Church dedicated it in 1831 on land given by Jacob Weller, who was the first person buried there. Land granted to Weller in 1751. Combined cemetery is the second largest in Frederick County (2,550 names; 1955/56).

FAREWELL

FRANKFORT, KY - **Roger R. HENRY**, 86, 254 Highland Parkway, retired cabinet maker and state transportation department

employee, husband of Edna Hockensmith Henry, died Tuesday [16 Jan 1996]. Services 1 p.m. Friday, Sunset Funeral Home. Visitation 5-9 p.m. today. From the Lexington, KY Herald-Leader newspaper dated 18 Jan 1996.

FRANKFORT, KY - **Stephen Dale HOCKENSMITH**, 42, 4000 Shadrick Ferry Road, Frankfort electric and water plant employee, husband of Donna Young Hockensmith, died yesterday [27 Mar 1996], apparently of cancer. Services 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sunset Funeral Home. Visitation 4-9 p.m. today. From the Lexington, KY Herald-Leader newspaper dated 28 Mar 1996.

LEXINGTON, KY - **Sara Jane (Hockersmith) REYNOLDS**, 84, Lexington Manor Health Care Facility, retired nurse, widow of E.L. "Jack" Reynolds, died Sunday [23 Jun 1996]. Services 11 a.m. Thursday, Duell-Clark Funeral Chapel, Versailles. Visitation 9 a.m. Thursday. From the Lexington, KY Herald-Leader newspaper dated 25 Jun 1996.

FRANKFORT, KY - **Cecil Voight HOCKENSMITH**, 67, retired construction worker, husband of Doris Hockensmith, died Friday [9 Aug 1996]. Services 10 a.m. today, Harrod Brothers Memorial Chapel. Visitation 8 a.m. today. From the Lexington, KY Herald-Leader newspaper dated 12 Aug 1996.

Of these four family members listed, Cecil Voight Hockensmith is the only one whom I can identify. He was the son

*of Arthur Goebel, s/o Alexander, s/o
William Morgan, s/o Henry H., s/o
Jacob, s/o Conrad. RTH*

Current Family Researchers

Bill Martin

William Riley MARTIN was born 9 Oct 1951 in Biloxi, MS. He is the son of Clyde Martin and Wanda Fay WINDER, d/o William Riley, s/o William Pete. Winder who married Dora Ann HOCKERSMITH, d/o Esquire G. (Squire), s/o William M., s/o George and Sally (Miller) HOCKERSMITH. Bill resides at 3326 South 115th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74146-2126.

Patty Howard

Patricia Marie MOORE married John "Reed" HOWARD on 10 Apr 1948. She is the d/o Cecil Charles Moore, s/o William Calvin Clifford, s/o Calvin Cameron Moore who married Mary Ellen HOCKENSMTIH, d/o Wilkerson, s/o David HOCKERSMITH, s/o Edward who died in Jessamine Co., KY in 1808. Patty can be reached at P. O. Box 30310, Mesa, AZ 85275.

<http://me1.bright.net/footprints/genie/genweb/franklin/queries.html>

I found the following query on the Franklin County Kentucky Query Page.

Carl Wisler cwisler@erols.com

Looking for the HOCKERSMITH or HOCKENSMTIH family in Anderson, Franklin and Woodford Counties. Trying to connect to my Anna HOCKERSMITH who married Harrison HOLMAN in 1839. After 5 children Anna "disappears" in the 1850s, probably in Lincoln Co. Also in Anderson Co, I know of a Joseph HOCKERSMITH who signed marriage bond for Anna and Michael HOCKERSMITH who was sued by Harrison HOLMAN in 1843.

Can anyone help Carl with this Anna? I'm afraid that my database draws a blank.

How The World-Wide Web Should Work

Back on 12 December 1996, while searching for family information, I ran across a query on the Jennings County, Indiana Queries Page dated 19 Oct 1996 from Carol Ealey of Marshall, Parke Co., Indiana saying:

HEARNE/HOCKERSMITH My gg-grandparents Beverly Alan Hearne and Rachel Hockersmith were married Jennings Co. 1872 I found them on 1880 Jennings Co., Geneva Twp. census with children William age 13, Sarah age 6, Jane age3 (my g-grandmother, Miranda Jane) and Catherine age 4 mos, I think Beverly was married before and William was from that marriage. I would greatly appreciate any

information that can be found on this family. Thank you.

I responded on 12 Dec with the following:

Hi Carol,

You were exactly correct in your query that I read on the Jennings Queries Page in that your gg-grandfather, Beverly Allen HEARNE, Jr. was married before he took Rachel Jane HOCKERSMITH as a wife. In fact, he was married twice before.

Beverly Allen HEARNE, Jr., the son of Beverly Allen and Sarah (Sally) (TOOLEY) HEARNE, was born circa 1838 in Columbus, Bartholomew Co., IN and died 5 Ju11889 in Geneva Twp., Jennings Co., IN. He first married Mary Jane VANDUSIN on 25 Ju11860 in Jennings Co., IN. He second married Emily Jane FERGASON on 12 Apr 1864, also in Jennings Co. To that marriage was born William Edward HEARNE, who later married Sarah Jane MARTIN. Beverly third married Rachel Jane HOCKERSMITH, the daughter of Michael H. and Mary E. (EDDLEMAN) HOCKERSMITH, on 8 May 1872, also in Jennings Co. Rachel was born 8 Ju11847 in Jackson Twp., Decatur Co., IN and died 8 Jun 1919 in Anderson, Madison Co., IN. Sometime after your gg-gf died, Rachel re-married to Thomas Dewitt BARNES. Beverly and Rachel had six children; Amanda Alice, Sarah Melvina, Miranda Jane, Lydia

Catherine, Ina Elizabeth, and Charles Allen.

That's about all I know of Beverly's lineage and descendants, maybe you could fill me in. I do have more on the HOCKERSMITH line. I hope you find this info helpful.

Carol then responded the same day with:

Dear Tim, The last line of your message was an understatement! It helped tremendously. I was in Jennings Co. last Friday, and came away more confused than ever. I had the wrong date of birth for Beverly and Rachel. You have cleared everything up. Thank you. [remainder of message personal and here deleted].

Can you begin to see the value of the Internet and the World-Wide Web for genealogical research? I'm sold!

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