

OCTOBER '97 NEWSLETTER

Does anyone have new addresses for or info about these life members? Their newsletters were returned with no forwarding addresses.

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Robert F. Flynn - 96 BelAire Place, Lot #9; Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Drs. Geo. & Thos. Uhde - 270 Medical Towers S; Louisville, KY 40202

Ira Blain Hoops - 509 Cherry Street; Janesville, WI 53545_ _ _

We received an awesome 1865 diary entry from Ron Hoopes of Acton, MA. He copied it from the diary of his Great Grandfather Isaacher Hoopes [Vol 1, p 405, No. 1896]. The effect of reading it in its photocopied state was so visceral that I wanted you to see it the same way; it's on the last (un-numbered) page. Despite the fact that the handwriting is quite neat, I was unable to decipher it all or to figure out exactly what Isaacher did with the leather he measured [the Hoopes history says he was a bookkeeper]. Anyone know?

Also sent by Ron was this ad for the Hoops Inn in Devon, England. Has anyone been there or seen the place? Does anyone know how the namesakes relate to our branch of the family?

Sent by Richard K. Hoopes, No. 11000, of West Chester, PA - A note to remind us that "according to info on p. 41 of Vol I, this Oct. 5 will be [was] the 300th anniversary of the deeding of Brooznoll Farm to Daniel Hoopes."

Thanks to the many who sent material regarding the Barclay Hoopes family farm. One of the articles is copied on the back of page 3. Another showed a picture of Barclay greeting Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., who remarked, "When you think of America, you think of Chester County. Much of what we did here in America was done in Chester County. Much of what we are socially, economically, and politically, started here...I'm proud to stand here in Chester County..." The article says that the Hoopes family will give daily hay-rides through Halloween in an effort to improve agricultural understanding.

Also thanks to you who sent info about the "Patterns of the Past" show at the Chester County Historical Society. Unfortunately, I only received one copy - and can't remember who sent it - of a 6-15-97 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article that seemed interesting but was too dark to copy effectively. Excerpts follow. I hope those of you who are in the area get a chance to see the exhibit.

Patterns from early industries on display

Some are shown as they were used in factories. Others have been made into art...

Edgar Lawrence, a retired dentist, recently hauled several crate-loads of heavy wood objects to the Chester County Historical Society here.

As historical artifacts, inherited by his wife, Lawrence's pieces had a rightful place at the society. But they are not typical family heirlooms. They are foundry patterns, remnants of the industrial age that were used to make molds for machine parts.

...Lawrence's patterns came from Hoopes, Brother and Darlington, an early West Chester wheel-works, and were used to make replacements for broken parts.

In Chester County, Lawrence is one of the few people who have managed to salvage these once-essential industrial forms. He had access to hundreds of them, because he and his wife, Betsy, briefly took over Hoopes, her family's firm, in the early 1970s. The company, founded in 1866, was one of the last major producers of wooden wheels in the nation when it closed in 1973.

...While many patterns are shown for their complex craftsmanship, the exhibit is designed to be informative about early industries as well. There are captioned photographs of workmen manning machines at Hoopes, which once had a factory that employed more than 200 and occupied two full blocks from Market Street south to Barnard.

..."Patterns of the Past" will be up through the fall...

We only received one family branch extension - from Lucy Seiler - which I should have sent back earlier but hope to have renumbered for next time. Also in the next issue - some "flashback" cartoons sent by Bob Mitchell mentioning the Hoopes Bros. & Thomas Nursery. And hope to have space for the longer entries sent regarding the deaths of Mary Thomson Hoopes Garvine and Ernest A. Hoopes.

OCTOBER '97 ADDENDA

[from a 1996 Kennett paper sent by Richard K. Hoopes, West Chester, PA - no info in Hannum archives]

Ethel R. Hannum Stapleton, 82 of Middletown Del., Formerly of Yorklyn, died on Sept. 9, at Chistiana Hospital. She was the wife of the late Harry N. Stapleton, who died in 1975. Born in Kennett Square, she was the daughter of the late Curtis Hoopes and Ethel May Rodgers Hannum. She was a member of the Middletown-Odessa-Townsend Senior Center. She enjoyed her family and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving are a daughter, Nancy E. Anderson of St. Georges and Newark; three sisters, Margaret L. Congdon of Boynton Beach, FL, Helen C. Mumper of Wilmington, DE, Jean E. Boyer of Mill Creek, DE; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Kuzo & Gofus Funeral Home in Kennett Square. Interment is in Union Hill Cemetery.

[from a 10-24-96 obit in the *Daily Local News* sent by Don Hoopes Hannum, Wagontown, PA]

Vol I, p 636 - **6060. Carrie Hoopes Petro{u}sky**, 92, of Coatesville, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1996 at the Harrison House, Christiana. She was the widow of Charles Petrosky. Born in Unionville, she was the daughter of the later Llewellen and Martha Faddis Hoopes. She lived in Chester County all of her life and was employed for 45 years at the former Kinney Shoes store in Coatesville as a sales clerk. She was also a member of the Chapel Road Baptist Church. She is survived by a nephew, whom she raised, Austin Wilson of Florida; and two nieces, whom she also raised, Ann Kramer of Wilmington, DE and Jean Kolodski of Parkesburg. Funeral services were held Oct. 26 at the Chapel Road Baptist Church, Coatesville. Interment was at the Hephzibah Baptist Cemetery.

[from a 1-14-97 obit in the *Daily Local News* sent by Don Hoopes Hannum, Wagontown, PA]

Vol II, p 354 - **8886. Lea{h} B. Hoopes Cosgriff**, 39, of Brandamore died Sunday, Jan. 12 1997 at her home. She was the wife of Joseph Cosgriff, with whom she celebrated 15 years of marriage on Sept. 25, 1996. Born in West Chester, she was the daughter of the late Norman Hoopes and Henrietta Flerx Hoopes of West Chester. She was a

1976 graduate of East West Chester High School. She was a baker at Giant Foods in Exton, retiring in 1996 after four years of service. She was a member of the VFW Post 106 in West Chester. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by one son, Joseph P. Cosgriff of Brandamore; one daughter, Robin L. Cosgriff of Brandamore; and one sister, Clark Cain of West Chester. Services and interment were private.

[from an obit in the 6-18-97 *Town Talk Newspapers*, Media, PA, sent by Richard Hoopes]

Vol II, p 383 - **6160. Robert F. Hoopes, S.**, 74, of West Chester, died June 14, at Friends Hall in West Chester after a long illness. Born in Marshallton, he was a graduate of Henderson High School. He worked on his family's dairy farm in Marshallton for several years and then apprenticed with Shondel Masonry. He started his own company, Robert Hoopes Masonry in 1948 and continued working in the West Chester area for 50 years, while teaching his sons the brick laying trade. He enjoyed baseball and achieved local fame pitching for the Red Men and Edge Moor teams. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Leah Ban Hoopes; three sons, Robert Jr. and Charles, both of West Chester, and Steven of Gap; one daughter, Barbara Johnson of Parkesburg; a brother, Paul Hoopes of West Chester; two sisters, Mary Glisson and Dorothy Stevenson, both of Newark, Del.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Funeral services and internment were in West Chester.

[Sent by Mildred A. Hoopes of Olympia Fields, IL]

Vol II, p 653 - **7993. Huron "Sam Rutherford Hoopes** died 6 Apr 1995.

[Sent by Lloyd's first cousin Eugene H. Hoops #11686 of Grand Island, NE, who believes Lloyd may have been the oldest living member of the family, or at least of his generation; if so, Gene thinks he may now have that honor. Does anyone know?]

Vol III, p 1139 - **11684 Lloyd Ivan Hoops** died in North Bend NE on 12 April 1997.

Vol III, p 1141 - 11686 Eugene H. Hoops - add to issue by Nesle (Kenar) Hoops:

11686e. Filiz Sibyl Hoops, born 25 July 1983 in Grand Island, NE.

[Sent by proud grandma Mary A. Simons, No. 6837, East Moline, IL]

Vol II, p 486 - 9937. Robert Allen Simons and his wife Amelia gave birth to:

9937a. Eli Isaias Simons, born 3 Jan 1997 at Illini Hospital, Silvia, IL.

[Sent by Betty Hoopes Huffman, No. 10930, of LaRue, OH]

Vol III, p 1039 - **14177. Lee Meryl Huffman** married and divorced Norman Reichenbaugh. She received a Fulbright for study in New Zealand at the New Zealand Dairy Products. Coached and swam on the Palmerston North's New Zealand Master's swim team. Met and married fellow swimmer Graham Devey on 12 Dec 1988. Returned to Santa Rosa, CA in employ of New Zealand Dairy Products in the US.

Issue surname Huffman-Devey:

14166a. Troy Randall Huffman-Devey born 7 Jun 1994 in Santa Rosa, CA.

14166b. Lane Hastings Huffman-Devey born 27 Mar 1997 in Santa Rosa, CA.

[Sent by Ruth Todd of Rutledge, PA]

Vol II, p 403 - **6275. Ethel H opes McClung** died of congestive heart failure on 22 Jan 1997.

Vol II, p 30 - **6277. Bertha Lillian Hoopes** died of cancer on 21 Mar 1997.

Vol III, p 903 - **13034a. Nicole Alexa Todd** was born to Trisha Lynn Todd on 6 Dec 1994.