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THE HASSAN FAMILY

ROBERT HASSAN (1815-1889)

His Antecedents and Descendants

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CHAPTER I

HUGH HASSAN, 1736-1832

The Hassan family can be traced back to approximately 1779 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Efforts to learn when the first Hassan came to America have been unsuccessful. It seems certain, however, that the first immigrant was Scotch-Irish. All of the older family members have ascribed such a background and the settlers in Mifflin County were largely Scotch-Irish. Hugh Hassan is the name of the first-known Hassan in this country and he was a member of the Presbyterian church. This again is indicative of Scotch-Irish stock.

The following family tradition was related by two different people¹ on separate occasions. The first Hassan to come to America came as a stowaway. In Ireland he had refused to bow to the land-owner (an Irish lord). Instead, he pulled the lord off his horse, beat him, and then fled. Friends helped him to get on board a ship as a stowaway and thus he came to America. There is no proof for this tradition but it seems likely that it may be true. Hugh may have been this stowaway as his name cannot be found on any of the early ship lists.

A document was discovered by the authors in the possession of an elderly Hassan descendant² in Youngstown, Ohio. It was the original legal paper with the seal of the Prothonotary of Mifflin County on it and was taken by the family when they moved

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from Mifflin County to introduce them in their new community. The paper is dated May 18, 1799, and states that the family had lived in Derry Township Mifflin County, Pennsylvania "upwards of twenty years". The document (with spelling as written therein) reads as follows:

The whole names are under written do certify That Hugh Hassen and Rosannah his Wife and Family lived upwards of twenty years in Derry Township, Mifflin County, During which time they were Considered as Members in full communion with the Presbyterian Church; That the whole family has supported unblemished Moral characters, and lived among us Respected and Esteemed for their Honesty and Integrity - is Certified by

18th May 1799	Robert Forsyth	John Oliver
	Wm. Harper	Joe Edmiston
Thomas Bell	John Kerne*	Edward William
	Chat Magill*	Armstrong
James Reed*	Magill Burns	James Mayes
	Jos. Burns	Geo. Mulholla
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		Wm. Elliott
		John Piper

Mifflin County in the)
State of Pennsylvania) ss

Prothonotary I Samuel Edmiston Esq.
seal of Prothonotary of the Court of
Mifflin County Common Pleas in & for the said
County of Mifflin, duly com-
missioned and dwelling in Borough of Lewistown
in said County, - Do hereby certify that John
Oliver Esq. above named, is one of the Judges
of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid, that

*Names are barely legible and spelling is uncertain

*I Samuel Edmiston, Esq. Prothonotary of
the Court of Common Pleas in & for the dis-
trict of Mifflin, duly Commissioned and
the above named, is one of the Judges in
said County. - Do hereby Certify, that John
Oliver Esq. above named, is one of the Judges
of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid, that Joseph Edmiston, Esq.
also above named, is one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said
County, both duly Commissioned to, and that the other Gentl-
men above named, are persons of much respectability in this
County. - And that due credit is given to all such things done
by them. Witness my hand & seal of Office at Lewistown aforesaid,
the 23. day of May, 1799.*

Sam. Edmiston

Joseph Edmiston, Esq. also above named, is one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said county, both duly commissioned ___ and that the other gentlemen above named are persons of much respectability in this county - And that due credit is given to all such things done by them. Witness my hand & seal of office at Lewistown aforesaid the 23.d day of May, 1799

Sam Edmiston Prothy.

One guess as to where the family lived in Ireland Belfast. The Duffield descendants of an Elizabeth Hassan have a family history called The Duffield family of Venango Co., Pa. According to it, Elizabeth came to America with her brother Robert and his family from Belfast on the last ship to land before the Revolution. They located in what is now Trumbull County, Ohio. Elizabeth is said to have been born in 1754 and to have married William Duffield. Elizabeth would have been born about eighteen years later than Hugh. (This report may be true, but the authors did not find evidence of any Hassan family other than Hugh's in the Trumbull County courthouse records.)

Hugh was born in 1736 and died July 13, 1832, in Trumbull County, Ohio, aged 96 years. He is buried at the northwest corner of the Liberty Presbyterian Church cemetery, Liberty Township, Seceeders Corners. His church is located between Warren and Youngstown and can be further located as being on the south side of the road that extends between Girard and Hubbard.

Hugh married Rosannah (surname unknown). She was born approximately 1750 and died January 11, 1844, aged 94 years. She is buried beside her husband. Inscriptions on their tombstones are still legible.³

The name Hassan was spelled in various ways. The

gravestones of Hugh and Rosannah use the spelling "Hassan". However, the name was often spelled "Hasson" in Trumbull County and by some of the family themselves when they first moved to Hancock County. The sign above the entrance gate to Hasson Cemetery in Hancock is spelled with an "o".

It is thought that Hugh served in the Revolutionary War. His grave has been marked as a soldier of the Revolution, but since two Hughs are listed in the 1790 Mifflin County census we attempted to locate evidence that would ascribe this service to the Hugh who later settled in Trumbull County. An inquiry to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at Harrisburg brought this information in a reply:

...one Hugh Hasson was enrolled (sometime during the period 1781-1783) as a Private in Captain William Wilson's Eighth Company, Eighth Battalion, Cumberland County Militia, according to a List of Tax Rates of the Second, Third and Fourth Classes, Eighth Battalion, pursuant to an Act of Assembly passed in 1781. (Residence is ascribed to Armagh Township.)

...one Hugh Hassen was enrolled as a Private in Second Class, Second Company, Fifth Battalion, Cumberland County Militia, in which capacity he served a tour of active duty in Captain Wm. Willson's Company of the Second Class, under order of Council dated September 6, 1777, according to the evidence of the Fine Book of John Carothers, County Lieutenant, page 44. Residence in this case also is ascribed to Armagh Township. (In the Cumberland County Militia, companies ascribed to Armagh and Derry townships made up the Fifth Battalion during the period 1777-1780, and the Eighth Battalion during the period 1780-1783.)

At that time, the part of Mifflin County north of Jacks Mountain was known as Armagh Township and all

South of the mountain was Derry Township. The official document referred to earlier which Hugh took with him when he moved stated that he had lived in Derry Township, whereas it will be noted in the excerpt just quoted that he enrolled from Armagh Township.

Some history concerning the territory at that time is clear what seems to be a conflict. Mifflin County was formed in 1789 from three townships of Cumberland County: Derry, Armagh, and Wayne. From 1768-1770 this entire area had been known as Derry Township. In 1771 it was split into Derry and Armagh. Then in 1783 part of it was named Wayne. Despite the new names, the inhabitants likely continued to refer to themselves as living in Derry. In the first U.S. Census of 1790, Mifflin County then included all of Juniata County (to the south), and part of Centre County (to the north). The census is divided into that part of the county south of the Juniata River and that north of the river.⁴ The authors were unable to find land deeds for Hugh Hasson on record at the court houses in Lewistown, Mifflin County, or in Mifflintown in Juniata County. A search was made in Bellefonte in Centre County.

It has been said by historians that the township of Derry was a typical Scotch-Irish name from the town and county of Londonderry in Ireland from which many of the settlers had come.

In the years 1781-89, Hugh Hesson was taxed as a married man in Derry Township.⁵ In the assessment of 1790 he was listed as owning 100 acres, one horse, and one cow.⁶

We have no record of the family's whereabouts from 1799 to 1806 when they seem to have settled in Trumbull County, Ohio. On June 18, 1806, when Hugh was seventy years old, he bought 203 acres in

Trumbull County, Hubbard Township, for \$540 from Nehemiah Hubbard.⁷

Another Hugh Hassan (spelled with an "o") lived and died in Venango County, Pennsylvania, not far from Trumbull County. He and his son, John L., are said to have moved in 1799 from Chester County, Pennsylvania with horse and packsaddle, and horse and sledcar. "There was a road from Pittsburgh to Harrisonville, Butler County, Pa., and from there they came with their horse, pack saddle and sledcar, through the woods, there being no wagon road."⁸ This Hugh is also said to have served in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1815. They settled first at French Creek Township, then the son moved to Canal Township. They were said to be unrelated to the Hassons in the same county at Oil City.⁹

A man named James Hassan was said to have been born in Centre County, Pennsylvania in 1798. His parents settled in what was then Armstrong County (now Clarion County), Pennsylvania in 1803.¹⁰ Perhaps this was a relative of the Hugh in this history as they came from the same area. This may be a clue as to where Hugh lived from the time he left Mifflin County until he settled in Trumbull County.

On June 28, 1826, at age ninety, Hugh and Rosannah sold land to their sons, John and Robert. To John went the north part of lot 20, 91½ acres in Hubbard Township, for \$1,000. To Robert went the south part of lot 20, 112 acres for \$1,000, reserving 20 acres in the southeast part for Hugh and Rosannah during their life-time. Neither could write and each made his mark to represent his name on the sale deed.¹¹

Following is an interesting agreement drawn up at the time of the elderly Hassans' retirement.¹²

Articles of an agreement made and entered into between Hugh Hasson of the Township of Hubbard, County of Trumbull, and State of Ohio of the one part, and Robert Hassan of the State, County, & Township aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth:

The said Hugh Hasson doth agree to make unto the sd. Robert Hassan a good and careful warranty deed for a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the township of Hubbard aforesaid, being the south part of Lot No. 20 in sd. Township, County as follows, beginning at the south-east corner of sd. lot and running thence north along the east line of sd. lot one hundred and twelve rods, thence west to the west line of the same, thence south one hundred and twelve rods to the south-west corner of sd. lot, thence east to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and twelve acres, be the same more or less. Subject however to the following reservation, viz the sd. Hugh Hassan reserves for his own proper use and that of his wife Rossanna Hassan during their life time twenty acres of land in the south-east corner of sd. lot No. 20, bounded as follows beginning at the southeast corner of sd. lot, thence north forty-two rods, thence west so far that a line due south to the south line of sd. lot and thence east to the place of beginning will include the twenty acres aforesaid----and the sd. Robert Hasson doth agree to build a house on the sd. twenty acres of land convenient to the spring at which the sd. Hugh Hassan formerly lived. Sd. house to be raised twenty feet in length by eighteen in width and to be finished in a comfortable manner with a sufficient chimney when required by the sd. Hugh Hassan or Rosanna his wife, and the sd. Robert is to furnish at all times a sufficient quantity of good firewood chopped in proper length and laid convenient to said house for the use of Hugh Hassan and Rosanna

Hassan his wife. The sd. Robert Hassan is to sow for sd. Hugh and Rosanna Hassan yearly and every year one bushel of flax seed on suitable ground put in proper order and likewise to plant one bushel of potatoes in suitable ground in good order. The sd. Robert is likewise to pay to the sd. Hugh and Rosanna yearly during their lives twenty-four bushels of merchantable wheat and six bushels of good corn to be milled and brought home to the house of sd. Hugh and Rosanna when required. The sd. Robert is moreover to pay to the sd. Hugh and Rosanna two hundred pounds of good pork yearly delivered at the house of the sd. Hugh and Rosanna. But in case of the death of the sd. Hugh or Rosanna his wife, the sd. Robert is to pay to the survivor only twelve bushels of wheat and three bushels of corn yearly milled and brought home as aforesaid and to furnish one hundred pounds of pork delivered as aforesaid and sow one-half bushel of flax seed as above and is to plant only one-half bushel of potatoes yearly.

Now for the true performance of the foregoing article, we do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns in the pencil sum of one thousand dollars. In testimony whereof we have hereunto interchangably set our hands and affixed our seals this Day of A.D. 1826.*

In the 1790 Mifflin County census, Hugh is listed as having two boys and five girls in addition to himself and Rosannah. These children were named in his will.¹³ The authors have no record of the girls and their descendants. A complete biography of his son, John, and descendants will follow in this book.

*Document lacks date other than year.

Hugh's second son, Robert, was born approximately 1789 and died February 4, 1872, of consumption at Hubbard, Trumbull Co., Ohio. He was married to Sarah Lyle. She was born approximately 1796 and died July 11, 1876.

Robert's children were James Lyle, Belinda Shook, Mary Ann Denison, Louisa Smith, Elizabeth Alderman, and George W. George was a practicing attorney in St. Louis. During the Civil War he fought with the Confederates. According to family tradition, he was taken for a spy and shot by his own men. The authors possess a copy of a letter that he wrote to his parents on May 19, 1862. It was written at Corinth, Mississippi and in it he stated that he had served in the Battle of Fishing Creek and in the battles at Milloh on the 6th and 7th of April. He belonged to the 16th Alabama Regiment.

James married Emily H. Mears and had eight children, of whom three (including twins), died in infancy. There were no sons to carry on the family name. The authors visited in the home of his daughter, Catherine Clyde ("Kittie Clyde") Gaither of Youngstown, Ohio. It was she from whom copies of original documents were obtained. She was born in 1873; died in 1968.

The inventory of the personal estate of Hugh Hassan follows on the next page. The spinning wheel was not sold and is not listed. It was handed down from one generation to the next. Mrs. Gaither had it in her home and told the writers that it had belonged to her great-grandmother Hassan. Following Mrs. Gaither's death, the writers obtained the wheel at auction in July, 1968.

Inventory of the estate of Hugh Hassan:

Dresser and furniture	5.00
1 Large pot	1.00
Steel yard	1.00
1 Large wash tub	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Small wash tub & bucket	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Bake oven	.75
6 Windsor chairs	4.00
1 Large Bible	1.50
1 Walnut table	1.75
1 Walnut table	1.25
1 Spider	.25
4 Splint bottomed chairs	.62
1 Reel	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Looking glass	.25
1 Bureau	3.00
1 Large chest	1.25
2 Tin pails	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Baskets	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Fire shovel	.25
1 Grubbing hoe and iron wedge	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Straw knife	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Auger and draw share	.25
1 Red and white steer	9.50
1 Brindle steer	6.50
1 Red year-old heifer	5.00
1 Red heifer, line back	5.00
1 Red cow & calf	12.00
1 Brindle calf	2.25
1 Band box	.25
Support allowed for widow for one year	50.00

At the time of Hugh's death, his daughter, Elizabeth Ewin, was deceased and her daughter, Elizabeth, therefore received her mother's inheritance. Hugh's daughter, Margaret Moore, was also deceased and her children, Anna, John H., Rosanna B., Margaret, Hugh, and George received her inheritance. Each daughter was to receive \$50. The will stated:

Having previously deeded my landed estate unto my sons John and Robert Hassan, I further bequeath unto each of them the sum of two dollars, to be paid within one year after my decease.... I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rosanna Hassan all the remaining part of my goods, chattles, rights, credits, monies, and effects for her own proper use.¹⁴

Hugh's seven children are all listed in the Mifflin Co. census of 1790. The five girls were born before 1788 as John was born in 1788 and Robert in 1789.

Hugh and Rosannah's children were:

1. Jane Hassan Oliver
2. Mary Hassan Robinson
3. Susannah Hassan Whiting
4. Elizabeth Hassan Ewin; deceased by
October 1, 1832
5. Margaret Hassan Moore; deceased by
October 1, 1832
6. John Hassan, b. April 5, 1788; d. April 11,
1877; m. Elizabeth Roberts
7. Robert Hassan, b. approx. 1789; d. February 4,
1872; m. Sarah Lyle

FOOTNOTES

¹One source was Pauline Hassan Van Tilburg of Celina, Ohio. She is a descendant of Adonijah Hassan, grandson of Hugh.

²Mrs. Charles T. Gaither (nee Katherine Clyde Hassan), great-granddaughter of Hugh. Resided at Youngstown, Ohio; died June 6, 1968.

³These dates may also be found in: Frank D. Henderson, The Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio (1929), p.178; also in "Seceders Cemetery Inscriptions", Trumbull County Deaths, p.43. The latter is housed in the Ohio State Library.

⁴John Stroup, The Genesis of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania (Lewistown, Pa., 1939), p.46.

⁵John Stroup, Pioneers of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania (Lewistown, Pa., 1942), p.12.

⁶Joseph Cochran, History of Mifflin County...I (Harrisburg, Pa., Patriot Pub. Co., 1879), 146.

⁷Hassan was spelled "Hasson" in the deed. Land was in Twp. 3, Range 1 north of lot 20. Trumbull County Deed Book J, p.250. See copy of deed in the Appendix.

⁸J. H. Newton, ed., History of Venango County (Columbus, J. A. Caldwell, 1879), p. 555.

⁹Charles A. Babcock, Venango County, Pennsylvania; pioneers and people, I (Chicago, J. H. Beers, 1919), 339.

¹⁰Newton, p.497.

¹¹Deed to John: Deed Record Book U, p.281.
Deed to Robert: Deed Record Book U, p.286.

¹²This document, too, was in the possession of Mrs. Gaither. See footnote 2.

¹³Trumbull County Probate Record, v.6, p.444;
¹⁴will was proved Oct. 1, 1832.

¹⁴Ibid.

CHAPTER II

JOHN HASSAN, 1788-1877

John Hassan was born April 5, 1788, in Pennsylvania; died April 11, 1877, Van Buren Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio, aged 89 y. 6 d.;¹ buried in Hasson Cemetery.

He was married to Elizabeth Roberts approximately 1811 and quite probably in Trumbull Co., Ohio. She was born February 23, 1790, in Connecticut; died on Jan. 16, 1879, Van Buren Tp., two years after her husband, aged 88 y. 10 mo. 24 d.² Both John and Elizabeth are listed in the official Hancock County death records as dying of "old age".

His parents had moved from Mifflin Co., Pa. in 1799 when he was about eleven. Where they lived between 1799 and 1806 when his father bought land in Trumbull County is unknown.

Fifteen years after John was married, at the age of thirty-eight, he bought his first land. It was 91½ acres in Trumbull County which he bought for \$1,000 from his parents.³ In 1832 he bought a small plot of forty acres for \$162. Three years later he sold the small plot for \$242; on June 15, 1836, he sold his remaining land for \$1098.⁴

As soon as this land was sold he moved to Hancock County, Ohio, "with his wife Elizabeth and seven

children in July, 1836 and took up his residence in a southeast corner of section 24 entered by him the previous May. Here he resided till his death."⁵

John had obtained 320 acres of land in Orange Township by means of a government land patent signed by resident Van Buren. It consisted of 160 acres in section 24, 60 acres in section 25, and 80 acres in section 36. (See copy of deed in Appendix.)

The date of July 4 is given as their arrival date in the obituary of his daughter, Marietta Morrison.⁷ To travel by wagon from Trumbull County in northeastern Ohio to the area near Findlay must have taken most, if not all, of the time from the day they sold their land until 2½ weeks later on July 4. It is a distance of approximately two hundred miles. Five other families settled in the same township of Orange that summer.⁸

At that time there were but few settlers in the township and the nearest trading point was Fort Findlay. The surrounding country was a vast wilderness and seldom was anyone seen the first year except an occasional settler who would happen to pass their cabins. It required 3 days to make a round trip to the nearest mill to get grinding done.⁹

One year after they moved to the area, the first school house was built.¹⁰

Teachers in the common schools received one dollar per week and boarded around, and were expected to sleep with the children and have control of them from the time they left home in the morning until they returned at night.¹¹

Five years after moving to Hancock County, John was able to purchase another 80 acres. This was

HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO Approximately 1847 Orange Twp. Van Buren Twp.			
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		Samuel Snyder	
13	13	Eliab P.D. Hassan	18 Arrols
24	24		19 Matthewson
24	John Hassan 24	J. Curry X	W.R. Matthew- son 19
ORANGE TWP.		ROAD #27	
25	25	M.C. W. Hassan	30 Montgomery
25	25	W. Agin	30 Baum- gartner
John Hassan			
Road which later became U.S. 30N			
xx Robert Hassan		S. D. Ream	
36	36	31	31

xx= Robert and Alva Hassan home
X= Hasson Cemetery

in Van Buren Township. He purchased it for \$215 from Peter Yeagley on March 1, 1841.¹² On June 21, 1844, he and Elizabeth sold the 80 to their son, Eliab. On that same day, they also sold the 80 acres in section 36 to their son, Robert, for \$200, or \$2.50 per acre.¹³

On March 1, 1850, he sold 1/10 of an acre in the southeast 1/4 of sec. 24 to the trustees of the Riley Creek Cemetery for \$5.00. Thus the "Hasson Cemetery" was established. According to an elderly resident of Orange Township, James Gallant, whom the authors have visited and interviewed at various times, the first person to be buried there died in 1841. She was twenty-five, a sister to Mr. Gallant's grandfather, and had come from Delaware County. As the story goes, John Hassan said he had a plot that was mostly gravel, couldn't be used for farming, and he would let it be used for burials. Apparently this burying-ground was in use for some time before its purchase by the church. At that time there were no roads and when the land was surveyed in later years, it was found that a road as surveyed would cut through the cemetery. It was necessary to make a change and that explains why the cemetery seems to extend out where the road should be.

By a land deed dated Feb. 5, 1855, Robert bought 40 acres more from his father. This time the land was in section 25.¹⁴ The acreage was across the road from Robert's other 80 acres. Two years later on Jan. 30, 1857, John sold 40 acres to John Harmon for \$800.¹⁵ He now had 160 acres left.

After his death, the 160 acres was sold to his children: Eliab, Robert, Nancy Adaline Henry, Adonijah, and Marietta Morrison; also to Tryphena May Snider, daughter of his deceased child, Elizabeth Rebecca Cummins Snider. Eliab's son-in-law, Michael Palmer, had filed a petition against the ones named;

demanding partition of this land. The petition was filed against several others also who were lesser heirs. The commissioners appointed by the court reported that partition "could not be made without manifest injury" so the land was sold undivided to the heirs for \$6,400 by Sheriff Charles B. Hall on May 15, 1882. They in turn immediately signed papers selling the land to Aaron B. Shafer for the same amount.¹⁶

A record of how his money was spent and distributed after his death can be found in courthouse papers.¹⁷ His tombstone cost \$95.00; it was an "Italian monument to be delivered during the month of October." It is still standing and is a tall handsome monument with easily read inscriptions. His coffin cost \$30.00, his burying clothes, \$17.00, and his son Eliab was paid \$75.00 in the second partial account filed Dec. 30, 1879 for some phase of the funeral. In a notice dated June 7, 1877, the widow was said to need \$500. In the partial account filed Dec. 28, 1878, she received \$425.00. In the notice of appointment of an administrator for the estate, May 29, 1877 his wife is listed as selecting \$40 as there was no cow or household goods as such. Also apparel, beds, and cooking utensils. He had two "mettle kettls" listed at \$2, two brass kettles listed at \$3, one old wagon at \$5, three grain sacks at 50¢; one half-bushel measure at 20¢; one old meat barrel and trinkets at \$1.00, for a total of \$11.70.

Sixteen debtors to the estate were listed. After expenses were deducted from the amounts collected from the debtors, a total of \$2025 was due the estate for distribution, as listed in the third and final account filed Nov. 4, 1881.¹⁸ Marietta, Adaline, Robert, Eliab, Adonijah, and Lydia each received \$225. Rebecca's daughter, May, received her mother's share of \$225. The heirs of George each received a \$75.00 share, and eight grandchildren received \$28.12½ each

James Morrison } *David Cummins* } *Spencer*

of said Charlotte Christian } *Elizabeth Montgomery wife* }

Emeline Cherry } *William Montgomery* }

Thos. C. Reid } *Administr. Price* } *Wife*

Thers share she being deceased December 1877 } *Elizabeth Ewing and Addie* }

Thomas C Reid } *Widow's at law of said decedent* }

of the personal estate of said

decedent (no being one third of the amount coming to

their grandfather now deceased, he being a full heir

to said decedent) } *George Ewing* } *Guardian of*

Elizabeth and

Adaline Ewing

The grandchildren were Lucinda's children.

Among the miscellaneous expenses before settlement were these: \$6.00 in 1872 for feeding cattle, \$8.00 in 1873 for same, and \$10.00 in 1873 for trimming apple trees.

John and Elizabeth had nine children. An historical atlas of 1875¹⁹ stated that the family consisted of six children: Eliab, Robert, Adaline, Adonijah, Margaret, and Liddy. By then, Lucinda, George, and Rebecca had died.

Children:

1. Lucinda, b. Dec. 5, 1811; d. Nov. 3, 1849;
m. David C. Branan
2. Eliab A., b. July 18, 1813; d. Apr. 22, 1891;
m. (1st) Mary Elliott; (2d) Martha Roberts
3. Robert, b. Sept. 5, 1815; d. Oct. 16, 1889;
m. (1st) Fanny J. Burns; (2d) Anne Speer
4. George B., b. Mar. 2, 1819; d. before 1873;
m. Elizabeth Butler
5. Nancy A., b. Feb. 15, 1822; d. Aug. 31, 1894;
m. John Henry
6. Adonijah, b. Apr. 4, 1825; d. May 14, 1903;
m. Margaret Baumburger
7. Marietta, b. Aug. 31, 1828; d. May 17, 1905;
m. James Morrison
8. Lydia C., b. Oct. 8, 1830; d. Sept. 27, 1895;
m. Alexander Dennison
9. Elizabeth R., b. Nov. 1, 1835; d. July 4,
1863; m. John W. Cummans

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SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH'S CHILDREN:

1. Lucinda A. Hassan was b. Dec. 4, 1811, Trumbull Co., O.; d. Nov. 3, 1849, Hancock Co., O. Bur. in Hasson Cemetery.

She was m. to David C. Branan in Trumbull Co. in 1830. They had eight children, five of whom were born before they moved to Hancock Co. in 1837. The age on her tombstone is given as 36 y. 10 mo. 29 d. and there apparently is an error in either the birth or death dates which were obtained from other sources. Despite her comparative young age at time of death, a family history lists her cause of death as "age and weak lungs". It was not uncommon for the pioneers to die in their thirties or forties due to both lack of medical knowledge and overwork.

After Lucinda's death, David married a widow, Mary Ann Henry, who had six children. David and Mary Ann had four children and also reared a grandson after a daughter's death.

Children:

- a. Addison S. Brannan, Mar. 30, 1831; June 2, 1883, Hancock Co. He was the only one in his family who spelled the surname with three "n's". He m. Catherine Henry and had nine children. Descendants live in Hancock and Hardin counties.
- b. Marrilla M. Branan, Oct. 21, 1832; Dec. 10, 1916; bur. at Clear Lake, Ia.

She was m. to Thomas N. Henry and had seven children. At the age of fifteen she began teaching school and taught until marriage. The couple and their three children moved to Poweshiek Co., Iowa by wagon in 1861. Her aunt and uncle, the Alex Dennisons, moved at the same time. They took Marrilla's brother, John, and youngest sister, Allie, with them. They



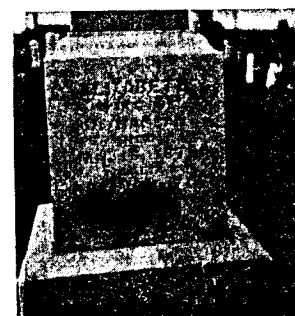
Hugh Hassan, 1736-1832
Rosannah Hassan, 1750-1844



John Hassan
1788-1877



This couple cannot be identified, but they are thought to be either John and Elizabeth Hassan or relatives named Morrison.



Elizabeth Hassan
1790-1879

farmed and also operated the "poor farm" at Montezuma for many years. Descendants live primarily in Nebr., Colo., and Calif.

- c. Elizabeth L. Branan, June 21, 1834; Aug. 1, 1894, Hancock Co.

She was m. to William Montgomery and had seven children. He was drafted into the Civil War in Dec. 1863 and had to leave despite the fact that his family had no money or provisions. His brother persuaded the Grandfather Montgomery to hire a substitute. This was three weeks before the baby, John, was born. A son writing of his father's return says, "Mother met him halfway between the cabin and the road and I can hear her cry of joy yet."²⁰

A son, West, was a well-known physician in Hardin Co. and John was a Presbyterian minister in Hancock Co. Several in the family have been Presbyterian ministers.

- d. John Hassan Branan, Aug. 28, 1835; Dec. 18, 1903, Keokuk Co., Ia.

He moved to Iowa with his sister and her husband, Thomas and Marrilla Henry, in 1861. He enlisted at Iowa City in 1862 and served in the Northern Army for three years. After discharge, he returned to Ohio and married Etta Henry, a daughter of his father's second wife. They homesteaded in Poweshiek Co., Iowa, then moved to Keokuk Co. for the benefit of his health.²¹ They had nine children.

- e. Margaret M. Branan, Mar. 17 or Apr. 14, 1837; Aug. 20, 1929, Springfield, Ohio. Bur. Bowling Green, Ohio.

She was m. to Thomas C. Reid in Hancock Co. and they moved to Warren County in 1855 and to Wood Co. in 1866. He was Supt. of the County Infirmary for nine years. After a two-year

appointment as Deputy Sheriff, he was elected Sheriff in 1880 and served one term. They had seven children. Descendants live primarily around Bowling Green and in Michigan.

- f. Lucinda Almira Branan, May 13, 1839; d. Nov. 1849.
- g. Nancy A. Branan, May 29, 1842; Apr. 5, 1924, Lima, Ohio; bur. Ada, Ohio.
She was m. to David Cummins in 1862 in Hancock Co. where they farmed. She had been reared by her grandparent Hassans and had taught school. David and Nancy had seven children. Many descendants live in the Ada and Lima, Ohio areas.
- h. Henrietta C. Branan, Aug. 6, 1843; d. date unknown.
She was m. (1st) to Wm. Curry in 1864; he d. and she was m. (2d) to James M. Vermillion in 1879. There were six children from the first marriage. Both marriages were in Hancock Co. and are recorded, but there is no death record. Descendants live around Ada and Bluffton, Ohio.
- i. Almira E. ("Allie") Branan, Oct. 26, 1845; d. date unknown.
She was m. to Joe T. Pierce. In 1861 she moved to Iowa with her older sister Marrilla Henry. Nothing further is known about her. The compiler have been told that her descendants live in Oregon, but no contact has been made to verify this.

2. Eliab A. Hassan was b. July 18, 1813; d. Apr. 22, 1891, Hancock Co., Ohio. Buried in Hasson Cemetery.

He was married twice. The first marriage was in Trumbull Co., Ohio to Mary ("Polly") Elliott on June 18, 1835. She died after they moved to Hancock Co. and he was m. second to Martha C. Roberts on May 28, 1861. He was well known in Hancock County, being a Justice of the Peace for a dozen years from the time that he was 48. He also served as township trustee in addition to farming. He performed the marriage ceremony for several in the Hassan family. He and Polly had four children:

- a. John Edward Hassan, 1836-Nov. 28, 1892, Hardin Co., Ohio.
He m. (1st) Mary Cowen; (2d) Kate Rodman. Several descendants live in the Ada-Kenton-Lima areas in Hardin and Allen counties.
- b. Marietta Hassan, d. approx. 1864, age 23; buried in Hasson Cemetery.
- c. Louisa E. Hassan, Apr. 1846-1906, Hancock Co. She was m. to Michael C. Palmer. He was active in politics and was a Democrat in a Republican county. He served as Justice of the Peace for a dozen years and was said to have married 52 couples, many being relatives. They had six children, four of whom died in infancy. A daughter married Albert Hammer. Cora m. James B. Durbin.
- d. Margaret Hassan, 1853-
She was m. to Wm. Leander Thompson in Hancock Co. They had three children; the two girls died in infancy; their son, William A., married but had no children.

3. Robert Hassan was b. Sept. 5, 1815, Trumbull Co., Ohio; d. Oct. 16, 1889, Hancock Co., Ohio.

He was m. (1st) to Fanny J. Burns; (2d) to Anne Speer. Complete information concerning him and his descendants is given on later pages.

4. George B. Hassan was b. Mar. 2, 1819, Trumbull Co., Ohio; d. before 1873 in Illinois.

He was m. to Elizabeth Ann Butler and had three children. They moved to the "Little Egypt" area in southern Illinois where he worked as a coal-miner and died in a mining accident. His wife and children moved to DeKalb Co., Mo. She is bur. in Butler Cem.

Children:

- a. Adaline Hassan, 1850-1923, DeKalb Co., Mo. She was m. to Wm. J. Jones before moving to Mo. and had two children, Laura and George. Laura m. Oliver Hall and her descendants live at King City, Mo.
- b. John Isaac Hassan was b. Nov. 10, 1852; d. Apr. 17, 1903, Douglas, Wyoming. He was m. to Mary E. Murphy in 1876 at Winslow, Mo. and they had three children. He farmed in DeKalb Co., Mo., then sold out in 1897 and moved to Wyoming for his health. According to family tradition, he had lung trouble and also had received a severe shock when a snake dropped down from an overhead windlass on a well and almost choked him before he could remove it. After his death, his wife moved with her children to Crook Co. in northeastern Wyoming. Her dau., Hattie, m. Delbert Irvin. Hattie's dau., Doris, m. Chas. Moore and lives in Hulett, Wyo. Margaret, dau. of John's son, DeLacy, m. Charlie Phillips and lives on a ranch near Aladdin, Wyoming.

c. Mary Hassan was b. Apr. 2, 1856; d. Aug. 6, 1881, DeKalb Co., Mo.; bur. Butler Cemetery.

She was m. to George Ewing in 1876 in DeKalb Co. and they had two children. Elizabeth m. John Fite and her descendants live around King City and Helena, Mo. Ada m. Frank Carpenter and her descendants live at Rimby and Sundre, Alberta, Canada.

5. Nancy Adaline Hassan was b. Feb. 15, 1822, Trumbull Co., O.; d. Aug. 31, 1894, Hancock Co., O.

She was m. to John Henry in 1842 in Hancock Co. and they had eleven children. Three died young.

Children:

- a. Lucinda L. Henry, 1843-
- b. Mary Loisa Henry, 1844-1873; m. John C. McKelvey.
- c. William Scott Henry, 1846-1906. He was m. to Eliza Bigger; they had three daughters and a son who d. in infancy. Jesse m. Clarence Perkins and a son lives in Lima, O. Wm. Scott taught school. He kept a daily journal before he was married and the compilers have a copy.
- d. Elizabeth Rebecca Henry, 1848- She was m. to J. R. McElroy.
- e. George F. Henry, 1849- He was a school teacher; did not marry.
- f. Abijah Henry, 1852-1866.
- g. Mirilla J. Henry, 1853- Did not marry.

- h. Euphemia K. Henry, 1856-
- i. Delilah Henry, 1858-1872
- j. Elmer W. Henry, 1861-
He m. and lived in Belvue, Kansas.
- k. Infant son, d. Apr. 16, 1870, aged one day.

6. Adonijah Hassan was b. Apr. 4, 1825, Trumbull Co. Ohio; d. May 14, 1903, Jay Co., Ind.

He was m. to Margaret Baumburger in 1857 in Hancock Co. In 1883 they moved to Jay Co. They had seven children. The majority of descendants have stayed in eastern Ind., especially in the Jay Co. and Ft. Wayne areas. His granddaughter, Myrtle Bryan, remembers that he spent much time reading the Bible. There were seven children:

- a. Lucinda E. Hassan, 1856-1921.
She was m. to Frederick Wm. Keller in Hancock Co. and they moved to Jay Co., Ind. They had nine children; several live in Jay Co.
- b. Mary Melcindra Hassan, 1859-19--
She was m. to Henry Garlinger and they farmed in Jay Co. Descendants live in Jay Co. and Ft. Wayne areas especially.
- c. Homer Austin Hassan, 1862-1876.
- d. George Robert Hassan, 1864-1930.
He was m. to Harriet C. Dixon in Jay Co. They farmed in Mercer Co., Ohio. He attended Ohio Northern Univ. and was an attorney as well as a farmer. It was he who handed down the story to his children about the first Hassan to come to this country fleeing as a stowaway. He and Harriet had five children. Descendants live at Celina and St. Marys, O.

- e. John Wm. Hassan, 1868-1911.
He was m. to Susan A. Schroyer in Mercer Co. They had seven children, of whom four d. as infants. Lewis ("Jack") lives in Lima and descendants of Eva Bice and Opal Clevenger also live in Lima.
- f. Isaac M. Hassan, 1871-1945; bur. Portland, Ind.
He m. Estella Ashcraft and farmed in Jay Co. He moved to Flasher, N. D. and m. Hannah Marie Peterson. His daughter, Doreen, d. in North Dakota. His daughter, Elaine, m. Albert Adams and lives in Indianapolis.
- g. Franklin A. Hassan, 1873-1888.
He d. from measles.

7. Marietta Hassan was b. Aug. 31, 1828, Trumbull Co., Ohio; d. May 17, 1905, Hancock Co., Ohio; buried in Hason Cemetery.

She was m. to James Morrison in 1845 in Hancock Co. and they had eleven children. The majority of descendants live in Hancock and Hardin counties.

- a. Thomas William Morrison, 1846-1931.
He m. Eliza Jane Park and had three children.
- b. Lydia Jane Morrison, 1848-1912.
She was m. to Samuel J. Speer and had four children.
- c. Elizabeth Morrison, 1851-
She was m. to Reuben Turner and is said to have d. young, leaving a son.
- d. Adaline Lucinda Morrison, 1853-1931.
She was unmarried. Dressmaker, later nurse.

- e. Mary Aramaita Morrison, 1855-19--
She was m. to James Russell Baker and had three children.
- f. Mahala Triska Ann Morrison, 1858-
She was m. to Ott Houser.
- g. John Hassan Morrison, 1862-1935.
He m. Lydia J. Motter and had two children.
- h. Andrew J. Morrison, 1864-1906.
He did not marry.
- i. David Lewis Morrison, 1867-1897.
He m. ___ Slusser and had one son.
- j. Claude Fay Morrison, 1874-1937.
He m. Mary Beech and had eight children.

8. Lydia C. Hassan was b. Oct. 8, 1830, Trumbull Co., Ohio; d. Sept. 27, 1895, Deep River, Poweshiek Co., Iowa; buried Montezuma, Iowa.

She was m. to Alexander Dennison in 1854 in Hancock Co. and they moved to Iowa in Sept. 1961 by wagon. They had six children:

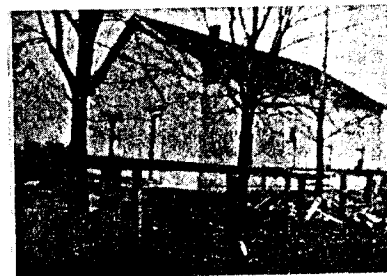
- a. Rachel Dennison, d. as an infant.
- b. Mary Eleanor Dennison, 1857-1932.
She was m. to James Thomas Williams and had two daughters.
- c. James Morrison Dennison, 1858-
He m. Margaret R. Mulhern and had five children.



Fanny C. Hassan



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Bethel Church, New Stark, Ohio
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- d. Margaret A. Dennison.
She was m. to William Cook and had four children. They lived at Garrison, North Dakota, then in Montana where both died.
- e. Rebecca Jane Dennison, 1867-1951.
She was m. to Homer A. Smith and they lived at Deep River, Iowa. Had one child, Verna.
- f. John B. Dennison, 1870-1945.
He m. Grace A. Coleman and they homesteaded in Tripp Co., South Dakota. She lives in Roswell, New Mexico. Had one child, Doris.

9. Elizabeth Rebecca Hasson, b. Nov. 1, 1835, Trumbull Co., Ohio; d. July 4, 1863; Hancock Co., Ohio; buried in Hasson Cemetery.

She was m. to John Wm. Cummans and had two children:

- a. Tryphena Mae Cummans, 1858-1896.
She was m. (1st) to Samuel J. Snider and had one daughter; m. (2d) to Peter Y. Gallant and had six children.
- b. Rosa Cummans, d. as an infant; buried in Hasson Cemetery.

FOOTNOTES

¹The Bible of Robert Hassan, in possession of his grandson, Clair, of Middlebury, Ind., gives John's birth date as April 5; the Hancock Co. Death Record uses the date of April 6 and age 89 y. 6 d. at death. This latter record and the 1860 Hancock Co. census give Pennsylvania as his birth place.

²Her birth date is also given in the Bible referred to above. Her death record in Hancock Co. Deaths, v.2, 24, notes that she was born in Connecticut. The same listing can be found in the 1850 and 1860 census reports.

³The land was described as "the N pt. of lot no. 20, beginning 112 rods n. from the s. w. corner of lot 20 and running east 160 rods to the east line of lot no. 20, thence 160 rods to the n.w. corner, then s. 88 rods to the place of beginning." Trumbull County Deed Book U, p.281.

⁴The 39-7/8 acres was located in Brookfield Twp., Twp. 4, range 1, south side of lot 84. He sold this land for an \$80 profit on May 23, 1835. (Deed Bk. 33, 434). Of the 112 acres he had purchased, he sold 87 acres and 64 rods to Thomas McCoy of Columbiana Co. (Deed Book 39, 17). His parents had reserved about twenty acres for themselves, but apparently it amounted to a few acres over that.

⁵R. C. Brown, comp., History of Hancock County, Ohio ... (Chicago, Warner, Beers, 1886), p. 462.

⁶Hancock County Deed Book 102, p. 620.

⁷The Ada Record (June 7, 1905).

⁸Brown, p. 461.

⁹This excerpt is taken from the obituary of John's daughter, Adaline Henry, in The Ada Record (Sept. 19, 1894).

¹⁰B. Beardsley, History of Hancock County ... (Springfield, Ohio, Republic Print. Co., 1881), p. 414.

¹¹Beardsley, p. 415.

¹²Deeds, v. 5, p. 486. The w. 1/2 of the s.w. 1/4 of sec. 18, Twp. 2S R10.

¹³Hancock County Deed Book 5, 270.

¹⁴Hancock County Deed Book 10, 547.

¹⁵Hancock County Deed Book 13, 467.

¹⁶Hancock County Deed Book 54, 61.

¹⁷No. 3064, Docket D 283.

¹⁸Probate Book 13, p. 375.

¹⁹Illustrated Historical Atlas of Hancock Co., Ohio from Recent and Actual Surveys and Records, under the superintendence of G. A. Eberhart assisted by J. Pearce (Chicago, H. H. Hardesty, 1875), p. 27.

²⁰Dr. West Montgomery wrote an undated family history.

²¹The compilers have a copy of the move to Iowa as written by Minta Henry, daughter of Thomas and Harrilla.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come: GREETING,

NOW Ye, That Nehemiah Hubbard of Middleton County of Middlesex State of Connecticut
in the consideration of Five Hundred forty Dollars current Money of the United States Received to my
satisfaction of Hugh Hanson of the County of Trumbull State of Ohio Do give, grant,
confer, sell, and confirm unto the said Hugh Hanson and to his Heirs forever, One lot of land in Township
Number three in the first Range of Townships in the said County of Trumbull State aforesaid,
known by Number Twenty, & described in the Survey of said Book of John P. Bickel
beginning at the North West corner of said lot at a Post marked 1-20 then running E 40° 18 links to a Post
marked 1. 2. 19. 20, then S 50° 05 links to a Post marked 19. 20. 21. 22, then N 40° 36 links to a Post
marked 20. 21 then North 50° 05 links to the Place of beginning—containing two Hundred & three
6755 Decimals

DO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above granted and bargained premises, with the appurtenances thereof, unto him the said Hugh Hanson
his heirs and assigns forever,
his and their own proper use and behoof. And also, I the said Nehemiah Hubbard
for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with the said Hugh Hanson and his
heirs and assigns that at and unto the enfeoffing these presents I am well seized of the premises, as a good indefeasible estate in fee-simple, and have good right to bargain and sell the
same in manner and form as is above written, and that the same is free of all incumbrances whatsoever.

AND FURTHERMORE, I the said Nehemiah Hubbard do by these
presents, bind myself and my heirs forever to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained premises, to him the said Hugh Hanson
and his heirs and assigns, against all claims and demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June Anno Domini 1806
witnessed and delivered }
in presence of

Samuel Dyer
James Dyer

Nehemiah Hubbard
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Trumbull County, ss. Township of Hubbard June 18th 1806
legally appeared, Nehemiah Hubbard Esq. and Sealer of the foregoing Instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free and deed, before me
Samuel Dyer Justice Peace

HUGH AND ROSANNAH HASSAN
(1736-1832) (1750-1844)

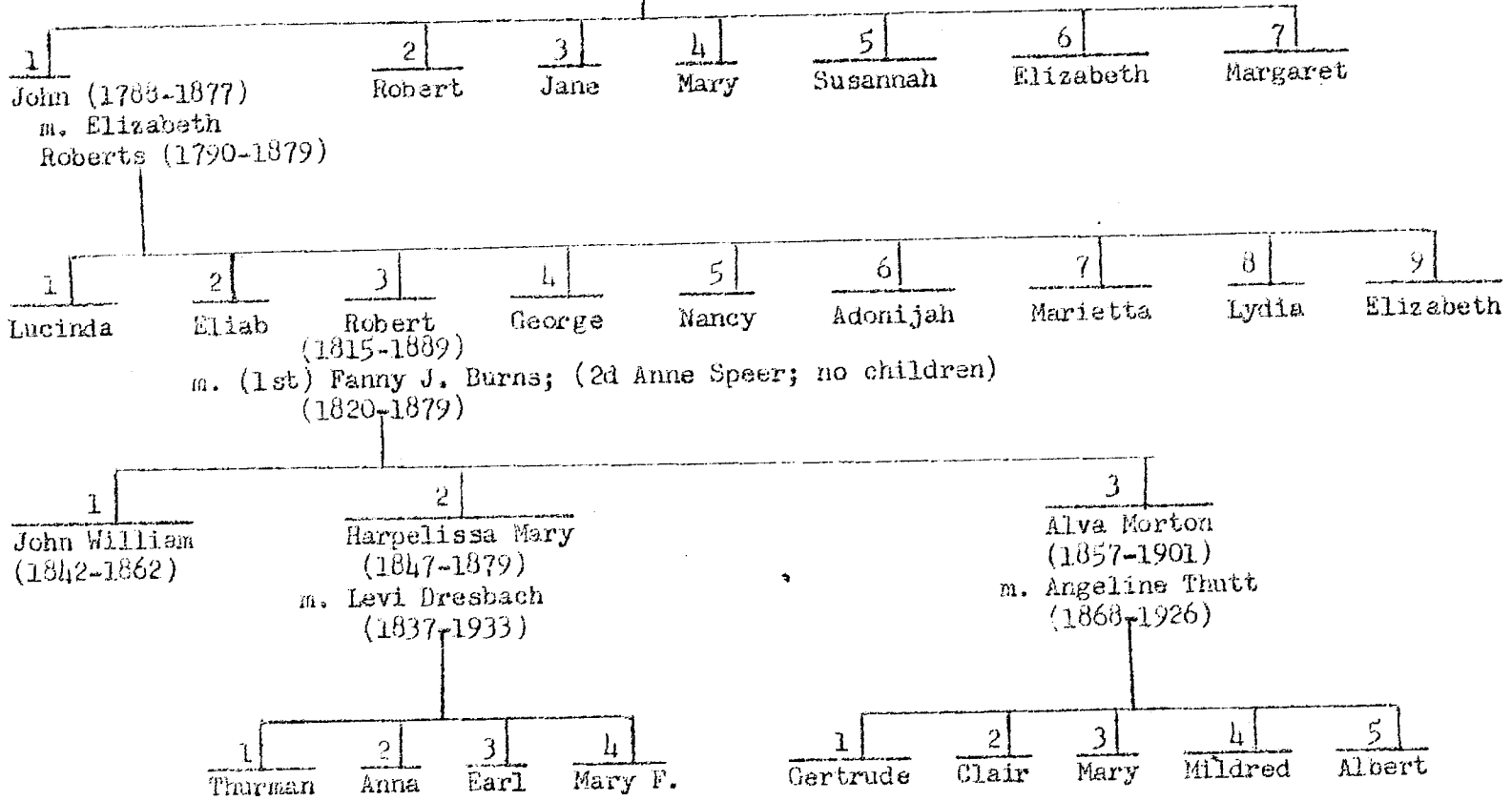
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The whose names are under written do Certify
 That Hugh Neesen and Rosannah his Wife and
 Family lived upwards of thirty years in Derry Town
 Ship Niffen County During which time they were
 Considered as Members in full Communion with the
 Presbyterian Church; That the whole family has sup-
 ported unblemished Moral characters, and lived among
 us Respected and Esteemed for their Honesty and
 Integrity as Certified by

18th May 1799

Robert Torrey John Clive
 Go^{es} Edmiston

Thomas Bell

John Torrey
 John Torrey

Edward Williams

James Reed

John Torrey

James Hayes

Magill

Geo. Mulholland

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John Clive

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John Clive

Niffen County in the
 State of Pennsylvania,

Samuel Edmiston, Esq. Prothonary of
 the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said
 County of Niffen, duly Commissioned and
 sworn in & of Service in
 said County. - Do hereby Certify, that John
 Neesen Esq. above named, is one of the Judges
 of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid, that Joseph Edmiston, Esq.
 also above named, is one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said
 County, both duly Commissioned to^o and that the other Gentle-
 men above named, are persons of much respectability in this
 County - And that due credit is given to all such things done
 by them. Witness my hand & seal of office at Lancaster aforesaid
 the 23rd day of May, 1799.

Sam. Edmiston