



51st Annual Family Reunion Is At Hand

An Encouragement To All To Attend

This edition of our Family Newsletter allows me the chance to encourage each of you to attend our 51st annual Family Reunion.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Mary Frances Hockman for hosting this annual event again. I know that she has not been well lately and that it is a major undertaking to plan and prepare for this reunion. If you didn't know, Mary Frances is the d/o Robert Asbury, s/o Samuel Johnson, s/o Robert Eli, s/o William, s/o John HOCKENSMITH, s/o Jacob HOCKERSMITH, s/o Konrad HACKENSCHM1DT.

The reunion will be held at Mary Frances' home on Ridge Road near Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia on Sunday, 27 July. A picnic lunch will begin at 12:30 pm. If you have trouble finding it, call her at (304) 876-6477.

I recently received a letter from our cousin LaWanda Douglas of East Prairie, Missouri and I thought that it might be an encouragement to each of you to make a special effort to attend this year's reunion.

Dear Tim,

It is time for me to begin thinking of the Hockersmith Annual Family Reunion, the last Sunday in July. This year I am going to try and go, and I wondered if in the next family forum you will list it and see what interest you can "drum up" from your readers.

It would just be great if a good crowd could show up this year. I think it was not well attended last year. Usually it is the same group every year. I enjoyed it thoroughly the year I did go and it was so exciting to visit in the area ~ Tom's Creek ~ the cemetery, Emmitsburg, all the places where Conrad had trod ~ it gave me a nice warm feeling ~ like my ancestors were so near. The people I met there were so warm and friendly. It has seemed something always has

gotten in the way of the trip since then.

My mother is gone now, I am not going to work any more after June 30th. . and I can surely make it this year.

There are so many places I want to go, so many court houses to revisit ~ so many Hockersmiths to talk to. I want to go back to Frankfort, Anderson, Madison and Jessamine Counties. I met and talked with several Hockersmith families in that area ~ few of them knew much of their ancestors ~ but it was fun.

Have any of the subscribers to your quarterly indicated a willingness to go to the Reunion? Actually it might be easier if it were held more in the middle of the US, but we would lose some of the aura that surrounds the Maryland/Pennsylvania area where the emigrant lived.

Just curious, wondering if any of the other widely scattered Hockersmiths were

interested in the Reunion.

Your efforts with the newsletter are appreciated, very much. You are doing such a good job.

Sincerely,

La Wanda Douglas

Switzer Covered Bridge

[picture of Switzer Covered Bridge]

Franklin County's {Kentucky} only covered bridge spans North Elkhorn Creek and is 120 ft. long and 11 ft. wide. It was built by George Hockensmith circa 1855. Each entrance has a sawtooth edge; the lattice is pinned with trunnels (treenails). Restored in 1906 by Louis Bower. Closed to traffic in 1954. This bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 1974.

From the book:
Kentucky: A History of the State,
Battle, Perrin, & Kniffin, 5th ed., 1887,
Franklin Co.

MRS. SOPHRONIA (HOCKERSMITH) SOUTH, a native of Franklin County, Ky., is a daughter of Henry and Polly (Cox) Hockersmith, also natives of Franklin County. Miss Sophronia

Hockersmith was married to Martin South, of Breathitt County, Ky., December 10, 1869, and was blessed with four children: John and Samuel (twins), Thomas L. and Eudora M. (A sketch of Col. Jerry W. South, father-in-law of Mrs. Sophronia South, will be found in the notice of L. C. South, and that of Mrs. Mary E. (South) Trimble.) Martin South served during the late war under Gen. Morgan, and died April 1, 1876, a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. South is a Baptist, and she and her children reside upon her farm of 205 acres near Switzer, in Franklin County.

MRS. MARY E. (SOUTH) TRIMBLE was born in Breathitt County, Ky., and is a daughter of Jerry W. and Mary M. (Cockrell) South. Her father was born in Madison County, Ky., July 10, 1808, moved to Breathitt County in 1827, and commenced to mine for coal; remained until 1859; was elected keeper of the penitentiary in January 1858; moved to Frankfort, and took charge of the same March 3, 1859. He held that position until 1863, when he moved to Woodford County, Ky and farmed until 1871. In the latter year he was again elected by the Legislature to be keeper of the penitentiary, and held the position until his death, April 15, 1880, which occurred quite suddenly in the Senate chamber at Frankfort. He had been sick, and get well enough to

walk around, and went up to shake hands with the senators, for he was acquainted with all of them. After shaking hands all round he sat down in a chair, and died instantly. In 1840 he represented Breathitt and Morgan Counties in the Legislature one term, and in 1843 was elected to the Senate and served one term also. He was magistrate in Breathitt County for a number of years, and was a man whom everyone who knew loved and respected. His father, Samuel South, was born in Maryland, immigrated to Kentucky in quite an early day, and settled in Boonesboro when he was only fifteen years old. He was a general in the war of 1812, and served three years in the Legislature for Madison County. He was then elected State treasurer, and filled that office ten years. Miss Mary E. South married A. S. Trimble, of Wolfe County, Ky., July 7, 1863. He was the fourth son of William and Nellie (Ohair) Trimble, and was shot at home during the war in 1864. One child blessed this union, A. South Trimble, who married Carrie B. Allan, of Houston, Tex., daughter of Henry and Fannie (Morgan) Allan, and became the father of one child, Frank. Mrs. Mary E. (South) Trimble is a member of the Christian Church, and so is her son, whose wife is a Catholic. Mrs. Trimble has 227 acres of good land, which are well cultivated.

FAREWELL

HAWKERSMITH, Mary Louella, age 91, of Winchester {TN}, died June 5 (1997) at her residence. She was a retired seamstress at Decherd Franklin. A native of Alabama, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Taylor Sanders and Julia Ann Neely Sanders. She was also a member of Decherd Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Odie Hawkersmith and two sons, Leon and Lannie Parker Hawkersmith. Survivors include two daughters, Nedia Mora of Winchester and Cleo Walls of Decherd; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m. from Watson-Gamble Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Garner Cemetery.

Our Family's South American Connection

I'll bet that most of you didn't know that we have several cousins who are citizens of Brazil.

A few weeks ago while searching the Internet for the thousandth time, I discovered the email address of one Eric Hockensmith who subscribed to an Internet Service Provider (ISP) in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. I emailed a message to him and asked him what

he was doing in Rio and to give me as much of his lineage as he could.

To my surprise, his reply stated that he was born and raised in Rio and that his grandfather was Wilbur Darwin HOCKENSMITH, Jr. I had heard that name before; but not in relation to Brazil! What was going on here? I would like to recount for you a little of what Eric responded to me:

[*response #1*]

[*in the words of Eric Hockensmith*]

It all started when my grand mother, Maristella JARDIM, decided to study in the USA, back at the 40's. there she met my grand father, Wilbur Darwin HOCKENSMITH Jr., he was divorced, his first wife I can't remember the name, they got married, then my father. Wilbur Viçoso HOCKENSMITH, was born, on August 24, 1942. They got divorced and she decided to come back to Brazil with my father.

My father, Wilbur V. Hockensmith, married Maria Lucia ARARIPE, my mother, they had four children, Eric, Alexandre, Patricia and Rodrigo. Ages, 28, 27, 23, 20

My grand father Wilbur at his first marriage had 2 children, Harvey A. HOCKENSMITH, married with Diana WARD HOCKENSMITH, they had two children, Amanda and Mary Melinda, they live in Irwin, PA, where I lived for a year. The second was Althea, she married

Jorge Lozick, and had two children, Eric and Robin.

At his third marriage, with Janet, he had a girl, called Caroline Hockensmith, today Caroline is married with Jay Gerber, they had two children, Jay Jr. and Amy. They live at West Virginia.

When my grand father divorced Maristella, they decided that when my father had complete 15 years he would come to live with him in the USA until he complete 21, then my father would decided with whom he was going to live with. When he completed 19, he decided to come back, and live with his mother in Brazil.

Maristella married again, with Luis Dodsworth Martins, and had two children, Roberto and Marisa.

When I was living in the USA, my uncle told me once that I have, at least, one relative in every state on the USA, so you will have lot's of work to do.

I work at my grand father's company, SISAL S.A., it's a construction company (buildings, Malls, fabrics, stadium).

After Eric's first reply, I sent to him his lineage for the Hockensmith family, to wit:

Wilbur Darwin Jr. (1905-1978) was s/o
Wilbur Darwin (1878-1951) was s/o
Franklin Cramer (1853-1935) was s/o
Isaac (1813-1902) was s/o

George (?-c1832) was s/o
Jacob (c1745-1818) was s/o
Konrad Hackenschmidt (c1720-1795).

[*response #2*]

[*in the words of Eric Hockensmith*]

Hi Tim,

I'm don't know how to thank you for those information, congratulations for your research, it's a very nice work.

To answer your questions, I was born in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, on Jan 23 1969, Alexandre, on Sep 3 1970, Patricia on Apr 8 1974 and Rodrigo on Mai 12 1978, my mother was born in Rio also, on Jan 23 1945, that's right, same day that I was born, my father on Aug 24 1942, in Irwin, P A. [*I share this coincidence with Eric as I was born on my mother's birthday also. Ed.*]

About US citizenship we never tried to get, the American Consul down here told my father that his option for the Brazilian citizenship did not gave up his rights of the American citizenship.

I heard once, when I was living in the USA, that there is a Hockensmith in Argentina. But I never founded, probably, they were talking about my father.

I'm getting married on Mai 8, 1998 with Marcelle Magacho Velloso and my brother Alexandre on Jun. 20 1998 with Patricia Bançante Pires. Rodrigo, the youngest, can't wait to get rid of us.

<snip> <several questions asked by
Eric>

Thank you again,
See you, COUSIN, keep in touch,
Eric

SIXTH Generation

1. **Wilbur Darwin HOCKENSMITH.** Born 17 Aug 1878. Died 19 Aug 1951 in Irwin, PA. Buried Aug 1951 in Union Cemetery, Irwin, PA. He married Mabel Cornelia ELDERKIN, 14 Sep 1904. They had the following children:

- 2 i. Wilbur Darwin HOCKENSMITH Jr.
- 3 ii. Mary Louise HOCKENSMITH
- 4 iii. Franklin Cramer HOCKENSMITH
- 5 iv. Cornelia Jane HOCKENSMITH
- 6 v. Stanton Elderkin HOCKENSMITH

SEVENTH Generation

2. **Wilbur Darwin HOCKENSMITH Jr.** Born 16 Jun 1905. Died 26 May 1978 in PA.

He first married Mary Theodora LOCKE, 20 Jul 1931. They had the following children:

- 7 i. Harvey A. HOCKENSMITH
- 8 ii. Althea HOCKENSMITH

He second married Maristella JARDIM. Born in Brazil. They were divorced After 1942. They had the following children:

- 9 i. Wilbur Viçoso
HOCKENSMITH

He third married Janet? They had the following children:

- 10 i. Caroline HOCKENSMITH
3. **Mary Louise HOCKENSMITH.** Born 26 Mar 1908. She married Charles W. MURDOCK.
4. **Franklin Cramer HOCKENSMITH.** Born 24 Apr 1913. Died 14 Oct 1920.

5. **Cornelia Jane HOCKENSMITH.** Born 16 Nov 1917. Died 7 Sep 1959. She married John P. McCUNE.

6. **Stanton Elderkin HOCKENSMITH.** Born 28 Nov 1921. Died 25 Feb 1979.

EIGHTH Generation

7. **Harvey A. HOCKENSMITH.** He married Diana WARD, They had the following children:

- 11 i. Amanda HOCKENSMITH
- 12 ii. Mary Melinda HOCKENSMITH

8. **Althea HOCKENSMITH.** She married Jorge LOZICK. They had the following children:

- 13 i. Eric LOZICK
- 14 ii. Robin LOZICK

9. Wilbur Viçoso HOCKENSMITH.
Born 24 Aug 1942. He married Maria Lucia ARARIPE. They had the following children:

- 15 i. Eric HOCKENSMITH
- 16 ii. Alexandre HOCKENSMITH
- 17 iii. Patricia HOCKENSMITH
- 18 iv. Rodrigo HOCKENSMITH

10. Caroline HOCKENSMITH. She married Jay GERBER. They had the following children:

- 19 i. Jay GERBER Jr.
- 20 ii. Amy GERBER

NINETH Generation

11. Amanda HOCKENSMITH.

12. Mary Melinda HOCKENSMITH.

13. Eric LOZICK.

14. Robin LOZICK.

15. Eric HOCKENSMITH. Born 23 Jan 1969 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

16. Alexandre HOCKENSMITH. Born 3 Sep 1970 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

17. Patricia HOCKENSMITH. Born 8 Apr 1974 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

18. Rodrigo HOCKENSMITH. Born 12 May 1977 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

19. Jay GERBER Jr.

20. Amy GERBER.

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