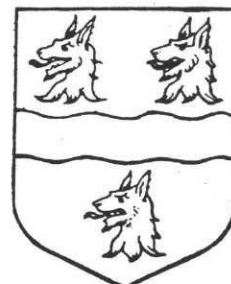


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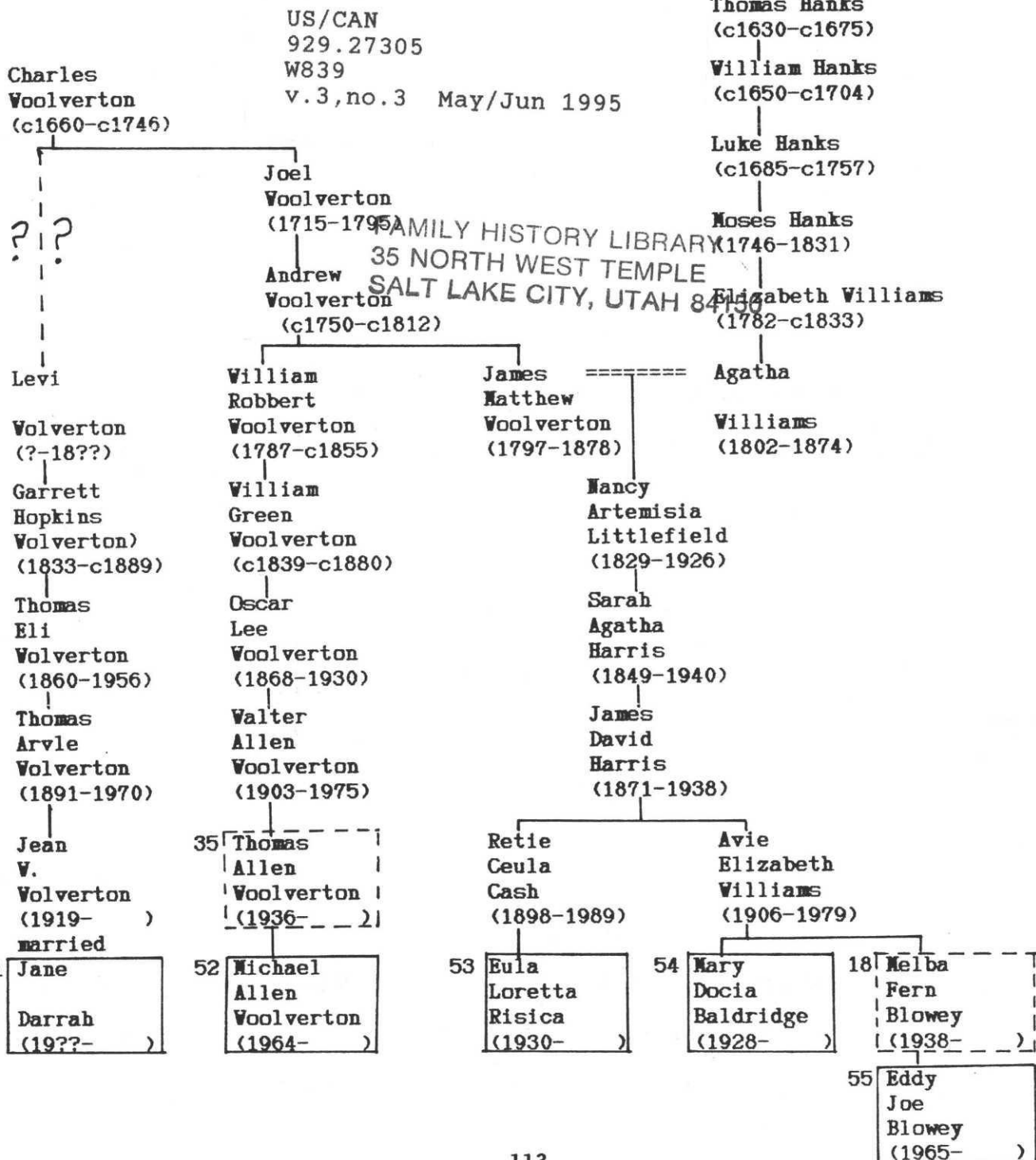
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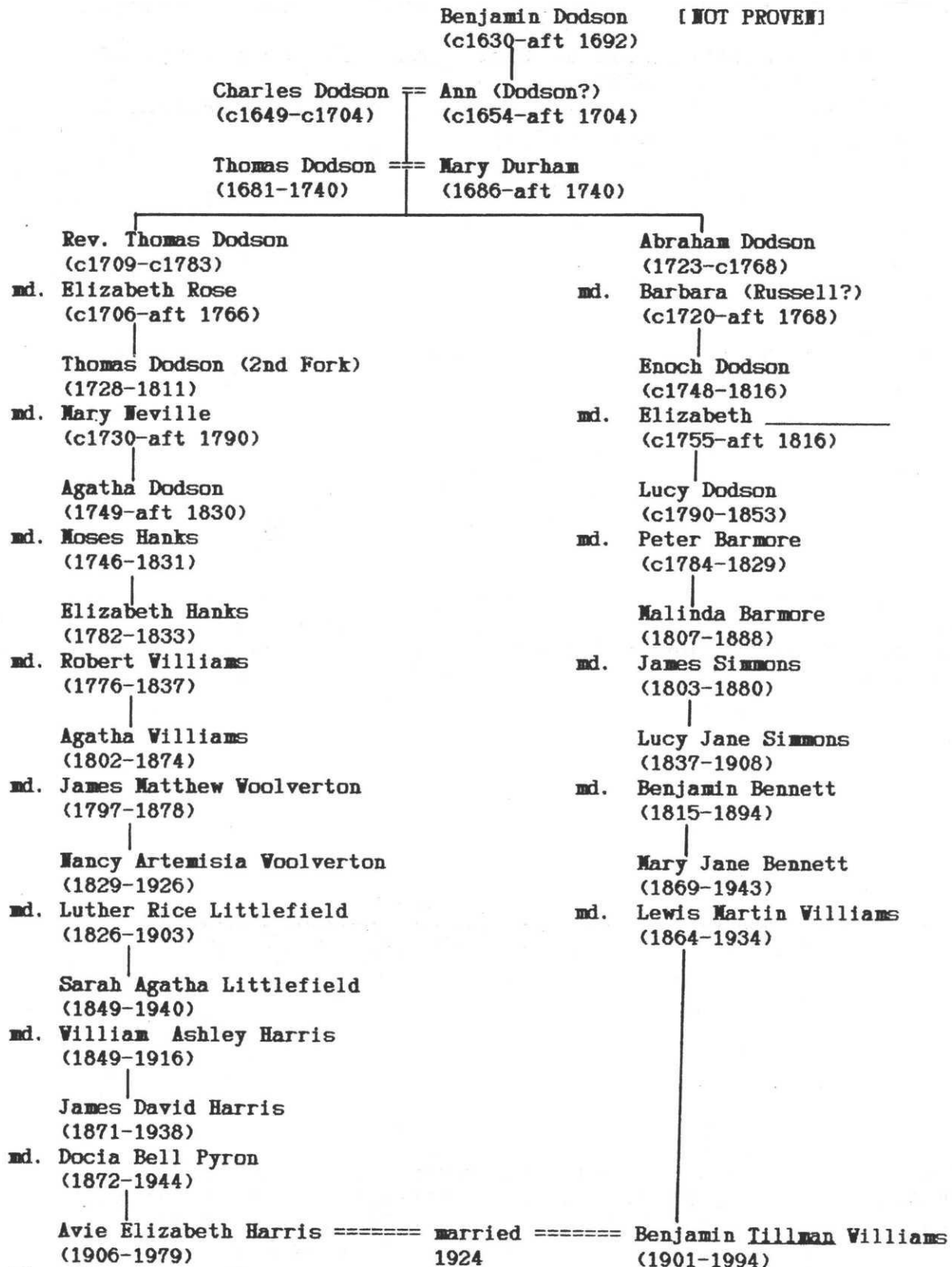


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Michael A. Woolverton is the oldest son of Thomas A. Woolverton, one of our subscribers. Michael was born on Nov. 8, 1964 at Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Centennial High School in Ellicott City, Maryland and attended Maryland University where he majored in computer science. On August 3, 1991 he married Angela Jill Reed at Columbia, Maryland. His hobbies include genealogy, music, and computer games.

Loretta Risica has a great interest in genealogy and history. She is faithful to attend the James David Harris Reunions and has been to the big Harris Reunion in Tennessee. She also attends a Cash Reunion every year of her father's family. For many years she was bookkeeper and co-owner of Risica Tire & Glass with her husband, Sam (now deceased). She also is a horse rancher. She is proud of her 4 sons and grandchildren.

Docia Baldrige was a school teacher for several years and now she and her husband, Bryan, are retired. She is a

member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having joined through the service of James Barmore of Virginia (father of Peter Barmore who married Lucy Dodson). She has collected a great amount of family history records and was the first one from my Harris branch of the family to find out that we are distantly related to President Abraham Lincoln.

In her research she also discovered that her mother and father, Tillman and Avie (Harris) Williams were distantly related to each other through the Dodson line (See lineage chart on page 114). This is not the only double connection. Docia's first cousin, Verona Hix, married Roscoe Robinson, a first cousin on the Williams side. Verona is the daughter of Patie (Harris) Hix and Roscoe is the son of Sarah Elizabeth (Williams) Robinson. Patie was Avie's sister and Sarah was Tillman's sister. Thus Verona and Roscoe Robinson are doubly related through the Dodsons in the same way as Docia. Also Docia has 4 sisters, Margaret Evans, Peggy Pfluger, Shirley Blundell, and Melba Blowey who all carry this same lineage. Margaret and Melba are subscribers.

Melba's son, Eddy Blowey, is a subscriber. Eddy was married to Diana Tristan on July 30, 1988 at Harlingen, Texas. He is an electronics technician in the Dallas area.

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CORRECTION: Brenda Woolverton, lineage #38, mentioned on p. 85 and 102 of the newsletter was born May 17, 1956.

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May 14, 1995 (Mother's Day)--Woolverton Mountain Reunion (Descendants of William Louis Woolverton), Formosa Community Building, Formosa, Arkansas, Mother's Day, May 14, 1995. Contact Gene Woolverton at (417) 256-8035.

May 19-21, 1995--Woolverton Reunion (Mostly descendants of Jesse Claude Woolverton of the John Bird Woolverton line), Glen Rose Methodist Church Camp at Glen Rose, Texas. Contact Brenda Woolverton at (214) 255-7462 or Beryl Toomes (703) 941-7431.

May 28, 1995--Littlefield Reunion (Mostly descendants of John Monroe Littlefield) at Fletcher New School Building, Fletcher, Oklahoma. Contact Helen Wolf at (405) 492-4543.

June 1-3, 1995--35th Annual James David Harris Reunion at Marlow, Oklahoma. Festivities begin with a picnic on Thursday evening at Red Bud Park, 5 blocks east of Hwy. 81 at Main. Meals and other activities for Friday and Saturday will be at the American Legion, 1 1/2 miles north on Main and 1/2 block east (signs for "Harris Reunion" will be posted). There will be a talent show and a quilt to work on during the reunion. Contact Theola (Harris) Williams (405) 658-2040 at Marlow for more information. She is the youngest daughter of

James David Harris⁷ (Agatha Harris⁶, Nancy A. Littlefield⁵, James M. Woolverton⁴, Andrew³, Joel², Charles¹).

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HEARD AT LAST YEAR'S HARRIS REUNION AT LOCKHART, TEXAS:

On our trip to the Harris Reunion in Texas, we stopped at Wal-mart to call our motel for directions. The motel operator said, "Oh, we are 'rot' nex' to Wal-mart!" "Rot nex' to" in Texas is three fields, a road, a grain storage bin, a shed, and 13 telephone poles down the road. We could barely see a structure on the horizon from the Wal-mart parking lot.

Also at the reunion one father was asked, "Where did YOU get such a pretty daughter?" His answer was, "She didn't get ANY choice, NO choice a' tall."

Contributed by Margery (Gohr) Bartell, Arnold, Missouri

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QUERY--JOSIAH HARDIN

One of our subscribers, Marie Hardin Ratliff, has been researching her HARDIN line for many years, but has reached a dead end in McNairy County, Tennessee, where so many of the Hanks/Woolverton/Littlefield/Harris and other related families have lived since the mid-1800s. Her Woolverton/Hanks lineage chart appeared on p. 103 of the March-April issue. Her Hardin lineage is as follows:

- 4) Josiah Hardin, b. ca. 1828 TN; m. 1850 McNairy Co., TN to Malinda Bryant, b. ca. 1836 TN (both buried at Authen Cemetery, 15 miles north of Weatherford, Texas)
 - 3) Siras Bell Hardin, b. 13 Dec. 1872 Tennessee; d. 29 June 1934 Jack Co., TX (buried Gibtown Cemetery near Perrin, TX); m. Lucy Artimus Harris, 1888 McNairy Co., TN; her dates, b. 31 July 1869 McNairy Co., TN; d. 10 March 1965 Azle, TX (buried at Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas)
 - 2) Fred Edward Hardin, b. 7 Sept. 1890 McNairy Co., TN; d. 24 April 1967 Fort Worth, TX; m. Birdie Mae Oliphant, 24 Dec. 1913 Fort Worth, TX; her dates, b. 22 April 1897 Cypress, IL; d. 23 May 1989 Fort Worth, TX (both buried Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas)
 - 1) Bernetta Marie Hardin, b. 3 March 1920 Fort Worth, TX; m. James William Ratliff, March 2, 1938 Fort Worth, TX
- Josiah and Malinda Hardin had 5 girls and 2 boys: Malissa, Matilda, Johanna, Elizetty, Candar "Candy"; and John and Bell.*

A large number of Hardin families lived in different parts of McNairy County and also in neighboring Hardin County and in Maury County. Others probably intermarried with our Hankses and Woolvertons. Only those who seem to be closely related to Mrs. Ratliff are listed below.

The 1850 Census for McNairy County lists the following in District 11 in October:

#1493/1496 HARDIN, Henry, 42, b. NC, Isabella, 48, b. SC, Ann, 19, b. TN, Jane, 18, b. TN, Amelia, 13, b. TN, William, 11, b. TN, Maria, 9, b. TN, Leander, 5, b. TN

#1494 HARDIN, Josiah, 22, b. TN, Malinda, 14, b. TN; married within the year

#1495 BRYANT, Willis, 36, b. TN, Matilda, 36, b. TN, Amos, 17, b. TN, Malinda, 15, b. TN, Alfred, 9, b. TN, Elvina, 5, b. TN, Mary, 3, b. TN, BOOKOUT, Henry, 12, b. TN

#1496 CLARK, Thomas & family with several Bookouts in household

#1497 HARDIN, Jordan, 48, b. NC, Kisiah, 44, b. NC, Henry, 18, b. TN, Mary, 15, b. TN, Rufus, 12, b. TN, Wiley, 10, b. TN, Elizabeth, 8, b. TN, James, 6, b. TN, Derden [Jordan?], 3, b. TN

#1501 HARDIN, Kinneth, 21, b. TN, Sophia, 28, b. NC, William, 5/12, b. TN

#1536 HARDEN, Blackman, 24, b. TN, Nancy M., 26, b. TN, Sally, 1, b. TN [Blackman Hardin was a son of Jordan and Kisiah Hardin and married Nancy M. Bennett.]

The 1860 Census for McNairy County lists the following in District 11, Post Office, Purdy, in September:

#1801 HARDEN, Jourden, 59, b. NC, Kissiah, 54, b. NC, Rufus, 23, b. TN, Elizabeth, 16, b. TN, James, 14, b. TN, Dyus D., 12, M, b. TN

#1802 HARDEN, Henry, 29, b. TN, Sallie, 31, b. NC, Henry J., 3, b. TN, William D., 1, b. TN

#1806 HARDEN, Blackman, 33, b. TN, Nancy, 37, b. TN, Sarah J., 16, b. TN, Mary E., 8, b. TN, John H., 7, b. TN; James H., 4, b. TN, William A., 2, b. TN, Alfred M., 5/12, b. TN

#1807 HARDEN, K. M., 30, b. TN, Sofiah, 37, b. NC, William J., 10, b. TN, MOSER, Lucy, 20, b. TN

District 15, P.O. Adamsville, 6 Oct. 1860

#2137 HARDEN, Josiah, 33, b. TN, Malinda, 25, b. TN, Malissy J., 10, b. TN, Matilda, 7, b. TN, Joann, 5, b. TN, Elizetty E., 3, b. TN, HARDEN, Leandor, 15, b. TN

#2138 HARDEN, Isabel, 58, b. SC, Mary A., 31, b. TN, William H., 21, b. TN, Nancy M., 17, b. TN

1870 Census Josiah Hardin and family were not located on the census for McNairy County.

The 1880 Census for McNairy County lists the following in District 15, on 5 June:

#64 Hardin, Josiah, 52, b. TN; M.A., 44 (wife), b. TN; E.E. (dau.), 22, b. TN; C.P. (dau.), 15, b. TN; J.C. (son), 11, b. TN; S.B. (son), 7, b. TN [Josiah's parents were both born in North Carolina; Malinda's father's birthplace is not listed & the mother was born in Tennessee]

SPECULATION: According to another researcher, Mary M. Allen, Jordan/Jourden Hardin must be a brother of Henry Hardin. Because of the close proximity in the 1850 and 1860 censuses, it appears that HENRY HARDIN and wife ISABELLA are parents of JOSIAH HARDIN. Also it would appear that MALINDA HARDIN is the daughter of WILLIS and MATILDA BRYANT. [I note also that Leander Hardin is listed as a child of Henry Hardin in 1850 and in 1860 is living with Josiah and Malinda. This indicates Leander would be Josiah's younger brother.--ed.]

Marie Ratliff would also like to join the Huguenot Society, as she believes she might be eligible. MARK HARDIN, b. 1660 in Rouen, France, d. 1735 in Prince William Co., VA. He is a proven Huguenot who emigrated from Rouen, France, to England or Wales, to Canada, and to Prince William Co., VA in 1706. (See Rigsby's Historic Georgia Families, Chapt. VIII, pp. 65-66.)

Any help on this Hardin line would be appreciated.
Contact: Marie Hardin Ratliff, 1721 Hillside Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76114-2110; Ph. 817-625-1282.

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THE NEVILLE FAMILY--TWO NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST TO RESEARCHERS

Westmoreland nee Neville, by Olin V. Mapes, 1992. 8.5x11, 192 p., paperback. \$28.50, Order #M061.

The first part covers the illustrious family of Neville in England from 1207-1685 when James Westmoreland (nee Neville) was born. Upon coming to America, he took the surname Westmoreland. The second part covers the genealogy of the Westmoreland family in America. The last part briefly traces the direct line from Ralph Neville down to the author's

maternal grandfather, Olin Emmett Westmoreland. General William Westmoreland comes from this line. There is also some intermarriage with the Bohannon family with this line, so it may prove a helpful research aid.

[Our Neville connection is through the Hanks and Dodson families. Moses Hanks married Agatha Dodson (daughter of Thomas Dodson and Mary Neville). The lineage is: Agatha Dodson Hanks⁶, Mary Neville Dodson⁵, Joseph Neville⁴, John³, James², John¹. Thus Agatha Dodson Hanks was a first cousin of Presley Neville O'Bannon (See below). The Bohannons intermarried with the early generations of Nevilles in Virginia. Joseph Neville⁴ married Ann Bohannon, and his father, John Neville³ married Elizabeth Bohannon.

Note: All evidence points to our Neville family being descended from the ancient family of Neville in Great Britain, but at this time we can go back no further than John Neville (c1612-1664) who came on the Ark and Dove from England in 1633 to Maryland and whose descendants settled in Virginia.--ed.]

Valiant Virginian; Story of Presley Neville O'Bannon, 1776-1850, to Which is Added The O'Bannon Family, by Trudy J. Sundberg and John K. Gott, 1994. 53 & 71 p., paper, \$22.50. Order #S851.

The first part of the book deals with Lieutenant Presley Neville O'Bannon who had an illustrious military career in the marine corps from 1801-1807 and also moved into politics and real estate. He freed 180 American seamen prisoners at Derna, Tripoli, on April 27, 1805 and raised Old Glory over that fortress after successfully defeating the enemy army there. This incident is the source of the phrase, "To the Shores of Tripoli" as found in the Marine's Hymn.

The second half traces 9 generations of O'Bannons, especially those who stayed in Virginia where Irishman Bryan O'Bannon, the immigrant ancestor, settled in the early 1700s. The lineage is: Presley O'Bannon⁶, Ann Neville O'Bannon⁵, Joseph Neville⁴, John³, James², John¹.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN--TWO NEW BOOKS:

Abraham Lincoln's Ancestry: German or English? M. D. Learned's Investigatory History, with an appendix on Daniel Boone, edited by Don Heinrich Tolzmann, 1992. 165 p., paper, \$20.00. Order #T556.

[Note: From the ad, this appears to deal only with the Lincoln ancestry rather than the Hanks family. The Boone connection may be of interest to descendants of Jonathan Wolverton⁵ (1800-1850) of Ohio (John⁴, Charles³, Roger², Charles¹) who married Nancy Boone. The Boone family also

intermarried with the Neville family and with the Hanks family.--ed.]

It Didn't Happen the Way You Think: The Lincoln Assassination: What the Experts Missed, by Robert Lockwood Mills, 1994. 217 p., paper, \$17.00. Order #M345.

Above 4 books available from: Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie, MD 20716. Phone 1-800-398-7709. Please add \$3.50 for postage and handling per order (not per book, but for each total order).

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"UNKNOWN" WOLVERTONS

David A. Macdonald wishes to inform our readers that many of the "Unknown" Wolvertons have now been placed into family groups. He has found primary sources and other evidence to prove each line. He still would welcome comments from anyone having information on these individuals. (See newsletter pages 89-92, 107-112.)

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IN MEMORY OF UNCLE JACK

Written by Hazel Gohr, March 19, 1995

March 6, we received word that Jack Semadeni had died. Ruby Jean called us from Arizona. Later we heard more details. He died about 10:30 that morning. He was lying in bed. The visiting nurse was there and the home care woman. They noticed at once that he wasn't breathing. Marc was also there supervising the workers who were installing a new bathroom adjoining the master bedroom. Of course Lucile was there.

Jack had some seasoned hardwood he had been saving for his casket. The sons made the casket, all 5 of them helping. At first they worked in the school shop. When we got there Thursday afternoon, they had it on the dining room table putting in the lining. The women helped make the lining. Last they put in a patchwork quilt which Lucile had made.

The casket was wider at the shoulders and narrower at the foot like old-fashioned caskets were made. It was trimmed with shields (wooden) and had long wooden handles for carrying. It had a wooden nameplate with his name carved on it. The lid had a groove to fit over the casket--no hinges. It took the 5 men 2 or 3 days to make it. The lining was dark blue velveteen padded with cotton batting and foam rubber. They finished Thursday night and took it to the funeral home at Cortez early Friday morning.

The funeral was Friday March 10, 2 p.m. at the Grade School all-purpose room (where their 50th anniversary was

held in 1986). None of the churches at Dove Creek were large enough or handicapped accessible.

Paul Semadeni led the singing. He had song sheets with old favorites like: "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," and "How Great Thou Art." Paul also read the obituary. It was a summary of Jack's life. He even told some humorous things and had the congregation laughing.

Elder Bob Allgood of Cortez Primitive Baptist Church gave the sermon. They brought Lucile in her wheelchair with portable oxygen tank. The auditorium was full. Jack had lived in that area most of the time for 70 years and was known and respected by all.

After the funeral we drove to Cedar Point Cemetery. Justin, Peter, and Ted had dug the grave by hand, with help from Marc and Paul. They had a fiberglass vault to enclose the casket. The weather was very nice all week, so that helped for the grave digging and driving to Cedar Point.

Steve Semadeni spoke at the graveside and Elder Allgood gave a short service and prayer. Then they lowered the casket (and put on the vault cover). Beginning with John L. Semadeni, each of Jack's children put on a shovelful of dirt. Then the grandchildren took a turn. The men finished filling the grave.

There were lots of flowers at the funeral. Some of us gave cash memorials. After the burial the family went back to Semadenis'. The members of Cortez Primitive Baptist Church had brought food for the supper.

It wasn't a sad funeral. Jack couldn't see well or hear well anymore. He had lived a long, full life and was tired and ready to go "home." The last few days he couldn't eat. He was already thin and weak. It was an unusual funeral because of all the family participation.

All the Semadeni children were there and most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren--about 50 family members.

All of Lucile's brothers and sisters attended and their spouses (except Charla). All Semadeni spouses were there except Steve Tanksley. Jeanie and Wallace Thomas, Ed and Darlene Barber, Mike and Daunne Harris and girls, Ken Harris, Oscar Semadeni and wife, John and Emily Garcher were the nephews and nieces who attended.

[Note: Jack Semadeni, who died at age 91, was the husband of my Aunt Lucile (Harris) Semadeni. Lucile (who is my mother's oldest sister) is the oldest daughter of the oldest son (William Earl Harris⁸) of the oldest son (James David Harris⁷) of William Ashley Harris and Sarah Agatha (Littlefield) Harris⁶. Jack was a talented and colorful person who was beloved and respected by all who knew him. The funeral arrangements sound very much like those that occurred in the 1800s and early 1900s. No doubt many funerals at Woolverton Mountain in Arkansas, and early funerals in Tennessee and Texas were similar to this.--ed.]

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Obituary

Jack M. Semadeni
1904-1995

Julio "Jack" Marcello Semadeni was born January 14, 1904 in Poschiavo, Switzerland. He was the youngest of five siblings born to Alfonso Lorenzo and Anna Steffani Semadeni.

Poschiavo (meaning "key") is a small village in a beautiful mountain valley just 17 km north of Italy. Reportedly, Poschiavo served as a "key barrier" to halt the Napoleonic conquest from penetrating Switzerland.

Jack spent his growing-up years there, and in Santander, Spain - where his father was a hotelier who counted royalty among his customers. As an infant, Jack was dandled on the knee of the King of Spain (Alfonso Doce), and all the children and grandchildren who have ridden Jack's knee can feel as though they, too, were dandled by royalty.

After completing Agriculture College, at age 18, Jack and his brother Alfonso came to America - following their oldest brother, Aldeberto, who had already settled on Cedar Point, UT.

It was during those ensuing years of shepherding, railroading, cowboying, tending Charlie Griffith's moonshine still (during and after Prohibition) that Julio took the name "Jack." He said the other cowboys teased him about being "Julia" in English, and Jack was the hero in one of the first books he read in the English language.

Also, during those pre-war years of dust bowl and depression, Jack - the youngest of a very conventional, staid and patriarchal Old-Country family, met and married the eldest daughter of a many-generations Americanized farming family who had just moved to Dove Creek from Texas. She was good-looking, intelligent and very independent! The sparks that were struck then ignited a fire that has burned brightly - complete with brilliant flare-ups and showers of sparks - for fifty-

eight-and-a-half years. You can expect the embers to keep glowing into Eternity.

Setting up farming was no easier then than now, but Jack and Lucile did so, and were among the frontrunners in practicing and promoting good stewardship of the land with which God blessed them.

To their union were born eight children, seven of whom survive today. They are: John Lorenzo of Yucaipa, CA; Anna Ruth Koppenhafer of Mancos; William Marcello (Marc) of Dove Creek; Paul Wayne of Sahuarita, AZ; James Matthew (Jim) of Overland Park, KS; Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Tanksley of Newfield, NY; and David Edmund, of Marvel, CO.

Jack was the last surviving in the family of his birth, and was also preceded in death by one daughter, Beatrice Yvonne, who died in infancy. He is survived by his wife Lucile Harris Semadeni, seven children, twenty-seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren - as well as their spouses and many others who were drawn into his family through marriage, fostering and unofficial adoption - all of whom know "Grandpa Jack" in their own special way.

For instance: Do you know how many matches it took to light his pipe? That depended on how many shinningly expectant little ones there were who needed a match to blow out! And Jack always needed gentle milk cows - so that we could "drink from the faucet," or better yet, get a great big cheer of applause from him for squeezing out a tiny stream of milk. And how many of you - even not so little ones - went expecting (and rarely disappointed) to be greeted with a pat on the head and "Quack, Quack" or "My, what a cute little girl (or boy)?"

How many of you older ones have gone back and re-done a job -

not because it wouldn't have been acceptable, but because it wouldn't have been up to Jack's standard? And though there were the times we kids resisted his unwillingness to compromise quality for convenience, I can still hear the phrase "If Jack did it, it's OK." - and that from people who don't have a reputation for flattery! Many's the time when Jack would re-do something when no one else would ever have known the difference.

More than a few of you not-so-closely-related will recall times when seeking advice about a problem or an issue almost automatically included "Let's see what Jack thinks about it."

How many of you remember when large deals were sealed with a spoken promise and a handshake? Jack was an integral part of that era. Before the age of computers, virtually everybody and most of the businesses from Blanding to Durango knew and respected the word of Jack Semadeni, or his check - even if written on a grocery sack.

The first time I asked for credit, I was met with "Jack Semadeni's boy, huh? Well, I guess we can take a chance on you." I can't count the number of times when I went to town for parts armed with only the phrase "Charge it to Jack Semadeni."

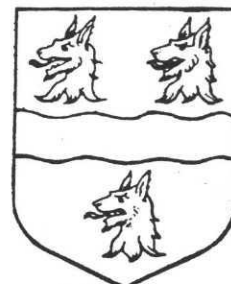
Integrity is a word more often used in electronics nowadays than about people, but people like Jack Semadeni have kept its true meaning alive, and can still serve as our models to preserve the concept for ourselves and revive it for our posterity.

Jack Semadeni lived largely - in ways that matter. What is the measure of a man? Is it physical size? - 5'8" and a size 8 shoe doesn't seem very large nowadays, but Daddy was plenty big enough inside! Possessions? Enough is as good as a feast. Quality is a long-term and subtle thing, and a few

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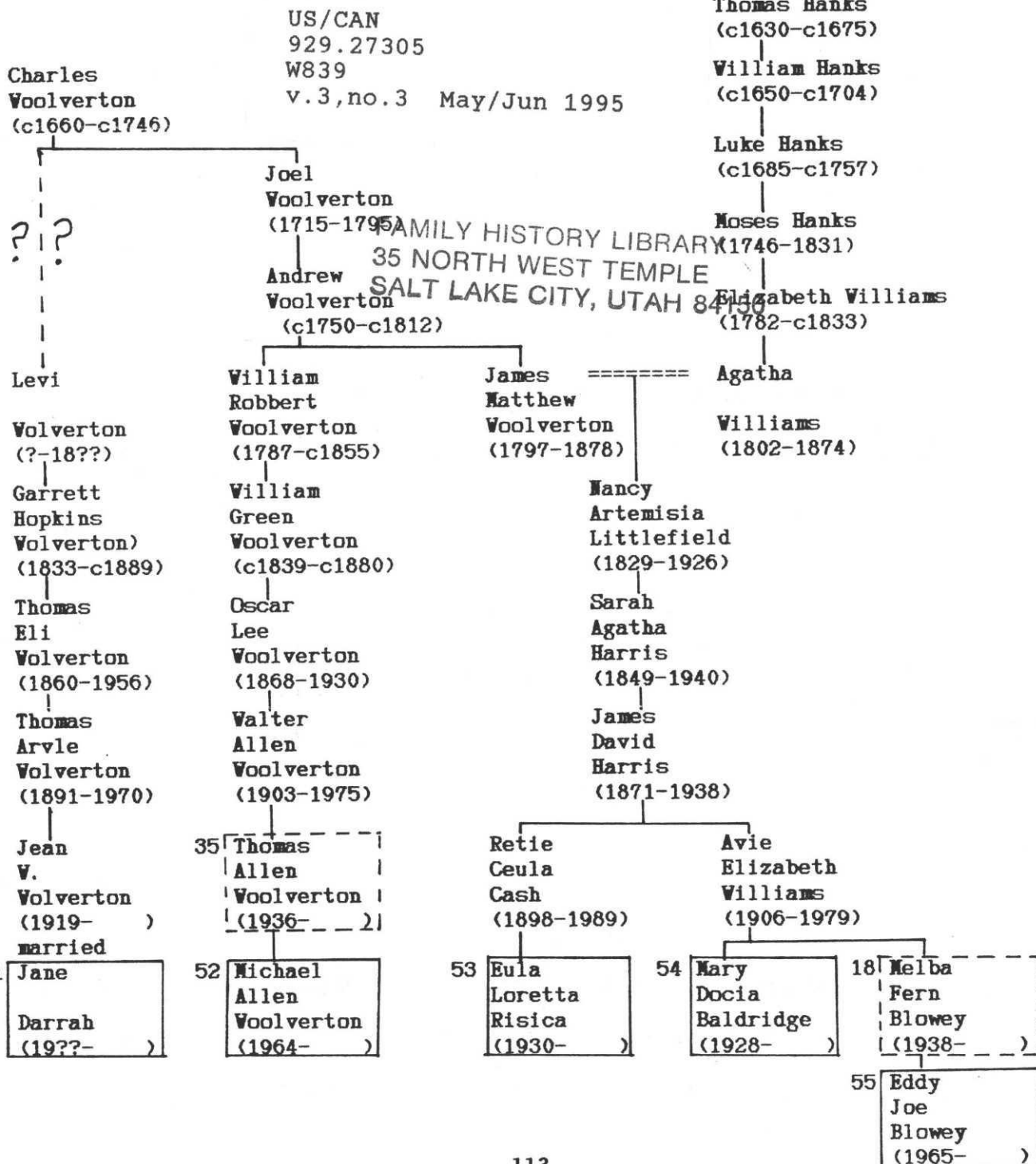
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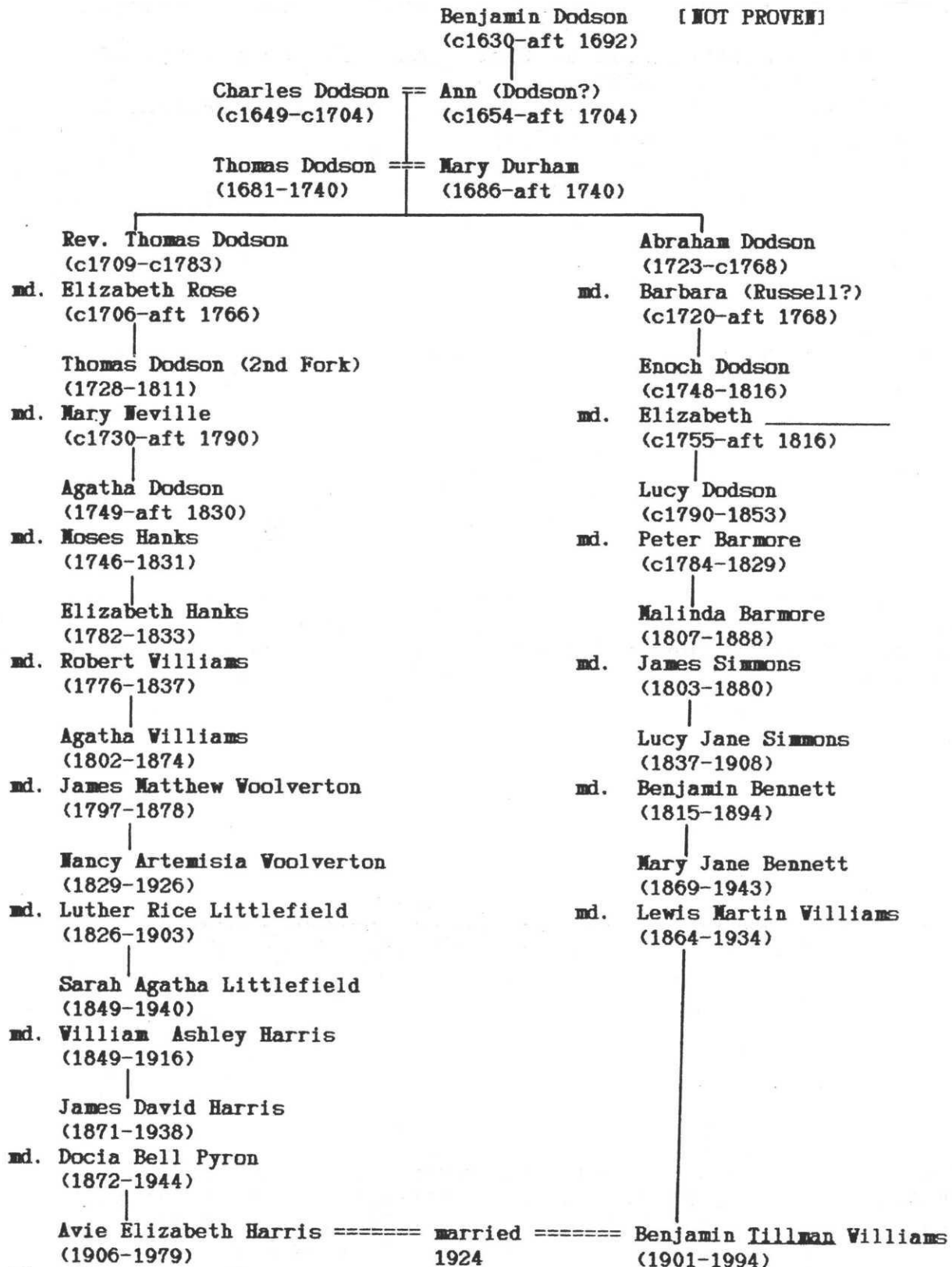


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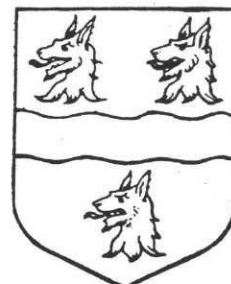
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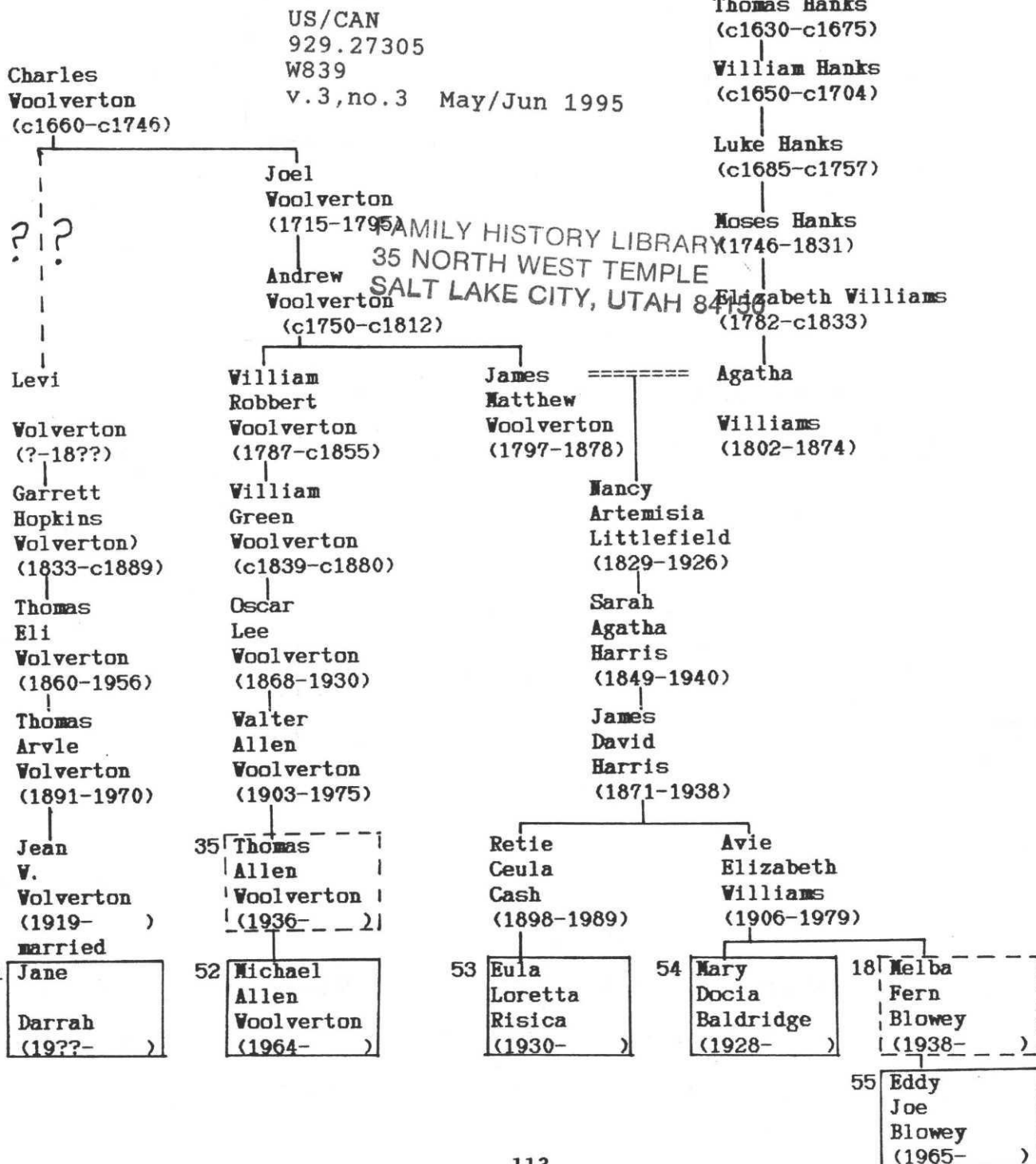
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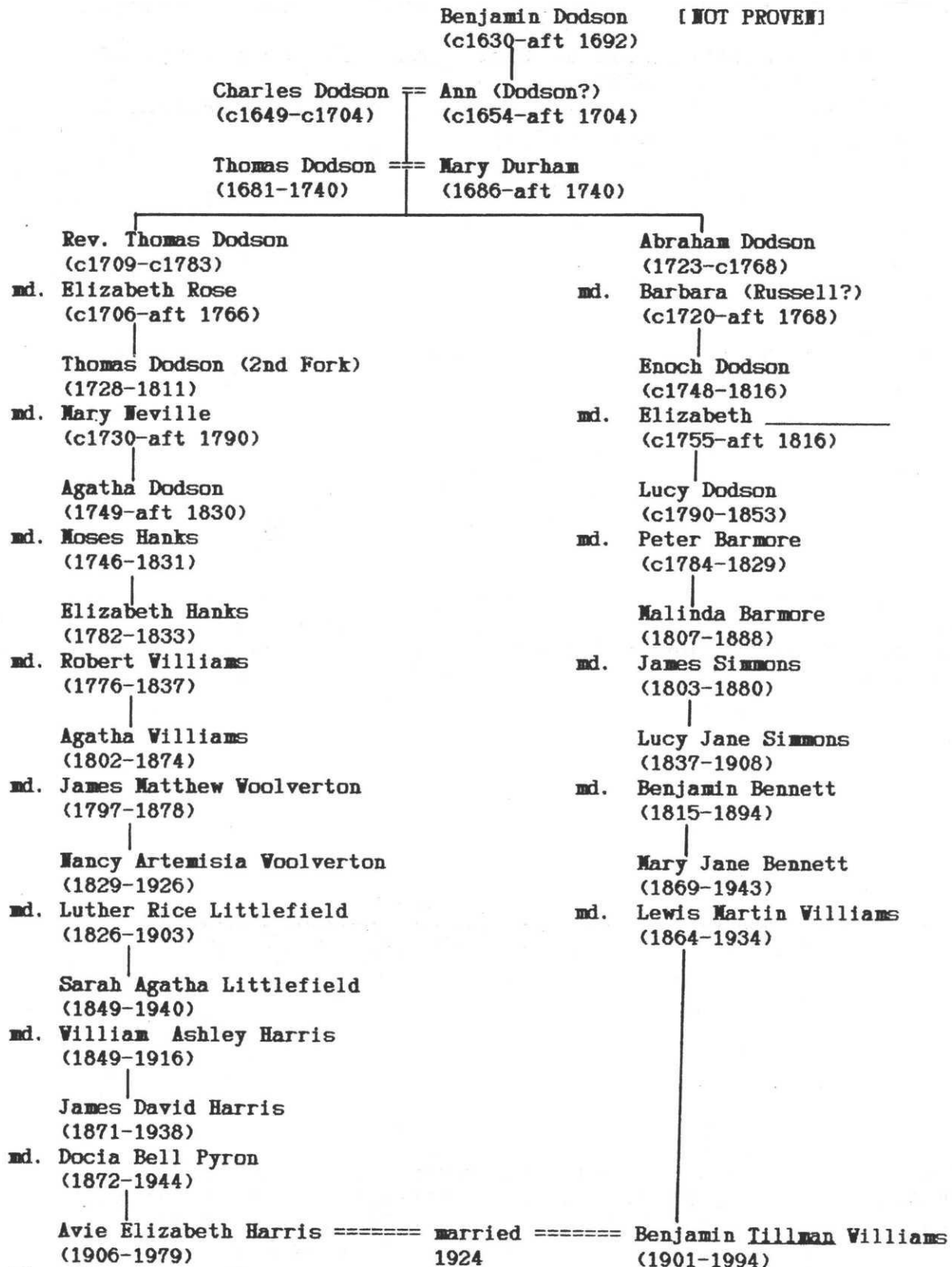


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member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having joined through the service of James Barmore of Virginia (father of Peter Barmore who married Lucy Dodson). She has collected a great amount of family history records and was the first one from my Harris branch of the family to find out that we are distantly related to President Abraham Lincoln.

In her research she also discovered that her mother and father, Tillman and Avie (Harris) Williams were distantly related to each other through the Dodson line (See lineage chart on page 114). This is not the only double connection. Docia's first cousin, Verona Hix, married Roscoe Robinson, a first cousin on the Williams side. Verona is the daughter of Patie (Harris) Hix and Roscoe is the son of Sarah Elizabeth (Williams) Robinson. Patie was Avie's sister and Sarah was Tillman's sister. Thus Verona and Roscoe Robinson are doubly related through the Dodsons in the same way as Docia. Also Docia has 4 sisters, Margaret Evans, Peggy Pfluger, Shirley Blundell, and Melba Blowey who all carry this same lineage. Margaret and Melba are subscribers.

Melba's son, Eddy Blowey, is a subscriber. Eddy was married to Diana Tristan on July 30, 1988 at Harlingen, Texas. He is an electronics technician in the Dallas area.

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CORRECTION: Brenda Woolverton, lineage #38, mentioned on p. 85 and 102 of the newsletter was born May 17, 1956.

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May 14, 1995 (Mother's Day)--Woolverton Mountain Reunion (Descendants of William Louis Woolverton), Formosa Community Building, Formosa, Arkansas, Mother's Day, May 14, 1995. Contact Gene Woolverton at (417) 256-8035.

May 19-21, 1995--Woolverton Reunion (Mostly descendants of Jesse Claude Woolverton of the John Bird Woolverton line), Glen Rose Methodist Church Camp at Glen Rose, Texas. Contact Brenda Woolverton at (214) 255-7462 or Beryl Toomes (703) 941-7431.

May 28, 1995--Littlefield Reunion (Mostly descendants of John Monroe Littlefield) at Fletcher New School Building, Fletcher, Oklahoma. Contact Helen Wolf at (405) 492-4543.

June 1-3, 1995--35th Annual James David Harris Reunion at Marlow, Oklahoma. Festivities begin with a picnic on Thursday evening at Red Bud Park, 5 blocks east of Hwy. 81 at Main. Meals and other activities for Friday and Saturday will be at the American Legion, 1 1/2 miles north on Main and 1/2 block east (signs for "Harris Reunion" will be posted). There will be a talent show and a quilt to work on during the reunion. Contact Theola (Harris) Williams (405) 658-2040 at Marlow for more information. She is the youngest daughter of

James David Harris⁷ (Agatha Harris⁶, Nancy A. Littlefield⁵, James M. Woolverton⁴, Andrew³, Joel², Charles¹).

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HEARD AT LAST YEAR'S HARRIS REUNION AT LOCKHART, TEXAS:

On our trip to the Harris Reunion in Texas, we stopped at Wal-mart to call our motel for directions. The motel operator said, "Oh, we are 'rot' nex' to Wal-mart!" "Rot nex' to" in Texas is three fields, a road, a grain storage bin, a shed, and 13 telephone poles down the road. We could barely see a structure on the horizon from the Wal-mart parking lot.

Also at the reunion one father was asked, "Where did YOU get such a pretty daughter?" His answer was, "She didn't get ANY choice, NO choice a' tall."

Contributed by Margery (Gohr) Bartell, Arnold, Missouri

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QUERY--JOSIAH HARDIN

One of our subscribers, Marie Hardin Ratliff, has been researching her HARDIN line for many years, but has reached a dead end in McNairy County, Tennessee, where so many of the Hanks/Woolverton/Littlefield/Harris and other related families have lived since the mid-1800s. Her Woolverton/Hanks lineage chart appeared on p. 103 of the March-April issue. Her Hardin lineage is as follows:

- 4) Josiah Hardin, b. ca. 1828 TN; m. 1850 McNairy Co., TN to Malinda Bryant, b. ca. 1836 TN (both buried at Authen Cemetery, 15 miles north of Weatherford, Texas)
 - 3) Siras Bell Hardin, b. 13 Dec. 1872 Tennessee; d. 29 June 1934 Jack Co., TX (buried Gibtown Cemetery near Perrin, TX); m. Lucy Artimus Harris, 1888 McNairy Co., TN; her dates, b. 31 July 1869 McNairy Co., TN; d. 10 March 1965 Azle, TX (buried at Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas)
 - 2) Fred Edward Hardin, b. 7 Sept. 1890 McNairy Co., TN; d. 24 April 1967 Fort Worth, TX; m. Birdie Mae Oliphant, 24 Dec. 1913 Fort Worth, TX; her dates, b. 22 April 1897 Cypress, IL; d. 23 May 1989 Fort Worth, TX (both buried Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas)
 - 1) Bernetta Marie Hardin, b. 3 March 1920 Fort Worth, TX; m. James William Ratliff, March 2, 1938 Fort Worth, TX
- Josiah and Malinda Hardin had 5 girls and 2 boys: Malissa, Matilda, Johanna, Elizetty, Candar "Candy"; and John and Bell.*

A large number of Hardin families lived in different parts of McNairy County and also in neighboring Hardin County and in Maury County. Others probably intermarried with our Hankses and Woolvertons. Only those who seem to be closely related to Mrs. Ratliff are listed below.

The 1850 Census for McNairy County lists the following in District 11 in October:

#1493/1496 HARDIN, Henry, 42, b. NC, Isabella, 48, b. SC, Ann, 19, b. TN, Jane, 18, b. TN, Amelia, 13, b. TN, William, 11, b. TN, Maria, 9, b. TN, Leander, 5, b. TN

#1494 HARDIN, Josiah, 22, b. TN, Malinda, 14, b. TN; married within the year

#1495 BRYANT, Willis, 36, b. TN, Matilda, 36, b. TN, Amos, 17, b. TN, Malinda, 15, b. TN, Alfred, 9, b. TN, Elvina, 5, b. TN, Mary, 3, b. TN, BOOKOUT, Henry, 12, b. TN

#1496 CLARK, Thomas & family with several Bookouts in household

#1497 HARDIN, Jordan, 48, b. NC, Kisiah, 44, b. NC, Henry, 18, b. TN, Mary, 15, b. TN, Rufus, 12, b. TN, Wiley, 10, b. TN, Elizabeth, 8, b. TN, James, 6, b. TN, Derden [Jordan?], 3, b. TN

#1501 HARDIN, Kinneth, 21, b. TN, Sophia, 28, b. NC, William, 5/12, b. TN

#1536 HARDEN, Blackman, 24, b. TN, Nancy M., 26, b. TN, Sally, 1, b. TN [Blackman Hardin was a son of Jordan and Kisiah Hardin and married Nancy M. Bennett.]

The 1860 Census for McNairy County lists the following in District 11, Post Office, Purdy, in September:

#1801 HARDEN, Jourden, 59, b. NC, Kissiah, 54, b. NC, Rufus, 23, b. TN, Elizabeth, 16, b. TN, James, 14, b. TN, Dyus D., 12, M, b. TN

#1802 HARDEN, Henry, 29, b. TN, Sallie, 31, b. NC, Henry J., 3, b. TN, William D., 1, b. TN

#1806 HARDEN, Blackman, 33, b. TN, Nancy, 37, b. TN, Sarah J., 16, b. TN, Mary E., 8, b. TN, John H., 7, b. TN; James H., 4, b. TN, William A., 2, b. TN, Alfred M., 5/12, b. TN

#1807 HARDEN, K. M., 30, b. TN, Sofiah, 37, b. NC, William J., 10, b. TN, MOSER, Lucy, 20, b. TN

District 15, P.O. Adamsville, 6 Oct. 1860

#2137 HARDEN, Josiah, 33, b. TN, Malinda, 25, b. TN, Malissy J., 10, b. TN, Matilda, 7, b. TN, Joann, 5, b. TN, Elizetty E., 3, b. TN, HARDEN, Leandor, 15, b. TN

#2138 HARDEN, Isabel, 58, b. SC, Mary A., 31, b. TN, William H., 21, b. TN, Nancy M., 17, b. TN

1870 Census Josiah Hardin and family were not located on the census for McNairy County.

The 1880 Census for McNairy County lists the following in District 15, on 5 June:

#64 Hardin, Josiah, 52, b. TN; M.A., 44 (wife), b. TN; E.E. (dau.), 22, b. TN; C.P. (dau.), 15, b. TN; J.C. (son), 11, b. TN; S.B. (son), 7, b. TN [Josiah's parents were both born in North Carolina; Malinda's father's birthplace is not listed & the mother was born in Tennessee]

SPECULATION: According to another researcher, Mary M. Allen, Jordan/Jourden Hardin must be a brother of Henry Hardin. Because of the close proximity in the 1850 and 1860 censuses, it appears that HENRY HARDIN and wife ISABELLA are parents of JOSIAH HARDIN. Also it would appear that MALINDA HARDIN is the daughter of WILLIS and MATILDA BRYANT. [I note also that Leander Hardin is listed as a child of Henry Hardin in 1850 and in 1860 is living with Josiah and Malinda. This indicates Leander would be Josiah's younger brother.--ed.]

Marie Ratliff would also like to join the Huguenot Society, as she believes she might be eligible. MARK HARDIN, b. 1660 in Rouen, France, d. 1735 in Prince William Co., VA. He is a proven Huguenot who emigrated from Rouen, France, to England or Wales, to Canada, and to Prince William Co., VA in 1706. (See Rigsby's Historic Georgia Families, Chapt. VIII, pp. 65-66.)

Any help on this Hardin line would be appreciated.
Contact: Marie Hardin Ratliff, 1721 Hillside Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76114-2110; Ph. 817-625-1282.

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THE NEVILLE FAMILY--TWO NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST TO RESEARCHERS

Westmoreland nee Neville, by Olin V. Mapes, 1992. 8.5x11, 192 p., paperback. \$28.50, Order #M061.

The first part covers the illustrious family of Neville in England from 1207-1685 when James Westmoreland (nee Neville) was born. Upon coming to America, he took the surname Westmoreland. The second part covers the genealogy of the Westmoreland family in America. The last part briefly traces the direct line from Ralph Neville down to the author's

maternal grandfather, Olin Emmett Westmoreland. General William Westmoreland comes from this line. There is also some intermarriage with the Bohannon family with this line, so it may prove a helpful research aid.

[Our Neville connection is through the Hanks and Dodson families. Moses Hanks married Agatha Dodson (daughter of Thomas Dodson and Mary Neville). The lineage is: Agatha Dodson Hanks⁶, Mary Neville Dodson⁵, Joseph Neville⁴, John³, James², John¹. Thus Agatha Dodson Hanks was a first cousin of Presley Neville O'Bannon (See below). The Bohannons intermarried with the early generations of Nevilles in Virginia. Joseph Neville⁴ married Ann Bohannon, and his father, John Neville³ married Elizabeth Bohannon.]

Note: All evidence points to our Neville family being descended from the ancient family of Neville in Great Britain, but at this time we can go back no further than John Neville (c1612-1664) who came on the Ark and Dove from England in 1633 to Maryland and whose descendants settled in Virginia.--ed.]

Valiant Virginian; Story of Presley Neville O'Bannon, 1776-1850, to Which is Added The O'Bannon Family, by Trudy J. Sundberg and John K. Gott, 1994. 53 & 71 p., paper, \$22.50. Order #S851.

The first part of the book deals with Lieutenant Presley Neville O'Bannon who had an illustrious military career in the marine corps from 1801-1807 and also moved into politics and real estate. He freed 180 American seamen prisoners at Derna, Tripoli, on April 27, 1805 and raised Old Glory over that fortress after successfully defeating the enemy army there. This incident is the source of the phrase, "To the Shores of Tripoli" as found in the Marine's Hymn.

The second half traces 9 generations of O'Bannons, especially those who stayed in Virginia where Irishman Bryan O'Bannon, the immigrant ancestor, settled in the early 1700s. The lineage is: Presley O'Bannon⁶, Ann Neville O'Bannon⁵, Joseph Neville⁴, John³, James², John¹.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN--TWO NEW BOOKS:

Abraham Lincoln's Ancestry: German or English? M. D. Learned's Investigatory History, with an appendix on Daniel Boone, edited by Don Heinrich Tolzmann, 1992. 165 p., paper, \$20.00. Order #T556.

[Note: From the ad, this appears to deal only with the Lincoln ancestry rather than the Hanks family. The Boone connection may be of interest to descendants of Jonathan Wolverton⁵ (1800-1850) of Ohio (John⁴, Charles³, Roger², Charles¹) who married Nancy Boone. The Boone family also

intermarried with the Neville family and with the Hanks family.--ed.]

It Didn't Happen the Way You Think: The Lincoln Assassination: What the Experts Missed, by Robert Lockwood Mills, 1994. 217 p., paper, \$17.00. Order #M345.

Above 4 books available from: Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie, MD 20716. Phone 1-800-398-7709. Please add \$3.50 for postage and handling per order (not per book, but for each total order).

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"UNKNOWN" WOLVERTONS

David A. Macdonald wishes to inform our readers that many of the "Unknown" Wolvertons have now been placed into family groups. He has found primary sources and other evidence to prove each line. He still would welcome comments from anyone having information on these individuals. (See newsletter pages 89-92, 107-112.)

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IN MEMORY OF UNCLE JACK

Written by Hazel Gohr, March 19, 1995

March 6, we received word that Jack Semadeni had died. Ruby Jean called us from Arizona. Later we heard more details. He died about 10:30 that morning. He was lying in bed. The visiting nurse was there and the home care woman. They noticed at once that he wasn't breathing. Marc was also there supervising the workers who were installing a new bathroom adjoining the master bedroom. Of course Lucile was there.

Jack had some seasoned hardwood he had been saving for his casket. The sons made the casket, all 5 of them helping. At first they worked in the school shop. When we got there Thursday afternoon, they had it on the dining room table putting in the lining. The women helped make the lining. Last they put in a patchwork quilt which Lucile had made.

The casket was wider at the shoulders and narrower at the foot like old-fashioned caskets were made. It was trimmed with shields (wooden) and had long wooden handles for carrying. It had a wooden nameplate with his name carved on it. The lid had a groove to fit over the casket--no hinges. It took the 5 men 2 or 3 days to make it. The lining was dark blue velveteen padded with cotton batting and foam rubber. They finished Thursday night and took it to the funeral home at Cortez early Friday morning.

The funeral was Friday March 10, 2 p.m. at the Grade School all-purpose room (where their 50th anniversary was

held in 1986). None of the churches at Dove Creek were large enough or handicapped accessible.

Paul Semadeni led the singing. He had song sheets with old favorites like: "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," and "How Great Thou Art." Paul also read the obituary. It was a summary of Jack's life. He even told some humorous things and had the congregation laughing.

Elder Bob Allgood of Cortez Primitive Baptist Church gave the sermon. They brought Lucile in her wheelchair with portable oxygen tank. The auditorium was full. Jack had lived in that area most of the time for 70 years and was known and respected by all.

After the funeral we drove to Cedar Point Cemetery. Justin, Peter, and Ted had dug the grave by hand, with help from Marc and Paul. They had a fiberglass vault to enclose the casket. The weather was very nice all week, so that helped for the grave digging and driving to Cedar Point.

Steve Semadeni spoke at the graveside and Elder Allgood gave a short service and prayer. Then they lowered the casket (and put on the vault cover). Beginning with John L. Semadeni, each of Jack's children put on a shovelful of dirt. Then the grandchildren took a turn. The men finished filling the grave.

There were lots of flowers at the funeral. Some of us gave cash memorials. After the burial the family went back to Semadenis'. The members of Cortez Primitive Baptist Church had brought food for the supper.

It wasn't a sad funeral. Jack couldn't see well or hear well anymore. He had lived a long, full life and was tired and ready to go "home." The last few days he couldn't eat. He was already thin and weak. It was an unusual funeral because of all the family participation.

All the Semadeni children were there and most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren--about 50 family members.

All of Lucile's brothers and sisters attended and their spouses (except Charla). All Semadeni spouses were there except Steve Tanksley. Jeanie and Wallace Thomas, Ed and Darlene Barber, Mike and Daunne Harris and girls, Ken Harris, Oscar Semadeni and wife, John and Emily Garcher were the nephews and nieces who attended.

[Note: Jack Semadeni, who died at age 91, was the husband of my Aunt Lucile (Harris) Semadeni. Lucile (who is my mother's oldest sister) is the oldest daughter of the oldest son (William Earl Harris⁸) of the oldest son (James David Harris⁷) of William Ashley Harris and Sarah Agatha (Littlefield) Harris⁶. Jack was a talented and colorful person who was beloved and respected by all who knew him. The funeral arrangements sound very much like those that occurred in the 1800s and early 1900s. No doubt many funerals at Woolverton Mountain in Arkansas, and early funerals in Tennessee and Texas were similar to this.--ed.]