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HUGHES, Major Thomas Hughes, of Bourbon co., Ky., married LUCY TANDY, and their children were William, Gabriel, Thomas, Henry C., Elliott M., James and Susan T. The Major's first wife died, and he subsequently married her sister, who was a widow at the time. Major Hughes held the position of Justice of the peace in Paris, for forty years, and all his decisions were sustained by the higher courts. He also represented Bourbon co. in the Ky. Legislature. His eldest son, William, married his cousin, MARGARET HUGHES, and settled in Boone co., Mo. Elliott M. received a classical education, and came to Mo. when a young man, and taught school in and near Danville for several years. He then returned to Ky. where he married JANE S. McCONNELL, and soon after, came back to Montgomery co., where he remained until his death, which occurred on the 14th of Jan., 1862. He exercised a large influence in his community, and was a general favorite with all who knew him. He was fond of practical jokes, was full of wit and humor, and became a prominent member of the Evanix Society of Danville. The names of his children living in 1876 are Blanche A., Duncan C., Susan C., Elliott M., Jr., R. H., Arnold and Tandy. Elliott M., Jr., is Prosecuting Attorney of Montgomery co., and is a rising young lawyer, with a promising future before him.

HUNTER - This name in German is Yager, but when translated it means Hunter. Andrew Hunter, and his wife, of Germany, came to America and settled in Greenbriar co., Va., where they had John, Tobias, Philip, William, Peter, Elizabeth and Sarah. Peter, who changed the family name from Yager to Hunter, married MARGARET WOOD, and settled in North Carolina in 1816, and in 1819 he and his family and his two sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, came to Mo. and settled in Montgomery co. The change of the name was the cause of the family losing a large estate in Germany, as the heirs could not be traced after the change was made. Peter's children were James, Robert, Andrew, Ephraim, William, John N., Ti-leson (Tilleson?), Nancy, and Elmira. He married and lived in Montgomery co.

HALL, William Hall and ELIZABETH HICKS, who was his second wife, came from East Tennessee and settled in Montgomery co. in 1817. Their children were Sarah, Elizabeth, Dorcas, Nancy, Laney, David and Henry. Sarah married JOHN MORROW, and they had 13 children. Elizabeth married ELIJAH WADDELL. Dorcas married MARK COLE, who was the first hatter in Montgomery co. Nancy Hall married JOHN R. CRAWFORD, who built his cabin in Montgomery vo., in 1818. Among others who were present and assisted him to raise the cabin were DANIEL BOONE and his sons, NATHAN & JESSE. LEWIS JONES killed the game and cooked the dinner, and found a bee tree not far distant, from which they obtained fresh honey for their dinner. Crawford was noted for his ability to tell humorous yarns and entertain a crowd. Laney Hall married EPHRAIM HUNTER. David married FANNY MORROW. Henry married his cousin, POLLY HALL.

HOWARD, Charles Howard, of Halifax co., Va., married NANCY LEWIS, and settled in Warren co., Ky. One of their sons, named Joseph, married MALINDA LENNOX, and settled in Montgomery co., Mo. in 1818. Their children were Sylvesta, Cynthia E., Elijah, Rachel, Estelle, Cordelia and Malinda. Mr. Howard's first wife died and he was married again to PHOEBE SAYLOR, by whom he had John and George. She also died and he married a lady named McCORMACK, by whom he had Greenup, Nancy and Matilda. He was married the fourth time to SYDNEY HALL, by whom he had Joseph W., and a daughter. He was married the 5th time to NANCY BLANDENBURG, but they had no children.

HARPER, Capt. John Harper was a native of Philadelphia, and followed the sea for many years after he was grown. In 1750 he settled in Alexandria, Va., where he died in his 87th year. He was married twice, and had 29 children, 18 sons and 11 daughters. Charles, the youngest son by his first wife, married LUCY SMITHER, who was of Scotch descent, and by her he had 2 children. He was married the 2nd time to a MISS JANUARY, by whom he had 9 children. The second son of his last wife, whose name was Charles B., was born in Culpepper co., Va., in May, 1802. He was married in 1823 to ANNA C. PRICE, of Pittsylvania co., Va., and settled in Montgomery co., Mo., in 1830. He was engaged in merchandising at Danville for 5 years, and 1 year on his farm. He brought the first demijohns to Montgomery county, and sold a great many of curiosities, most of the inhabitants having never seen anything of the kind. Soon after his arrival in Montgomery, he went over to Callaway co., one day, to get a load of corn, and wore his usual everyday clothes, made of home-spun cloth. On his way back, the road led him by a house where JABEZ HAM was preaching, and he stopped to hear the sermon. During the services, the minister called on the congregation to kneel in prayer, and all knelt except Mr. Harper, who leaned his head upon his hand and remained in that position. Ham noticed him, and prayed that the Lord would bless "that Virginia man, who had on store clothes, and was afraid or too proud to get down on his knees". Mr. Harper

represented his county four years in the state senate, and has always been a good citizen. He had 8 children.

HAM, Stephen Ham lived and died in Madison co., Ky. He was the father of John, Jabez and Stephen Ham, Jr. John was born in Ky. in 1786, and came to Mo. in 1809, and settled in St. Charles co. He joined Nathan Boone's company of rangers, and served during the Indian war. In 1816, he and JONATHAN CROW built a bark tent on Auxvasse Creek, now in Callaway co., and lived in it for some time, while they were engaged in hunting. They were, therefore, probably the first American settlers within the limits of Callaway co. Ham cut his name on a lone tree in the prairie, which has since borne his name. He was a Methodist preacher. He was married twice, first to a MISS BENNETT, by whom he had two children. She died when their children were quite small, and their father took them to their relatives in Ky., performing the journey on horseback, with one of the children before him and one behind. When he came to water courses that were deep enough to swim his horse, he would tie one of the children on the bank, swim across with the other, tie it, and go back for the one he had left. He after married a MISS THOMAS, and they had 6 daughters. Mr. Ham was a daring hunter, and there were but few who possessed nerve enough to follow him in all his adventures. He once smoked a bear out of its cave and then knocked it in the head with an ax. In 1823 he built a house on the Auxvasse, about five miles above its mouth; and the following year the big overflow came and washed away his smoke house, filled with bear and deer meat. He followed it in a soap trough, which he used as a canoe, and overtook the floating house where it had lodged against a large elm tree. He took his meat and hung it in the tree, and when the water subsided, he had to cut the tree down in order to get his meat. Mr. Ham subsequently removed to Illinois, where he died in 1869. Jabez Ham, brother of John was born in Madison Co., Ky. in 1797, and came to Mo. in 1817. He had no education, was of a roving disposition, and did nothing for several years but hunt and fish. His mind was naturally bright, and if he had been educated he would have made a remarkable man. REV. ALEY SNETHEN, and LEWIS JONES taught him the alphabet and learned him to read, and in 1824 he began to preach, having united with the Old Hard Shell Baptist Church. In 1826 he organized a church of that denomination on Loutre Creek, and called it New Providence. For some time after he began to preach he always carried his gun with him when he went to church, both on week days and Sundays, and often killed deer on his way to and from his preaching places. He also manufactured powder, which he had a ready sale for at high prices; and by this means and from the proceeds of his rifle he made a living and did well. He was a large, stout man, and often added emphasis to his opinions by the use of his fists. On a certain occasion he forgot the text that he had intended to preach from and when he arose in the pulpit he announced the fact by saying to the congregation that he had a text when he left home, but had lost it, and he had looked for it, and Hannah (his wife) had looked for it, but they could not find it; but to the best of his belief it was "somewhere in the hind end of Job or thereabouts, and it went about this way--- "Do any of you all know the good old woman they call Mary, or Sal or Tarkus, who said you must not put new wine in old bottles for the bottles will bust and the good stuff will all be spilled." Mr. Ham often compared his sermons to an old shotgun loaded with beans, which, when it went off, was almost sure to hit somebody or somewhere. He died in Callaway co. in 1842, and was buried at New Providence Church, in Montgomery co. His wife was HANNAH TODD, of Ky., and they had 14 children, Rev. Stephen Ham, brother of John and Jabez, married JANE JOHNSON, of Ky., and came to Mo. in 1828. He settled in Montgomery co., where he still lives in his 72nd year. He also is a Baptist preacher. He had 8 children, and John and Hardin Ham, the well known and popular merchants of Montgomery City, are his sons.

HUDNALL, William Hudnall, of England, married FANNIE McGEORGE, of Ireland, and their children were John, Thomas, William and Richard. The latter was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He married a MISS CRESEY, and they had a son, Jack, who settled in Mo. in 1835. William was married twice. By his first wife, he had Polly, Catharine, Lucy, and Elizabeth. He was married the second time to a widow, whose maiden name was NANCY WILLIAMS, and by her he had Jabez, Samuel, Patsey, Nancy, Parthena, Susannah, and William R. Catharine and Lucy married and settled in Howard co., Mo. Samuel (now living in Callaway co) married JULIA A. HEWETT and settled in Montgomery co., in 1837. He got a good ducking in Loutre creek, one day, in the following manner. He was sitting on his horse, about the middle of the creek, talking to NED HUDNALL and WILLIAM ELLIOTT, who were engaged in a playful scuffle on the bank. Ned finally threw Elliott into the water, which amused Hudnall so that he became convulsed with laughter, and rolled off of his horse into the creek. He happened to roll into deep water, and had to swim to the bank, while his horse swam out on the other side. Mr. Hudnall says he will never forget the first deer he killed. The weather was very cold, and the deer froze fast to him while he was carrying it home on his shoulder. When he got to the house he had to build a fire and thaw it before he could get away from it. Susannah Hudnall married WILLIAM ELLIOT, who settled in Mo. in 1835.

HARDING, Alexander Harding, of Halifax co., Va., married MARY HIGHTOWER, and they had Archibald, Anna, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary and Sally. Mr. Harding died in 1816 and his widow married JOSIAH RODGERS, and moved to Alabama. Archibald married in Va., and settled in Mo. in 1833. Anna married JAMES ANDERSON, and settled in Montgomery co. in 1831. They had but one child, who died when nineteen years of age.

HENSLEY, Samuel and Benjamin Hensley were sons of an English family that settled on the Potomac river in Va. at an early date. Samuel married a MISS LANDERS, and they had Samuel, Jr., and William. His first wife died and he was married again to SUSAN TAPLETT, by whom he had several children. William, son of Samuel, Jr., by his first wife, married ELIZABETH APPLEBERRY, of Va., and they had James, Benjamin, William Jr., Thomas, Fleming, Judith and Elizabeth. James, William Jr., Thomas & Fleming came to Montgomery co. in 1826, and all except Thomas afterward married and settled in Jefferson co., Mo. Thomas Hensley was born in Albemarle co., Va. in 1796, and when 18 years of age, he enlisted as a soldier in the war of 1812. He afterward married HARRIET RUST, who was a daughter of SAMUEL RUST AND MARY LEE BAILEY, who was the daughter of JAMES BAILEY AND NANCY SMITH. Mr. Hensley with his wife and 4 children, embarked in a keel boat of his own make, on the Pocotalico river, and floated down to the Big Kenhawa, and thence to the Ohio, on their way to Missouri. They reached Louisville in safety, but just below that place their boat sank, and it was with the greatest difficulty that they succeeded in reaching the shore in safety. Here they built a cabin and remained one year, in order to recruit and built another boat. At the end of that time, their boat being complete, they re-embarked and proceeded on their journey. When they reached the Mississippi they found the current so strong that they could not stem it, so Mr. Hensley gave his boat away, embarked his goods and furniture on a French barge, and conveyed his family by land to

Jefferson co., Mo., where they remained one year, and then settled in St. Louis co., seven miles from the city of St. Louis. Here he entered 80 acres of land which he still owns, and which has become very valuable. Mr. Hensley and his wife had 9 children and they now reside in Montgomery City, Mo. He has been a Baptist minister for many years, having made a solemn promise while on a bed of sickness, which he expected would be his last, that if allowed to recover, he would go to preaching and devote the remainder of his life to the service of the Lord. He recovered, and has faithfully kept his promise. His courtship and marriage were somewhat romantic, and happened in this wise, as related by Mrs. Hensley herself: The first time she ever saw him, he stopped at her father's house to inquire the way to a place he was trying to find, and during the conversation, she stepped to the door, dressed in a home-made striped lindsey dress, with a frying pan in her hand, from which she was sopping the gravy with a piece of bread. The next day, Mr. Hensley returned, "lost again", and made some additional inquiries. A week from that time, he came back again, but not to see her father. This time he wanted to know if she was engaged to anybody else, and if not, how she liked his looks. His inquiries were satisfactorily answered and it was only a few weeks until the minister's benediction was given to help them on their way through life.

HASLIP, Robert Haslip was a native of Maryland, but settled and lived in Va. He had 2 sons, Samuel and John. The latter was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married LUCY JOHNSON, by whom he had Robert, James N., Samuel, John, William, Malinda, Jane, Elizabeth and Polly. James N. settled in Montgomery co., Mo., in 1838. His wife was ESTHER CLEMENTS, by whom he had 10 children. Robert, brother of James, settled in Lincoln co. in 1837, and in 1860, he was killed by a wagon running over his body.

HENLEY, Hezekiah Henley, of Va., had a son named Thomas O., who was married first to MARTHA BUGG, by whom he had William, Samuel, Thompson, John, Nancy, Martha, and Polly. After the death of his first wife, he married MARY HERNDON, by whom he had Allen, Wilson, Thomas, Archibald, Schuyler, Sarah, Lucinda, Amanda, and Catharine. Samuel was married twice and settled in St. Charles co. Allen settled in Montgomery co., in 1838. He married LUCY THOMAS, and they had 10 children.

HUGHES, Thomas Hughes, of Abingdon, Va., settled in Tennessee, where his son, William, married SALLIE GREEN, and settled at Middletown, Montgomery cCounty, at an early date. They had 13 children.

HARRIS, James Harris, of Wales, married his cousin, a MISS HARRIS, and settled first in the eastern part of Virginia, but afterward removed and settled in Albemarle co. Their children were Wise, Thomas, Joel, James and Nathan. Thomas married SUSAN DARBY, of Va., by whom he had Anna, Elizabeth, Garrett, William, Robert, Mary, Sarah, and Thomas Jr. Anna and Elizabeth came to Montgomery county and the latter married BERNARD B. MAUPIN. Garrett married JANE RAMSEY, and settled in Montgomery co., in 1837. Their children were William R., Mary B., Anna J., Garrett T., Margaret M., Sarah E., and Susan D. William R. is an influential citizen of Montgomery co. He is at present probate judge, has served 8 years as county judge and several terms as representative in the legislature. He is a substantial upright citizen and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him. He married MARGARET N. BETHEL, of Va., Joel, son of James Harris Sr., married ANNA WALLER, by whom he had Clifton, Ira, and Joel, Jr. Clifton married MARY LEWIS, by whom he had Decatur, who married his cousin, ISABELLA HARRIS, and settled in Montgomery co. Waller C., Charles W., Mann H., Merriwether L., Susan, Catharine B., Matilda and Caroline, children of Ira Harris, settled in Montgomery co. William, son of Thomas Harris, Sr., married PATSEY MAUPIN, and settled in Montgomery Co; also his brother, Thomas, who married ELIZABETH TURK.

HENTON, Jesse Henton of Logan co., Ky., was in the war of 1812. He married SARAH HUGHES, of Ky., and settled in Pike co., Mo., in 1827. His children were John, James L., William, David, Wesley S., Rolla W., Mary J., Benjamin, Sarah A., Elizabeth E., and Harriet D. Rolla W. married ELIZABETH L. JAMISON, of Pike co., and settled in Montgomery. Samuel, son of John Henton, settled in Pike co., in 1826. He married MARY ESTENS, and subsequently settled in Montgomery co.

HICKERSON, John Hickerson, of Fauquier co., Va., married ELIZABETH BAKER, and their son, Thomas, came to Mo. in 1816, as teamster for JOHN FERGUSON, who settled in Darst's Bottom. In 1818, Hickerson moved to Montgomery co. and settled on the west bank of Loutre creek, near Loutre Lick. He soon after married SUSAN VANBIBBER, daughter of Major Isaac VanBibber, by whom he had 13 children... Melissa, Thomas A., James, Isaac V., Robert L., Alfonzo and Susan J. The other six children died in infancy ... Ezekial HECKERSON, a brother of Thomas, married ELIZABETH HAYDEN, of Ky., and settled in Pike co., Mo., in 1823 and in 1827 he removed to Illinois. His children were Elihue W., William B., Nancy A., James, Samuel, Silas L., Joseph L., and Mary A. Silas L. married JANE ALLEN, of Callaway co., and now lives in Mexico, Mo.

HOPKINS - The parents of Price, William, John and Patsey Hopkins were natives of Queen Anne county, Va., but settled and lived in Bedford co. Their children married and lived near the old home place, in the same county. Price was married twice; first to a daughter of REV. JAMES PRICE, a pioneer preacher of Va., and second to a MISS SLATER. By his first wife he had William M., John, Ann and Sally; we have no record of the names of his children by his second wife. William M. was born July 14, 1802, and was married to NANCY HUDNALL, of Bedford co. in 1832. In 1837 they bade farewell to their native place, and started toward the setting sun to find a new home. They settled on Loutre creek, in Montgomery co., near Bryant's store, in the fall of the same year, and Mr. Hopkins set diligently to work in the cultivation and improvement of his farm. He was an industrious, honest, upright man, and enjoyed the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens in the highest degree, who manifested their confidence in him by repeatedly electing him to the important position of Justice of the peace. He was an excellent farmer, and rarely ever complained of short crops or hard times, as his barns and cribs were always full of grain, and his stock never had to live on short allowances. He remained on his farm on Loutre until 1855, when he removed to a farm near Montgomery City, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 11th day of August, 1875. He became a member of the Baptist Church some twenty years before his death, and ever afterwards lived a consistent Christian life, doing all he could for the cause of morality and religion in his community. He took an active interest in everything that promised to advance the good of the people with whom he had cast his lot, and when he was called

away, his neighbors felt that they had lost a friend and counselor whose place could not easily be filled. His widow and six children survive him. He had 9 children in all, but three preceded him to the grave. By his frugality and industry, he was enabled to leave his family in good circumstances, and they can now attribute the prosperity which they enjoy to his kind and fatherly interest in their future welfare.

HANCE, Adam Hance was born in Coblin, a French province of Alsace, and, as usual with the people of that country, spoke both German and English. He came to America and settled near Germantown, Pa., in 1722, where he married a German lady and raised a large family. His younger son, also named Adam, married a MISS STOEBUCK, of Pa., in 1768, and settled in Montgomery co., Va. When the Rev. war began, fired by the prevailing patriotic feelings of the day, he joined the American army under Washington, and served during the entire war. He was in the battles of Brandywine, Yorktown, and several others, and experienced a great deal of very hard service. He had 6 children. Henry, Peter, Martha A., Priscilla, William and John. Henry was Sheriff of his native county for a number of years and afterward became a successful merchant in Newburn, N.C. Peter was married first to ELIZABETH HARPER, of Va., by whom he had Mary, Anna, Margaret, Sabrina, William and James. After the death of his first wife, he married MRS. JULIET HEWETT, whose first husband was drowned in Ky. about 1815. By her he had Robert, Elizabeth, Harvey and Juliet. Mr. Hance settled in Montgomery co., Mo., in 1829, on what is now the Devault place. (Children of Peter Hance). Mary never married and died in Va. at the age of 60 years. Sabrina married ISAAC C. BRATTON, of Va., who settled in Greenville, Tennessee, in 1831, and while living there had a suit of clothes made by ANDREW JOHNSON, who afterward became President of the United States. Mr. Bratton settled in Montgomery co., Mo. in 1833. Several of his children live in Kansas, and his son, Peter, who is a great fox hunter and conversationalist, lives near Montgomery City. Anna Hance married DR. SAMUEL H. GORDON, of Gordonville, Va., who also settled in Greenville, Tn., in 1831, and had a suit of clothes made by Andrew Johnson. In 1836 he removed to Mo., and settled in Montgomery co., where he practiced medicine and taught school for a number of years. In 1846 he removed to St. Louis. His children were Philip Doddridge, James, H., Nathaniel D., Mary E., Louisa H., and Isabella V. Margaret Hance married WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER, of Tennessee, who settled in Montgomery co., in 1833. His children were Robert, Elizabeth (Mrs. J. P. BUSBY), Thomas, Marston and James G. William Hance settled in Illinois about 1825 and raised a large family. James Hance settled at the Virginia lead mines, Franklin co., in 1838, where he married EVELINA HURST, and died soon after. They had one son, James R., who was born after the death of his father, and is now an enterprising merchant of Montgomery City. Robert Hance married and settled in Rushville, Ill., and is supposed to have been killed in the Confederate army. Elizabeth Hance married REV. JACOB SIEGLER, a Methodist minister, and a merchant at Shelbyville, Mo., by whom she had 3 children. Harvey Hance married MARY CAPLINGER, and settled in Hannibal, Mo., where he died. Previous to his death he was intimate with SAMUEL L. CLEMENS, better known as MARK TWAIN. Juliet Hance married JOHN MARMADUKE, at that time a merchant in Shelbyville, Mo., but at present, a resident of Mexico, Mo. (Children of John Hance) John the son of Adam and brother of Peter Hance, married KITTIE HEWETT, and settled in Montgomery co., Mo., in 1832. Their children were Henry W., Charles, Edward, Virginia C., Jane, Martha and Melcina. Henry W. lives in St. Louis. Charles was in the Confederate army during the late war and lost an arm. He is at present county clerk of Randolph co. Edward is a painter by trade. Virginia C. married JOSEPH C. BRAND, and is now a widow, living in St. Louis. Jane married a MR. FREEMAN, and died at Glenwood, Mo. Martha married BENJAMIN DOUGLAS, a farmer of St. Louis co. Melcina married CHARLES LEWIS of St. Louis co., and is now a widow.

HUDSON, John Hudson and his wife, who was a MISS ALLEN, lived in North Carolina. They had 6 sons Isaac, Drury, Thomas, William, John and Jesse. Drury and Isaac were in the revolutionary war. The latter settled in Georgia, where he married POLLY SHIPPER. He afterward removed to South Carolina and from thence to Ky., and in 1818, he came to Mo. The names of his children were Elizabeth, Nancy, Sally, John, Thomas, William and Charles. Elizabeth married LEMUEL COX. Nancy married GARRETT INGRAM. Sally married JAMES OWINGS. John was married 3 times; first to LUCINDA MORRIS, of Ky., 2nd to NANCY HOLLOWAY, and 3rd to a widow lady named CAROLINA W. KING. Thomas married POLLY HAMMOND, and settled in Pike co. Charles and William married sisters and settled in Lincoln co. William's first wife died and he afterward married SARAH HAMLET.

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