

THE HORNADAY FAMILY

This is a brief history of the Hornaday family. John Hornaday's daughter, Keziah Hornaday, married John Patterson in Orange County, North Carolina, and thus this family became a part of my Patterson lineage.

Quinn Hornaday, a descendant living in California, wrote a book on the Hornaday family in 1979. Most of the following is taken from that book. If others are interested, it is a very well done and thorough piece on that family.

Mr. Hornaday, like myself, has very little information on the early background of the family. He has one family tradition that two young boys came as stow-aways from England by ship. They refused to give their true identities and were given the name Horn-a-day because they had the shipboard duty of passing the sailor's daily grog rations around in a horn used for drinking. Who knows?

I feel that the family is more than likely Scotch Irish as the area they lived in while in North Carolina was heavily populated by Scots who had come down from Pennsylvania. I have read another source in a 1947 letter from Carl Veale stating John Hornaday came from Antrim in Northern Ireland and went to Pennsylvania like so many others in the early and mid 1700s. I tend to feel that this is more likely the origins of John Hornaday. This is the same route the Pattersons and so many other Scotch Irish immigrants took.

At any rate the first American notation is a 1752 tax list in North Carolina for one John Hornaday. It is here that I begin this history.

JOHN HORNADAY

John Hornaday appears as a married taxable in 1752 in Orange County, North Carolina. On June 15, 1757 he had a deed recorded indicating he bought land on Mud Lick Creek in what is now Chatham County. He lived and farmed on this land for some thirty years before moving to South Carolina in the late 1780s.

John Hornaday's wife was named Christian, but nothing more is known about her. These would be the parents of Keziah Hornaday who married John Patterson Junior in 1780 in North Carolina.

The Hornadays lived a few miles from a Quaker community at Cane Creek. Several of their children married into Quaker families. It is of interest to note that one of John Hornaday's sons, Nathan, married twice, and his second wife was Ruth Piggott. Ruth was from the same family that our James Piggott was from. Most of the Piggotts moved from the Quaker community at Nottingham in Cecil County, Maryland to the one at Cane Creek. Only our James Piggott's father headed further west to Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania. Again, it was a very 'small world' in those days. I have no idea what religion the Hornadays followed.

John Hornaday began purchasing lands in South Carolina along Twelve Mile River in the late 1780s and moved there shortly afterwards, by 1788 at least. He is there in the 1790 census and 1800 census and was living alone in both reports.

John and Christian seem to have split up, for what reasons I do not know. He left her to go to South Carolina in the mid 1780s and she remained in North Carolina. They jointly sold their original homestead on Mud Lick Creek in 1792, but had been separated for several years.

The last records of John Hornaday were letters being held in the Pendleton County Post Office in 1808. John had either died or left by that time. Nothing more is known about him after that date.

The Children of John Hornaday

John and Christian had ten children at the best guess. The following is a brief recap of what I know. Much more information is contained in the book THE HORNADAYS, ROOT AND BRANCH by Quinn Hornaday.

John Hornaday Jr.

John Hornaday jr. seems to be the eldest child born about 1752 to 1755. He served in the **North** Carolina Militia during the Revolution. He married Hannah Teague in the early 1780s. They remained in North Carolina until about 1808 when they moved to Butler County, Ohio. He died there in Milford township in 1815.

The following are their children: **Aaron, Mary, Rachel, Moses, David, Jonathan, Elizabeth** and **Simon Hornaday**. All were born in the Cane Creek settlement in Orange County.

Christopher Hornaday

Christopher Hornaday was born about 1753. Christopher also served in the militia during the Revolution. He married Ann Copeland in Cane Creek about 1777. They acquired a great deal of property and remained in North Carolina until their deaths. Ann appears to have died in the late 1830s and Christopher in the summer of 1841.

The following are their children: **Keziah, Mary, John, Solomon, Samuel, Ann** and **Isaiah Hornaday**.

Lewis Hornaday

Lewis Hornaday was born about 1756. He was married twice. First to Rebecca Pike and then after her death in 1820 married Dinah Biddick on December 16, 1821. He had twelve children before his death in 1837. He remained in the original area of Cane Creek, Orange County all his life.

Lewis and Rebecca had the following children: **William, John, Susannah, Mary, Ruth, Balaam, Rebecca, Simon, Hester Ann** and **Christopher Hornaday**.

Lewis and Dinah had two more children **Ezekiel** and **Lewis Hornaday**.

Keziah Hornaday

Keziah Hornaday was born in 1764 in Orange County, North Carolina and she married John Patterson II in about 1780. The family eventually moved to St. Louis County, Missouri where she died in 1809. Keziah is in my line and her life was covered earlier in the section on John Patterson II.

Nathan Hornaday

Nathan Hornaday was the fifth child, born about 1765. He spent his early life in the St. Asaph's district of Orange County as a farmer. He married Ruth Pike in December 1792 and they had three children before her death about 1799. He then remarried to Ruth Piggott about 1800. He moved to Preble County, Ohio in 1812 and died there in April of 1820. Ruth died there in 1859.

Children by his first wife were **Susannah, Ezekiel** and **Hiram Hornaday**. Nathan and his second wife had **Ruth, Jemima, Elisha, John, Mary Ann, Nathan, Benjamin** and **Ezra Hornaday**.

Jemima Hornaday

Jemima Hornaday was born September 29, 1762. She married John Brown on January 22, 1789. They moved to Kentucky about 1798 and then to Florissant, Missouri. It is obvious they went to be with John and Kezia Patterson. John Brown died in 1843, I do not know when Jemima died. I have no information on any children.

Simon Hornaday

Simon Hornaday was born on August 18, 1765. Very little else is known except he remained in Orange and Chatham Counties, North Carolina all his life. Census records indicate they had eight children. Some of these were **Lewis, Ruth, Nathan, Christopher** and possibly **Rebecca Hornaday**.

Ann Hornaday

Ann Hornaday was born on December 12, 1766. She married Robert Stewart or Stuart, a Quaker from Pennsylvania, in Cane Creek on Saturday January 11, 1783. Sometime around 1802 the family moved from North Carolina to Warren County, Ohio near the town of Oregonia where they spent the rest of their lives. Ann died at age 73 on August 1, 1839. Robert Stuart died July 21, 1844 at the age of 83.

The children I have information on were John Clark Stuart and Alexander Stuart, Abigail Stewart and Ivey Stewart.

Isaiah Hornaday

Isaiah Hornaday was born about 1768. He married a Susannah Carr in 1788 in Cane Creek, North Carolina and died very shortly thereafter. His widow remarried in May of 1791. They had one child, Isaiah, born in 1789. It was said that Isaiah died in a wagon fire while transporting tobacco on a wagon train to Raleigh.

Ezekiel Hornaday

Ezekiel Hornaday seems to be the youngest and was born about 1770. Ezekiel was a weaver by trade. He married Mary Dicks on February 2, 1792. They moved to Randolph County and he died in 1795 at the young age of twenty-five. Mary remarried in 1803 to a John Jones.

Ezekiel and Mary had the following children during the short span of their marriage: **Zachariah**, **Isaiah** and **Ezekiel Hornaday**. Ezekiel was born after his father's death four months earlier.