

APRIL '97 NEWSLETTER

Dear Cousins,

For the first three newsletters I edited, it seemed that there was lots of addenda material waiting to be printed. Well, the last of the big blocks of info received since the October '96 newsletter is in this issue. I've added fragments from the books and from articles sent by contributors. I do need continued input, as there's nothing I can do to generate addenda if you don't send it, and the amount of available anecdotal material is limited. It would be great to get info on 3.5" disk in IBM WordPerfect 6.0< for Windows (not 95 yet).

I receive lots of obits and other news items without family numbers. In the past, I've researched them in the books, but I no longer have the time or energy for this. If there is someone willing to be a "clearinghouse" to which articles can be sent for the identification numbers prior to printing, please let me know. For now, I'll print without and correct later.

Pat, thanks for your family information. If anyone has information to help Pat support the position that Evan Hoopes [#379] was the son of Isaiah [#88] and Jane Hoopes, please send it to Patricia Watson Dyson, 785 N. State Road 9, Albion, IN 46701.

If anyone has info on the Anna Hoops (or Hoopes on her daughter's death certificate) and her husband William Sullivan who are parents of Mary Sullivan, born 29 Jan 1869 in Hubbard OH, please contact Lawrence L. Taylor, P. O. Box 507, Parkman, OH 44080.

We should determine if there's sufficient interest and commitment to hold a Hoopes Family Reunion in 1998. Please complete and return the questionnaire on the reverse side of this page as soon as possible. From material received about past reunions, there's obviously a tremendous amount of work involved. Many people might feel intimidated by the challenge, but I'm sure those who did such a good job in the past would gladly share what works and what doesn't with anyone willing to take on the '98 event. **Someone must accept primary responsibility for organizing the '98 reunion very soon or it's unlikely we'll be able to plan it in time.** The Oct '97 newsletter should contain information so family members can begin plans to attend, and the Apr '98 issue would be the latest that could include a registration form for a summer reunion.

The Klingstedts and Turners are doing fine. Mother, Robbie and I will be off on a grand adventure travelling together to Turkey and Greece next month! We will fly to Istanbul for 2 days - then board a cruise ship for 5 days stopping at Lesbos, Kusadasi, Rhodes, and Santorini - and complete the trip with 2 days in Athens before heading home.

Hope you are all well and happy. Send me info!

Sincerely,