

APRIL 2003 NEWSLETTER



The publishers of *The Hoopes Family Record* recently notified us that they will no longer store and distribute the books for us. As a result, Robbie is now storing them at her home and will be mailing any orders directly. Please note that her address is on the ordering form; forms and checks are often sent to my address and don't always get forwarded immediately. At present, the remaining copies number: Vol I – 18, Vol II – 156, Vol III – 116. There is no plan for a second printing; so if you want the bound books, it would be a good idea to order them in the near future.



It seems I receive less information each year regarding changes in your branches of the family and it's becoming a challenge to compile the newsletter. When I took over this task from my mom in 1995, there was quite a bit of material left over from past newsletters and I got enough new information that I had to pick and choose. The addenda to *The Hoopes Family Record* were much longer than the more general newsletter portion of the issue. Now I have to go back to the files to find old news articles and other items for which there wasn't room before just to fill the pages. It offends my frugal nature to waste the postage sending fewer than the 4 (double-sided) pages allowed when I know that there are plenty of weddings, births, divorces, and funerals to report. Those of you who have email can send info to zanturner@aol.com. Or you can snailmail me info in various forms – newspaper or magazine clippings (please write on them the source and date), family trees from various software programs (which I will try to decipher and put into our format), copies of diaries or old letters from family members (especially from interesting historical perspectives), etc.

I'd especially like to get some digital photos of family sites in Pennsylvania to include in the newsletters. I'd prefer not to deal with pictures of people, since there could only be a certain number in each edition and I wouldn't want to have to choose which to include. We are working on a way to include the photos on the website.

Unless I get a lot of material in the next few months, I'm going to limit the family newsletters to one a year and concentrate on the website material. I would appreciate it if those of you who would prefer to get paper newsletters in the mail would let me know. At some point, we may 'snailmail' only to those people who have requested to receive their news in this manner. I know that not everyone has jumped enthusiastically into the computer age, so we want to keep as many options as possible. I also know that a desire to learn more about family history may strike at any time in a person's life, sometimes after many years of disinterest.



We have taken the plunge and now have the text from the three volumes of *The Hoopes Family Record* in digital form. At the get-together when we mail this newsletter, we plan to discuss how to proceed with renumbering (there are quite a few misnumberings and duplications in the books), integrate the addenda of the past ten years into the main document to make a seamless record, make more information available on the website, etc. We also need to determine whether or not we want to go to the considerable expense of having the digital record made into a database so that we can make the information more accessible and flexible. If any of you have ideas about any of this, please share them with us. We'll be counting heavily on our younger generations for computer-related advice and would really like some help from people who have real experience with genealogy. In any case, we hope to have the text version on the Hoopes family website in PDF form before long.



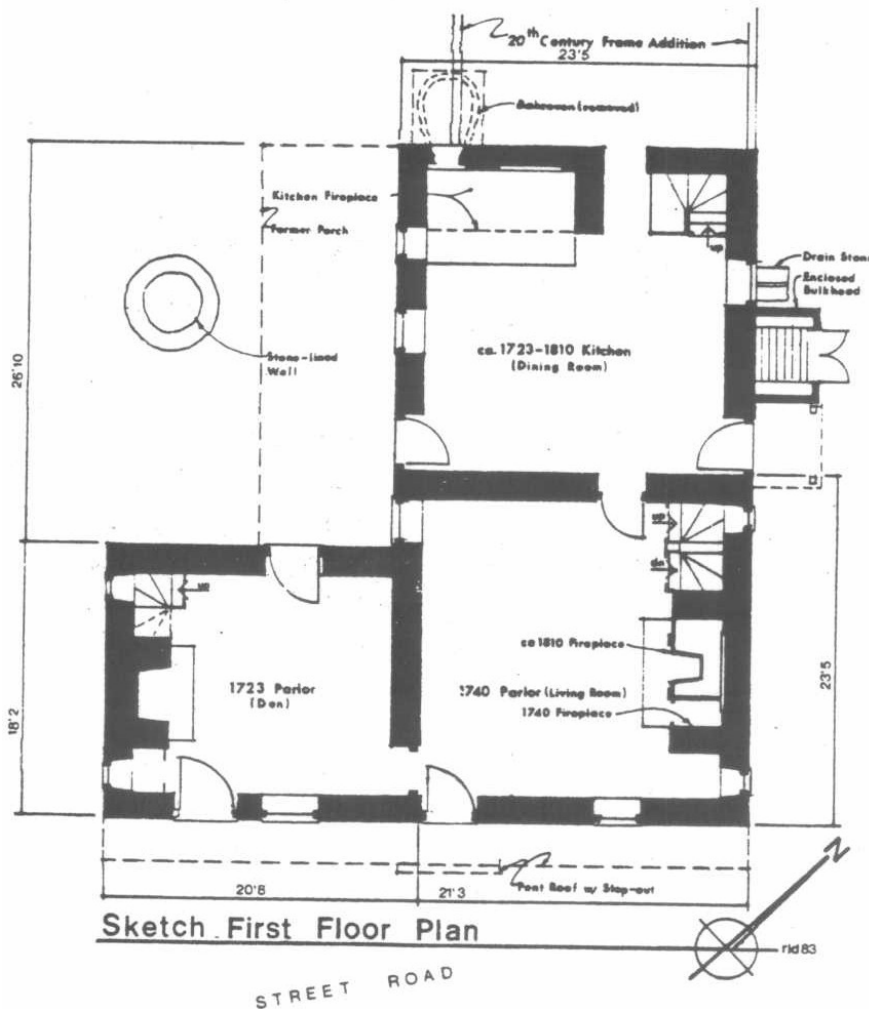
Major Hoopes family reunions were held in Pennsylvania in 1988 and 1993. I was hoping to follow this tradition and have one in 1998. I sent out a survey with the April 1997 newsletter and learned that most people wanted the reunion to be located in Pennsylvania – as could be expected, since most of our family’s American history stems from there. I was unable to find anyone who would take on the tremendous task of organizing the reunion. Those who had done it in the past were willing to advise but knew too well the amount of thankless work involved. Many were willing to help in some way but none would accept the primary responsibility. There is no realistic way any of us in the California branch can organize the event from this distance or travel to Pennsylvania to do so, since we are restricted by work and family responsibilities. 2003 should be the year of the next one, if we were trying to stay on a 5-year cycle. Would like to hear from you if there’s any interest.



For those (including me) who have never been to Brooznoll, the following is a history compiled mostly from information in the 1988 Hoopes Family Reunion commemorative.

BROOZNOLL

“Brooznoll” is the name given to the homestead of Daniel Hoopes, his wife Jane Worrilow Hoopes, and their seventeen children. It means windy knoll or windy hill and it has been said that the name actually comes from "Brasenhill", the name of the Worrilow family estate in Haughton, Staffordshire, England. All of us in the Hoopes family can trace our origins to Daniel, Jane, and their children.





West side of Brooznoll July, 1983. The datestone, which is obscured by tree branches, is in the gable at the upper right.

Brooznoll was built by Daniel Hoopes in 1723 as an 18'x20' two-story home. A major addition to the home was made in 1740. The home was built on 500 acres located in Westtown, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The land was purchased by Daniel and his father Joshua in 1697. It is very likely that a log house existed on the property prior to the construction of Brooznoll in 1723, since Daniel and Jane were married for twenty-six years and had seventeen children at the time of Brooznoll's construction.

The ground plan of the house is L-shaped, with the long side toward the road. There are two front doors and two front windows, and a casual glance is sufficient to show that the front was built at two different times. At one window the stones above the frame are arched; at the other they are laid straight, but upright, like bricks on end. The doors are of different patterns. On the east end is a date stone high in the gable, with the inscription "I. H. H. 1740" and a number of ornaments graven thereon. This is supposed to stand for Joshua H. Hoopes, the "I" being used as a "J".

On the west end is a date stone "D. & J. H. 1723", for Daniel and Jane Hoopes. This is also high in the gable, but unlike the other, it can be plainly read from the ground. All about the house the serpentine stones have been cut with initials and dates, as "M. Hoopes, 1810" and "E. E. H. 1810" and many others of more recent handiwork.

Brooznoll remained in the Hoopes family from the time of its construction until March, 1908 when it was deeded to Arthur Smedley by the children of Elwood Hoopes. Elwood and his family were the last of six generations of Hoopes families who lived in the home. Ownership then passed from Arthur Smedley to John Stratton, then to the Connelly family.

The house was in poor shape when the Connelly family purchased it. Evidence of this state of disrepair was supported by the following article which appeared in the West Chester Daily Local News on April 6th, 1908.:

After being occupied solely by rats for a month or more, the old Hoopes mansion in Westtown, just across the valley from Tanguy, is likely to see new life. Lewis V. Smedley, who recently moved to the property will air and cleanse the house, and members of his family will occupy it during the summer, leaving the newer mansion on the hill to summer guests.

The farm of 100 acres is one of the best in this section of Pennsylvania, and the ancient home, which once was a model of comfort and hospitality, has cradled and sheltered members of the Hoopes family since 1723, well toward two centuries.

A working colonial period farm is located in Ridley Creek State Park, on Route 3 (West Chester Pike). There are a number of demonstrations of daily work chores of the colonial period, and provides a good understanding of how Daniel Hoopes and his family spent their lives.

When the Connelly's purchased Brooznoll, the roof had been hit by lightning, plaster was coming off the walls – some of which had been replaced with fiberboard containing material that attracted mice – and previous inhabitants had used a hole in the floor as a toilet. They had the floors repaired and refinished and the house has been completely and accurately restored as a good example of a colonial period Pennsylvania farmhouse with open-beamed ceilings, random width oak floor boards, a huge walk-in fireplace in the kitchen, and narrow, winding staircases to the second floor and the attic, much as it existed at its completion 280 years ago. Since the Connellys have owned Brooznoll, they have been extremely thoughtful to the Hoopes family and respectful of its history.

George Connelly died 12-27-95. Their daughter Nancy has been living in the house since that time and continues to graciously welcome Hoopes family members who would like to see the historical home, requesting only that she be contacted in advance of planned visits. Nancy is retired and finds it increasingly difficult to meet the financial responsibility inherent in the maintenance of such a large property and the constantly increasing property taxes. When the road going past the house was widened, the stone wall along the road was torn down by the highway department and Nancy has had no success in seeking recompense or replacement. As a result of this wall being down, one corner of the house is only about 14 feet from the road.

In addition to the lot on which Brooznoll stands, there are 2 acres across the road that are part of the property. This is where Nancy's mother planted her victory garden in the 1940s.

A number of Hoopes correspondents have expressed hopes that Brooznoll will eventually be purchased by a member of the family and several have evinced an interest in buying the property. No firm offer has been placed to date, however, and we may find in the future that Brooznoll is in the hands of owners not as considerate of the Hoopes family.



APRIL 2003 ADDENDA
Additions/Updates, Deletions, and Corrections to
The Hoopes Family Record & previous newsletters

The contents of the Addenda portion of the newsletter are comprised of information sent from family members regarding births, deaths, marriages, and other corrections and additions. As many people have become interested in genealogy over the past few years, we've received more requests for information about the family. Those of you who have the books might want to look at your branch of the family and let us know of the changes that have occurred since the books were published in 1983. There should be many thousands of addenda, considering the fact that we had about 20,000 entries by that date, a full generation ago.



[from a 26 Aug 2001 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* obit and a note sent by their daughter, Julie Gustafson (Forsyth), Tulsa, OK

Vol II p 388 – **6215. Margaret Augusta Hoopes** died 24 Aug 2001, just two days following the death of her husband, JAMES G. FORSYTH, SR. James was a business and civic leader and philanthropist whose career and public service spanned seven decades; he died of cancer 22 Aug 2001 at his home in Webster Groves. He was 97. Margaret Forsyth, 94, died of infirmities 24 Aug 2001 at the family home. Mrs. Forsyth, a homemaker, was a past president and board member of the League of Women Voters of

Webster Groves, and she was active with the Kirkwood Old Folks Home, now Manor Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth had a lifelong interest in education and established scholarships at Washington and Webster universities. Mrs. Forsyth was a longtime supporter of Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. The Forsyths were members for 67 years of the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. There, she was active in the women's association, and he was an ordained elder and deacon and a member of the board of trustees. Mrs. Forsyth was born and grew up in Bloomington, IL. She graduated from Wesleyan University. Among survivors are two daughters, Fairlyn Mooradian of Fairview Heights and Julie Gustafson of Tulsa, OK; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Forsyth is also survived by a brother, Albert Hoopes of Bloomington. A memorial service for the Forsyths was held at the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church and burial was at St. Paul Churchyard.



[from an obit in the 2-1-03 issue of *The Columbus Dispatch*, sent by his wife Johnnie R. Hoopes, Marysville, OH]

Vol III p 1037 – **10922. James Todd Hoopes**, age 86, of Marysville, died [of cancer] Thursday, January 30, 2003 at his home. Union County lawyer from 1947-1999; 1934 graduate of Marysville High School; BA College of Wooster in 1938; Harvard Law School degree, 1941; Master's political science The Ohio State University, 1948. Member Marysville First Congregational Unified Church of Christ, former member of First Presbyterian Church and clerk of session for 25 years. Mayor of Marysville during the mid 1950s; founding board members Memorial Hospital of Union County; former chairman Marysville Salvation Army unit. Veteran U.S. Army WW II, truck regiment of Quartermaster Corps. Member of American Legion Post 79 in Marysville. Born December 23, 1916 in Marysville to the late Dr. Carl W. and Nelle G. McCloud Hoopes. Predeceased by sister Gene Shaffer. Survived by wife, Johnnie Nell (Ray) Hoopes; son, LCDR John McCloud (Allison) Hoopes, U.S. Navy; grandson, Robert Todd Hoopes, all of Stuttgart, Germany; twin sister, Jane Orr, M.D. of Evansville, Ind.; sister-in-law, Rebecca White of Ky; nieces, Jan Hefti of Springfield, Ill., Betsy Holland of Flagstaff, Ariz.; nephew, William Shaffer of Belchertown, Mass; and many great-nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Underwood Funeral Home, Marysville. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.underwoodfuneralhome.com.

[Todd was a long-time Director of the Hoopes Family Organization. He initiated a 'time capsule' of family memorabilia that was buried at Brooznoll during the family reunion in 1983.]



Vol III, p 1080 – **14453. Angela Renee Turner** married on 21 Jul 2001 in Berkeley, CA 2) DAVID BALDWIN CARLSON, son of Phillip and Carma [Baldwin] Carlson, who was born on 2 Dec 1972 in Walnut Creek, CA. Angela has been warehouse manager for a greeting card company for a number of years and David is an assistant buyer for a chain of discount stores. They live in Alameda, CA and have a daughter: **14453a). Sonja Dagny Davidsdotter** (in the ancient Swedish naming tradition), born 5 March 2003 at Merritt Hospital in Oakland, CA



Vol III, p 1080 – **14454. Pamela Lynn Turner** divorced Kirk Gusse in 2001 and married on 27 Jul 2002 at Olima, CA 2) MICHAEL "MIKE" NICHOLAS MASLOFF, son of Nicholas 'Nick' Theodore and Irene Lynda [Gourley] Masloff, who was born 31 Mar 1964 in Kagara, New South Wales. They live in Novato, CA where Mike works as a lead carpenter and Pam estimates insurance damage for a construction company.



Vol III p 1082 - **14457. Dennis Christopher Young Hoopes** and APRIL RENEE VANCOUVER, daughter of Rebecca Ann Ponit and Roscoe Vancouver, who was born 19 Mar 1984 in Houston, TX, are parents of:

14457(a). Bradley Marshall Lewis Hoopes, born 4 Oct 2002 at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, TX.