



A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE DESCENDANTS OF  
WM. HASKELL OF GLOUCESTER MASS.

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The name Hascal, Hascall, Hascol, Hascoll, Haskal, Haskall, Haskel, Haskil, Haskill, Haskol, Haskoll, Maskul, Maskull, Haschal, Haschall, Haskell, Heiskell, spelled various other ways, but more generally spelled "Haskell," is stated in Arthur's "Etymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names" to be of Welch origin, from "hasg" meaning a place of rushes, or a sedgy place, and "hall" or "hayle" a moor, or marsh, so that the name would appear to signify, "a place of rushes in the marsh" or "the sedgy place."

If it is true that individuals become known by the place of their habitation, it is probable that some of the name lived in a "sedgy place on the moor," which would not appear to have been a very healthy locality, or one where you would expect to find a strong, robust or prolific people, and therefore does not seem to accord with the history of the family.

"Asgall" in the Gaelic signifies a sheltered place, a retreat; and with the addition of the aspirated "H" might make the name.

THE HASKELL FAMILY IN AMERICA

It would be difficult to find among the early settlers of New England a single family whose genealogy would interest more persons than that of the Haskell family, and yet there has been little attempt made to preserve any information relating thereto.

The first settlers of the name in America appear to have been the three brothers Roger, William and Mark, the patriarch heads of the family in this country.

Roger was the eldest and Mark the youngest of the trio who probably came to New England together from Bristol, England as early as 1637, for they are all three found to have been very early settlers in that part of Salem which is now Beverly.

Roger was born in England in 1613 and died in Salem (now Beverly) in 1667, where he had permanently resided, and is the ancestor of most of the persons of the name now residing in Beverly and near vicinity through his descendants are not very numerous.

He was a mariner, and engaged in the fishing business with a fish house on Winton Island in Salem Harbor. In his will he mentions his brothers William and Mark and in 1679 William was appointed guardian of his son Samuel.

William was born in England in 1617 and resided in Gloucester, Mass., where he died in 1693, and will receive further attention in this article.

Mark was born in England, date unknown, and first settled in Salem (now Beverly) with his brother Roger, and is said to have removed to Plymouth where

he had descendants, but nothing further is definitely known of him other than he is mentioned in his brother's will as before stated.

It is stated, however, by Mr. Perley Dexter of Salem, Mass. that this Mark Settled in Beverly where he died in 1688-9, with an estate of 370 pounds, and that he was undoubtedly the youngest of the brothers; was a mariner engaged in the fishing business, and left descendants in Marblehead, Mass., and intermarried with the White and Coombs families.

The second brother, William Haskell, is the ancestor of most of the Haskells in this country. His posterity is believed to be much more numerous than that of any other of the early settlers of Gloucester, where he permanently resided. A large number can still be found in that place and large numbers are scattered abroad over the country. From this prolific stock, immigrants have gone forth, who whether they braved the dangers and hardships of pioneer life in the forests of Maine, or sought a kinder soil than their own more settled regions, or engaged in handicraft and trades in the marts of business have generally sustained the character for usefulness and respectability which the family has always borne in its more ancient seat.

#### GENEALOGY

William Haskell, the first of the name to settle in Gloucester, then called Cape Ann, was born in England in 1617, came to New England about 1637 with his brothers Roger and Mark with whom he at first settled in the part of Salem, now Beverly, then known as Cape Ann Side, and subsequently became a permanent resident of Gloucester, where he died August 20, 1693, leaving an estate valued at 548 pounds, 12s.

He first appears in Gloucester in 1643 and in 1645 mention is made of his land at Planter's Neck where he probably resided for a few years following the latter date, but the information obtained from the recorded births of his children affords grounds for the conjecture that he was not a permanent resident at that time.

If, however, he left town for a season he had returned in 1656 and settled on the westerly side of Annisquam River where he had several pieces of land, among which was a lot of ten acres with a house and barn thereon bought of Richard Window, situated on the westerly side of Walker's Creek. His two sons took up land on both sides of this creek which is still occupied by his descendants.

He was a mariner, and was engaged in the fishing business, and was known as captain and lieutenant.

The public offices to which he was chosen afford sufficient proof that he was a prominent and useful citizen. He was selectman for several years, and a representative to the general court six times in the course of twenty years. In 1661 he was appointed by the general court lieutenant of the "trayned band" of which he was afterwards captain.

It is stated in 1688 "some feeble but magnanimous efforts of expiring freedom" were exhibited in the refusal of several towns to assess the taxes which the Governor, Sir Edmond Andros, and Council of New England had levied on them. One of these towns was Gloucester, seven of whose citizens, namely: William Haskell, Sen., James Stevens, Thomas Riggs, Sen., Thomas Millett, Jeffrey Parsons, Timothy Somers and William Sargent, Sen., were fined at the superior court at Salem for the non-compliance of the town with a warrant for the assessment of those "odious taxes" in 1688. The first five were selectmen and Somers a constable. All but Somers were fined forty shillings with three pounds and a shilling added for fees. Somers was let off on payment of fees only.

In 1681 he was one of the petitioners to the King praying for the crown's interposition to prevent the disturbance of titles of real estate at Gloucester by Robert Mason who had made claims thereto.

At the general court in 1685, one Grace Dutch was appointed administrator of her husband Osmond Dutch "with the advice and assistance of Lieutenant William Haskell."

He was one of the first of two of whom we have any knowledge who were deacons of the first church of Gloucester.

He married November 16, 1643, Mary, daughter of Walter Tybbot, who died four days before her husband, by whom he had the following children:

- 2 i William, b. Aug. 26, 1644.
- 3 ii Joseph, b. June 2, 1646.
- 4 iii Benjamin, b. \_\_\_\_\_, 1648.
- 5 iv John, b. \_\_\_\_\_, 1649.
- 6 v Ruth, b. 1654; m. Nehemiah Grover of Beverly, Dec. 2, 1673-4
- 7 vi Mark, b. April 8, 1658.
- 8 vii Sarah, b. June 28, 1660.
- 9 viii Elinor, b. May 28, 1663; m. Jacob Grigs of Beverly, Nov. 12, 1692.
- 10 ix Mary, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dodge.

### \*\*\* SECOND GENERATION \*\*\*

William Haskell, called junior, was born August 26, 1644, and died June 5, 1708, aged sixty four years, in Gloucester, Mass., where he had always resided, leaving an estate valued at 666 pounds, consisting of land, buildings and farm stock.

He owned an extensive grist and saw mill which fell in the division of his estate to his son William. This mill was probably located in what is now the town of Rockport.

He married, July 3, 1667, Mary Walker, Daughter of William and Mary Brown who took the name of her stepfather Henry Walker, and who died November 12, 1715, aged sixty six years.

He had children born as follows:

- 11 i Mary, b. April 29, 1668; m. Jacob Davis Sept 14, 1687, and Ezekiel Woodward, April 15, 1719.
- 12 ii William, b. Nov. 6, 1670.
- 13 iii Joseph, b. April 20, 1673.
- 14 iv Abigail, b. Mar. 2, 1675; m. Nathaniel Parsons, Dec. 27, 1697, and Isaac Eveleth, Dec. 20, 1722.
- 15 v Henry, b. April 2, 1678.

- 16 vi Andrew, b. July 27, 1680; d. August 14, 1680.
- 17 vii Lydia, b. Sept. 4, 1681.
- 18 viii Sarah, b. Feb. 26, 1684; d. Feb. 20, 1691
- 19 ix Elizabeth, b. April 5, 1686, m. Thomas Sargent, Sept. 27, 1710. and James Godfrey, June 4, 174\_.
- 20 x Hannah, b. Oct. 30, 1688; d. Feb. 15, 1691.
- 21 xi Jacob, b. Jan. 15, 1691.
- 22 xii Sarah, b. Sept. 11, 1692; m. her cousin Daniel Haskell Dec. 31, 1716; d. July 10, 1773.

3 Joseph Haskell was born June 2, 1646, resided in Gloucester, Mass. where he died on November 12, 1727, aged 80 years.

He was a deacon of the first church; and upon its formation was chosen deacon of the second church in Gloucester. He was also a selectman for several years.

He married December 2, 1674, Mary Graves of Andover, Mass. who died April 8, 1733, aged eighty one years, and by whom he had the following children, namely:

- 23 i Mary, b. April 29, 1676; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord.
- 24 ii Walter, b. Nov. 18, 1677; d. Nov. 22, 1677.
- 25 iii Elizabeth, b. Oct. 24, 1679; d. Oct. 8, 1700
- 26 iv Joseph, b. Nov. 27, 1681.
- 27 v Hannah, b. Oct. 30, 1683. m. a Davis probably Aaron.
- 28 vi Dorcas, b. Mar. 7, 1685. m. Eliezer Hubbard, of Salisbury, Mass. Dec. 16, 1712.
- 29 vii Daniel, b. Dec. 16, 1688.
- 30 viii Ebenezer, b. Feb. 22, 1690.
- 31 ix Dorothy, b. Nov. 15, 1694; m. Joseph Goodhue, of Ipswich, May 9, 1724.
- 32 x Naomi, b. Dec. 26, 1696; m. Isaac Frye, Oct. 13, 1725.

4 Benjamin Haskell was born in 1648, resided in Gloucester, Mass. where he died in 1740, aged about 92 years. His will was proved May 25, 1741.

He was a housewright by trade, was often one of the selectmen of the town, was a representative to the general court in 1706 and in 1707, and was a deacon of the first and second churches for many years.

He married November 21, 1677, Mary, daughter of Thomas Riggs, who died

January 29, 1698, aged thirty nine years, and by whom he had the following children:

- 33 i Elinor, b. Aug. 26, 1678; m. Daniel Ring, d. June 10, 1713.
- 34 ii Hannah, b. Dec. 7, 1679; d. Dec. 8, 1679.
- 35 iii Patience, b. June 1, 1681. m. John Roberts, March 17, 1703.
- 36 iv Benjamin, b. Mar. 13, 1683.
- 37 v John, b. April 1, 1685. d. unm.
- 38 vi Sarah, b. \_\_\_ 1686, m. a Pride, probably Peter.
- 39 vii Josiah, b. Sept 25, 1687.
- 40 viii Thomas, b. Jan. 1, 1690.
- 41 ix William, b. April 6, 1695.

5 John Haskell, was born in 1649, resided in Gloucester, Mass. where he died February 2, 1718, at the age of sixty nine years.

He was probably the John Haskell who served in the Indian War of 1675, with the sixteen men of Gloucester, being nearly one fourth of all its male citizens capable of bearing arms. This large levy shows the exigency of the occasion.

A lot of land was granted him December 16, 1679, situated at Kettle Cove, for his services in the war.

In 1683 he was a deputy to the general court.

He married in May or November 20, 1685, Mary Baker, who died November 24, 1723, aged 58 years, and by whom he had the following children:

- 42 i John, b. April 3, 1686; d. April 21, 1686
- 43 ii Edith, b. May 22, 1687; d. unm. 1760.
- 44 iii Mary, b. Aug. 24, 1688; d. unm.
- 45 iv Sarah \ twins/ b. Dec. 21,
- 46 v Hannah/ \ 1690.
- both died young.
- 47 vi Ruth, b. Dec. 28, 1693; m. John Chark, Nov. 17, 1718. and removed to Windham, Conn. where she died at the age of 83 years in 1776.
- 48 vii John, b. Oct. 8, 1695. and died Sept. 30, 1774, childless if not a bachelor, though it has been stated that he probably married Grace Cummings, May 16, 1723, but he certainly died without offspring. The name therefore was not perpetuated in this branch of the family.

7 Mark Haskell, was born April 8, 1658, resided in Gloucester, Mass. where he died September 8, 1691, aged 33 years.

He married December 16, 1685, Elizabeth Giddings, supposed to have been the daughter of Lieutenant John Giddings of Ipswich, Mass.

His widow married John Dennison of Ipswich. The probate records show that Mark and William Haskell, children of Mark, received January 16, 1725, of their "honoured father-in-law Mr. John Dennison, and their honoured mother Mrs. Elizabeth Dennison alias Haskell, both of Ipswich," certain money due from the estate of their grandfather William Haskell.

His children are as follows:

- 49 i George, b. Oct. 18, 1686; d. Nov 10, 1686.

- 50 ii Mark, b. Sept. 16, 1687.

- 51 iii William, b. Jan. 1, 1689-90.

8 Sarah Haskell, was born June 28, 1660, and from the probate papers of her father's estate appears to have married February 5, 1684, Edward Haraden of Gloucester, Mass.

Rev. John Adams Vinton, however, in his memorial of the Vinton Family states on authority of Mr. Ebenezer Poole of Rockport, Mass. who claimed to have been one of her descendants, that she married Richard Woodberry of Beverly, Mass. December 16, 1679, and makes no mention of the marriage to Haraden. Richard Woodberry was a son of Humphrey, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1609, and came to Cape Ann in 1624, and thence to Beverly.

After said Richard's death Sarah married John Poole, who was born in Taunton, England in 1670, and came to Beverly in 1690, and thence to Rockport, Mass., in 1700.

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The next issue will provide an update update on the status of the reconstruction of the Haskell Family in England prior to 1630.

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THE HASKELL JOURNAL IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!!

Those of us who have undertaken to reestablish the Haskell Family Assn. and The Journal will no doubt fail without your support. Its success depends on you. Please let us know what you expect in a newsletter. Is it too long? Too short? Too much information? Not enough of the right kind of information? What do you want?

## QUERIES

## HASKELL/BARRON

Need the parents of Elizabeth Haskell who married Isaac Barron who was born 24 November 1783 and died October 1819 in Billerica, MA. Elizabeth died in Billerica, MA. on 19 September 1807

Myra Ratay, 10591 East Spanish Peak, Littleton, CO. 80127

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## HASKELL/GIBBS

Need birthdate, place of birth, date of death, place of death for Hannah Haskell who married Joshua Gibbs 23 Nov, 1758.

Pauline M. Graham, 2675 Simas Ave., Pinole, CA. 94564.

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## PENFIELD

Need information about the parents of Abigail Haskell Penfield, b. 12 Mar, 1822 in Middletown, CT. m. Henry L. Simpson on 11 May, 1840 possibly in Rockford, Ill. Died 16 Oct, 1857 in Rockford, Ill.

Dair J. Stewart, 128 W. Glenview Ct., Mequon, Wi. 53092

\*\* QUERY REPLIES \*\*

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Answer to Query No.8 Haskell  
Journal, Pg 5, Vol II, No. 2.

From Mr. Alister Matheson, 29 Levers Rd. Tauranga, New Zealand.

George Haskell was born 1822 in Frome, Somerset, England, son of George Haskell, a blacksmith, and Fanny Hobbs. He married Elizabeth Rawlings at Frome in 1880 a few months before his departure to New Zealand.

George Haskell died 7 March 1893 at Kaiapoi, New Zealand, from heart disease "...of some years" as certified by Dr. J.A.J. Murray. He was buried 10 March 1893 at Woodend, New Zealand. The George Haskell house still stands in Kaiapoi.

Elizabeth Rawlings Haskell died at Kaiapoi in 1910 at the age of 90 years. A daughter living in England married a man named Gough and later some of the grandchildren emigrated to New Zealand. George Haskell's parents appear in the Frome, Somerset records in England and are believed to have been connected with the Haskell blacksmith family of nearby Horningham.

We wish to thank Mr. Matheson for sharing this information with the rest of the membership.

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## HASKELL

Thomas Haskell of Bathford, blacksmith, married Alice(?) and they apparently had three children at Bathford, Anne b.1751, William b.1757 and Jane b.1771. Mary Haskell b.1772 "of Bathford" may also have been one of their children. Thomas died at Bathford 6 December 1775 and was buried there. Apparently Thomas and Alice Haskell were closely connected to the main Haskell blacksmithing families and all Haskells found at Bath and vicinity are descended from them. Who were Thomas Haskell's parents? When and where did he marry?

Mrs. B.L. Field, 57 Cherry Drive, Canterbury, Kent, England. CT2 BHE

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## HASKELL

Seeking the marriage of Keturah Haskell, born 4 May 1788 at Hinton Martel, County Dorset, England, daughter of James and Sarah Haskell. She married Joseph Orman, born 1789 at Moor Crichel, County Dorset and they had 8 children. Despite much searching, I have been unable to find this missing marriage date and place.

Mrs. Judith Day, 10 Lancaster Drive, Broadstone, Dorset, England. BH18 9EJ

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## HASKELL

Need the parents of William Augustus Haskell. His father is believed to have been Henry Haskell, and he was probably born at Fareham, County Hampshire, England. His mother may have been Caroline Catherine Pain. William A. Haskell was born 10 April 1862, married 13 December 1888 to Elizabeth Marwick and they had four children. William A. Haskell left Hampshire in his late teens and served as Police Constable for many years in County Yorkshire. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Dr. R.G. Cockerham, 77 Buryfield Rd. Solihull, West Midlands, England.

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## HASKELL/GRAHAM/COLTON

Seeking ancestors, vital statistics, and other information on Gen. Hugh Graham Esq. and Rebecca Colton Graham, parents of Sally Graham, b 1808 in Ovid, N.Y. who married Silas Haskell in December 1823 in Perry, Ohio

Mrs Harriett Lionberger, 101 Davis Ave., Napa Ca. 94559

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## HASKELL/PRECEY

William Precey married Miss Mary Ann Haskell on 18 May 1809 at St. Thomas Church, Salisbury, England. She is described as "of this parish." He died on 27 January 1838 at Salisbury: The death certificate gave his age as 53 years. His wife died 24 January 1842 aged 55 years. They were buried in the same grave at St. Thomas in Salisbury. Curiously the tombstone inscription says his age was 56 years. Who were Mary Ann Haskell's parents?

Mr W.P. Precey, 7 Spinney Drive,  
Great Shelford, Cambridge, England CB2  
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The first application for membership to The International Haskell Family Assoc. came from the 50th state!

T.L. McCormick, 92-1046 Kanehoa Lp.  
No.76, Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96707 sent in his check stating, "I wish you the very best...."

Since then, cousins by the dozens have joined from 4 foreign countries outside the USA including England, Canada, New Zealand and West Germany, and 31 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands for a total of 125 members.

We have almost arrived at the breakpoint of 200 where we can use our bulk mailing permit, enabling us to save about half of the current postage. If each of our current members could get one person interested enough to join the Haskell Family Assn. we could take advantage of this lower postage rate and put the extra money into an expanded Journal.

## HASKELL FAMILY REUNION

Already we are talking about a reunion on an international scale. Someone has suggested that we might want to start with the first one in Gloucester, Mass. at the William Haskell House which is located in the vicinity. Hopefully, by prearrangement, the current residents may be persuaded to hold open house for us.

We are requesting one of the members who lives in the Gloucester area to write to Allan Haskell, Box 75202, Cincinnati, Oh. 45275. with any ideas you might have for our first annual meeting.

We should begin thinking about holding a future reunion in England.

## QUERIES POLICY

Genealogical inquiries will be listed in the JOURNAL as a free service to members and subscribers. While the name and address of the person making the inquiry will be published, respondents are asked to send a copy of the reply to the Association so that the entire membership will benefit from the exchange. Since there was a strong tendency for our ancestors to use the same first names for several generations it is necessary to include at least one date and one place in each query. Also, anyone desiring help in their research may inquire of the genealogists who, although not professionals, will provide every assistance possible. We do request that you enclose a stamped self addressed envelope or two International Reply Coupons as there are no funds available for postage.

It should be noted that we have a complete birth/marriage/death index for the UK in the name Haskell from 1837 to 1935, and the International Genealogical Index (IGI) complete for the UK and new England. We will be glad to look up any entries for members and subscribers.

THE HASKELL JOURNAL is the Quarterly newsletter of the Haskell Family Association. The goal of the Association is to compile and preserve a complete history of the Haskell Family from its origins in England to the present.

To do this we need your help. Everyone thusfar has sent a pedigree chart or family group sheet with their membership but there is more to the story than mere places or dates. Our ancestors were real people whose lives were at least as interesting as ours. In these first two issues of the Journal, we have tried to present some interesting short stories about Haskells whose lives were somehow woven into the fabric of history. We are searching for the rest of the story.

If you have an interesting story to relate, share it with the rest of the membership. Don't worry about the literary value of the piece. We are interested only in content not form.

Send your contribution to:

Ola Mae Haskell  
P.O. Box 186  
McCalla, Al 35111

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THE UNFINISHED STORY.....

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The American Civil War, as with all civil conflicts, has been aptly described as a "a war of brother against brother." In the case of the Haskell Family, it was certainly a case of cousin against cousin. Haskell men served in virtually every unit from almost every state on both sides. From private to general, they were present at every major battle. For example, the state of Massachusetts had 94 men with the surname Haskell listed among their ranks. South Carolina had 12 Haskell men. Many of these men accumulated very distinguished records and others freely gave their lives and blood for the cause they espoused. Much of this record has been lost or lies buried amid musty archives, and as it is a part of our family heritage, an effort is being made to resurrect and document this facet of our family history. \*\*\* See GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH NOTES elsewhere in this issue.

One notable military record among many is that of Charles A. Haskell. His military career, insofar as we have been able to trace it, began at Camp Boone, Montgomery County, Tennessee on 13 July 1861. The 23 year old Charles had travelled 150 miles to enlist as 2nd Sergeant in Capt. Lewis S. Slayden's Company H, 2nd Mounted Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. His period of enlistment was 3 years or "the war."

Except for a brief period in August, 1861 when he was confined to the Regimental Hospital for "rubeolus" (measels) Charles participated in all of his unit's campaigns throughout the last half of 1861 and early 1862. During this time, his unit was reorganized and became Company D, 2nd Regiment, Kentucky Mounted Infantry Volunteers, Lewis' Brigade, Bates' Division, Hardee's Corp, Confederate Army of Tennessee under General Albert Sidney Johnston.

On 16 February 1862, Sgt Haskell was captured at Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River in Tennessee when it was lost to Federal forces. He was sent, along with most of his comrades, to Camp Douglas, Illinois as a prisoner of war. On 20 September 1862 he was exchanged along with 725 other prisoners aboard the steamer Jno. H. Done at Vicksburg Mississippi under the supervision of Major N.G. Watts, C.S.A., Agent for Exchange of Prisoners. Sgt. Haskell promptly returned to his old unit. On 10 January 1863 he was promoted to First Sergeant and company muster roles show that he served in the many bloody campaigns that followed throughout 1863.

On 3 October, Sgt Charles A. Haskell, in General Order Number 131/3 was awarded the Confederate Medal of Honor for his role in the Battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee. The Confederate records further show that Sgt. Haskell was elected (as was the custom) to the rank of Second Lieutenant on 15 January 1864. He also received a rare issue of clothing probably because of his recent promotion. He continued to serve with his unit until he was captured once again at Jonesboro, Georgia just south of Atlanta on 1 September 1864, when the state capitol was lost to the Confederate cause.

Sgt. Haskell appears on a "Roll of Prisoners of War" exchanged by order of Major General William T. Sherman, Military Division of Mississippi, at Rough and Ready, Georgia dated 19 and 22 September 1864. Once again Charles A. Haskell returned to his original unit like the loyal and faithful soldier that he clearly was.

On Palm Sunday, 9 April 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House. At the news of the surrender in Virginia, General Joseph Johnston remaining Confederate supreme commander was convinced it was time to make peace, telling President Jefferson Davis at a Greensboro, North Carolina meeting "...it would be the greatest of human crimes for us to continue the war."

With that the tattered remnants of the Confederate armies in the south capitulated. The 2nd Regiment, Kentucky Mounted Infantry Volunteers surrendered at Washington, Georgia near Augusta on 6 May 1865. An endorsement of the prisoner of war lists shows "Roll of Prisoners of War, who voluntarily surrendered themselves, took the Oath of Allegiance, and were allowed to return to their homes," being subscribed and sworn to before Colonel J.G. Parkhurst, Provost Marshall General, at Nashville, Tennessee on 17 May 1865. The roll provides a brief description of 2nd Lt. Charles A. Haskell as a resident of Graves County, Kentucky, 6 feet tall, with gray eyes, dark hair and complexion.

Who were Charles A. Haskell's parents? When did they arrive in Kentucky? Was he the son of James G. Haskell of Graves County in the 1840 census? What happened to him after the war? Did he return to Graves County, marry and leave a family?

Do you have a similar story that should be recorded before it is lost forever? If your ancestor served on either side, any information you have may help complete the picture of our

family's participation in this great struggle. Many state records are missing or incomplete. Even some records in the U.S. National Archives are less complete than one would expect. Your help is urgently needed.

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AMERICAN CIVIL WAR  
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH NOTES  
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If one of your family served on either side, what did he really do in the Civil War? The answer to that question is amazingly easy to discover. The first step is the easiest. You may obtain free from the US National Archives NATF Form 80 called "Order for Copies of Veterans Records." The address is:

Military Service Branch(NNMS)  
National Archives and Record Service  
8th & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20408

To complete the form you will need as a minimum the veteran's full name, branch of service, state from which he served and for which army he served, Union or Confederate.

Civil War personnel records have been indexed in the National Archives by state, then alphabetically by surname. Their staff will check the index and notify you by invoice/reply copy of the order form listed above if the file has been found. If the reply is affirmative, you simply return the invoice/reply copy to the National Archives Trust Fund along with your check or money order for \$5.00 and you will receive a photocopy of part or all of the requested file.

It should be remembered that due to the sheer bulk of the documents in many files, the Archives staff will make a selection of some of the papers to be copied that they think will be the most useful. Their decision may not always agree with yours, however, so there is really no substitute for a personal search if you can arrange to go there in person.

If your ancestor served in the Union Army, it is necessary to order military and pension records separately following the above procedure for each set of records. If he served in the Confederate forces, those pension records will be found in various state archives whose addresses follow. Pensions for military service in the Confederate States of America were authorized by some Southern States but not by the Federal Government until 1959.

The contents of the files are extremely variable. The military record is usually very limited and seldom contains more than the enlistment record and muster rolls showing when the man was paid and date of discharge. Pension records usually contain far more information. For example, while the military record may say "wounded at Gettysburg," the pension record will normally include some reasonable detail of the event. Pension records too are often rich in affidavits and medical reports frequently in some detail. Widows claiming their husband's pension had to submit affidavits supporting their claim listing dependant children, date and place of marriage etc. Certificates of date, place, cause of death and place of burial will sometimes also include profession or occupation and names of parents. In one case a pension record revealed that a Haskell had served in both the Army and Navy, information which did not appear on his military record.

Larger libraries and university libraries contain a wealth of information for the genealogist interested in his Civil War ancestry. In addition to countless books on the Civil War in general, many units compiled regimental histories that explore that outline the events associated with their unit in exquisite detail. It is a rare book written during or after that conflict that does not mention at least one distinguished Haskell.

C.E. Donbusch compiled Regimental Publications and Personal Narratives of the Civil War: A Checklist in three volumes published in 1961 by the New York Public Library. This work provides a list by state and regiment of all known works in print as well as a list of general reference for each state.

Another source, War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies printed by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. in 1902 contains orders, reports, letters and commands from both sides. It is arranged chronologically by battles and campaigns. Many Haskell family members appear in its pages.

Both of the above reference works are usually available through larger public or university libraries or through inter-library loan. With a minimum investment of time and money, you may discover that you are descended from a hero.



Some books by or about Haskells in  
the Civil War:

- \* THE HASKELL MEMOIRS  
by Col. John Cheeves Haskell, G.E.  
Govan and J.W. Livingood, ed.,  
Putnam, NY, 1960
- \* ALEXANDER CHEEVES HASKELL: PORTRAIT  
OF A MAN  
by Louisa Haskell Daly, Norwood,  
Mass. 1934. (Privately printed.)
- \* HASKELL OF GETTYSBURG: HIS LIFE AND  
CIVIL WAR PAPERS  
by F.L. Byrne and A.T. Weaver. ed.  
Madison, 1970
- \* THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG  
by Col. Franklin Aretas Haskell,  
Vol. 43, Harvard Classics:  
American Historical Documents and  
Mifflin, NY 1957

WHERE TO WRITE FOR CONFEDERATE PENSIONS  
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- ALABAMA Pension Commission  
The State Capitol  
Montgomery, Al. 36101
- ARKANSAS Social Service Division  
Dept. of Public Welfare  
State of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ar. 72201
- FLORIDA Pension Dept.  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301
- GEORGIA Dept. of Archives and History  
1516 Peachtree St., NW  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
- KENTUCKY Div. of Accounts and Control  
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We still haven't heard from everyone concerning the migration project outlined on page 7 of the last issue of the Journal. We would like to include as many stories as possible in the report so if you havent done so, please take a few minutes and give us a brief outline of the origins of your branch of the family as you know it.

As an outgrowth of this project someone expressed some interest in finding the oldest living Haskell. The competition will be divided into two categories: 1) persons with the Haskell surname; and 2) any Haskell descendent. If you think you are in the running or know of someone you think may qualify, send in their age, name, address and if possible a recent black and white photograph. We will contact the two winners for more detailed biographical information to be used in an upcoming issue of the Journal.

HASKELL PROMINENCE-- THEN AND NOW

Edward Howard Haskell was born in Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts on 5 October 1845, son of William H. and Mary (Smith) Haskell, and was educated in the public schools of Gloucester. On 27 June 1866, he married Hattie J. Smith. During the Civil War he served as a Signals Officer, actively participating in General Burnside's campaign in North Carolina and the major campaigns of 1861-64 with the army of the Potomac in Virginia before serving with General Sherman in the march through Georgia that split the Confederacy.

Following the Civil War, Haskell engaged in paper and textile machinery manufacturing becoming President of the Haskell-Dawes Machine Co. He served as Director of the Great Northern Paper Company and was Assistant Adjutant General of the staff of Massachusetts Governor Long from 1880 to 1883. He was elected a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1877, and was a member of the Executive Council of Massachusetts from 1882 to 1885. Mr Haskell resided in Newton Center, Middlesex County, Mass. He died 14 November 1925.

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Dr. Albert Russell Haskell, college administrator, was born 6 July 1926, in Waterville, Maine, son of Kennard Gordon and Florence Maude (Kilton) Haskell. He married Mary M. Gerth on 18 July 1946, and they have two children, Daniel Lee and Alene Venn Haskell. Dr. Haskell attended the University of Kansas where he received his BS in Pharmacy in 1950 and his MS in 1951. In 1956 he completed his doctoral studies at the university of Florida and accepted a position as head of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the Jensen-Salbury Laboratory, Kansas City, Mo. from 1956 to 1959. In the latter year, he became Research Director of Marion Laboratories in Kansas City, remaining there until 1965 when he joined the faculty of Pharmacy and Dental Research at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Memphis, Tenn. In 1972, he became Dean and Professor at the College of Pharmacy, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, a position he still occupies.

Dr. Haskell served in the US Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946, and was a member of the advisory council of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences from 1976 to 1980. He is a member of the American Pharmacist Association of Nebraska, the Pharmacist Association of the New York Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

- ( ) Enclosed is my check or money order for \$7 (or equivalent), please enter my membership and subscription to THE HASKELL JOURNAL.
- ( ) A pedigree sheet and/or family group sheet is enclosed.
- ( ) A query is enclosed.
- ( ) Enclosed is a list of others who may be interested in the family.

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