

The Migration of Hearn Families

The family of John Sr. and Sarah lived in Maryland & Va. after the parents removal from England to America - about 1720. Most of the branch were firmly settled in S. W. Va. in Montgomery County, one of the oldest Counties of W. Va.

After the death of Howard Hearn in 1787, his widow Ruth Hall Hearn and children continued to live in Va. They were people who owned considerable property and were distinctly well-to-do. They had land and slaves. Between 1828-1854, almost all of the Howard Hearn's descendants, excepting the Bancroft & Howe families, had moved from Va. and settled in or near Putnam County, Ind. The desire to have a hand in conquering new land was in their blood. They were influenced also by reports of cheap land which was level and fertile, and desired

by those who lived in S.W. Va.
 Stories of the new state of
 Indiana were circulated.
 Many of them made their way
 with wagon-trains. Often they
 sought refuge for the night at a
 tavern. One such was kept by
 Jno. Hearn and son-in-law
 Anderson Matthews at Basford, Va.
 The road was hardly more than
 a trail. Distance was more than
 509 miles and more than a month
 was required to make it on horse-
 back.

W^m Hearn Jr. was probably the
 first to settle in Indiana as early
 as 1825. In 1827 he settled in Mill
 Creek Township, Putnam County, Ind.
 He built a log cabin, but within
 a few years erected a good framed
 house. His father's death (W^m Hearn
 Sr.) in 1838 was the first death in
 Mill Creek Township. W^m Jr. settled
 in Jefferson Township, Putnam
 County. (married Eliz. Shel?)
 In 1833, he and Bryce Miller

laid out the village of Mt. Meridian
half way between Anglo. and Terre
Haute, Ind.

W^m Hearin Jr. recalling the tavern
in old Va. built the "Half-Way
House" in 1834. Still after 100
years still stands and considered
a Mecca of good food.

W^m Hearin Jr. had a son Jno
Hearin II who lived in Va. Had
a large family (9 children). They
came to Indiana in 1854. Jno.
Hearin I came in 1827 - he and
his wife in company with daughter
Naomi and her husband Anderson
Byars Matthews and 7 children
left "Lovely Mount" plantation in
Va. and settled 2 miles north of
Fillmore, Ind. They built a
brick house and there lived out
their days. Jno. Hearin and wife
were buried on their Indiana
farm. Anderson B. Matthews and
wife (Naomi Hearin Matthews)
were buried there also. Jno.
Hearin Jr. brother of Howard Sr.

died in 1782.

The family of Anderson Byars
Matthews descended from Byars
and Timberlake families.

Ane Byars (Jane 1760-1786) married
Sherrard Matthews in 1779. Had
2 children: Mary and Anderson
Byars Matthews. Anderson married
Amy (Naomi) Hearn, daughter of
John Hearn.

Anderson B. Matthews paid
\$3,500⁰⁰ for 593 acres for his heirs
and assigns - located 20 miles
from Christiansburg, Va. Mention
was made of adjoining land
of W^m Hearn (elder brother of
Jno. Hearn, owner of "Lovely Mount".

"Lovely Mount" - Home of Jas. Hearin

When Jas. Hearin, son of Howard and Ruth Hearin, was 21, he married Polly Pepper in 1785. A little more than a year later, John's father died, leaving John the lower part of the plantation whereon he lived. Lived there ten years - in 1795, he bought 737 acres, known as "Lovely Mount", about 12 miles west of E. Radford, Va. Shortly after buying "Lovely Mount", J. Hearin built the house which is still standing. (1970)

Anderson Matthews, who married Jas. Hearin's daughter Naomi, made their home with her parents at "Lovely Mount". Eight Matthews children were born there, seven of these grew to maturity - are buried far from Va.

"Lovely Mount" is about 12 miles from Christiansburg, Va. not a great distance from Roanoke. It is a most beautiful mountainous

district. The door latches and
knobs were all devised by Jno.
Heaton - the hinges extend almost
across the door. There was a
third floor reached by a winding
stairway - it was a palatial home
compared to surrounding homes.
It is thought to be built before
the Revolution. A new highway
has been built above it. The
N. W. Insurance Co. owns it now.

Wade

(1897-1975)

Mr. Courtland Matthews is our 3rd cousin. He is 72 years old and lives at 3425 N. E. 32nd St. Salem Oregon. He is a poet wrote "A Simple Rose from Dad" about David Wade Matthews.

W^m Hearn, brother of Jno. Hearn. Hearn died at Plum Creek Valley near Gadford, Va. He operated a gristmill nearby. After he emigrated with the Jno. Hearn's and Anderson Matthews to Putnam County Ind. in 1827; his son Jno Hearn III operated the mill until his death in 1853.

Courtland is great, great grandson of J. Hearn. His grandfather was a brother to our grandfather, Jas. Matthews (1831-1911)

Mr. W^m Matthews, son of Naomi (1819-1874) 1st wife had 1 child - David Wade Matthews (1844-1913)
2nd wife had 3 children - 2 dying in infancy. The surviving one was Mr. Jas Newton Matthews (1852-1910)

Mr. Jas. Newton Matthews twice married. His second wife gave birth to Courtland Wade Matthews (1897-1975)

Family of Jas. Matthews, son of Naomi was our grandfather (1831-1915). He was married to Catherine Gild Spetzer, sister of Francis Maryon Spetzer (1836-1914). Jas. and Catherine are buried in Forest Hills in Greencastle, Ind. Had four children. Walter Scott (our father) Anna (1855-1865) Eva, married W^m Hawkins, had one daughter Mary (1880---) no children. Walter Scott, our father (1864-1937) married Mary Orla Hammond in 1887. Had six children, two dying in infancy:

Harry B. (1889-1957) married Teresa Gomez, no children; only a girl Bernice (was child of Teresa whom he adopted. Teresa (1891-1969).

Walter R. (1892-1970) married Mary Gardener in 1916, having 2 sons; the first died in infancy. George Edwin (1917-) George C. married Pileen Dohm (1941) had four sons. Dennis (1942-

Stephen (1947) Douglas (1949) ~~Stephen~~
Michael (1953)

Margaret Catherine (1893-1965) married
Edward R. Telling of Broadlands Ind.
(1915) having two children; Clark R. II
(1919) and Mary Elizabeth (1917)

Mary Elizabeth (1900-1981) married
Harold W. Gillespie of Danville, Ill.
in 1922. Had two sons: Harold W. II
(1923-1974) and Robert Alan (1925 -

Lee Matthews (1874-1933) son of
James, brother of Walter Scott
married Cora Alexander. Had two
daughters: Madeline (1905 -)
and Eleanor Lee (1915-1964).