

APRIL 2005 NEWSLETTER

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The publishers of *The Hoopes Family Record* will no longer store and distribute the books for us. The remaining copies of Volumes II & III are now being stored by Amy Welch in Oklahoma and Robbie will make arrangements for mailing orders. 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 – none, Vol II – 141, Vol III – 101. - there are no more copies of Vol I. 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. Robbie would like to get them out of her way, so you'll note a 20% reduction in the price for Vols II & III on the order form.

All three volumes, with photos, are now in digital form in Microsoft Word and we're making them available on CD. We hope to eventually get the books posted on the website: <http://www.hoopesfamily.org>. Rob Bowen has graciously offered to be our webmaster and is in the process of upgrading our site.

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June Hoopes' obituary appears in its place under the Addenda, but I felt that her many years of devotion to researching and writing our family history warranted an expanded version. Of course, my personal summary of Mom's life is limited to my knowledge and perceptions.



Mom grew up in a comfortable Chicago suburb, the middle child of three. She had a very close relationship with her mother, a first generation German immigrant. Her father was a successful businessman, somewhat formal, who traveled frequently in his work.

She met John Hoopes while they were both attending Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. She says that she told a friend 'That's the man I'm going to marry,' the first time she saw him. He was the son of a railroad postal clerk who later became an Astoria, IL nursery owner. They married after Daddy graduated with a degree in chemistry and moved to Peoria, IL where Daddy worked nights in a distillery. Mom struggled with learning to cook, clean house, and manage on a budget for the first time in her life. She told us that she ran through her initial food allowance in a few days and was shocked when Daddy told her that was all the money allotted for the week. Later, when a thief attempted to take her purse containing her food money, she kneed him in his private parts. This may have been the origin of her reputation for frugality.

I was born in Peoria, and after the family moved to St. Charles, Missouri, Dennis came on the scene. After a brief time there, we moved to Borger, Texas, Daddy's choice of his two options for wartime employment rather than work in munitions in Tennessee. The Texas Panhandle was a far cry from Chicago society, and Mom had a strong dose of culture shock. She found the people very friendly but waited for months for a written invitation to visit, not realizing that her Texas neighbors meant it literally when they said, "Y'all come see us!". In the ensuing years, Roberta (Robbie) and Scott were born, and our parents now had 4 children, spaced 2 years apart. She was determined that we weren't going to grow up 'like hicks' and made me wear dresses while all of my friends were in jeans, but she soon started to adapt to her environment, even down to becoming an avid square dancer!

Mom tried to be a traditional stay-at-home mother, learning to cook and sew fairly well but never quite getting the hang of cleaning. She had a huge thirst for knowledge and a fear that her brain might atrophy with the lack of cultural stimulation. There were no museums or symphony orchestras in Borger, and she had little in common with the majority of other women in town, most from the Oklahoma cotton fields. Some were slow to warm to her because she had a 'Yankee accent'. She found intellectual outlets where she

could - writing stories and articles for publication, working for the local newspaper and radio station, and presenting book reviews. Mom exercised her dramatic side for many years in community theater, dragging Daddy and me in when they needed another 'warm body'. She expended much time and effort in wartime troop support, working with the Red Cross and other groups during WWII and the Korean war. When I was 14, she joined the newly formed local Civil Air Patrol squadron and took every single correspondence course offered by the Air Force. She also worked for a number of years for a construction company.

A faithful Republic to the end, she nevertheless headed up the local Republicans for Truman effort when she felt it was necessary as 'the lesser of two evils'. She worked many hours campaigning for candidates, attending conventions, staffing the polls, and counting ballots.

Always active in Catholic church activities, Mom was known for her outspoken participation in numerous church activities. She volunteered her time for altar services, choir singing, hospital visits, youth outreach, food and clothing distribution, and anything else that she felt needed attention.

Mom wrote in *The Hoopes Family Record* that she became interested genealogy in 1967, long after I had left home and established my own branch. But I heard many tales of vacations taken up largely with visits to graveyards to look for Hoopes ancestors. After the books were published in 1983, she kept going with semi-annual addenda to address the many additions and revisions that were sent to her. Her loss will leave a huge gap in the knowledge of our family history, as there were many things only she knew that weren't on paper. Every time I've written the newsletter since I started in 1995, I've had to call her at least a few times to get clarification on some items.

She loved parties and several years ago we began the tradition of a 'June in December' party during her annual holiday visit to California. Her presence was missed this time but the party will continue in her honor for as long as I'm able. Mom would have especially enjoyed the 'going-away' festivities so beautifully presented by her many friends at her memorial services. The music, flowers, and other tributes were exceptional; and she would have been delighted to see all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in attendance to give her a loving send-off.

Her ashes were placed in a wooden box made by one of her grandsons-in-law and the box now resides in a niche next to Daddy's. We miss her dearly but know that she's where she wants to be.



Though not a relative, **Lillian Fredsall Webster** provided great assistance in the indexing of *The Hoopes Family Record* for publication. She was secretary to Francis L. McIlhenny, who had begun the project and died before the books were published, and Lillian continued his work without remuneration because she "knew he would want to see the project completed".

[from an obit sent to Lorenzo Hoopes, Oakland, CA from Dalbert Hoopes, Litchfield, CT]

Lillian (Fredsall) Webster died at the age of 83 at Rose Haven LTD in Litchfield. She was the wife of Arthur B. Webster.

Mrs. Webster was born Oct. 20, 1921 in Torrington, daughter of the late Frank and Bertha (Weingart) Fredsall. She had worked as a genealogist and was a member of the Bantam Historical Society, the Milton Women's Club, the CJR Auxiliary. She was also an active member of the First Congregational Church of Litchfield, where she had served on many committees. She was well known for her cross-stitching and she had fed many of the haying crew at Arethusa Farm.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Webster is survived by a son, Ben Webster of New Marlboro, Mass.; two daughters, Jane Fulton and Jean Dale, both of Litchfield; one sister, Tekla Palmer of Virginia; and four granddaughters.

A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church of Litchfield and a private burial is planned to be held at West Cemetery, Litchfield in the spring.

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Does anyone know whether or not **Todd Hoopes**, 260 Mulberry, Marysville, OH 94340; and **Sloan Hoopes**, 2023 Maiden Lane, Roanoke, VA 24015 are still with us? The phone numbers I have for each of them have been disconnected.

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[from a 10-6-04 *Philadelphia Inquirer* & another article sent by Donald Hoopes Hannum, Wagontown, PA]
Pennsylvania Unclaimed Property Database. Hoopes PA family members can search the database, <http://www.patreasury.org/>, or call 1-800-222-2046 to receive a claim form to mail to the PA Treasury. If you know any of the following people, you might want to alert them. Here are the Hoopes names and addresses that were on the lists:

Hoopes, Barbara, 731 N Walnut St, West Chester, PA 19380
Hoopes, Catherine L, Paul R Hoopes 103 Birchwood Rd, Aldan, PA 19018
Hoopes, Edward A, RR 1 Box 427, Avondale, PA 19311
Hoopes, Edward J, 525 N Jackson St, Media, PA 19063
Hoopes, Helen A, 6310 N Woodstock St, Philadelphia, PA 19138
Hoopes, Helen M, 2330 South Warnock Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148
Hoopes, J W , 333 Swarthmore Ave, Folsom, PA 19033
Hoopes, Lillian, 233 Penn Blvd, East Lansdowne, PA 19050
Hoopes, Mary C, 116 W 22nd St, Chester, PA 19013
Hoopes, Naomi M, 750 Old Lancaster Rd, Apt C406, Berwyn, PA 19312
Hoopes, Rebecca, 4800 Township Line Rd, Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Hoopes, Rowland Jr, S James Grow 1009 W Kings Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
Hoopes, Wilmer W III, 350 N Pottstown Pk, Exton, PA 19341

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Roots Road Trip. Though we have served as secretary and treasurer of the Hoopes Family Organization since 1995, Robbie and I have never visited the area where our family took roots in America. Next month, with Robbie's husband Wayne, we'll be taking a meandering route across the country to West Chester County in hopes of getting more insight into our family history. We want to see Brooznoll and any other existing Hoopes homes, as well as to visit area libraries and museums that might contain family lore and pictures. We'd appreciate any suggestions about places to go and people to contact from those of you who live in Pennsylvania or have made the trek there.

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[a 10-24-04 *Daily Local News* article sent by Donald Hoopes Hannum, Wagontown, PA]

Home excavation sheds light on Quaker past

Archaeologists unearth nearly 6,000 historic artifacts from pre-construction site

By Kristen Rahn

Special to the Local News

LONDON GROVE – In 2001, the state transportation department set out to add a turning lane to Route 41, where it intersects with Old Baltimore Pike. The addition of this turning lane uncovered a significant archaeological site and yielded three years of archaeological research and a wealth of historical artifacts.

By this intersection stands the Hoopes House, a farmhouse built by a Quaker family in the 18th century.

The artifacts uncovered at the site have helped to paint a more complete and detailed picture of the lives of the people who first settled the area.

Federal law requires that PennDOT provide an environmental assessment in any area intended for construction if the area is suspected to contain community resources.

Before PennDOT broke ground, one of its own archaeologists determined that the spot was worthy of further investigation.

PennDOT then contracted a private company, A.D. Marble & Co., to complete the investigation.

The archaeological dig took place in what is currently the back yard of Dorris and Martin Dylan, owners of the Hoopes House. Francis Hoopes, a Quaker yeoman, built this house in 1786. When the archaeologists began their dig, they expected to uncover artifacts dating post-1786, findings that would describe the lives and culture of Francis Hoopes and his family while they occupied the house.

Indeed, many artifacts appeared to originate from the Hoopes House and the family that lives there, but further research showed that many of the artifacts date prior to the construction of the Hoopes House, suggesting that a second, older house once stood in close proximity.

The archaeological team proceeded to research London Grove property deeds, tax records, maps and newspapers.

Their research confirmed that a second house once existed.

This second house was built by a man named John Allen, an Irish Quaker and one of the first settlers to live in the area.

The discovery of the remains of his home helped archaeologists to determine that the Hoopes House is a significant archaeological resource, and that the site merited intense investigation and archaeological research.

The field work began in 2003. Daniel Bailey of A.D. Marble & Co. headed the archaeological dig. He stated that his team began its dig by using a ground-penetrating radar to glimpse below ground surface before digging. The radar revealed the foundation and cellar of the Allen home, built in 1730.

The Allen home was built in two different sections, part of it from logs and part from stone. Along with the foundation of the house, Bailey stated that "a massive number of historical artifacts were found." The artifacts consisted of various household items, including kitchenware, pottery, buttons, smoking pipes and wine bottles.

All of the nearly 6,000 artifacts uncovered at the Hoopes House site were donated by the Dylan family to the state and will be preserved in a state museum.

The Hoopes House and the entire archaeological site were determined to be outside of the construction impact area. PennDOT was able to proceed with the widening of Route 41.



[from a 12-26-04 *Daily Local News* article sent by Donald Hoopes Hannum, Wagontown, PA. Other articles about the Hoopes nursery appear in the April 1996 and April 1998 newsletters.]

Nursery business blooms in West Chester

by Pam Powell

One of the most successful early nurseries in Chester County was Hoopes, Brother & Thomas of West Chester, which began as a one-acre operation and expanded to one that supplied customers in both the United States and Europe. Hoopes, Brother & Thomas had an extensive range of plants including fruit trees, evergreens and greenhouse plants.

The Founder, Josiah Hoopes, was one of the best informed horticulturists of his day. He wrote for several horticultural publications as well as a ground-breaking work on conifers, "The Book of Evergreens." He was also active in state and local horticultural organizations.

The nursery began in 1853 when Hoopes built a small greenhouse and began collecting "flora of the world." He started by selling seeds and vegetable plants in his Cherry Hill Nursery. By 1856 he was selling apple trees, ornamental trees and shrubs and flowers such as petunias, geraniums and pansies. His first catalog was printed in 1856, offerings in which included roses, apple trees, pear trees, peaches, gooseberries, and other small fruits. He also sold 202 varieties of ornamental deciduous trees.



Photo courtesy Chester County Historical Society

"The Book of Evergreens," published in 1868, was the first book about growing American conifers in the United States. Every species in the Mid-Atlantic states was listed by scientific and common name and included the characteristics and natural range along with hints on growing. Hoopes planted a "pinetum" or pine grove in 1873 as a test plot for hardiness of different types of conifers.

Hoopes wrote articles for the New York Tribune, the Horticulturalist and Gardener's Monthly. He became associate editor of the Horticulturalist in 1874. He took a scientific approach to horticulture and advocated planting trees in locations and soil in which the variety was known to be successful.

Hoopes was active in the Chester County Agricultural Society and the Horticultural Society taking many awards for his horticultural exhibits. He was appointed to the first state Board of Agriculture in 1876 as pomologist or an expert in fruit growing. He held this position until 1884. He was the president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for 10 years.

Hoopes' expertise on conifers was well known. He was asked to identify specimens collected on George Wheeler's expedition of the American West in 1873 for identification. Hoopes traveled abroad to study the great gardens of Europe. He gathered specimen trees on his travels which he offered for sale in his catalog.

Josiah Hoopes founded his nursery in 1853 with a single greenhouse. In 1857, Josiah's brother, Abner Hoopes, joined the business and the firm was named Hoopes & Brother. In 1866, George Brinton Thomas joined the business as an office partner, hence the name Hoopes, Brother & Thomas.

The nursery rapidly expanded to 600 acres with 17 greenhouses and was located at the edge of West Chester between Marshall Street and Maple Avenue. Part of the nursery's operation was outside the borough limits in West Goshen. The nursery was renamed the Maple Avenue Nursery in 1885 to avoid confusion with other establishments.

Hoopes, Brother & Thomas conducted much of their business by catalog and mailed out 13,000 catalogs in 1879. Catalogs became more descriptive and instructive with each succeeding issue. The firm also developed specialized catalogs for fruit trees and roses. In 1886, President Grover Cleveland personally ordered plantings for the White House from Hoopes, Brother & Thomas. Many trees were sold to the federal government to be planted in national cemeteries.

Hoopes, Brother & Thomas' influence expanded across U.S. borders. The nursery had customers in England, Germany, Belgium, France, Scotland and the Netherlands. A catalog was printed in Spanish to stimulate sales in Mexico. Overseas customers were most interested in collecting plants native to the United States.

The packing house was essential to the successful operation of the business. Hoopes, Brother & Thomas had its own railroad siding known as the Maple Avenue Station on the West Chester branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Plants were shipped to Philadelphia where they could be transported by ship around the world.

After the deaths of the original founders between 1904 and 1920, the company was operated by Abner's son, Wilmer Worthington Hoopes and Charles E. Cattell, who bought a share of the business. The business went into a slow decline in the absence of the founders and was dissolved in 1948.



APRIL 2005 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.

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Vol II, p 643 - 7912. **June Virginia Markus Hoopes**, 84 died Tuesday, September 22, 2004. She was preceded in her death by her husband John Allan Hoopes, her parents Arthur Bernard Markus and Dorothy Nieland Markus, her sister Mary Jane Krein Reed, and her grandson Bradley Hoopes. She was born June 15, 1920 in Rogers Park, IL and married John on October 28, 1939 in Chicago, IL.

June was an extremely active woman from an early age up until her last months of illness. In addition to rearing 4 children, she worked in various jobs in radio, news publishing, and construction – and devoted many years in volunteer work for the Republican party and numerous Catholic charity organizations. She was active in amateur theater and was an officer in the Civil Air Patrol. Her interest in genealogy resulted in her researching and writing much of the 3 volumes of *The Hoopes Family Record*. June's love of travel took her to many parts of the globe, and she made every trip a learning experience.

She is survived by her brother Arthur R. Markus of Englewood, CO. her sons John Dennis Hoopes of Houston, TX, Scott Allan Hoopes of Victoria, TX; her daughters Zan Turner of Berkeley, CA, and Roberta Klingstedt of Concord, CA; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, September 24, 2004 at 6-9pm with a Rosary at 6:30 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. A funeral mass was held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Houston, TX followed by a reception for family and friends.

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[from Eugenia H. Nickerson, Muscatine, IA]

Vol III, p 979 – **9910. Eugenia Ione Boynton** was married to 1) FRED GIRVIN HOCKING, now deceased, and is presently married to 2) JACK A. NICKERSON.

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[excerpted from a 10-11-04 *Daily Local News* obit sent by Donald Hoopes Hannum, Wagontown, PA]

Vol II, p 865 – **8961. Townsend Walter “Tim” Hoopes II**, an author and onetime Washington insider who wrote of how President Lyndon B. Johnson tried to de-escalate the Vietnam War in 1968, died from complications of melanoma on Sept. 20 in Baja California, Mexico.

Mr. Hoopes was a resident of Chestertown, MD. The former assistant secretary of defense was Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's principal deputy for international security affairs. In that post, he was among the few who influenced U.S. policies and strategies in Indochina. Later, as undersecretary of the Air Force, he saw the resulting shambles on the ground.

He startled Washington – and the country – with his blunt 1969 account, *The Limits of Intervention*, which focused on his impressions in light of the calamitous Vietnamese Tet offensive of 1968.

It was a text on war-making gone awry and a president's belated efforts to cut short demands for yet more troops and bombardment. Like several other of Mr. Hoopes' books, it remains in print.

Mr. Hoopes disclosed that even in the highest echelons of government, many officials had long concluded that the intervention in Vietnam was misconceived. The book put some pressure on the new president, Richard M. Nixon, to press the disengagement, but the conflict went on until the reunification of Vietnam in 1976.

Townsend Walter Hoopes II, known as Tim, was born in Duluth, Minn., a son of a Great Lakes steamship executive. He graduated in 1940 from Phillips Academy Andover, and with the war-delayed class of 1944 from Yale, where he was captain of the football team.

He was a Marine Corps lieutenant serving on Iwo Jima and in occupied Japan, then went to Washington, first as an assistant to the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. In 1948, he was named an assistant to the secretary of defense, with time for studies at the National War College, and wrote an influential paper foretelling the president's need for what eventually became the National Security Council.

In 1953, Mr. Hoopes joined the international consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick & Paget, now Towers Perrin, as a partner in New York and a vice president and director of the Washington office.

After his government service, he was a frequent critic of Washington's approach to arms control in the confrontation with the Soviet Union.

He was president of the Association of American Publishers from 1973 to 1986. He wrote authoritative books such as *The Devil and John Foster Dulles: The Diplomacy of the Eisenhower Era* and *Driven Patriot: The Life and Times of James Forrestal* and *FDR and the Creation of the U.N.*, the latter two written with Douglas Brinkley. With his second wife, Ann Hoopes, he wrote *Eye Power*, a personal guide to visual training, illustrated with eye exercises. Most recently he published a novel, *A Textured Web*.

Besides his wife of 40 years, Mr. Hoopes is survived by their daughter, Andrea H. DeGirolamo; sons Townsend W. III and Peter S.; two stepdaughters; two stepsons, and 11 grandchildren.