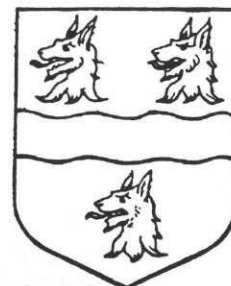


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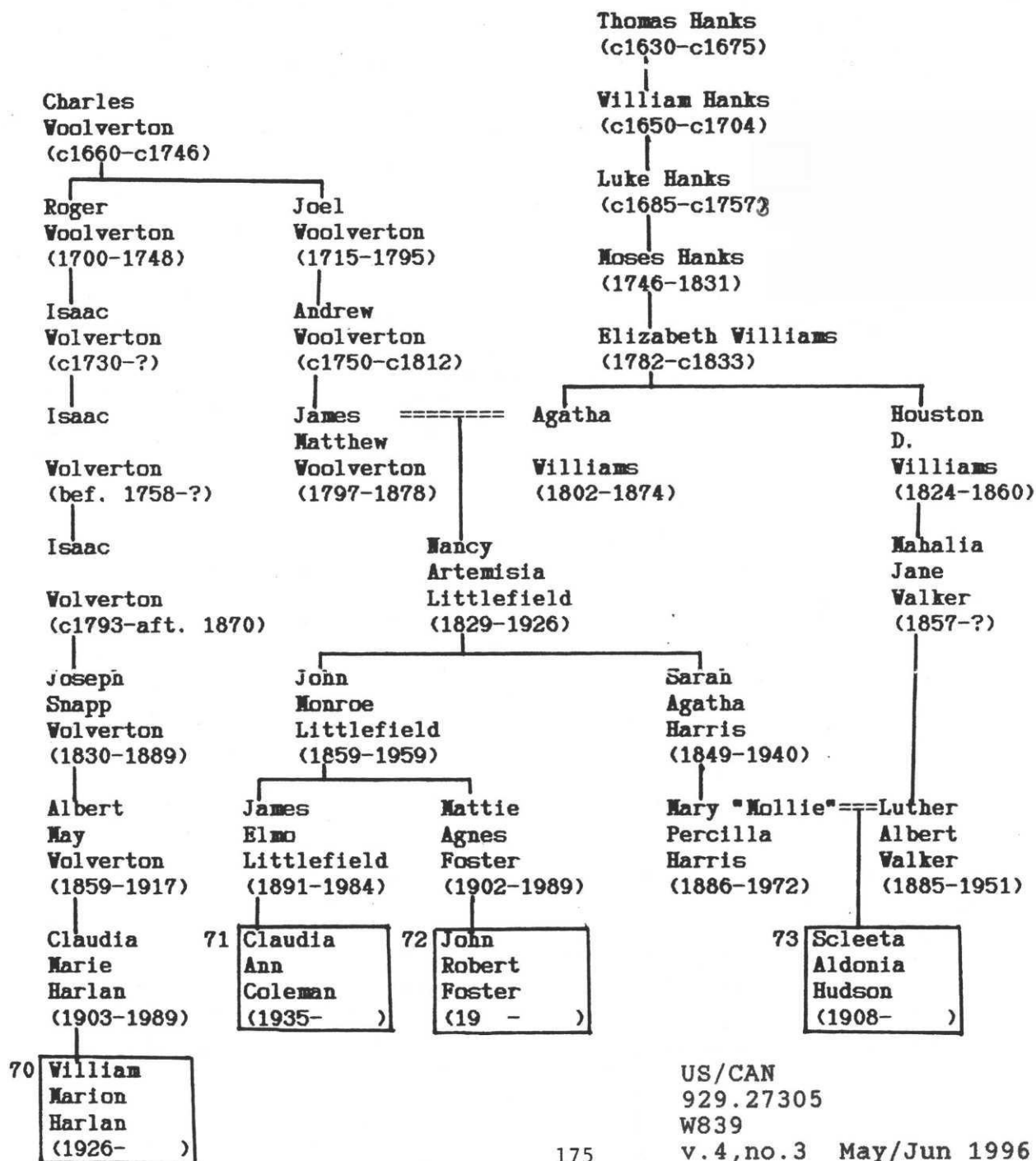
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William Marion Harlan was born July 19, 1926 at College Mound, Randolph County, Missouri. After attending rural elementary schools in Randolph County and Huntsville High School, he entered the U.S. Marines in October 1944, serving in the Pacific. He was honorably discharged in October 1946.

Marion entered the University of Missouri at Columbia in February 1947 and completed 2 years in the college of arts and science. Next he enrolled in the UMC law school and graduated from the law school in June 1951. He became a member of the Missouri Bar Association in July 1951.

From August 1951 to October 1952 he served as a claims adjuster for MFA Mutual Insurance Company (now Shelter Mutual). He met and married his wife, Erma Hardy (nee Lindsey), in 1952. They were married September 12, 1952 at Springfield, Missouri. Then for a year he opened a law practice in Huntsville, Missouri, but by October 1953, he decided to return to MFA.

He worked a few years as an adjuster and then was promoted to Claims Supervisor. He was promoted to Regional Claims Director in February 1975 and served in that capacity until his retirement from Shelter Insurance Company on August 1, 1991. His outside interests include family, church, Boy Scouts, community affairs, and genealogical research.

Ann Littlefield Coleman was the youngest child of Elmo and Anna Belle (Graves) Littlefield. She arrived on October 11, 1935 and was born and raised in Fletcher, Oklahoma. Ann confides that "her two older sisters and brother were not the least bit happy to learn they would have another sibling." This was just as sister Lurland was to graduate from high school and Lloyd and Athalea were not far behind.

While Ann was visiting sister Lurland and husband Charles Raibourn in Washington, D.C., they pointed out a very nice navy musician who sang in their church choir. That did it for Ann and Bob! Ann always reflects that this was love at first meeting. She and Bob Coleman (from Globe, Arizona) were married on December 19, 1953.

Bob Coleman is a physicist, and his job has taken them to live in 8 states in 42 years. The most interesting (and sometimes the most frustrating) was at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where he tested all components of the Space Shuttle.

Through the years Ann stayed home to raise the children and also kept busying writing and directing dramas. She established drama departments both in large and small Baptist churches in most cities where they have lived since 1965.

The largest was for First Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. The most famous actor she worked with in this regard was Ed Harris, who just won an award as best supporting actor for the Apollo 13 movie. He was just a student at the University of Oklahoma when she directed him in "JB."

Ann's other pursuits have been: 1) writing a weekly column called "Over the Coffee Cup" for a small town newspaper; 2) writing the drama script for a musical about the mountain people of Sylva, North Carolina; 3) publishing several plays and articles in books published by Convention Press; 4) and presently she is researching and writing a novel about the Littlefield family, starting in 1764 at the burial of her 4th great-grandfather, James Lee, in Maryland. James Lee's daughter, Rebecca, was married to William Littlefield, Sr. (ca.1700-ca.1780). Other closely connected families include Turner, Childs, Hanks, and Woolverton.

Concerning this last project, Ann says this has been a huge undertaking that has produced many interesting relationships with unknown relatives. It will probably be divided up into at least two books. She hopes the first will be out by early in 1997. The title she has chosen is "Down a Red Dirt Road."

Ann and Bob have 4 children: Carol, born Nov. 23, 1954; Neil, born Feb. 3, 1957; Brooks, born April 6, 1959; and Kyle, born June 28, 1960.

Ann shares that they love their new life in a small Ohio town just outside of Cincinnati. And they now have 9 grandchildren living in Georgia and in Cincinnati.

Bob Foster is another avid genealogist in the Littlefield/Hanks/Woolverton clan. In 1989 he compiled an 8-page history of the Littlefield Family, tracing descendants of William Littlefield, Sr. (c1700-c1780) down to the 6th generation. Since that time he has been working to update this record. He has travelled on research trips to McNairy and Maury Counties in Tennessee and also to Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, and Texas where the Littlefield family and descendants settled. He has also done research at his local branch of the LDS library and in other libraries. He works for the university at El Paso where he lives.

Soleeta Hudson is a dear, dear cousin whom I finally met in 1991 at the Harris Reunion in Adamsville, Tennessee. She is a first cousin of my grandfather, and as you see from her chart, she is doubly descended from the Hanks family. I also visited with her in her home in 1993 and made a taped interview about her remembrances of the Littlefields, Harrises, and related families.

She was born November 14, 1908 and grew up around Adamsville, Tennessee and attended the Primitive Baptist Church there. At age 4 she remembered that she lived in the Gideon Lindsey Harris home (her great-grandfather), and at age 10 she lived in the James David Harris house (her uncle). Also as a child she lived in the Luther Rice Littlefield home (her great-grandfather). She has been a big help to Ann Coleman and myself in documenting some of the early history

of the Littlefields and Harrises in McNairy County, Tennessee.

Scleeta married Russell David Plunk on Dec. 27, 1926 at the courthouse in Selmer, Tennessee. They were married for 42 years, had 8 children, and farmed near Adamsville and Martin, Tennessee. He died April 15, 1969, and Scleeta married secondly to William Taft Hudson on July 10, 1971. Taft passed away a little over a year ago. Scleeta is one of our older subscribers. She will be 88 this year.

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WOOLVERTON MOUNTAIN REUNION (May 12, 1996)

We look forward to a happy time once again at the Woolverton Mountain Reunion in Conway County, Arkansas (May 12, 1996 at Formosa Community Building, Formosa, Arkansas).

Last year at the reunion some of the cousins contributed money toward the purchase of a grave marker for Lydia Grayson Woolverton, first wife of Elijah Aaron Woolverton. Cousin Gerald (Holloway) Farmer and her husband, Glen, bought the stone and had it put in place. Everyone will want to come and see this new marker at the cemetery.

Cousin Ann Smith intends to be there to help us finalize the reading of the tombstone inscriptions in the cemetery so that a copy can be distributed among family members, and so that one of the local historical societies can have a record for their files.

May 16, 1996--Littlefield Reunion at Fletcher New School Building, Fletcher, Oklahoma

June 13-16, 1996--36th Annual Harris Reunion at L. E. Franks, Jr., Tourist Center, Raymondville, Texas

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- Wolverton General Store, 329 Hwy. 75, Wolverton, MN 56594;
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 Greensburg, PA 15601-3228; Ph. 412-832-8800
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Note: These addresses come from PhoneDisc, a computerized listing of all phone directories in the U.S. There were also business listings for doctors, lawyers, ministers, etc. and some which gave no indication as to what services they offered. I did not include those individuals in the listing.--ed.

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WOLVERTON AND HANKS FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

Isaac Woolverton/Wolverton Descendants Organization
 Kathryn L. Unger, Historian
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[Note: Last summer I sent a complimentary issue of the newsletter to Kathryn and inquired about her family organization. She did not respond. Perhaps a phone call would do better. David Macdonald has had contact with her in the past. I assume that the organization is for descendants of an Isaac Woolverton whose family settled in Michigan.--ed.]

(Source: Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Directory of Family Associations, 1991, p. 314.)

CTC Family Association
Shirley B. O'Leary, General Secretary
P.O. Box 641
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

[Note: CTC stands for "Cousin-to-Cousin/Coast-to-Coast." The association covers about 20 different family surnames, who seem to be connected. One of the names it covers is Hanks. Whether this is our direct line or not, is not known.--ed.]

(Source: Bentley, 1991, pp. 65 & 66.)

[Note: A third revised edition of the Directory of Family Associations will be published this year (1996). I have submitted information on Wolvertons Unlimited and the family reunions I know about to be included in the updated book.--ed.]

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FROM OUR READERS:

Bonnie Woolverton reports that recently Wayne and Irene Stafford accompanied her to the Old Antioch Cemetery near Montalba in Anderson County, Texas. She says, "This is where the Rev. Thomas Hanks, his wife, and other relatives and non-relatives are buried." She reports that the cemetery is totally run down and not kept up. But surprisingly all markers that were read in 1947 were still visible. Also, someone recently put small bricks with Thomas and his wife's names on them. She says, "We wonder who did it??"

Bonnie continues, "It was interesting to read Clifton Clowers' obituary. I remember that song so well. Of course, I'm telling my age (but who doesn't when you do genealogy), as I was in college when it came out. I was SO embarrassed because, let's face it, it was corny (although catchy). Of course, I got teased terribly about it. I didn't realize who wrote it until years ago, nor did I know Merle Kilgore was his nephew. He has been with Hanks Williams, Jr. for many years."

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QUERIES:

James M. (probably for Matthew) Woolverton (b. Sept. 1859), son of James⁵ (William⁴, Andrew³, Joel², Charles¹) and Elizabeth (Seay) Woolverton, died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1942. His granddaughter, Ernestine (Tanner) Dodane, told me that he was living with her, while her mother (his daughter), Mary (Woolverton) Tanner-Felger was away. He died from kidney failure which was related to prostate cancer. James' wife, Mary Ann (Pierce) Woolverton, died in her early eighties of "chronic nephritis," i.e. inflammation of the kidneys, with carcinoma of the womb being another illness.

I am the great-grandchild of James and Mary Ann (through their daughter Elsie (Woolverton) Treece, and grandson Raymond Edward Treece, who was my father). I have hereditary polycystic kidney disease, and I am trying to trace whether this kidney disease might have come from either James or Mary Ann's lines. I note that another of their descendants, their granddaughter Betty Jean Swaggerty of Florida, also has polycystic kidneys. If any Woolverton descendant has this condition, I would most appreciate hearing of this. If none does, then I will know to look harder in the Pierce line or in the Treeces, having ruled out all the lines on my mother's side where I have done years of genealogical study.

--Patricia Treece Sariago, 25682 Monte Nido Dr., Calabasas, CA 91302-2225; Ph. 818-591-1797; FAX: 818-591-1797

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JANE WOOLVERTON, GRANDDAUGHTER OF ROBERT CUSTIS OF BARBADOS

In his will, proved 21 Oct. 1687, Robert Custis of Barbados left an estate of ten acres, "it being my own proper purchase, with twelve Negroes ..." to his wife Sara and favorite grandchild Jane Woolverton (See Wills Barbados, RB 6/40, p. 511).

Note: Robert Custis was born ca. 1628 and lived in Barbados from 1652-1687. He was the son of Henry Custis, innkeeper. Descendants of this Custis family settled in Virginia and became ancestors of Martha Washington and Robert E. Lee. Robert Custis's wife and granddaughter are not mentioned in any Barbados records later than 1687.

SOURCE: James B. Lynch, Jr., "The Early History of the Custis Family Abroad," The Virginia Genealogist 33:4 (Oct.-Dec. 1989), p. 261.

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WOOLVERTON MILL IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Perhaps some of our readers have seen the popular movie "Rob Roy" which was in theaters last year or read the book of the same title by Sir Walter Scott. Rob Roy (Robert MacGregor, 1671-1734) was a famous Scottish outlaw who became known as "the Robin Hood of Scotland." Patricia Treece Sariego has called my attention to Woolverton Mill in northern England which is mentioned in the book. In a copy I located, there is a conversation between Miss Diana Vernon and Mr. Thorncliff Osbaldistone, two of the primary characters in the novel (which is based on fact).

Miss Vernon says, "I wonder, Thornie, what keeps you dangling at my horse's crupper all this morning, when you know the earths above Woolverton-mill are not stopt."

Thorncliff replies: "I know no such an thing then, Miss Die, for the miller swore himself as black as night, that he stopt them at twelve o'clock, midnight that was."

"O fie upon you, Thornie! Would you trust to a miller's word?--and these earths, too, where we lost the fox three times this season, and you on your grey mare that can gallop there and back in ten minutes!"

"Well, Miss Die, I'se go to Woolverton then, and if the earths are not stopt, I'se raddle Dick the miller's bones for him."

(Source: Scott, Sir Walter. Rob Roy. (Everyman's Library, 142) London: J. N. Dent & Sons, Ltd., 1957, chapter 7, pp. 61-62.)

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LADY GEORGIANA MARIA WOLVERTON

Bonnie Woolverton sent me some materials which had belonged to her cousin, Martha Woolverton of Palestine, Texas. Among these were pages from the book, Queen Mary by James Pope-Hennessy. Georgiana Maria Wolverton, also called "Giana" (d. 1894), wife of the 2nd Lord Wolverton, was founder of the London Needlework Guild and was a good friend of Princess Mary Adelaide of Teck (1833-1897), who was the mother of Queen Mary (1867-1953). [Note: Queen Mary was the grandmother of the present Queen Elizabeth II--ed.]

I also found reference to Lady Georgiana Wolverton in another book on Queen Mary by Anne Edwards. That author says, "Princess Mary Adelaide had a clique of wealthy friend desirous of remaining in the good graces of the Royal circle and to whom she often turned when in financial need. Lady Wolverton was one of this select group, and 'dear Lady Wolverton' wished for nothing more than the flowers and sunshine of the South of France and the chance to be near the Prince and Princess of Wales." (Edwards, p. 65.)

In the spring of 1892, Lady Wolverton leased a villa at Cannes, France, and entertained Princess Mary Adelaide and

others of the Royal Family. This was to help the Royal Family get over the grief of losing "Prince Eddy" who was had recently died from influenza. He was engaged to marry the future "Queen Mary," daughter of Princess Mary Adelaide. She later would marry his brother, the future "King George V" in July 1893.

In a letter from Princess Mary Adelaide to Queen Victoria, she wrote: "We were most fortunate in the charming Villa dear Lady Wolverton had been able to secure, much the nicest of all I have seen at Cannes for it is fitted up in English taste and with all home comforts ... I never saw any place in such beauty, for the roses were out en masse, covering the walls, hedges and trees ..." (Pope-Hennessy, p. 223).

(Sources: Pope-Hennessy, James. Queen Mary: 1867-1953. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1960. pp. 163, 190-191, 221-223, 405-406; Edwards, Anne. Matriarch: Queen Mary and the House of Windsor. New York: William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1984. pp. 65-66.)

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- 2) Arter South ALEXANDER, b. 3 Mar. 1897 Millcreek, Johnston Co., OK, d. 23 May 1986 Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA; m. 27 Dec. 1920 Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK
- 3) Nina Ethel WOOLVERTON, b. 30 Aug. 1902 Oklahoma Indian Territory, d. 26 Nov. 1989 Accokeek, Prince Georges Co., MD
- 4) Thomas Edward ALEXANDER, b. 17 Apr. 1854 Cartersville, Bartow Co., GA, d. 11 Mar. 1938 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK; m. 1876 Weatherford, Parker Co., TX
- 5) Onoldah Ann TIERCE, b. 8 Mar. 1860 Millsap, Parker Co., TX, d. 17 June 1918 Chickasha, Grady Co., OK
- 6) Joseph Campbell WOOLVERTON, b. 13 Feb. 1861 TX, d. 17 Oct. 1940/41 (?) Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK; m. 14 Sept. 1882 Prairie Grove, Washington Co., AR
- 7) Amanda Saloma DARROW, b. 30 Sept. 1861 Linneus, MO, d. 11 Apr. 1935 Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK
- 8) Whitney ALEXANDER, b. AL, d. 1888 AR
- 9) Mary BUFFORD, d. 1854
- 10) Richard TIERCE, b. 1834, d. ca. 1882
- 11) Martha COX, b. 1838, d. July 1913
- 12) William H. WOOLVERTON
- 13) Hannah
- 14) James DARROW
- 15) Mary
- 16) Arter ALEXANDER

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