

Descendants of William Thomson

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM¹ THOMSON¹ was born 1721, and died 1800 in Taneytown, Maryland. He married JUNE HANNA 1746. She was born 1723, and died 1780.

Notes for WILLIAM THOMSON:

William Thomson (1721-1800) served as corporal in Captain Hamilton's company, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania militia. He was born in Ireland; died in Taneytown, Md.

Possible Service Record

Revolutionary War Service Records, 1775-83 Record

about WILLIAM THOMSON

Name: WILLIAM THOMSON

Rank - Induction: CORPORAL

Roll Box: 120

Roll Description: Continental Troops

(1) 1770: William THOMSON, his wife Jane HANNA, and their 10 children arrived in Philadelphia from Ireland.

(3a) Lived in Cumberland Co., PA during the Revolution.

(2a) Served as private and sergeant in the PA Continental line. (3a) Served as private in the Canadian campaign.

(3a) Re-enlisted as sergeant in Capt. Jeremiah TALBOT's Co., PA Line.

(3a) At the close of the Revolution, moved to Taneytown, MD. Parents: William THOMPSON and Jane HANNAH.

Spouse: Jane BOYD. Hugh THOMPSON and Jane BOYD were married. Reference Number

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~lzsrlong/b3978.htm>

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An Account of William Thomson of Taneytown, Written 1880, Author Unknown," MGSB 32 (2) (Spring 1991) 193-197; MGSB 32 (3) (Summer 1991) 295, 296-304.

An Account of William Thomson of Taneytown," by unknown author (1880), "Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin" 32:2 (1991) p.193-196.

More About WILLIAM THOMSON:

Military service: 1776, served as corporal in Captain Hamilton's company, Cumberland County,²

Residence: 1790, Not Stated, Frederick, Maryland³

Child of WILLIAM THOMSON and JUNE HANNA is:

2. i. HUGH² THOMSON, b. 1748, Belfast, Ireland; d. 1812, Taneytown, Maryland.

Generation No. 2

2. HUGH² THOMSON (*WILLIAM*¹) was born 1748 in Belfast, Ireland, and died 1812 in Taneytown, Maryland. He married JANE BOYD 1770. She died 1829.

Notes for HUGH THOMSON:

Hugh Thomson (1748-1812) was sergeant in the 8th Pennsylvania battalion, Capt. Jeremiah Talbot's company, Col. William Irvine's regiment. He was born in Ireland; died in Taneytown, Md.

Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783.

Pennsylvania Line--7th Regiment

Captain Jeremiah Talbot's Company, January to March 1777. A Pay Roll of Capt. Jeremiah Talbot's Company of Foot Belonging to the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment of Regulars, Commanded by William Irvine--for two Months & two thirds of a Month. Viz--from 1st January to 20th March 1777.

Name: Hugh Thomson
Rank: Private
Comments: Enlisted Jan 31

Revolutionary War Service Records, 1775-83 Record
about HUGH THOMSON
Name: HUGH THOMSON
Rank - Induction: SERJEANT
Roll Box: 83
Roll Description: PA

Hugh Thomson was born in 1748 and married Jane Boyd early in 1770. Along with his parents, he took his bride to America and landed in Philadelphia, Pa. where his first child, Elizabeth, was born on Dec. 25, 1770. About two years thereafter he took his family and went with his father's family to the Cumberland Valley in Pennsylvania where the two families settled about twelve miles west of Carlisle. This was not long after the ravages of the Indians had subsided when Nathan Johnston and his wife were killed by Indians near Shippensburg. Here were born other children of Hugh and Jane Thomson and here his mother died. Her grave is in the old Presbyterian burial ground at Newville. When the Revolutionary War started Hugh Thomson enlist[ed] as a private. After the close of the war he took his family, along with his father, to Maryland where they settled near Taneytown in Carrol County. Here the father, William Thomson, died on July 4, 1800 aged 89 years. Hugh Thomson and his wife also died here, he on May 9, 1812 aged 64 and his wife in 1829 aged 84 years. Their graves are in the old Piney Creek Presbyterian Churchyard."

The above account was taken from <http://www.wargs.com/other/danson.html> and has not been confirmed with historical facts. It does explain how William and Hugh Thomson both served under Penn and then died in Taneytown.

See Hugh Thomson Jr. record for assumptions

More About HUGH THOMSON:
Military service: 1776, Private and Sergeant in the Pennsylvania Continental Line⁴

Children of HUGH THOMSON and JANE BOYD are:

3. i. HUGH THOMSON³ JR., b. 1787, Maryland; d. 1852, Maryland.
- ii. ELIZABETH THOMSON, b. 25 Dec 1770, Philadelphia, PA.

Generation No. 3

3. HUGH THOMSON³ JR. (*HUGH² THOMSON, WILLIAM¹*)⁵ was born 1787 in Maryland, and died 1852 in Maryland. He married (2) ELIZABETH SPONCELLER 1811. She was born 1790, and died 1821.

Notes for HUGH THOMSON JR.:

*States in the 'History of Republican Party' re: Abram Thomson that Abram was second son of Hugh and Hugh was an NCO in the Maryland forces fighting the British. I assume this references the war of 1812, It also states that Abram Paternal Grandfather was in the Revolutionary War.

* in the tribute to Abram after his death, the address given by Rev. W.G Williams, D.D. noted: 'His father, Hugh Thomson, was an officer in the state troops; and only a few weeks before his birth, Baltimore had heard the English guns in the attack of Fort Henry..' This is clearly the War of 1812.

Possible ancestors (used this to estimate family history)
The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Volume 126 page 147

Mrs. Catherine Little Turney.

DAR ID Number: 125445

Born in Delaware County, Ohio.

Descendant of George Wood, Sergt. Hugh Thomson and Corp. William Thomson, as follows:

1. William S. Little (1826-95) m. 1857 Mary E. Thomson (1839-1918).
2. William Little (1779-1848) m. Catherine Wood (1793-1872); Hugh Thomson, Jr. (1787-1852), m. 1811 Elizabeth Sponceller (1790-1821).
3. Hugh Thomson m. 1770 Jane Boyd; George Wood m. 1776 Elizabeth Whiteman.
4. William Thomson m. 1776 June Hanna (1723-80).

George Wood (1753-1832) served as matross in Capt. Andrew Summers' company, Col. John Eyer's Pennsylvania regiment. He was born in Philadelphia; died in Washington, Ky.

Also No. 100836.

Hugh Thomson (1748-1812) was sergeant in the 8th Pennsylvania battalion, Capt. Jeremiah Talbot's company, Col. William Irvine's regiment. He was born in Ireland; died in Taneytown, Md.

William Thomson (1721-1800) served as corporal in Captain Hamilton's company, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania militia. He was born in Ireland; died in Taneytown, Md.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~clanboyd/dar8.htm> (source)

***This assumption is based upon the fact that I have several documents that state Hugh Thomson Jr. was in the war of 1812 and Abram's paternal grandfather was in the Revolutionary War. The above DRA reference notes that both William and Hugh (Abram's grandfather and great grandfather, fought in the War and dies in Taneytown, Md where Abram was born. There is no reference to Abram's father being a junior, but if I can prove Abram had a sister named Mary E. Thomson, that should be proof enough. I continue this search as of 9/23/2006 (CMT)

***9/24/2006 - - Some proof that Mary Ellen Thomson is the daughter of Hugh Thomson. Below is the grave for Mary Ellan Little as reported by the Oak Grove Cemetery website (http://www.interment.net/data/us/oh/delaware/oakgrove/oakgrove_lily.htm):

Little, Mary Ellen, b. 01/13/1840, d. 12/10/1917, Father: Thomson, Hugh

More About HUGH THOMSON JR.:

Residence: 1800, Taney, Frederick, Maryland⁵

Child of HUGH THOMSON JR. is:

- i. MARY ELLAN⁴ THOMSON, b. 13 Jan 1840; d. 10 Dec 1917, Delaware, Ohio; m. WILLIAM S. LITTLE, 1857; b. 1826; d. 1895.

Child of HUGH JR. and ELIZABETH SPONCELLER is:

4. ii. ABRAM⁴ THOMSON, b. 15 Oct 1814, Taneytown Maryland; d. 03 Jun 1898, Delaware Ohio.

Generation No. 4

4. ABRAM⁴ THOMSON (*HUGH THOMSON³ JR., HUGH² THOMSON, WILLIAM¹*)^{6,6} was born 15 Oct 1814 in Taneytown Maryland, and died 03 Jun 1898 in Delaware Ohio. He married (1) DELIA L. STORM 17 Dec 1839 in baltimore maryland, daughter of GEORGE STORM. She died 07 Mar 1848. He married (2) SALLIE M WRIGHT 01 Dec 1852 in Urbana Ohio.

Notes for ABRAM THOMSON:

At 18 went to NY and worked for the New York Courier and Enquirer
House of Representatives of Ohio (1848)

Senate of Ohio (1850)

Whig/republican

Editor of Delaware Gazette (purchased it in 1834 - editor to 1897

Member of the Board of Presidential Electors of Ohio which cast the vote for Abraham Lincoln

Elected Post Master of Delaware (1861, 1865) by Abraham Lincoln

Horticulturalist - Introduced the Delaware grape

During his early days, co-owner Abram Thomson was fortunate enough to learn his craft under Horace Greeley- "the Father of Modern American Journalism" and owner of New York's Tribune. Both bolted the Whig Party in 1860 to join the new Republican Party and give support to Abraham Lincoln, who, following his election, repaid the debt by appointing Thomson postmaster of Delaware, Ohio. Abram eventually turned over control to his son, Henry Clay Thomson, in 1897.

This was the opening sentence of an article in the July 13th 1992, Delaware Gazette.

In 1837, a blacksmith and wheelwright by the name of Benjamin Heath, moved to Concord Township from Frenchtown, New Jersey, bringing with him a grape vine that had been given to him by an elderly Swiss gentleman of Huguenot ancestry, named Paul Henry Mallet Prevost, who came to the US in 1794. One source says that this grapevine was from the Bonaparte Garden near Bordentown, New Jersey, where Joseph Bonaparte, the former King of Spain and brother of Napoleon built an estate in the early 1800's. What the connection was between the two men is unclear.

Mr. Heath grew and cultivated the grape for a number of years on his farm on Freshwater Road in Concord Township, Delaware County. He recognized the excellent qualities of the grape and the vine and shared cuttings with neighbors and friends. In 1853, Mr. Heath gave a basket of grapes to Abram Thomson, editor of the Delaware Gazette and himself an ardent horticulturist. Mr. Thomson was so impressed with the wonderful characteristics of the grape that, in 1855, he sent a specimen to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for their study. According to reliable sources, although controverted, the Society named it the "Grape from Delaware, Ohio" and it became the "Delaware Grape". The Society was so excited about this wonderful new grape that they awarded Mr. Thomson a silver goblet or vase and a medal. His wife was given a life sized oil painting of her husband that had been commissioned in his honor.

Abram Thomson was one of the three world-famous Horticulturist in Delaware County to promote, cultivate and sell the Delaware Grape. Mr. Thomson had one of the most complete and extensive collections of fine pears, numbering more than 80 different species - grown on mostly dwarf trees, which he made his specialty. He also grew a variety of flowers and fruits, all within the narrow limits of a town lot (on North Sandusky St. which also consisted of glass conservatories - greenhouses. Thomson must have had a huge quantity of vines on his property because he himself lost 20,000 young vines when a mysterious fire gutted his greenhouse. The discovery and introduction of the Delaware Grape is one of the most notable and important events connected with the horticultural history of Delaware and the credit for this belongs to Abram Thomson.

The discovery of this fine grape was also recognized by the American Horticultural Society and demand increased dramatically due to the world-wide publicizing of its qualities. Delaware Grapevines were sold in enormous quantities at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5 per plant - an exorbitant amount in the 1850's as the average unskilled laborer made only about \$1 per 12 hour workday, making the cost of the grapevines by today's money from \$72.00 to \$360.00 each!

The popularity of the grape was so intense that grape growers were stretched to their limit keeping up with the demand as the vine was exported all over the world and thus began what was known as "grape fever". Thousands all over the world wanted to begin cultivating the grape with the expectation that they would reap "great Profits" with the mindset similar to the California Gold Rush, which had taken place just a few years before. The most extravagant anticipation's and expectations were entertained as to the profits of grape growing and thousands embarked in this pursuit without the skill or knowledge needed and as for their success, the result for most was failure, as expected.

The Delaware Gazette was under the leadership of a Thomson from 1834 to 2004, at which time the paper was sold to Brown Publishing of Cincinnati, Ohio. This makes in one of America's longest run family-owned businesses on record.

Children of ABRAM THOMSON and DELIA STORM are:

- i. GEORGE HUGH⁵ THOMSON⁷, b. 1848, OH, USA^{8,8}; m. ANNETTE MCCULLOUGH^{9,10}; b. 1851, Ohio¹¹; d. 29 Nov 1927, Delaware, Ohio¹².

Notes for GEORGE HUGH THOMSON:

MOSES E. FLEMING & CO. Among the leading book and job printing offices of Delaware; is that owned and operated by Nose E. Fleming & Co., which business was corn menced in 1876, by George H. Thomson In 1877, the firm was changed to Thomson & Co., with Mr. Moses E. Fleming forming the "Co." Mr. Fleming was born in Radnor Township. Delaware Co., in 1853, and is the son o Joseph D. Fleming, whose father was

one of the pioneer settlers of Delaware Co.; Mr. Fleming remained on the farm until 1870, when he entered the Gazette office and learned the printer's trade; in 1877, he entered his present business, and, in 1878, the firm of Moses E. Fleming & Co. was formed, the "Co." being H. J. McCullough, a leading citizen of Delaware; since then, they have been engaged in doing a large book and job printing business, also as book-binders, all work being done in the best and latest style ; they occupy two rooms in the block on the northwest corner of Main and Sandusky streets, and have in operation three first-class presses, one cylinder and two job presses, with steam power, turning out the best work in the city, doing the greater part of the printing for Donovan's Original Tennesseans and for the Delaware Chair Co., and part of the work on the Ohio Wesleyan University Catalogue, and other establishments of Delaware and its vicinity. Taken from the website <http://www.heritagepursuit.com/Delaware/deldel.htm> history of Delaware Ohio.

Notes for ANNETTE MCCULLOUGH:

Listed on the website:

<http://www.interment.net/data/us/oh/delaware/oakgrove/oakgrove%5Ftath.htm>

shows:

Thomson, Annette, d. 11/29/1927, Father: McCullough, David F.
as a tombstone in
Oak Grove Cemetery
Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio

More About ANNETTE MCCULLOUGH:

Residence: 1880, Washington, Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, United States^{13,13}

- ii. HENRY C THOMSON, b. Oh, USA; d. 1925.
- iii. J H THOMSON.

Children of ABRAM THOMSON and SALLIE WRIGHT are:

- iv. FRANK G.⁵ THOMSON.
- v. ROBERT CARTER THOMSON.

Endnotes

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2. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume 126 page 147 , The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Volume 126 page 147 Mrs. Catherine Little Turney. DAR ID Number: 125445 Born in Delaware County, Ohio. Descendant of George Wood, Sergt. Hugh Thomson and Corp. William Thomson, as follows: 1. William S. Little (1826-95) m. 1857 Mary E. Thomson (1839-1918). 2. William Little (1779-1848) m. Catherine Wood (1793-1872); Hugh Thomson, Jr. (1787-1852), m. 1811 Elizabeth Sponceller (1790-1821). 3. Hugh Thomson m. 1770 Jane Boyd; George Wood m. 1776 Elizabeth Whiteman.
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4. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume 55 page 361 , Mrs. Mary E. Babbitt. DAR ID Number: 54829 Born in New Hampton, N. Y. Wife of Robert O. Babbitt. Descendant of Sergt. Hugh Thomson. Daughter of James William Thomson McCrea and Harriet Elizabeth Schroeder, his wife. Granddaughter of Thomson McCrea and Anna Mary Eckert, his wife. Gr-granddaughter of William McCrea and

Elizabeth Thomson, his wife. Gr-gr-granddaughter of Hugh Thomson and Jane Boyd, his wife. Hugh Thomson (1748-1812) served as private and sergeant in the Pennsylvania Continental Line. He was born in Ireland; died in Taneytown, Md. Also No. 13165. .

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