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THE HOCKERSMITH FAMILY

The Hockersmith family is German. The name is spelled Hockersmith, Hackersmith, Hawkersmith and Hockensmith in many records, but it is all the same family that descended from the original immigrant, Conrad Hockersmith. Conrad's granddaughter Eva married James Breckenridge and this family became a part of my heritage.

CONRAD HOCKERSMITH

Conrad was born in Germany probably around 1720. He came to America aboard the ship *Snow Betsie* and arrived in Philadelphia on August 27, 1739.

Conrad remained the general area of eastern Pennsylvania for a few years and then may have headed to Lancaster County where so many other German families had settled. All the children seem to have been born in Lancaster although I find only one birth, that of Michael, recorded there at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Another researcher feels they were living in Maryland, just over the border, but went to church in Lancaster until the Lutheran church in Monocacy (Maryland) was established. This makes sense as no land records are to be found in Lancaster County.

Sometime in the 1750s, the family moved southwest into Maryland. Conrad had a bond recorded in Frederick County, Maryland on November 21, 1759. He had deeds for land recorded in Frederick County from 1762 through 1788, which included land in Tanneytown and Emmitsburg.

He also owned land in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. During the American Revolution he was listed, along with his sons George, Jacob and Conrad junior, as *Associates for the Committee for Observation* in Frederick County, Maryland.

He was married to a Mary or Maria Christiana Winholts, who may have been a second wife. He remained in Frederick County all his life. His will was probated there on May 15, 1795. His wife had her will probated there in 1809.

They had four children.

Jacob Hockersmith

Jacob married Elizabeth Smith in Frederick County, Maryland. Elizabeth was the daughter of George and Christina Smith. She was his second wife. No one knows the name of his first wife.

He was a member of the German Lutheran Church of Tom's Creek. He lived near Emmitsburg, Maryland. During the Revolution, he served as a Ensign in Captain William Blair's Company of the Maryland Militia. He died in Frederick County and his will was probated on October 12, 1818. Their children were:

HENRY HOCKERSMITH born May 29, 1768 and died in Scott County, Kentucky on

September 16, 1840.

JACOB HOCKERSMITH born about 1770 and died in 1851. He was married to a Mary in Franklin County, Kentucky. They lived in Franklin/Scott County, Kentucky.

PETER HOCKERSMITH married to Christina Smith on January 24, 1800 and died in Stark County, Ohio on June 9, 1834.

DAVID HOCKENSMTIH born in 1790 and died in 1829. He married Catherine Miller in Frederick County, Maryland on November 3, 1782. His children were:

John Hockensmith born in Frederick County on October 6, 1819 and died October 11, 1891.

Joshua Hockensmith born in 1822. His wife was named Amy. They lived in Christian County, Maryland.

Elizabeth Hockensmith born in Frederick County in 1824.

GEORGE HOCKERSMITH born in 1770 and died in 1832.

JOHN HOCKERSMITH born August 18, 1774 and died March 28, 1855.

WILLIAM HOCKERSMITH died in 1819.

ELIZABETH HOCKERSMITH born April 9, 1780 and died October 18, 1858 in Frederick County. She married George Gaugh.

MARGARET MAGDALENA HOCKERSMITH born April 11, 1802 and died April 1, 1874.

MARY HOCKERSMITH She married a Rupert man.

CATHERINE HOCKERSMITH She married Silas Kittle.

George Hockersmith

George Hockersmith was born May 10, 1741. His wife was named Martha, as recorded in early deeds.

He owned land in Maryland from 1764 through 1798 when he died. The land was near Emmitsburg and Taneytown in Frederick County. During the Revolution, he was a Lieutenant in Captain William Blair's Company of troops. His will was written on December 8, 1798 and filed on September 10, 1799.

They had the following children:

CATHERINE HOCKERSMITH

GEORGE HOCKERSMITH born about 1774 in Frederick County, Maryland.

SAMUEL HOCKERSMITH born April 22, 1786, and died December 16, 1854.

SUSANNA HOCKERSMITH

NANCY HOCKERSMITH married Conrad Harsh in June 1802 and died May 10, 1849.

ELIZABETH HOCKERSMITH

MARY HOCKERSMITH born May 7, 1765. She married Benjamin Whitmore in Frederick County on July 21, 1782. Benjamin died in Clermont County, Ohio in 1822 and Mary then married Lawrence Hensel on July 10, 1832. They had one child:

Conrad Whitmore born September 17, 1783. He married Mary Hensel in Clermont County, Ohio on October 11, 1814. He died in Illinois on June 22, 1868.

MARTHA HOCKERSMITH

EVE HOCKERSMITH born August 6, 1771 and died in 1801. She married Conrad Harsh on August 31, 1790.

Edward (Conrad Jr.) Hockersmith

Edward is my line, and his life is covered in the next section.

Michael Hockersmith

According to the records at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, he was born on July 14, 1743 and was baptized there on August 3, 1743. He moved to the Salt River area of Franklin County with his son Michael and died there about 1812.

He married Maria Margaret Smith, the sister of Elizabeth who married his brother Jacob. The family lived in Emmitsburg, Maryland. During the Revolution, he was a first Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain William Shields. The 1790 Census lists 5 males under the age of sixteen, 3 males over the age of sixteen and 5 females. I have the only these names:

MARY MARGARET HOCKERSMITH christened November 3, 1782 in Frederick County, Maryland.

MICHAEL HOCKERSMITH II married Nancy Holman in Jessamine County, Kentucky on December 26, 1799. They moved to Jefferson County, Indiana about 1844.

EDWARD (CONRAD) HOCKERSMITH

Edward or Conrad junior is my line. He seems to have used the name of Edward Hockersmith more than he did Conrad. Perhaps this was his middle name, and he used it to avoid confusion with his father. He is mentioned in his father's will as Conrad. He was born around the late 1740s.

He moved to Frederick County Maryland with his family, and there married Eva Rice or Reisz. Eva was a daughter of Casper Rice. They were married about 1773.

During the Revolution, he served along with his brothers as *Associates* in Frederick County.

On April 20, 1789, he sold his lands in Maryland to his brothers and moved to Jessamine County, Kentucky about 1791.

He died in Jessamine County, Kentucky in 1808. His will was written on October 13, 1808 and was probated there in November of 1808. His wife was mentioned in the will, so she survived him.

Edward and Eva Hockersmith had the following eight children:

Elizabeth Hockersmith

Elizabeth was born in 1774 in Frederick County, Maryland. She married Henry Clark in 1791 and they moved to the town of Clark in Lincoln County, Kentucky where she died in 1799.

Conrad Rice Hockersmith

He was born December 22, 1779 and died in Logan County, Kentucky December 18, 1844.

David Hockersmith

David was born August 12, 1785. He married Debitha Rutherford on October 6, 1804 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

After her death, he married a cousin, Susannah (Harbaugh) Kennedy on June 27, 1833. He died on February 18, 1861 in Jessamine County, Kentucky.

David and Susannah had two children:

EDWARD C. HOCKERSMITH born about 1834 and married a Susan.

SARAH JANE HOCKERSMITH. Born about 1836. She married Turner T. Taylor in Jessamine County on November 2, 1854.

Other children mentioned in his will were probably by his first wife Debitha. All these kids moved to Missouri. They were:

NEWTON J. HOCKERSMITH born in 1809 and died June 29, 1851 in Independence, Missouri.

GEORGE W. R. HOCKERSMITH married Sidney Ann Wiley in Jessamine County on November 7, 1835.

DAVID HOCKERSMITH born in 1811.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON HOCKERSMITH born on October 9, 1818.

WILKERSON HOCKERSMITH born in 1820. He married Lucy Rice in Jessamine County on January 29, 1840.

JOSEPH HOCKERSMITH appears in two marriage records in Jessamine County. First to Sidney Ann Dougherty on February 7, 1838 and then to Ellis Dougherty on May 11, 1842.

MAHULDA HOCKERSMITH born in September 1820. She married James M. Zimmerman in Jessamine County on October 15, 1842.

JOHN HOCKERSMITH

John Hockersmith

I have little information on John Hockersmith, except he was listed in his father's will in 1808. He was born in 1776 and died about 1838. He had at least one daughter:

LYSENA HOCKERSMITH *Lena* was born in Kentucky on February 10, 1809. She married Richard West in Madison County, Kentucky on July 26, 1826. She died on April 6, 1860 and is buried in the Harbaugh Cemetery in Jessamine County, Kentucky.

Eva Hockersmith

Eva married James Breckenridge and is my lineage. James Breckenridge was born in July of 1772 in Pennsylvania and in the early 1790s joined up with General *Mad Anthony* Wayne and fought the Indians with him in Ohio until the mid to latter 1790s.

He was mustered out and given a claim for bounty lands in Kentucky. He then moved south across the Ohio River to Madison County, Kentucky near the present town of Richmond, Kentucky.

At about the same time he married Eva Hockersmith. They were married in February of 1798 and I believe it took place in Madison County, Kentucky, but I am not certain.

James and Eva had ten children. The first nine were born in Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky. The youngest was born in St. Louis County, Missouri.

It seems that while living in Kentucky, James Breckenridge met Daniel Boone and traveled with him several times into what was then Louisiana but is now St. Louis, Missouri. Boone County, Missouri was named for this pioneer who eventually spent his last days there.

After exploring the area with Boone and others, James and Eva and their family moved to St. Louis County, Missouri some 10 miles north of the City of St. Louis on the St. Charles road. This was in the *Patterson Settlement* near the present day Florissant, Missouri.

There they remained for the rest of their lives. James died on June 26, 1853 and Eva died there

on October 31, 1861. Both are buried in St. Louis County.

They had the following ten children:

ELIZABETH BRECKENRIDGE was born August 17, 1799 in Richmond, Kentucky. She was married four times. She first married John Parks Bacon in St. Louis County, Missouri on February 15, 1821. John was born in Amherst County, Virginia on December 14, 1795. They had four children before John Bacon died on November 16, 1829.

Julia Ann Bacon born October 28, 1821. She married Preston Gordon in St. Louis County on March 9, 1837. She died in St. Clair County, Missouri on December 22, 1861.

James Ludwell Bacon was born November 5, 1823 and died in St. Clair County on October 28, 1854.

Margaret E. Bacon was born February 10, 1826. She married John K. Orr in St. Louis County on September 22, 1845. She died in St. Louis County in 1904.

William Parks Bacon born November 10, 1828. He married Minerva Eve Hume in St. Louis County on March 11, 1852. Minerva was a daughter of Stanton Hume and Sarah Ann Breckenridge. Minerva was born February 20, 1832.

After John Bacon died on November 16, 1829, Elizabeth married William Orr. They were married in St. Louis County on February 23, 1831. They had one child:

James Orr born February 19, 1832. He married Elvira Lewis and died sometime in the late 1850s. Elvira was listed as a widow in January 1858.

William Orr must have died very shortly after they were married as on December 13, 1833, Elizabeth married Thomas James Ferguson in St. Louis County. They had two children:

Salina B. Ferguson born April 15, 1836. She married John Hockersmith on May 15, 1853. She died in the 1870s in St. Louis County.

Virginia Carr Ferguson born January 18, 1857. She married Stanton Hume (Junior) in St. Louis County on February 26, 1857. Stanton was a son of Stanton Hume and Sarah Ann Breckenridge. He was born February 13, 1836 and died August 22, 1922.

Elizabeth married for the fourth time in 1853. She became the fifth wife of Judge Frederick Hyatt and she again outlived this husband as well. Frederick died September 10, 1870. Elizabeth was living with her daughter Virginia and her husband Stanton Hume in the 1880 census.

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE was born January 25, 1801. He married Elizabeth Post on April 30, 1829 in St. Louis County. Elizabeth was born in Rutland, Vermont April 26, 1910. The family moved to Andrew County, Missouri in 1844. John died there July 22, 1885 and is buried in the old Savannah Cemetery. Elizabeth remained in the area until her death on September 28, 1897. They had these children:

Sarah Breckenridge She was born April 1, 1830 in St. Louis County Missouri and died August 2, 1917 in Savannah. She married William Fulkerson on October 5, 1848 in Andrew County, Missouri.

Elizabeth Breckenridge She was born November 28, 1832 and married Fielding P. Chamberlain in Andrew County on May 19, 1852. She died in Savannah, Missouri February 25, 1869.

James Breckenridge He was born January 31, 1835 and died January 16, 1917. He

married Amanda E. Young April 12, 1881 in Savannah, Andrew County. Amanda was born September 5, 1852 and died August 13, 1920 in Savannah. They had 3 children:

John Clinton Breckenridge born May 29, 1882 and died in New Orleans April 20, 1920. He never married.

Robert James Breckenridge born September 14, 1883 and died in Texarkana, Texas March 21, 1933. He first married an Ethel in 1910 and later married Mary Martin May 4, 1919.

Asa Allen Breckenridge born July 26, 1887 and died in New Orleans January 18, 1919. He first married Mattie Crosby in 1915 and then Nellie Heikes August 19, 1920.

Minerva Breckenridge born in 1837 and married Elcana Trumbo on October 22, 1863.

Missouri Breckenridge was born April 13, 1841 and died June 28, 1924 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County Missouri. She married E. S. Castle on November 5, 1862.

Eliza Breckenridge born in 1844.

Asa Breckenridge was born in 1848 in Andrew County, Missouri. He married Martha and they were in Troy, Doniphan County Kansas in 1880 and 1885.

Sisagambus 'Ganby' Breckenridge a daughter born in 1854.

SARAH 'SALLIE' BRECKENRIDGE was born in August 1802. She died as an infant.

SARAH ANN BRECKENRIDGE the second Sarah was born January 22, 1804. Sarah Ann married Stanton Hume and is my ancestor. They were married on December 31, 1822. Stanton Hume was born in Madison County, Virginia on May 12, 1799 and he died February 18, 1850 in St. Louis County, Missouri. Stanton and Sarah Ann Hume lived in the Patterson Settlement some 15 miles north of the present City of St. Louis and farmed the land all their lives. Both Stanton and Sarah Ann are buried in the Cold Water Cemetery near Florissant, Missouri. Sarah Ann died July 23, 1888. They had twelve children all of whom were born in Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri. The following is what I know about the family of Stanton Hume and Sarah Breckenridge Hume.

Anne Elizabeth Hume was born on December 1, 1823. She married Lemuel James Patterson in Flourissant, Missouri on October 1, 1843. This is my line of Humes and Pattersons. Lemuel James Patterson and Ann Elizabeth Patterson's daughter Minerva Eve Patterson married John Jones. John and Minerva Jones were my mother's grandparents.

Talitha Hume was one of the twins born on February 20, 1825. She married Rufus Blackburn on December 15, 1842.

Lewis F. Hume was the second twin born on February 20, 1825. He married Mary Ann Cason on March 16, 1847.

James Breckenridge Hume was born on March 31, 1828. He married Keziah Patterson on November 16, 1854. James died on September 7, 1901, Keziah died on April 7, 1907. Both are buried in the Cold Water Cemetery.

John M. Hume was born on February 18, 1830 and died on August 19, 1847 at the age of seventeen.

Minerva Eve Hume was born on February 20, 1832. She married William Parks Bacon on March 11, 1852. They had one daughter who married John Tyler.

Mariah Catherine Hume was born on October 29, 1833. She married Pendleton P. Ellis on April 2, 1857. Marie died on February 7, 1861. They had one child that died in infancy.

Stanton Hume II was born on February 13, 1836 and died on August 22, 1922. He married Virginia Carr Ferguson on February 27, 1857. She was a daughter of Thomas Ferguson and Elizabeth Breckenridge. They had two sons: Robert and Jefferson.

Sarah M. Hume was born on March 11, 1841 and died on May 1, 1904. She married N. W. Evans on December 20, 1864. She later moved to Chicago, Illinois.

George Washington Hume was born on January 27, 1843 and died May 18, 1932. He married Anna Washington Tyler on February 18, 1879. They had two sons and four daughters.

Mary Thomas Hume was born on November 27, 1844. She married Curtis W. Martin in June of 1867. They moved to Pike County, Missouri.

Julia Anna Hume was born in 1845. She married J. C. Henly on February 18, 1862. They had three girls and she died a widow in Roodhouse, Illinois at the home of her sister, Ann Elizabeth Patterson.

MARGARET L. BRECKENRIDGE was born February 17, 1806. She married Walter Hensen Boswell in St. Louis County on February 19, 1839. Walter was born in Charles County, Maryland on July 11, 1808. They remained in St. Louis County. Walter died in 1851, Margaret died January 29, 1874. Both are buried in the Fee Fee Cemetery. They had one child:

Charles Boswell born in 1843. He was not mentioned in his mother's will so must have died in the 1860s, possibly in the Civil War as he was the right age.

ASA BRECKENRIDGE was born in Madison County, Kentucky on May 22, 1808. He married Mary Elizabeth Goode on November 27, 1834 in Franklin County, Missouri. Mary had previously been married to William E. Roberts of Franklin County. They lived in Franklin County all their lives. Asa was a farmer there. Their children were:

James Breckenridge

Mack Breckenridge

Robert Breckenridge born December 25, 1841 and died in Franklin County on November 25, 1882.

Minerva Breckenridge born October 26, 1844. She married John T. Crowe on January 16, 1865. She died in Franklin County on July 6, 1874 at age thirty.

Mary Jane Breckenridge married David J. Voorhis in Franklin County on September 15, 1868.

Lucy Breckenridge was born April 5, 1850. She married Charles P. McCune on November 15, 1871 and died in Franklin County on May 17, 1879.

James E. Breckenridge

ISAAC HOCKERSMITH BRECKENRIDGE or *Hawker* as he was called, was born April 5, 1810 in Madison County, Kentucky. He married Lois Post in St. Louis County, Missouri on February 14, 1836. He was a farmer and remained in St. Louis County all his life. Hawker died on October 19, 1875 and Lois died there January 13, 1904. Both are buried in the Fee Fee Cemetery. Their children were:

Thomas E. Breckenridge born October 28, 1836. He married Nancy J. McClain on July 20, 1873. He died November 1, 1910.

Elizabeth Breckenridge was born in June 1839 and died on September 3, 1853 at age fourteen.

James Breckenridge was born in June 1842 and died at age twenty-six on September 13, 1868.

John Post Breckenridge was born December 8, 1844 and died in St. Louis County on April 6, 1907.

Isaac Breckenridge

Erastus Breckenridge was born in 1850 and died August 28, 1853.

MINERVA M. BRECKENRIDGE was born November 1, 1812. One source indicates she married John T. Crowe. It also states their children were **Asa, Luther, Maude** and **Nellie Crowe**. Another source states she married James Gordon in St. Louis County on December 10, 1835. It is quite possible that she was married twice, although the first set of children was not mentioned in James Gordon's will. Minerva died in the 1844-1847 time period and James died February 16, 1852. Both are buried in the Fee Fee Cemetery. The children of James and Minerva were:

Margaret B. Gordon
Elizabeth A. Gordon
Euphemia J. Gordon
Minerva E. Gordon

James Gordon remarried to a Sarah Ann 'Sallie' who survived him in 1853.

JAMES MADISON BRACKENRIDGE was born January 12, 1816 in Madison County, Kentucky. This family continued to use the spelling of Brackenridge. He married Mary Ann Magdaline Burch in Rives County, Missouri on January 27, 1840. Mary was born in Hardy County, Virginia on January 7, 1822. She was a daughter of Robert Norton Burch and Rebecca Swisher. The family moved to St. Clair County, Missouri where both died. James died on June 28, 1895 and Mary on January 13, 1903. Both are buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Their children were:

Robert Thomas Brackenridge was born October 25, 1844. He married Sarah Elizabeth Gordon on October 23, 1870. She was born March 18, 1850, a daughter of Preston Gordon and Julia Ann Bacon. They remained in St. Clair county and she died there September 20, 1918 and he died February 26, 1923.

Eve Rebecca Brackenridge was born April 10, 1848. She married William R. Boles in St. Clair County on February 20, 1868. She died in St. Clair County on August 17, 1920.

Margaret Virginia Brackenridge was born January 27, 1852. She married Thomas C. Chambers on January 4, 1872. She died in St. Clair County on October 23, 1940.

THOMAS EDWIN BRECKENRIDGE was born March 15, 1825 in St. Louis County, Missouri. He was the only child born in Missouri. He went on the famous early expedition to California with Colonel James Fremont in 1848. He survived and returned to St. Louis County in 1850. He married Margaret Elizabeth Ritenour on January 30, 1851. The family moved to Hannibal, Marion County, Missouri where he remained until he died on April 23, 1897. Their children, all born in Missouri, were:

James J. Breckenridge
Thomas Breckenridge
Harriett Breckenridge
Walter Breckenridge
Henry P. Breckenridge
Reece C. Breckenridge

Lucy Hockersmith

Lucy was born in about 1787. She married George Springer in Madison County, Kentucky on October 3, 1803. They moved to Platte County, Missouri.

They had the following children:

PAULINA SPRINGER she married a Harbaugh and then a Bryant.

GABRIELLA SPRINGER she married a Grimes, then a McConnell then a Warren.

GURSHMAN SPRINGER

JANUARY SPRINGER

NANCY SPRINGER she married a McConnell.

HARVEY SPRINGER

Nancy Hockersmith

I know nothing about Nancy other than she married Abner Springer on March 25, 1811 in Fayette County, Kentucky. The bondsman was David Hockensmith and the mother was listed as Eva Hockensmith. I assume Abner was a brother of George Springer.

Another Edward Hockersmith

There must have been another Edward as there was an Edward Hockersmith who died in Logan County, Kentucky by 1818 when his will was probated. Not sure how he ties into this family at all.

There is a marriage record in Madison County, Kentucky for Edward Hockersmith marrying Mary Wilson on August 27, 1793.

There is another record of Edward marrying Elizabeth (Betsy) Bishop in Logan County, Kentucky on January 28, 1807.

HOCKERSMITH MARRIAGE RECORDS

The following are marriage records I have found relating to this family.

Madison County, Kentucky

Edward Hockersmith to Patsy Holdman August 27, 1793.

Edward Hockersmith to Mary Wilson August 27, 1793.

Margaret (Peggy) Hockersmith to Pleasant Watkins September 15, 1816.

Delilah Hockersmith to John Pitman December 7, 1820.

Lavinia Hockersmith to William Rives June 22, 1826.

Andrew Hockersmith to Mary Parks July 25, 1826.

Lena Hockersmith to Richard West July 26, 1826.

Evy Hockersmith to Eli McAnally February 25, 1830.

Susannah Hockersmith to James M. Kindred January 20, 1835.

Elizabeth Hockersmith to Michael W. Ballard March 12, 1835.

Franklin County, Kentucky

Frederick Hockersmith to Rebecca Mefford May 21, 1802.

Jacob Hockersmith to Anna Skinner on September 12, 1803.

Sally Hockersmith to James Griffie on Bovember 22, 1804.

Henry Hockensmith to Mary L. Cox on January 8, 1825.

Eliza Hockensmith to John Henry Gatewood on February 7, 1861.

Jesse Hockensmith to Catherine Cox on December 27, 1831.

Judith (?) Hockensmith to Maria Story on March 27, 1826.

Belle Hockersmith to George M. Brock on December 16, 1875.

David Hockersmith to Susan Ann Darley on December 23, 1856.

Emma Hockersmith to Benjamin F. Shortridge on March 28, 1854.

John H. Hockersmith to Letitia Clark on November 10, 1875.

John L. Hockersmith to Polly M. McCoy on October 3, 1853.

Julia Ann Hockersmith to George C. Hughes in 1856.

Martha Eliza Hockersmith to James Thomas Riddle on March 13, 1862.

Minerva Hockersmith to John L. Herndon on November 13, 1852.

Pathena Hockersmith to William Hancock on January 16, 1843.

Willis Hockersmith to Mary E. Sebrie on March 16, 1854.