

The Hack Family

The Hack family played but a small part in the story of Sunfish, and since they were not Catholic for the most part, this sketch will be very small.

The oldest Hack I have found on the 1860 census was living in Grayson County:

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| Andrew Hack | 66, born in Virginia |
| Mirna | 25, serving |
| Celia | 23, serving |

I do not know the connection between Andrew Hack and the two women, but they were probably daughters or granddaughters. I also cannot be sure of the connection between Andrew Hack and the family I found in 1850, but since the first child was named Andrew, I would think the husband is a son of Andrew.

On the census of Grayson County, 1850:

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| George Hack | 30 |
| Sarah | 28 |
| Andrew J. | 8 |
| James A. | 6 |
| William F. | 4 |
| John W. | 6/12 |
| Ellen Cockerel | 11, step-daughter |

George, probable son of Andrew Hack and _____, was married to Sarah Cockerel, a widow, parentage unknown, February 17, 1842 in Grayson County.

Children of George Hack and Sarah Cockerel

1. Andrew J., son of George Hack and Sarah Cockerel, was married to Elizabeth, daughter of _____ Hack and _____. No other information on this line.
2. James A., son of George Hack and Sarah Cockerel, was married to Mary Ellen, daughter of _____ Moss and _____, January 12, 1865.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

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| James Hack | 35 |
| Mary E. | 35 |
| Henry V. | 19 |
| Isabelle | 12 |
| Sarah A. | 10 |
| Samuel | 8 |
| Martha E. | 4 |
| Feebey | 4 |
| James P. | 6/12 |

We do not know when Mary Ellen Moss died, but James A. was married second to Sarah M. Cockerel, widow of Presley Cockerel, daughter of James Hayes and Parmelia Jones, April 2, 1882.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

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|---------------|------------|
| James A. Hack | July 1845 |
| Sarah M. | May 1853 |
| Henry V. | Dec. 1865 |
| Vasty L. | Oct. 1886 |
| Harrison | Jan. 1889 |
| Laura | Sept. 1890 |
| Cinda M. | Sept. 1894 |

Henry V., shown to have been born circa 1861 on the census of 1880, and 1865 on the census of 1900, was probably a brother of James A. Hack. Henry V. was married to Eliza J. Cockerel, parentage unknown, March 5, 1885. I have no other information on Henry.

Children of James A. Hack and Mary Ellen Moss

- A. Isabelle, daughter of James A. Hack and Mary E. Moss, was married to Andrew Jackson, son of James Hayes and Catherine Durbin, June 8, 1884. (This line will be carried in the Hayes Family Section.)
- B. Sarah A., daughter of James A. Hack and Mary E. Moss, was married to Joseph J., son of Singleton Tomes and Patsy J. Miller, December 18, 1885. (This line will be carried in the Tomes Family Section.)
- C. Samuel A., son of James A. Hack and Mary E. Moss, was married to Rebecca M., daughter of Singleton Tomes and Patsy J. Miller, October 9, 1890.

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Rebecca Tomes Hack was born February 28, 1871, died May 14, 1895.
She and two children are buried at South Union.

Cordelia, born Feb. 6, 1893, died the same day.

Cornelius, born April 28, 1895, died Aug. 3, 1898.

Samuel A. Hack was married second to Nancy Jane, daughter of Silas A. Simon and Sarah Elizabeth Durbin, January 23, 1896.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

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|----------------|------------|
| Samuel A. Hack | Aug. 1871 |
| Nancy J. | Jan. 1879 |
| James O. | April 1897 |
| Mary L. | Feb. 1892 |

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

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|----------------|----|
| Samuel A. Hack | 38 |
| Jane | 32 |
| Oscar | 13 |
| Litha | 9 |
| Hubert | 5 |

Also buried at South Union:

Silas R. Hack, born August 3, 1903, died April 7, 1904.

Nancy Jane Simon Hack died in Grayson County May 3, 1930. I have been unable to find when Samuel died, and have no idea what happened to any of the children.

Nancy Jane Simon Hack is buried at Sadler, Grayson County, Kentucky.

D. Martha E., daughter of James A. Hack and Mary Ellen Moss.

E. Phebe J., 15, daughter of James A. Hack and Mary Ellen Moss, twin of Martha E., was married to James W., 19, son of William S. Hayes and Mary Willis, August 13, 1891. (This line will be carried in the Hayes Family Section.)

F. James Presley, son of James A. Hack and Mary Ellen Moss, was married to Hannah Geary, parentage unknown.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

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|--------------------|----|
| James Presley Hack | 29 |
| Hannah | 25 |
| Elbert | 7 |
| Ellis | 4 |

There were at least two more children born to James P. Hack and Hannah Geary:

Edgar, born January 19, 1912.

Flossie, born January 20, 1914.

Children of James P. Hack and Hannah Geary

- a. Elbert, son of James P. Hack and Hannah Geary, lived in Chicago, and I have no information on family.
- b. Ellis, son of James P. Hack and Hannah Geary, was married to Ollie, daughter of John M. French and Barbara E. Durbin. No information on family.
- c. Edgar, son of James P. Hack and Hannah Geary, was married to Pearline, daughter of John M. French and Barbara E. Durbin.

Edgar and Pearl lived in Louisville until after World War II. Edgar was in the Army, and after the war ended he and his brother-in-law, Louis Durbin, bought the Sunfish Mercantile Co. from James P. Simon. Edgar built a new house on the south side of Sunfish Creek, the house now owned by Otis and Marie Hayes.

Evidently business was not as good as they had hoped, and Edgar traded his share of the store and his house to James T. Duvall for the house and farm at Little Mountain, which James T. had bought from his brother, Wavy, when Wavy moved to Louisville. I think at this time Louis sold his share to James T.

Edgar and Pearl, Louis and his wife, Lois, moved to Arizona. After several years, Edgar died. Then Lois died, and Pearline and Louis were married. Louis has since died, and Pearl is still living in Arizona.

Edgar and Pearl were the parents of two daughters:

Wanda, born May 26, 1938 in Jefferson County.

Gladys C., born July 9, 1943 in Jefferson County.

I have no other information on this family.

- d. Flossie, daughter of James P. Hack and Hannah Geary, was married to Louis, son of Martin Richard Durbin and Clarenda French, December 8, 1934. (This line will be carried in the William Richard Durbin Family Section.)

Presley and Hannah lived off the main road, on a dirt road that ran northwest from a point in front of Sam Durbin's house. In 1938/1939, three or four men escaped from the Grayson County Jail, killing the jailer. The group was called the House Gang, and were in jail on several charges. There was a mad man hunt going on for weeks, with several posses looking for the escapees. I remember one such posse leaving Dad's store one evening to search along a bluff area alongside Sunfish Creek where some hunters or fishermen had spotted beds made out of tree branches. My brother Paul went along. Nothing was found by the posse, and Paul said later that he was glad they didn't find anything.

For some reason, Presley and Hannah were believed to be giving the House Gang food and shelter, and the gang had been seen in the vicinity of the Hack home. Leitchfield at this time had a town marshall by the name of Mudd, and he, without any jurisdiction at all outside Leitchfield, went to the Hack home and arrested both Presley and Hannah. As soon as the Hacks went before a judge, they were released.

The sheriff of Edmonson County was named Meredith, a veteran of World War I who made his appeal for the sheriff's job by riding on the front fender of a car in full Army uniform, carrying an American flag. Meredith was well thought of by all, and he did have some tracking abilities. He tracked the four members of the gang to their hiding place, and early the next morning surprised the look-out and captured the whole bunch while three of them were still asleep. Needless to say, the whole neighborhood was greatly relieved.

Children of James A. Hack and Sarah M. Hayes

- A. Nancy F.
- B. Vasty L.
- C. Harrison.
- D. Laura.
- E. Cindy M.

3. William F., son of George Hack and Sarah Cockerel.

4. John W., son of George hack and Sarah Cockerel, was married to Sarah, daughter of _____ and _____.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| John W. Hack | Jan. 1850 |
| Sally | Jan. 1852 |
| William H. | Nov. 1872 |
| James A. | Nov. 1878 |
| Mary A. | Nov. 1880 |
| Ida B. | Feb. 1882 |
| Lula M. | Jan. 1888 |
| Arvena | May 1891 |
| Cordelia | May 1891 |
| John B. | Aug. 1895 |

John W. Hack, born January 28, 1850, died August 5, 1917. Sarah Hack, born December 12, 1852, died November 22, 1934. Both are buried at South Union.

Children of John W. Hack and Sarah

- A. William H., son of John W. Hack and Sarah _____, was married to Margaret, daughter of George A. Durbin and Mary Lucy Whobrey, September 2, 1900.

I have found nothing on this family.