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Many attended the Wolverton Family Reunion

## Wolverton Family Holds Reunion

The Wolverton Family Reunion was held in Rothwell Park in Moberly on August 5, 1995 with 56 family and friends attending.

Those in attendance were:

Marvin and Joyce Harlan, Ethan, Stanley, and Amber Harlan, Annabelle Wolverton, Joe Roberts, Scott and Theresa Taylor, Christine Kaufman, Faye Hughes, Beverly Halliburton, and Karole Weise, all of Moberly

Robert and Margaret Epperly, Weldon and Marjorie Frazee, Vivian Harlan, Howard and Sybil

Wolverton, Michelle, Becky, Benjamin and Justin Wolverton, Carmen Swetnam, Bill and Joleta Harlan, Walter and Connie Haley, all of Huntsville.

Margarite Bowden and Mark Miller of Cairo; Jackie Bowden and Kurt Haley, Kirksville; Dorothy Schnitzler, Salisbury; Barbara Ronlmous, Madison; Randy, Ruth, Mariam, Karen, Amy and Lori Wolverton, Alexander, AR;

Edward and Mary Wolverton,

Mountain Home, AR;

Marion and Irma Harlan, Columbia; Betty and Bill Adams, Blue Springs; Delbert and Crystal Helfner, St. Louis; Bob and Wanda Warbritton, Paris; Lori, Joyce and Jimmy Brisco, Jacksonville; Lou Anna Alexander, Keytesville; Thomas Harrison, St. Joseph.

After enjoying a well-filled basket dinner we were entertained by the Loma Linda Gospel Singers, Scott and Theresa Taylor and Mark Miller.

This report is from the Moberly Monitor Index and Evening Democrat, August 20, 1995.

*REUNION OF DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH SNAPP WOLVERTON*

The preceding newspaper report of the reunion of descendants of Joseph Snapp Wolverton and Sarah (Carter) Wolverton was submitted by Randy Wolverton of Alexander, Arkansas (who took the photograph, and so is not pictured). Marion Harlan of Columbia, Missouri, another good researcher, sent a clearer copy of the article and gave the source. Marion is standing in the center of the second row, with white hair and mustache, light shirt and dark belt. Randy Wolverton's wife, Ruth, is kneeling next to Marion, and their 4 daughters are sitting in front of her.

This family originally settled at College Mound, near Moberly in Randolph County, Missouri in 1857, having come from Hampshire County, West Virginia. The lineage back to Charles the immigrant goes like this: Joseph Snapp Wolverton<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Roger<sup>2</sup>, Charles<sup>1</sup>.

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*EDITORIAL*

This issue completes 2 1/2 years of printing the newsletter. This also brings the total number of pages published to 154. If this were better organized, it would be equal to a book. Eventually I do want to make an index to the materials used in the newsletter to offer easy access to the information already printed.

Quite a bit of new information has been uncovered, and more information is bound to come to light in the coming months and years. A renewal form is enclosed as a reminder to help with expenses and a chance to fill in a lineage chart and/or any personal comments or queries. The price and length of the newsletter remains the same for 1996.

Some of the cousins have either gotten acquainted for the first time or become reacquainted again after many years through the news shared in the newsletter and through the efforts of many of our readers. It pleases me that I have been a catalyst for several individuals to link back to Charles the immigrant and/or to find other close relatives who are doing research. I am pleased with the results, and I hope that you are too.

David Macdonald's research seems to outshine what everyone else is doing on research at this time. I cannot say thanks enough to David for all the time and energy he has spent sorting out truth from error and placing unattached Wolvertons into their proper families after definite proof is found. And the amazing thing is that David is not even a Wolverton descendant. He started this project with the idea of helping an uncle by marriage to sort out the early generations of his Wolverton line.

So much of the early Wolverton history has been tradition only, and when records have been located, the new evidence many times has proven the traditions false. This project of David's has grown and grown until now he has primary records

on virtually every Wolverton line prior to 1850, the time when census records begin giving more complete information. David has even hired a professional researcher for one area of his research. I'm glad that David is able to answer many of the questions that I have from time to time.

Hopefully in the coming years, an accurate tracing of the Wolverton generations will be completed. I'd like to see someone put all the information into book form. Wouldn't that be great?

Many thanks to cousins who have blessed me with some of their "finds" in the last couple of years since this newsletter was started. My apologies to anyone who is awaiting a reply. I'm still intending to answer letters. But my correspondence file is so large that I don't know when I'll fully be able to catch up.

A special thanks to John and Jean Flinn for sending a cassette recording of the song, "Wolverton Mountain." Also thanks to Ann Coleman, Anna V. Smith, James McCafferty, Bonnie Woolverton, Randy Wolverton, Kilburn Stoner, David Macdonald, Joyce Brown, Peggy Williams, Hank Walters, Patricia Treece, Bill Randolph, Darlyn Nehrt, Marlene Wolverton, Elizabeth Gramling, and others, for various items they have sent me in recent months. These all are appreciated.

I just received word from Bonnie Woolverton that our cousin, Van Hines Mitchell passed away in Harlingen, Texas on October 30, 1995. He had a massive stroke on October 16th and never regained consciousness. His daughter was the one who notified Bonnie. Van was featured in our last issue with lineage #62. We offer our condolences to the family.

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*WOLVERTON CHART RECEIVED BY EDITOR*

Many thanks to Katherine Littlefield Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who recently sent me a copy of a large rolled chart that measures 34 x 74 inches. She also sent a copy of her rolled chart to David Macdonald. Katherine originally received her chart quite a few years ago from a Wolverton living in Tulsa where she lives. That cousin is now deceased. I remember first seeing this chart at Katherine's house in May 1981, after attending the Littlefield Reunion held at Elgin, Oklahoma that year.

The chart bears this inscription: "Wolverton Genealogy. Collected and charted by A. N. Wolverton, Vancouver, B.C." A note is given at the bottom of the chart: "Important. This chart has been compiled from data received in scores of letters, besides a very careful study of many old documents. A considerable part of the data here shown is from tradition, however, and many lines are incomplete. Possible errors may be detected too. At any rate you are earnestly requested to study this chart carefully and if you can add any detail, write fully to A N Wolverton Vancouver B.C."

Under the listing for Charles Woolverton, the immigrant, the

chart says: "Tradition says he came from Staffordshire near Wolverhampton, Eng. with his brothers Gabriel and John about 1682, that he stayed in Long Island for a time before moving to New Jersey. First record NJ 1693"

Each of Charles' 9 children are listed as recorded in Charles' own handwriting in his Bible, which at the time the chart was made, was the property of Rev. F. J. Tomlinson, Pittstown, New Jersey. Rev. Tomlinson was a descendant of Charles Woolverton through son Dennis Woolverton and granddaughter, Dinah Woolverton, who married Francis Tomlinson. The major lines charted are those of 5 of Charles' sons: Charles, Roger, Isaac, Dennis, and Joel. Lines were documented by records of Miss Emma Ten Broeck Runk; Rev. W. H. Wolverton; Benjamin Woolverton of Shamokin, Pennsylvania in 1878; Simon P. Wolverton of Sunbury, Pennsylvania in 1897; Linus Woolverton of Grimsby, Ontario in 1912; Dr. A. B. Wolverton of Topeka, Kansas in 1897; Adjutant General W. D. Wolverton; Elijah Aaron Woolverton of Morrilton, Arkansas; James H. Wolverton of Duncan, Indian Territory in 1897; James L. Littlefield of Adamsville, Tennessee in 1913; Asher B. Wolverton of Raven Rock, New Jersey in 1897; Mrs. A. W. Stedman, Albany, New York; Charlotte E. Nobles of Pasadena, California; Lewis D. Wolverton, Flemington, New Jersey; Mrs. Eliza Dawson of Wolverton, Ontario in 1870; Israel M. Wolverton, Ionia, Michigan in 1897; and Miss Dora Goble, 1897.

This chart was started by Alfred Newton Wolverton of Vancouver, British Columbia, who was a descendant through two lines going back to Joel Woolverton, son of Charles the immigrant. His work on this particular chart seems to have ended in 1913 as he is listed as "single 1913" on the chart. He was 33 years old at that time.

The lower righthand corner says, "Revised by Major D. R. Wolverton, U.S. Army, Sept. 29, 1937." David R. Wolverton (who later reached the rank of Colonel) was the brother of Edward Nathaniel Saxton Jacob Bonaparte Woolverton, who became the first president of the National and International Association of Woolvertons. These 2 brothers were descended through Charles' son Roger Woolverton. They had collaborated with A. N. Woolverton in compiling records on the family in the early days. Edward died in 1952, and his materials were turned over to David. According to Charles Evans Wolverton's book (pp. 79, 108, 110), in 1963, David Wolverton had possession of a large chart (4 feet wide and 75 feet long) and a rough draft for a book on the Wolvertons which had been written by his brother, Edward Wolverton. He intended to publish it. According to Beulah Imhoff, after David passed away, his daughter in turn received the materials.

Concerning the above, David Macdonald says that Edward N. S. B. Wolverton wrote an 1100-page opus on the family of which three copies were made, and one went out to A. N. Wolverton. A. N. Wolverton was a "chart freak" and created a 66-foot chart now in the possession of one of his descendants, who has abstracted all the information from it. The copy of Edward N. S. B. Wolverton's book draft which was

sent to A. N. Wolverton is no longer extant. Possibly another copy exists somewhere. The chart owned by Katherine Smith and other charts of the family seem to all be derivatives of the larger chart.

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*JEROM WOLVERTON MENTIONED IN WILL OF JAMES CAPEN OF ENGLAND*

In his will, dated Sept. 3, 1628, James Capen, scrivener, of Holborne, County Middlesex, England, names his mother the executrix of his estate. She is Joane Capen, wife of Barnard Capen, shoemaker, of Dorchester, County Dorset, England. The will mentions his four unmarried sisters who were to receive four pounds apiece. The rest of the estate was to be managed by his mother as she saw fit. Witnesses were Barnard Capen the younger and Jerom Wolverton.

Barnard and Joane Capen immigrated to Dorchester, Massachusetts, by 5 Aug. 1633 when they are mentioned in land records. Barnard Capen the younger may have been their son. Their relationship to Jerom Wolverton is unknown.

*SOURCE: Henry F. Waters, Genealogical Gleanings in England, Vol. 11 (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1901), pp. 1068-1069.*

(Contributed by Mrs. Patricia Pickard, Bangor, Maine.)

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*CHARLES WOOLVERTON--EARLY DEEDS IN NEW JERSEY*

August 20, 1693. Deed. William Biddle of Mount Hope, Burlington County, merchant, to CHARLES WOOLVERTON of said County, husbandman, for 100 acres in the second dividend, to be surveyed where grantee likes. (From: Liber B, Part I, p. 361.) (Nelson, p. 445)

November 1693. Return of survey for the same, of 12 1/2 acres between CHARLES WOOLVERTON and Daniel Bacon. (From: Liber A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 130.) (Nelson, p. 380.)

*[Note: previous listing, also in Liber A, p. 130, lists a return of survey by Symon Charles for Henry Beck of 150 acres on both sides of Black Creek, adjoining James Pharoe. This must be "the same" piece of land referred to above.]*

December 1693. Return of survey for CHARLES WOOLVERTON, of 100 acres adjoining Anne ffarro and William Wood. "Sold to Math: fforsyth." (From: Liber A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 119.) (Nelson, p. 375.)

1694. Return of survey for Mathew fforsyth, of 50 acres adjoining Daniel Bacon and CHARLES WOOLVERTON. (From: Liber

A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 124.) (Nelson, p. 377.)

January 7, 1694-5. Deed. CHARLES WOOLVERTON, yeoman, to Mathew fforsyth, carpenter, both of Burlington County, for 100 acres there, bought of William Biddle August 20, 1693, adjoining Anne Pharro; includes 20 acres remote with a swamp.  
(From: Liber B, Part II, p. 499.) (Nelson, p. 470.)

May 12, 1696. Deed. William Pancoast of Mansfield Township, Burlington County, yeoman, son and heir of John Pancoast deceased, also executor of his father's will, to CHARLES WOOLVERTON of said county, husbandman, for 150 acres along the line of the Indian purchase, adjoining Thomas Wright, from whom said John bought the land as the second dividend of 1/32 of a share October 28, 1680. (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 551) (Nelson, p. 485.)

March 28, 1702. Deed. CHARLES WOLVERTON to Gervas Pharo, both of Burlington County, yeomen, for a plantation of 150 acres in Chesterfield Township, said county, bought of William Pancoast May 12, 1696, as surveyed to said William's father, John Pancoast, in Liber A, p. 92. [See also: Liber B, Part II, p. 551--May 12, 1696.]  
(From: Liber B, Part II, p. 714.) (Nelson, p. 536.)

*(SOURCE: William Nelson, ed., Patents and Deeds and Other Early Records of New Jersey, 1664-1703 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976). Note: Originally published as Archives of the State of New Jersey, First Series, Volume XXI, Paterson, New Jersey, 1899.)*

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CHADWICK/LEET/DIXSON FAMILIES--EARLY DEEDS IN NEW JERSEY

May 18, 1689. Deed. George Hutcheson of Burlington, merchant, to JOHN CHADWICK of Mount Carmell, Burlington County, husbandman, for 100 acres near Mount Carmell.  
(From: Liber B, Part I, p. 334) (Nelson, p. 442.)

3rd month (May), 1691. Return of survey for Katharine Beard, of 100 acres at Oneanickon, adjoining George Hutcheson, William Bustill, John Scholey, ISAAC LEET and Robert Stacy.  
(From: Liber A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 89.) (Nelson, p. 365.)

3rd month (May), 1691. Return of survey by Simon Charles, for Katharine Beard, of 100 acres at Onanickon, between George Hutcheson, William Bustill, John Scholey and ISAAC LEET; part of it between John Scholey and Robert Stacy. "Recorded already in page 89 but with some difference in that record & ye Copy of Simon Charles Survey here recorded."  
(From: Liber A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 147.) (Nelson, p. 387.)

1st month (March), 10th day, 1692-3. Deed. George Hutcheson of Burlington, distiller, to Richard Stockton, late of Flushing, Long Island, yeoman, for 1,640 acres Onianickon, Burlington County, between Hananiah Gaunt, Thomas Scholey, John Warren, the Indian purchase, John Tomlinson and ISAAC LEET alias JOHN CHADWICK, excepting 200 acres sold to Robert Hutcheson and 60 sold to John Warren. (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 388.) (Nelson, p. 449.)

*[The alias notation is interesting. No doubt Isaac Leet was deceased by this time, and his property now was in the hands of John Chadwick (who had married his widow, Elizabeth), so this was the same property and same owner (Elizabeth Leet-Chadwick), but was identified by a different name.--ed.]*

November 29, 1693. Deed. Samuel Houghton, bricklayer, to Thomas Clarke, carpenter, both of Burlington, for 150 acres in Burlington County, along the line of the old Indian purchase, between Mathew Champion and JOHN CHADWICK, bought of George Hutcheson July 5, 1687. (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 504.) (Nelson, p. 472.)

February 25, 1696-7. Return of survey by Daniel Leeds, for JOHN DIXON and wife ELIZABETH in right of a deed to JOHN CHADWICK, of 100 acres at Mount Carmell between George Hutcheson and John Tomlinson. (From: Liber A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 130.) (Nelson, p. 379.)

March 1, 1696-7. Deed. Thomas Revell of Burlington, gentleman, to JOHN DIXSON of Burlington County, husbandman, and wife ELIZABETH for 150 acres of the [West Jersey] Society's land above the Falls of Delaware [See Liber B, Part II, p. 467]. (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 579.) (Nelson, p. 493.)

March 1, 1696-7. Deed. Same to DANIEL LEET, son of ELIZABETH DIXSON by her former husband, ISAAC LEET of Burlington, carpenter, for 150 acres as above. (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 579.) (Nelson, p. 493.)

March 3, 1696-7. Return of survey for JOHN DIXSON and wife ELIZABETH, of 200 acres, in the [West Jersey] Society's 15,000 acre tract, between Thomas Greene, James Price, Joseph Sockett and the town lands. (From: Liber A, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 12.) (Nelson, p. 392.)

March 8, 1696-7. Deed. JOHN DIXSON and wife ELIZABETH, late the wife of JOHN CHADWICK to Henry Beck of Burlington County, yeoman, for a plantation of 100 acres at or near Mount Carmell, bought by said JOHN CHADWICK of George Hutcheson May 18, 1689; the land is bounded by said Hutcheson and John Tomlinson. (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 580.) (Nelson, p. 493.)

March 8, 1696-7. Mortgage. Same to same [JOHN DIXSON and wife ELIZABETH to Henry Beck] on the 150 acres bought of Thomas Revell as Trustee of the West Jersey Society. [See Liber B, Part II, p. 579--March 1, 1696-7.]

(From: Liber B, Part II, p. 580.) (Nelson, p. 493.)

April 15, 1697. Deed. Robert Hutcheson of Philadelphia, cordwainer, to David Curtis of Mount Pleasant, Burlington County, for 160 acres thereof separated between JOHN DIXSON and John Tomlinson. (Liber B, Part II, p. 584.)

(Nelson, p. 494.)

October 26, 1697. Deed. Thomas Revell, as Trustee of the West Jersey Society, to JOHN DIXSON of Burlington County, planter, and wife ELIZABETH, for 50 acres in the Society's 15,000 acre tract above the Falls of Delaware.

(Liber B, Part II, p. 600.) (Nelson, p. 499)

November 3, 1697. Deed. JOHN DIXSON and wife ELIZABETH to Johannes Lawrenson up Dyck of Maidenhead, Burlington County, yeoman, for 200 acres at Maidenhead, between Thomas Greene, James Price, Joseph Sackett and the public land, bought of the West Jersey Society--150 acres March 1, 1696-7; 50 acres October 26, 1697. (Liber B, Part II, p. 600.)

(Nelson, p. 499.)

November 3, 1697. Deed. Thomas Greene to JOHN DIXSON and wife ELIZABETH, both of Springfield Township, planters, for a plantation of 100 acres, bought of Henry Beck, November 2, 1697, who had purchased it of grantees March 8, 1696-7. (See Liber B, Part II, p. 580.) (From: Liber B, Part II, p. 602.)

(Nelson, p. 500.)

May 2, 1698. Deed. John Butcher of Springfield, Burlington County, carpenter, to Thomas Greene of the same place, planter for 100 acres, N.-grantee; W.-JOHN DIXSON; E.-Thomas Scholey.

(From: Liber B, Part II, p. 635)

(Nelson, p. 510.)

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Best Wishes for a happy holiday season. May the spirit of Christ rule in your hearts as you meditate on the Christ child's birth and the salvation that he came to bring. Keep Christ first in your life and all through the coming New Year.

Cordially, your editor,

*Glenn W. Gohr*

