

APRIL 2000 NEWSLETTER

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We=re planning to go online in the near future but got somewhat delayed; will hopefully get our website going in the new few months. We=ve already registered the domain: HOOPESFAMILY.ORG. The initial objective is to make the newsletters and basic family organization information available electronically, so please let me know by email if you prefer to view and/or download future newsletters on the website (when available) rather than to receive hard copies via snail-mail. There is obviously a lot of interest in genealogy and so much genealogical information is available on the internet.

There is a Hoopes Family Genealogy Forum at <http://genforum.genealogy.com/hoopes/> where people have posted questions about their relatives. Perhaps those of you who have *The Hoopes Family Record*, are on line, and have offered to help with research could give information to some of these people. If you do so, I= appreciate a cc to ZAN@HOOPESFAMILY.ORG.

Other sites to check: <http://home.att.net/~sahoopes/> has The Hoopes Family Tree, put online by Scott Hoopes of Wichita, KS. Another is The Worrilow Genealogy Page at <http://www.brasenhill.com/worrilow/> which is the family of Jane Worrilow who was married to Daniel Hoopes in the first generation listed in *The Hoopes Family Record*.

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I also haven=t input the corrections and additions to *The Hoopes Family Record* from the 1910 US Census that were so painstakingly recorded by Gerald Fuller. This may take some time corresponding to and fro for clarification.

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Does anyone have a new addresses for life member Fred Hoopes, 3810-33rd Ave., Rt. 8, Muscatine, IA 52761; his October newsletter was returned with no new address.

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Does anyone know the whereabouts of Sandy Hux, who lived in Ormond Beach, FL in 1992? Would like to contact this individual to clear up some conflicting material in 1992 & 1993 newsletters that was recently brought to our attention.

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When you send information regarding deaths of family members, please include the cause of death, if known. This will help us track family tendencies for certain diseases.

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We=ve had some people notify us that they have Hoopes family items, e.g. pictures, family bible, engraved spoons, that they would like to see put in some sort of archive or museum so that they can be shared with posterity. Since the Hoopes Family Organization has no official physical location or building in which to properly protect and preserve such items, we recommend that they be sent to the Chester County Historical Society which has a large collection of Hoopes memorabilia. We would appreciate copies of any written material or pictures sent to the HFO secretary for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

Ann Lester, if you still have the family bible we spoke about on the phone, we=ll be glad to pay for having it sent to California for copying of relevant material and will then forward it.

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Several of you have emailed me regarding the difficulties Nancy Connelly has been having attempting to maintain the Hoopes family homestead, Brooznoll in Westtown, PA:

[from a 4-10-00 email sent by John W. Hoopes] ... I was at the original "Brooznoll" this afternoon, having visited it for the first time last Tuesday. I had a long conversation with Nancy Kennedy Connelly, who has been having a tough time keeping the place up since her father's death. Some disease is devastating the boxwoods around the house, the other landscaping needs a lot of work, and the interior was in such a state that she wouldn't let me go in. Street Road, which runs in front of the house, has recently been repaved. The trucks apparently knocked down a stone wall (which will not get repaired...) and I get the sense that increased traffic will not be great for the house. Nancy could use some expert advice about preserving this historic property. I've offered to track down information about how to get it on the National Register of Historic Places, which may help with preservation issues should roadwork precipitate even more damage in the future. Nancy was disappointed that there hadn't been a reunion at the house in a while, and she can clearly use some help. I got the feeling she's on the verge of selling her two acres (of the three that remain) on the opposite side of Street Road to the neighboring farm owner. She reiterated, however, that The Hoopes Family Organization has first right of refusal for the house when and if the time ever comes to sell it.

[from a 5-3-99 email sent by John Hoopes of Mohave, AZ]

During March our family went to the Washington, DC area to visit our son, David, who lives there. We took a side trip to Brooznoll in Pennsylvania, finding it from the description in the Hoopes Family Record. Since we had not received many newsletters in the past, we were unaware that Nancy Connelly likes advance notice of visits. Her father passed away recently and the day we showed up she was bringing her precious dog, Willy-Nilly, home from the vet's after major surgery. She was very gracious though and we have since corresponded. I wasn't aware that she offers "bed and breakfast" with enough notice. If you have published this in previous newsletters, I missed it...

[In letters I've received over the years, everyone who has gone to Brooznoll has commented on how nice Nancy was and how committed to preserving the Hoopes family homestead. Though not born into the family, she was made an honorary cousin because of her open welcome to all Hoopes visitors. I've been told by others - since I haven't had the pleasure of a personal visit - that the house is quite large and would be a chore to maintain. In a phone call with Nancy, she cited some difficulties that we don't see with more recent construction - such as having to break through 222≡ walls to repair bathroom plumbing. It=s problems such as this that have led her to postpone offering Abed and breakfast≡ for interested visitors. I=m sure we have plenty of expertise in our huge family to at least give Nancy some practical advice, and hopefully some constructive help. Perhaps some geographically close family members could organize a work party under the guidance of someone with knowledge of historical preservation. I passed along information from cousin Gary Hoopes, a landscape architect, regarding the leaf miners, spider mites, and nematodes that can plague the boxwoods; and Nancy said she=d check with a local nursery. It=s a shame that the historical Hoopes Brothers Nursery is no longer in business! I=d appreciate feedback about setting up a fund for helping to maintain Brooznoll - from those interested in donating to this cause and from anyone with knowledge of the legal requirements for such an endeavor.]

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[from an email sent by John W. Hoopes]

...Did you know that the name of "Brooznoll" actually comes from "Brasenhill", the name of the Worrilow family estate in Haughton, Staffordshire, England? Daniel Hoopes clearly named his homestead for his wife Jane Worrilow's ancestral home, but this tidbit of information was somehow missed by earlier Hoopes researchers...

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Since many of you don't have the books - and since we didn't have a lot of other info sent since last time - I thought I'd copy some of the background to give some general information about how the family organization got its start and how it operates:

From Volume I of *The Hoopes Family Record*:

Beginning The Hoopes Family Research

This *Hoopes Family Record* had its beginning in 1935, when two men, yet unknown to each other, began to research their early common ancestor, Daniel Hoopes, and speculate about the number of his descendants. For Dr. Gerald R. Fuller, who then lived in Arizona and later in Arkansas, interest in genealogical research was encouraged by his membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). For Francis S. McIlhenny, Jr., who lived in Philadelphia and later in Litchfield, Connecticut and whose mother was a Hoopes, research was prompted by a dream that a *Hoopes Family Record* would someday be written. Within thirty years, Lillian Fredsall Webster began indexing the material Francis S. McIlhenny, Jr. had accumulated, and June Markus Hoopes, then of Borger, Texas, began to share the results of her two years' research with Dr. Fuller. By 1967 the nucleus of the Hoopes Family Organization had been formed on an informal basis.

The Hoopes Family Organization, Inc. A natural outgrowth of the sharing of materials among this nucleus of four dedicated researchers was the formation of The Hoopes Family Organization, Inc., which in June 1970 was registered in the State of Connecticut. The purpose of The Hoopes Family Organization, inc. is

To investigate, research and obtain direct source information for the compilation and gathering of genealogical, historical and informational material pertaining to the descendants, ancestry and progeny of Joshua Hoopes (b. Ca. 1636, d. ca. 1723) to be used for the general education of the members of the organization and the public at large: using the source materials to write, annotate and publish a book containing the information so compiled and to further collect and add to the source materials by direct correspondence with descendants and others as new members are added to the family and as deaths occur; to enter into all contracts necessary for the printing and publication of such a book, and all and any other pamphlets or materials as may be to the educational benefit of the public and for members.

The family organization received tax exempt status as a non-profit organization in 1979 when Volume I of *The Hoopes Family Record* was published; Volumes II & III followed in 1983. The books include interesting anecdotal info about early family history, but many of the more than 16,000 entries consist of basic names and dates of regarding birth, marriage, children, and death. More recent entries include some photos of family members and tend to include more varied material about careers, interests, etc.

The books are available for sale; but if someone only wants info from a few pages, we'll be glad to copy and mail them when time allows - or to email short sections. We hope to eventually get the books and newsletters into digital form so they can be incorporated, but there is no organized move to expand the 3 existing volumes at present. Until scanning software improves considerably over the current state of the art, we're somewhat on hold for making *The Hoopes Family Record* available electronically. We're always open to suggestions from people who are willing to volunteer for any of these tasks.

Semi-annual newsletters like this one contain the updates, corrections, etc., sent from family members. This info is only as good and complete as the sources; there is no verification done. Much of the material comes in the form of newspaper clippings - obits, marriage announcements, and a few news items about family members. If newspaper clippings are sent without the identifying numbers from the books, they may not get included unless I take the time to look them up or send them to our volunteer researchers who will try to find the links. Anecdotal information seems to be everyone's favorite - the personal stuff that makes us all much more than a number in a book with a date of birth and death. If anyone has family stories to pass along, whether from the distant past or recent times, they are most welcome. A major problem with these updates since the 1983 printing is that it's difficult to ascertain if information received is new or has been reported in past newsletters. If there's a remembrance that this may be the case, the newsletters printed since October 1995 can be word-searched; previous editions aren't available electronically and it's too labor-intensive to go through every printed copy. Some people have annotated their books, noting when info has been changed or added in a newsletter; but trying to check new material will be an ever-increasing problem until we get everything in electronic form. Another challenge is trying to figure out if

newly submitted Acorrections≡ are more correct than the original text; without someone who can remember the source of the original information and judge the relative veracity, there will always be questions about the validity of some entries.

The family organization isn=t at all formal. Officers were chosen at one of the family reunions except that somehow the positions of treasurer and secretary got passed down from our parents to my sister Robbie and me until someone else is willing to take on the jobs. All work is done by family >volunteers= (our immediate families), including the compiling and mailing of about 1100 newsletters. There are no regular meetings or official business.

There have been three major Hoopes family reunions, all of which seem to have been really well arranged (I haven=t attended but have seen commemorative booklets and videos). These were at 5-year intervals beginning in 1983; there should have been another in 1998 but we were unable to get anyone to organize it. The reunions were in West Chester County, PA where the family got its American start. There are also other regional reunions of some branches of the family.

If you have any questions or there is any other information you=d like, please call, mail, or email me.

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APRIL 2000 ADDENDA

[from Thora M. Bell, Salt Lake City, UT, corrections and additional info about her line]
Vol II, p 317 - **8535. James Byron Mower**, born 6 Jul 1882 ~~1883~~ in *Fairview. Milburn*, UT

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[from Carol Dudley, wife of the foster son of Lester and Dorothy Hoopes Boyd, via email]
Vol II, p 408 - **6311. Dorothy Hoopes Boyd** died 11 October 1999 and is buried at Jacobstown Baptist Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ.

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[from Joan Hoopes via email]
I believe that you had been in correspondence with my late husband, Ron. I believe that he had at some point sent you a copy of the 1865 diary of his great-grandfather, if I recall correctly.

I have been remiss in not informing you of this sad news, but Ron died on June 18, 1999, while undergoing treatment for leukemia. He was 65 at the time of his death. I, our four children and 2 grandchildren miss him terribly. I'll let you know of any significant happenings re marriages, births, etc. so you can keep your records up to date but I ultimately hope that I can find one of the next generation of this family to take on the responsibility.

[In my minor contact with Ron, it was evident that he was a wonderfully thoughtful person. Many people have communicated their pleasure at his sharing his great-grandfather=s diary.]

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[from Mary Lindsay Guy Moss, daughter of Mary Guy, via email]
Vol II p 406 - **6296. Mrs. Edwin Powe Guy (Mary Tilden Hoopes Guy)** passed away on April 13, 1999 before midnight. Her remains are buried in Cheraw, SC at the Old St. David's Church where her husband was buried in 1983. She was 96 yrs old.

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[from his wife, Sally Harris Frederickson of San Geronimo, CA]
Vol II p 747 - **11978. Willard Lee Frederickson** died Dec 14, 1998 at the age of 68 in San Geronimo, CA.

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[errata and additional information from John Wilton Hoopes II via email]

Although I am listed in the Record as "John Wilton Hoopes III", I am actually John Wilton Hoopes II. (I was named for my grandfather, John Wilton Hoopes, No. 7835).

Vol III p 1074 - **14422. John Wilton Hoopes II I**, son of John Eugene and Lucy Ozella (Burkett) Hoopes, was born 11 Dec 1958 in Baltimore, MD. He married 17 Aug 1985 in Philadelphia, PA, LAUREN BETH MATTLEMAN, daughter of Nathan and Beatrice (Snyder) Mattleman, born 4 May 1960 in Philadelphia, PA. John received a B.A. in Archaeology from Yale U. in 1980 and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard U. in 1987. He is an Associate Professor in Anthropology at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. Lauren, who received a B.A. in Religious Studies from Yale U. in 1982 and a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1986, is the Associate Director for Planned Giving at the KU Endowment Association. They live at 1200 Oak Tree Drive in Lawrence, KS.

Issue: (Born in Overland Park, Johnson, KS)

14422a. Alexandra Eugenia Hoopes was born 4 Oct 1993.

14422b. Nathaniel Benjamin Franklin Hoopes was born 26 Dec 1997.

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[errata from Jim Haudenshield via email]

Vol II p 863 - **12764. Jack Raymond Inman Brookman**

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[errata from Jim Haudenshield via email]

Vol. III p 883 - **9090. Francis Thompson Hoopes.**

Francis' wife, Dorothy, had previously been married to "Mr. Connery" by whom she had two children who took the Hoopes name. The children=s names should be corrected to:

12880. Francis John (McConnery) Hoopes

12881. John August (McConnery) Hoopes

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[from Sloan H. Hoopes, Roanoke, VA about his granddaughter]

Vol III p 1014 - **13971. Carolyn Suzzann Hoopes** is to be married 13 May 2000 to Brian Helmick of Reston, VA in the George Mason University Chapel, Fairfax, VA, and they will live in that area.

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[from Brent Roylance, son of Richard G. Roylance, via email]

Vol III p 1271 **Richard G. Roylance**, died Feb 11, 1999. He was born Dec 28th, 1915 to George and Margaret Story Roylance. He married my mother, **[12206] Claudia Hoopes** Oct 27, 1939. Claudia Hoopes preceded him in death Jul 9th, 1997. She was born June 25th, 1916 to Clarence and Ida Luella Richardson Hoopes.

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[The April 1998 newsletter contained information about the Rockport, TX Hoopes= House; but since I had an extra page, I thought I would pass along this clipping from the Feb 27, 1000 *Houston Chronicle*.]