

# Genesis of the Hockaday Family in America

Believing that it is the duty of each succeeding generation to keep alive in their memories the traditions and history of their ancestors and thinking it a mistake in people to allow their ancestry to fall into obscurity and to regard it as a thing of the long forgotten past. I have decided to try to get a brief sketch of the origin of the family of Hockaday's who now dwell within the borders of the United States and I shall deal chiefly with that branch of the family who live in the state of North Carolina.

My aged grandfather has been my only aid in this work. He, being a man of very good memory, has related to me all that he knows or has heard of this family. It seems that the story has been passed down from generation to generation to the present day A D 1912. The Hockaday's were of ordinary means and were natives of Wales.

Warwick Hockaday, the father of 4 sons emigrated to Virginia during colonization days bringing his sons with him. The date of his immigration is not known, but it was some years before the war between the French and the English. His four sons were named Warwick, William, Samuel, and James.

Warwick and William Hockaday the sons of Warwick the emigrant served in the Revolution. William Hockaday is remembered by a good many of the oldest inhabitants in Halifax county North Carolina because of a joke told on an American Captain named Powell.

- (1) William Hockaday, who had moved to Halifax Co. before the Revolution, was during the Revolution a boatman on Roanoke River at the Halifax ferry. Captain Powell was being carried across Roanoke River from the Northampton Co. side when in midstream a company of British soldiers came up on the north bank of the river and began firing on the boat, which besides William Hockaday, boatman and Captain Powell was carrying a quantity of bacon. When the British began firing on the boat William Hockaday covered Captain Powell with the bacon, and it is said that everytime the British fired that Powell would yell "More bacon Hockaday".
- (2) Samuel Hockaday married a lady by the name of Day and moved to Alabama and little is known of his family to the writer of this.
- (3) James Hockaday was wounded in the war, and it is thought that he received his wounds at the time of General Braddocks defeat around

1755, therefore his crippled condition would not allow him to enter the Revolution. Sometime after the war was over, he moved from Halifax County to Granville County.

While James Hockaday lived in Virginia, he became the father of 2 sons and 1 daughter, named Warwick, William, and Betsy.

- (4) Warwick died while a prisoner in the hands of the British during the Revolution. Betsy Hockaday, the daughter of James Hockaday married a man by the name of Adams and later moved from Halifax County to Wake County, North Carolina.

William Hockaday, a son of Jimmie Hockaday of the emigrant family also made his home in Granville County and married a woman named Annie Powell.

Warwick lived and died in Halifax County, was married to Mary E. Shaw. He was the father of 3 sons and 1 daughter, and was himself a grandson of Warwick Hockaday the emigrant of colonization days. His four children were named William, Warwick, John, and Tempie. Warwick moved to west Tennessee and married a Judkins. William Hockaday married Betsy Jackson and was the father of 2 sons and 1 daughter, named Warwick, Thomas, and Susan.

John Hockaday died unmarried and Tempie married Jimmie Shaw, whom she later killed, because of his brutal treatment.

Warwick Hockaday, son of William Hockaday married Mary Perkins. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted and fought for the Confederacy and was killed during a battle at the Spottsylvania Court house in Virginia, the 8th day of May 1864. He was the father of 1 son also named Warwick.

Thomas Hockaday also served in the Civil War passing through its trials safely. After coming out of the war, he was married to Mary Hockaday, the widow of Warwick, his brother. A few years later she died leaving a baby boy of 4 years named Jim. Thomas Hockaday was also married later in life to a lady named Pattie Glasgow. She was the mother of 7 children, 6 of which are now living, whose names are Hattie, Kate, Samuel, Nell, Rebecca, and Jerry all of which were the children of Thomas Hockaday, who is still living at this date January 19, 1912. Died February 26, 1912.

Susan, a sister of Thomas and Warwick died unmarried on July 12, 1901.

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