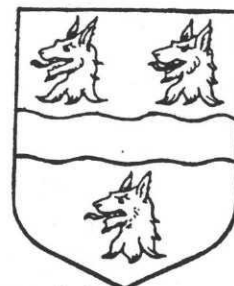


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 (c1660-c1746)

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 Woolverton
 (1717-c1759)

Thomas
 Wolverton
 (c1738-?)

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 (c1760-?)

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 (? -c1825)

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 (1811-1900)

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 (1833-1889)

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Jane D. Wolverton was featured in Vol. 3 #3 (May/June 1995), p. 113 of the newsletter. At that time her husband's ancestry was not proven. Since then, through using some IGI files which were sent to me by Kilburn Stoner, I have been able to track down the rest of her husband's lineage. David Macdonald has also compiled records on the early generations of this line. In addition, there is some information on Garrett Hopkins Wolverton and related information found in Royal Wolverton's Cousins Unlimited, Dec. 1981, pp. 3-5.

Margaret Josephine "Peg" (Woolverton) Wright was born June 24, 1928 in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado. She is the only child of Monta Harold Woolverton and Elizabeth Jesse (Dodson) Woolverton. She attended public schools in Grand Junction. Graduating from high school in 1946 she then attended and graduated from Mesa Junior College in Grand Junction in 1948 with an A.A. degree. That year she entered Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, and in 1950 graduated with a B.S. degree in Education.

While at Hastings College she met Jim Wright. Later they were married at Grand Junction, Colorado, on 17 June 1951. She taught school in Grand Junction one year. Then after they were married, and relocated to Aurora, Colorado, she taught in Aurora for 11 years. She and Jim moved to San Jose, California in 1966, where Jim was employed by Lockheed and Peg enjoys keeping busy with church activities, clubs, and painting lessons. Jim retired in 1990, and now they enjoy getting out in their motor home and seeing some of the country once in awhile in addition to the above activities. Her husband, Jim, is the family genealogist.

Van Wolverton is somewhat new to genealogy and has been taking the newsletter for 3 years now. However, he is quite familiar with computers and has been building a database of as many Wolvertons as he can find. He has a degree in English from Colorado State University, and he has written a number of books about computers, mostly about DOS, the operating system for IBM PC-compatible computers. He also worked for IBM for 10 years. With IBM he was sent to Europe a few times, and he was able to visit some of the Wolverton places there. He says, "I had a couple of weekends to wander around the countryside and discovered that there are four towns named Wolverton--well, three villages that are little more than crossroads with a few houses and a pub, and one town of about 12,000 on the main rail line from London to Northampton." He hopes to go back and find out more about these towns in England to see if there is any connection to

our family.

Van was born October 16, 1939 at Billings, Montana. He was named after his paternal grandmother, Valeria Van Osdol, and took his father and grandfather's middle name of William. Van was raised in Montana, but his family left about the time he started high school. After his books began selling pretty well, he convinced his wife, Jeanne, that they should move to Montana. With FAX machines and modems and very occasional travel, they can keep up just fine without having to live in the city.

Last April 12th, Van and others in his small community weathered a disastrous chlorine spill when 18 cars of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. train derailed. It released a cloud of toxic gas and more than 100 people were treated for medical problems due to the accident. One person, a hobo on the train, was killed in the spill. The townspeople of Alberton had to stay out of town for about 3 weeks. The damaged chlorine cars were kept in Missoula, 40 miles away, awaiting orders to ship them out. In light of national news this year, no doubt, Van and his wife are saying we don't need any more chlorine, Unibombers, or Freeman.

Van and Jeanne Wolverton have three grown children, and three grandchildren. Edward William "Bill" Wolverton III (b. 10 April 1962 at New Iberia, LA) was named for his paternal grandfather and great-grandfather. He married on January 2, 1988 to Lisa Annette Hanson at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Santa Cruz, CA. They have two sons: Christopher Michael, b. 12 Dec. 1990 Santa Cruz, CA; and Andrew Addison, b. 10 Aug. 1994 at Santa Cruz, CA. Bill is a senior engineer for Borland International, a software company in Scotts Valley, CA. Lisa has worked as a model and as a bilingual medical receptionist, but currently is a stay-at-home mom.

Katherine Theresa "Kay" Wolverton (b. 16 Jan. 1965 at Fort Collins, CO) was named for her maternal great-aunt and great-great-aunt. She married on June 21, 1994 to Henry Yutaka Ito at Pismo Beach, California. Kay is a development officer (fund-raiser) for the Denver Children's Museum; Henry is a buyer for Intelligent Electronics. They have a brand new baby boy, Jack Michael Junichi Ito, b. Wednesday, June 19 at Denver Colorado.

Andrew Wolf "Andy" Wolverton (b. 16 January 1966 at Pocatello, ID) has his maternal grandmother's maiden name for his middle name. He married on 16 July 1994 to Kelley Marie Welykholowa. Andy is sports editor of the Gardnerville, Nevada Record-Journal. Kelley is a kindergarten teacher. They have no children.

In the back of some of Van's recent books is this sketch:

"A professional writer since 1963, Van Wolverton has had bylines as a newspaper reporter, editorial writer, political columnist, and technical writer. He wrote his first computer program--one that tabulated political polls--for the Idaho State Journal in Pocatello, Idaho, in 1965. His interests in computers and writing have been intertwined ever since. As a

computer professional, Wolverton has worked at IBM and Intel and has written software documentation for national software companies, including Microsoft Corporation. He is the author of Hard Disk Management and MS-DOS Commands, both Microsoft Press Quick Reference Guides, and Supercharging MS-DOS. He was also a contributor to The MS-DOS Encyclopedia. Wolverton and his wife, Jeanne, live in a twenty-first-century log cabin near Alberton, Montana."

Three other books he has written include Running MS-DOS, 5th ed. (1991); Running MS-DOS (1993), and Van Wolverton's Guide to OS/2 (1993).

Gretchen Wolverton (no middle name), was born February 23, 1944 at Worland, Wyoming, and now lives at Denver, Colorado. She is a sister of Van Wolverton above and also is a subscriber to the newsletter. She has 3 children: 1) Christopher James Hardy (b. 22 Nov. 1963, age 33) is married to Patricia Hall. They have no children. 2) Timothy Sean Hardy (b. 19 Jan 1967, age 29), is married to Charalot (surname unknown). Charalot has a son, Addison, 5, by a previous marriage, and Timothy and Charalot have a son Caleb Hardy, age 1. 3) Shannon Anna Hardy (b. 1 May 1970, age 26); not married.

Van and Gretchen have one sister, Elizabeth Val "Liz" (Wolverton) Lambert, who lives at Anaheim, California. She was b. January 11, 1950 at Grants Pass, Oregon, and was named after her paternal grandmother, Valeria Van Osdol. Liz has one grown son, Paul Young (issue by her first marriage to Clifford Brigham Young, who is a descendant of Brigham Young, the well-known Mormon leader).

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Thanks to Hank Walters for sending me a nice videotape of himself and his desk and computer! On the tape he introduced himself; shared new leads he had found in the family of William Woolverton⁴ (Andrew³, Joel², Charles¹); and played a taped copy of the song, "Wolverton Mountain." Hank and his cousin, Patricia Treece, have found some great new leads on their line back to William Woolverton⁴.

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WOLVERTON REUNION, Huntsville, Missouri, August 3, 1996

Descendants of Joseph Snapp Wolverton (Isaac⁵, Isaac⁴, Isaac³, Roger², Charles¹) and Sarah Catherine Carter Wolverton will meet at Mt. Shiloh Church Park on Route C, 11.8 miles north of U.S. Hwy 24 at Huntsville, Missouri, on August 3, 1996 at 12:00 noon.

All other Wolvertons/Woolvertons of other lines are also invited to attend. Those coming should bring a covered dish. Table service, drinks, bread, and condiments will be provided. A small collection will be taken to cover those expenses.

After dinner there will be introductions, a short business meeting (to elect next year's officers), special music, and plenty of time for visiting and picture taking.

Randy Wolverton of Alexander, Arkansas, is a photographer. He will be taking a group photograph. He also has offered to make reprints of old family photos at his cost. Anyone interested in this offer should bring an envelope containing their name and address and write their name on the back of each photo. Randy will return the originals along with the number of reprints requested.

Old family Bibles and any other items of general interest would also be appreciated.

Committee members for this year are: Margie and Weldon Frazee, Marion Harlan, Vivian Harlan, and Sibyl Wolverton. Any questions, contact: Marion Harlan 2401 West Rollins Rd., Columbia, MO 65203-1437; Ph. 314-445-2073.

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REPORT ON WOOLVERTON MOUNTAIN REUNION, May 12, 1996

Gene Woolverton reported that 34 attended the noon potluck and reunion held in the newly renovated community building at Formosa, Arkansas. Those attending were: Verda Mae Woolverton, and Glen and Geraldine Farmer of Conway, Arkansas; Betty Jo and Ovid Hopkins from Memphis, Tennessee; Robert, Debbie and Clifton Eades from Bee Branch, Arkansas; Yvonne and Ashley Taylor from Piggott, Arkansas; Keith, Sabrina, Lindsey, Drew and Margaret Woolverton from Pollard, Arkansas; Bobby, Charlene, Susan and Mark Martin from Little Rock, Arkansas; Mae Holloway and Lowell Woolverton from Formosa, Arkansas; Iola Holloway, Charlotte and Dustin Magee, John, Lorna, and Kyle Dixon from Russellville, Arkansas; Larry and Wanda Woolverton from Gideon, Missouri; Jacque Woolverton Hooten from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Brenda Woolverton from Irving, Texas; Michael and Eleni Woolverton from Athens, Greece; and Gene Woolverton from West Plains, Missouri.

Gene also reports that a young man from Nemo Vista School in Center Ridge, Arkansas, took on a school project to place signs on Highway 9 where the road goes up to Woolverton Mountain and also where the road leads to the cemetery. The signs currently read "Wolverton Mountain Cemetery." A large cedar wood sign in front of the pavilion has the same wording. It was brought to the attention of the cemetery board that Woolverton should be spelled with two O's, so the signs will be corrected.

After the reunion, many went to the cemetery to decorate or view the graves. A cemetery business meeting and religious service was being held at the pavilion by members of the community at this same time. The cemetery was well decorated, grass was freshly mowed, and graves were in excellent condition.

REPORT ON LITTLEFIELD FAMILY REUNION, May 26, 1996

About 50 descendants of John Monroe Littlefield⁴ (Luther³, William², William Littlefield¹) met at Fletcher New School Building at Fletcher, Oklahoma for the day. Afterwards the cousins went to the Fletcher Cemetery where so many of the Littlefield relatives are buried.

In a phone call, cousin Retha Willis gave a brief report of the event. Most of the family of Ed Littlefield⁵ were in attendance. Four of the 5 remaining children of Hardeman Littlefield⁵ were in attendance with their spouses. They are Geneva and Clyde Metzger, Dorotha & Wilbur Sexton, Retha & L. D. Willis, and Gladys and Foy Sellers. Both the Metzgers and Sextons have had health problems in the past, so everyone was pleased they could attend the reunion.

Wilma Shanks of the Jehue Littlefield line was there. Also some were there from the Solomon Littlefield line.

For more on this Littlefield family, see WU pp. 73-75.

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REPORT ON JAMES DAVID HARRIS FAMILY REUNION, June 13-16, 1996

My mother, Hazel (Harris) Gohr gave a fairly complete report of this reunion. 133 were in attendance at the reunion held at Raymondville, Texas. Some of the extra activities were: visit to a ranch, seeing the Raymondville Historical Museum, quilting, a pinata for the children, visiting the zoo, playing golf, visiting Old Mexico, music by a Western band, and a family talent show. Plans are to meet at Cortez, Colorado in 1997 and in Montana in 1998.

Attending from the Tennessee branch of Harrises were: Lewis & Byrd Harris, Demova Brewer, Inez Treece, Jelva Brooks, & Myrna Treece. These ladies helped a lot with the quilting. Leatha Jeffrey had made the quilt and Sammy Morrow's wife won the quilt in the drawing. There will not be a Harris Reunion in Tennessee this year.

My parents, Lawrence & Hazel (Harris) Gohr rode to the reunion with my Aunt Ruby Jean Barber from Colorado. They traveled more than 3000 miles on their trip. Along the way they visited Garvin cousins at Cross Plains, Morton, and Pleasanton, Texas. My Great-Aunt Katie Garvin died on June 10th and then Great-Uncle George Tyson died June 15th. Katie was the mother of our subscriber, Jean Flinn. My parents attended Aunt Katie's funeral and saw Uncle George when he was in the hospital. They also got to meet Amanda (Long) Robertson, my mother's first cousin whom she had not seen in 62 years.

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ISAAC WOOLVERTON DESCENDANTS

David Macdonald informs me that Kathryn Unger's lineage

(see Vol. 4 #3, p. 180) and the Isaac Woolverton line she is interested in is as follows: Isaac³ (Roger², Charles¹). This Isaac Woolverton was born in 1774 and died in 1846. He went to Steuben County, New York, with his brothers Samuel U. and John Woolverton. The son of that Isaac, another Isaac, went out to Livingston County, Michigan.

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WARNING TO SUBSCRIBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

On March 23, 1995 the National Genealogy Society requested an investigation of Halbert's Inc. Brochures and flyers have been mailed to genealogical libraries and societies to alert people on what to do when they see advertisements which may be misleading.

Consumers are warned that several companies sell coats of arms or "ancestral arms" for thousands of surnames which are most likely not related in any way to the purchaser's ancestry. Artists are employed who may adapt a coat of arms from one found in a book or they may even design or create a coat of arms for a surname for which none exists. This is false and misleading marketing.

Other misleading practices are the sale of books that supposedly give the history of your surname. Yet, when the purchaser receives the book, it is only a general study of history and how to begin tracing one's ancestry. Often only scant references are made to anyone of the surname requested, and sources are usually not given. Often the only thing of value is a listing of addresses of people with the same last name, but this would only be helpful if researching a rare surname. Address lists, if desired, can be obtained through local telephone books and mailing lists. A telephone listing for the entire United States is now available on CD-ROM and can be found in some libraries around the country. These can also be purchased for private use.

Certain companies mass produce their products, changing only a few details to make them appear different. A book of information about various individuals with the same last name is not a family history, nor is a list of names and addresses for individuals with the same surname any form of genealogy. Unless your surname is very rare, you should not assume that people with the same surname are related to you.

UPDATE: Charles L. Seaman just sent me a copy of Vol. 22, No. 2 (March/April 1996) of the National Genealogical Society Newsletter. It has a lengthy article called "Halbert's Under Cease and Desist Order." The cease and desist order was issued by the United States Postal Service in November 1995. One of the current provisions which Halbert's must follow is to include a disclaimer on their mailings: "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended."

Here is a listing of some of the companies which sell family books and/or coats of arms which include false and misleading information:

Who's Who of the (Your family name) in America, from Scottsdale Family Treasures, INC., 5110 N. 44th St., Suite L-160, Phoenix, AZ 85018

(Your family name) Since the Civil War, from The Family News Network, 1181 S. Parker Rd. #102, Denver CO 80231; or 6825 E. Tennessee #2-300, Denver CO 80224; or 930 S. Monaco, Box 11337, Denver, CO 80224; or 6900 E. Bellview #203, Greenwood Village, CO 80111; or 250 Coolidge St., Midvale, UT 84047; or 611 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, #1015, Washington, DC 20003

The (Your family name) Family News [newsletter] [See addresses above for (Your family name) Since the Civil War.]

[Note: The above quarterly newsletter has almost no usable information whatsoever. No sources are given for information and each issue is full of advertising. Just to "check it out" I subscribed for one year. In one issue they advertised that the next issue would be about (my family name) in Canada. The next issue and succeeding issues made no mention of Canada. I wrote a letter of inquiry. The company sent a replacement copy, but still no mention of Canada! Really, the only "family" information within 4 issues was a listing of recent deaths as taken from Social Security records. Only the years and ages were given--not even the locality was given.

This company also offers a mass-produced book called The History of the (Your surname) Family which is called "a not so serious look at (Your surname) family roots" and is advertised as "the infamous 'tongue in cheek' story of our family." It is obvious that this book would be totally worthless. One advertisement says they, The Family News Network, research nearly 15,000 surnames and publish Since the Civil War books for each. Does that tell you anything?

The latest is that they have a book entitled Three Centuries of" (Fill in the blank with your surname). One recipient of this book (Suzanne Badenhop) received in it a soundex search of one census in 1870 or 1880 and didn't even get the Badenhops that she had found in the same census!

Currently one of our Wolvertons Unlimited subscribers is receiving the Family News Network's newsletter under the title, The Wolverton Family News. Please beware of this and all mass-produced "family history" products which include false and misleading information.--ed.]

(Your family name) Across America, from Mary Whitney, 306 Easton Road, Ottsville, PA 18941

Family Book Offer, c/o 3687 Ira Road, Bath, OH 44210
Historic Book Offer, (same address as above)

[Many, many different offers have been made from this address over the last 25 years! This is the same address for the Halbert Company. Last fall I received a mail offer from Family Book Offer for "The Gohrs Since 1732" for "just \$29.50" plus postage and handling for preferred customers (as opposed to \$59.50 for non-preferred customers). It purports to include a listing of addresses for Gohrs all over the world (I can find addresses for anyone in the U.S. on the PhoneDisc). It also includes a list of 141 Gohr "namesakes" who have died in the last century--this same information is available on the Social Security Death Index at the local library here--for free!!--ed.]

The Flags, 305 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10165

The (Your family name) Family Heritage Book, Beatrice Bayley, Sterling, PA 18463

[Note: Reportedly, this company had a lawsuit pending against them a few years back, so they may no longer be operating.--ed.]

[Note: All of the above information is based on a variety of sources including ROOTS-L; an ad in the SAR Magazine; a notice in the Ozarks Genealogical Society newsletter; information supplied by Charles Littlefield Seaman; and my own personal experience with some of these companies.--ed.]

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DEED OF THOMAS HANKS TO JOHN WOOLVERTON (JULY 1854)

[Note: The original is dim. I have underlined words which were difficult to decipher--ed.]

Thomas Hanks The State of Texas
To / Deed
John Woolverton County of Anderson

Know all men by these presents that that I Thomas hanks of the county of Anderson and State of Texas for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars to me in hand paid by John Wolverton Sr. of the same county and state the receipt of which I hereby acknowledged have this day bargained sold transfered and conveyed and by these presents do bargain sell transfer and convey unto him the said John Wolverton Sr. his heirs _____ administrators and assigns forever the one half (being one hundred and sixty acres of the head eight unconditional land certificate of James Reel for three hundred and twenty acres of land issued to him by the board of land commissioners of Cherokee County on the 15 day of February A.D. 1852 No. 55 class 3rd also one half of the conditional head eight of said class _____ for three hundred and twenty acres of land class 3rd

No. 72 issued by the board of land commissioners of _____ County on the 4 of December A.D. 1839 together with the following described tract or parcel of land surveyed under and by virtue of said certificate containing one hundred and sixty acres of land situate in County of Anderson aforesaid on the waters of Springc Creek of the Trinity River, Beginning 633.56 yards south 44° west from David Hallmarks 640 acres tract a stake from which a Black Rock 9 in. diameter brs N 11° W 12 yards dist. marked X and a Hickory 24 in. diameter bears S 35° E 7 5/10 yards distance marked X. Thence N 44° & 33.36 yards to David Hallmarks S. W. corner. Thence N 46° W 1425.60 yards. Set stake on said Hallmarks N boundary line from which a Hickory 15 In diam bears S 400 W 11 6/10 yards dist marked X and Black Jack 5 in diameter bears S 88° E 17 2/10 yards accu. marked X. Thence S 440 W 633.56 yards set stake from which a post oak 20 In diameter bears S 80 E 7 yards yards dist. marked J. W. and an elm 8 in diam bears N 73° W 5 yards dist marked X. THEN S 46° E 1425 56 yards to the beginning corner to have and to hold the aforementioned and described one hundred and sixty acres of land together with the one half of said head right certificate to himself the said John Wolverton Jr. his heirs or assigns or from the claim of any and [all] persons claiming the same under me my heirs or assigns and I do by these present authorize and empower him the said John Wolverton Jr. his heirs or assigns to apply for demand and require from the commissioner of the general land office of the state of Texas a patent in his own name and for his own for said land and if necessary to appoint one or more attorneys under hire to obtain the same. In Testimony whereof I do herunto inscribe my name and affix my hand for a seal this 10th day of July, A.D. 1854.

Test. A. E. McClure
J. B. Hanks

Thomas Hanks {seal}

The State of Texas }
County of Anderson } Before me J. A. Crawford Clerk of the county court in the for said county this day personally appeared Thomas Hanks to me well known whose genuine signature appears to the above deed and acknowledged that he Signed sealed delivered the same for the purposes therein stated.

{Witness my hand & seal of office
{at Palestine July 10, 1854
J. A. Crawford, clerk

Filed July 10th 1854
at about 10 o'clock A.M.
J. A. Crawford, clerk

(Source: Anderson County (TX) Deed Book, Vol. E, pp. 321-322. Contributed by John Flinn and Bonnie Woolverton.)

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