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THE LOUISE HOGAN (LOUISE H. HECKENDORF) FAMILY

WILLIAM C. HOGAN of Donegal, Ireland, is believed to have landed at New York as a stowaway in 1745.

His eldest son also was named WILLIAM, a tradition that has continued for many generations. As far as can be determined, no information about ~~where~~ or when he was born, or who his brothers and sisters were, has come to light. However, by the time his eldest son WILLIAM C. was born in 1804, the family had accumulated many American-born relatives and also substantial financial assets.

In 1828 WILLIAM C. bought 15,000 acres of land in Georgia. The town that grew up around his land was named Hogansville. By 1852 he had built an impressive colonial-style mansion (the bricks were made on the premises) with white Corinthian columns. His plantation consisted of cotton and rice acreage, his own cotton gin, and a number of supply shops as well as a tavern. Around 1900, well after his death, the brick house burned and a Victorian frame house was built in its place. One of his granddaughters, the now elderly MISS SARA LEE HOGAN, is living in it at the present time.

The HOGAN family was and still is Protestant and non-drinking (well, make an exception or two).

WILLIAM C.'s first marriage was to his cousin MARY, by whom he had five children, all daughters. After Mary's premature death, he married SUSANNA BELCHER, born 1818, by whom he had sixteen children--five sons and eleven daughters. Of these twenty-one children, one daughter, MARY ANN, and four sons survived. My grandfather CHRISTOPHER was the youngest of the surviving sons.

CHRISTOPHER (incorrectly shown on my father's death certificate as David Hogan) was born in 1841 in Hogansville, Georgia.

Although WILLIAM C. was a slave owner, he did not enjoy the role and was looking forward to the gradual, peaceful dissolution of slavery. At the conclusion of the Civil War, his wife, who lived until 1906, is quoted as having said, "Now we, too, are free!"

WILLIAM C. died in 1861 at the age of 57. A year later his son CHRISTOPHER joined the Union Army, Kentucky Cavalry, Company 6, 11th Regiment. He served until the end of the Civil War in 1865, when he was honorably discharged on July 17.

After his service in the Union Army, CHRISTOPHER went to Tennessee. There he met, and, on December 13, 1867, married ELIZA E. FRENCH, born November 5, 1847. Her parents, PETER and MALINDA FRENCH, had both been born of German parents.

CHRISTOPHER and ELIZA had nine children. The first, WILLIAM LOWRY, died at the age of one year, eleven months. SUSAN MALINDA, their fifth child, died at the age of thirty. My father EDGAR, the sixth child and fourth son, died at the age of forty-one. The other six children lived long lives.

EDGAR HOGAN, then living in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, married ANNABEL MARTIN of Pottsville, Arkansas, on April 27, 1907. I have very little information about her family, since she died when I was eighteen months old. I have been told that her grandfather was KIRKBRIDE POTTS from Pennsylvania, where there is also a Pottsville. I don't know if they were English or Dutch, but I have always believed they were English.

At any rate, Pottsville, Arkansas, is the site of what is now the Potts Historical Monument. It was built by my mother's grandfather as a home for his family and a trading post, a post office, a tavern, and an overnight stagecoach stop.

My mother's father's name was _____. MARTIN (I've always thought it was Joseph, Martin but now believe it was William _____. The name Joseph was a Hogan name). I understand his ethnic background was Scottish. I do not know her mother's name for sure, but I have been told it was OLA POTTS, Kirkbride's daughter. There is a little town named Ola in the same general area as Pottsville. The MARTIN family had first settled in North Carolina, where there is a Martinsville County. The Martin-Potts marriage resulted in eight or nine children, all of whom lived long lives except Annabel.

EDNA LOUISE HOGAN was born of Edgar and Annabel on August 14, 1913. JOSEPH MARTIN HOGAN was born in early 1915, followed by the death of ANNABEL and, six months later, JOSEPH MARTIN died of a sudden, short illness.

EDGAR married DORA GOSSETT of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1918, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

EDGAR died in September, 1922. DORA died in August, 1968.

EDNA LOUISE HOGAN (it has been my preference to be called simply Louise) married GENE SLOAN HALL in Santa Ana, California, January 31, 1938. There are three children: JULIE ANN; VICTORIA GENE; MARTIN SLOAN. JULIE ANN was born February 11, 1940; VICTORIA GENE, April 10, 1943; MARTIN SLOAN, June 18, 1951. All were born in the Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, California.

GENE and LOUISE were divorced in Santa Barbara in 1965 and both remarried in that same year. LOUISE married JUDGE PERCY CHARLES HECKENDORF of Santa Barbara. He died January 29, 1975, in Santa Barbara.

JULIE ANN married ANDREW HINTON CONNERS and had one child, CARLENE SHIRLEY, born April 13, 1963, in San Diego, California. JULIE and ANDREW were divorced and JULIE married GILES WALDO MEADS, JR., of San Diego, California, on November 19, 1966, in Santa Barbara. GILES WALDO adopted CARLENE and her name was legally changed to CARLENE CONNERS MEADS. GILES WALDO and Julie have no offspring.

VICTORIA GENE HALL married JEFFREY KREND June 18, 1967, in Santa Barbara. JULIE LOUISE KREND was born December 15, 1973, in Santa Barbara. MICHAEL PATRICK KREND was born April 26, 1976, in Hollywood, California.

MARTIN SLOAN HALL married KAREN SHAVER of Santa Barbara, California, in Roseburg, Oregon. JESSICA LEIGH HALL was born to them on June 23, 1980, in Roseburg, Oregon

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This summary has been prepared by me to the best of my ability, based upon records and miscellaneous bits of information I have been able to gather. If there are mistakes, they are not intentional.

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