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INTRODUCTORY.

*To the descendants of Solomon Hakes and his wife Anna (Billings) Hakes:—*It was after much hesitation that I finally decided to undertake the making of a limited genealogical record of the "Hakes" family, and I confess that nothing but the persistence of my friend, George B. Kulp, Esq., author of "Families of the Wyoming Valley," ever induced me to make the attempt. Mr. Kulp had been for years engaged in sketching the biographies of the members of the Luzerne County bench and bar, and I can now understand the difficulties of his task, in trying to show how and from whom the bench and bar descended. In my own case, as in most of the others, he was furnished with scant reliable data. That left a large margin for what is called "knowledge and belief," especially the "belief." I had one undoubted fact to begin with. The Congregational Church Record of Stonington, Conn., shows that "Solomon Hakes and Anna Billings, of Stonington, were united in marriage at Stonington, by the Rev. James Noyes, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1718." My attention had also been directed to the Records of Windsor, Conn., by Royal Hinsman's "Record of the Names of Early Settlers," and by "Savage's Genealogical Tables" to the fact, that one, "John Hakes," settled at Windsor, Conn., in 1640, was married to Elizabeth —, and resided there until 1659 or 1660, and had born to him there ten children, recorded in each instance H-a-k-c-s. The name being so very rare in this country, made it almost a necessary inference, that the said "John Hakes" was in some way the ancestor, or

related to the Solomon Hakes who married at Stonington, and from whom all of the name of Hakes that I have been able to find in the United States are descended. I have thoroughly searched the Records of Windsor, and therein find in every instance except one, the name spelled H-a-k-e-s. In one instance it is H-a-y-k-e-s. John Hakes' name dropped from the record there in the year 1659, after selling most of his real estate. In 1662 or 1663 the record showed that Elizabeth, of Hadley, Mass., widow of John Hakes, deceased, sold and conveyed the remainder of his real estate in Windsor, Conn. I then went to Hadley, Hampshire Co., Mass., and found the record of an agreement between parties of Hartford County, Conn., dated 1659, growing out of disagreements connected with the church, by which the signers agreed to remove from Hartford County and settle at Hadley, Mass., before April 1660. Among the signers to this agreement, was John H-a-w-k-s. The Records and also the History of Hadley, show that the John Hakes and his wife and ten children who are on the Records of Windsor for nearly twenty years as H-a-k-e-s, were the identical persons, who moved from Windsor, Conn., in 1659, or early part of 1660, and that from the time they arrived in Hadley to this day, they have been put upon the Public Records, and in fact have been known, and their descendants also, by the name of H-a-w-k-s or H-a-w-k-e-s. After the removal of the family to Hadley, the name was generally spelled H-a-w-k-s, but after John's death in the summer of 1662, the Record of the Probate Court (now at Northampton) spelled the name H-a-w-k-e-s. In the History of Hadley, by Sylvester Judd, there are genealogical tables made by Lucius Ballwood, of all the early settlers of Hadley. Therein is the family of John Hawks who came from Windsor, Conn., giving the names of his children, their

- ⁶ gen 546 III *Sarah Melissa Hakes*, b. September 25, 1862; m. James Charlesworth, 1882; res. Mesa, Arizona Ty.
- ⁶ gen 547 IV *Helen Lotheta Hakes*, b. September 19, 1864; d. December 13, 1878.
- ⁶ gen 548 V *Lotta Mable Hakes*, b. Nov. 27, 1866; m. Louis E. Lamb June, 1885; Mesa, Arizona Ty.
- ⁶ gen 549 VI *Harriet Jane Hakes*, b. June 7, 1869.
- ⁶ gen 550 VII *Effie Elizabeth Hakes*, b. December 5, 1871.
- ⁶ gen 551 VIII *Patty Celinda Hakes*, b. June 24, 1874.
- ⁶ gen 552 IX *Collins Riley Hakes*, b. November 24, 1875.
- ⁶ gen 553 X *Nettie Lucla Hakes*, b. August 1, 1878; d. May 2, 1879.
- ⁶ gen 554 XI *Daniel Edgar Hakes*, b. November 17, 1881.
- ⁶ gen 555 XII *Ruba Amanda Hakes*, b. July 12, 1886.

CHILDREN OF (540)

JOSEPH L. HAKES,⁶ son of Lorenzo H.,⁵ of Samuel,⁴ of James,³ of George,² of Solomon,¹ and Sarah.

- ⁷ gen 556 I *James Cyrus Hakes*, b. January 23, 1866; druggist; res. Paterson, N. J.
- ⁷ gen 557 II *Gertrude Roseltha Hakes*, b. June 23, 1868; res. Ansonia, Conn.
- ⁷ gen 558 III *Stella Josephine Hakes*, b. April 5, 1871; d. June 27, 1881.
- ⁷ gen 559 IV *Myrta Phebe Hakes*, b. December 20, 1873; res. Ansonia, Conn.
- ⁷ gen 560 V *Ethel Estelle Hakes* b. December 23, 1882; d. February 14, 1886.
- ⁷ gen 561 VI *Harry Hakes*, named after "Harry Hakes," of the City of Wilkes-Barré, Pa.; b. May 14, 1886; res. Ansonia, Conn.

Here closes the stock of James, 3d gen., as far as reported.

CONCLUSION.

In looking over the foregoing tables it is quite manifest that there must be many of our name whose whereabouts I have been unable to find in the six months I have devoted to this work. If, however, each person who receives this record will make some effort to find out who and where the others are, and will make out memoranda of names, ages, births, marriages, residence and occupation, in the same manner I have adopted in these tables, and forward the same to me, I will undertake to arrange it in order, and publish the same as an appendix. With a little exertion on the part of every one, we can, within the next year, get every one of the name.

I have heretofore suggested a general meeting of the families. No better opportunity can occur than the present to say that it is decided that we shall meet at the International Hotel, at Niagara Falls, on the first Wednesday in August, 1887. Without further notice or invitation it is hoped that every family and every person will be there on that day. Ordinary excuses will not be recognized. Remember the day. With salutations, a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year," I am truly and abundantly your cousin, in all the several and various degrees,

HARRY HAKES.

DECEMBER 25, 1886.

ages and marriages. I would here express my obligations to George Sheldon, Esq., of Deerfield, Mass., for his kindness and assistance, and in giving me the benefit of his masterly knowledge and experience of the history of his vicinity. That the descendants of Solomon Hakes of Stonington, are not descended from the said John Hakes, Hawks, or Hawkes, of Windsor and Hadley, is absolutely certain. Without here giving the reasons (which are too lengthy), I do not hesitate to say that John Hawks or Hawkes was known by one of these latter names or indifferently by both before he settled in Windsor, Conn. Besides the name Hakes belonging to Solomon and his descendants, which has for two hundred years entirely escaped corruption or variation, there is one other place where it appears in this country, to wit:

"Thomas Hakes died at James City, Virginia, between 1 April, 1622 and 16 February, 1623." *Vide* "Hutton Emigrants." For this memorandum I am indebted to Hon. Steuben Jenkins, and also for same memorandum to Rev. H. E. Hayden, Wilkes-Barré.—"Colonial records of Virginia," February 16, 1623. What an investigation of this might possibly lead to, I will leave some enthusiast for *genealogical mining honors*, to determine. I have been several times thrown off my track in my searches, by the possessive "s" attached to the German name "Hake." Also by another German name "Haker." There is also an English name Hake, but I have not discovered that it is in any way connected with the name Hakes.

The name "Hakes" in the United States, in so far as it has been possible to ascertain, originates or commences with Solomon Hakes, whose first appearance is in Westerly Rhode Island, in April, 1709. The Record of the Town Meeting held in that month shows that Solomon Hakes and some others were propounded to be made freemen, and at