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From the Editor:

This issue will be the last issue I produce as editor of the Gila Heritage. I have really enjoyed serving the society in this capacity for the last five years. Nancy Hancock has agreed to take over the job, pending your vote of approval at election time next month. We have been working together on the last two issues to make a smooth transition, and I know she will serve you well!

Enjoy!



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Up-coming Events- Mark Your Calendar NOW:

December 6, Thursday -General Meeting- Christmas Pot Luck at 12:00 Noon at our library- Bring a present for the library: office supplies, cleaning supplies, restroom supplies, even cash donations will be gratefully accepted! Our utilities really ran over budget this year. Year in review. Installation of officers for 2008.

January 3, Thursday- General Meeting – Val Sullivan to present additional How-to features available on Family Tree Maker under the “People” tab, such as fixing relationships, editing or deleting an individual, merging 2 people, adding sources and copying to different individuals, adding unrelated people, copying an individual and all his/her ancestors, and copying an individual and all his/her descendants.

February 7, Thursday - General Meeting – Kay Keplinger will be explaining what she learned in the “Advance Methodology: Paying the Price to be Successful” class she took in Salt Lake in January 2008.

~~~~~ "Beginning Genealogy" Classes

Peggy Gray’s monthly basic genealogy class for beginners is a great success, AND we have received several new members as a result! Each class is held at the genealogy library on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Classes will be held **Dec. 19, 2007; Jan. 16, 2008; and Feb. 20, 2008**. Each class will be the same, so if one date isn’t good for you, pre-register for a different month. Pre-registration and payment of fee is required. If attendees are already members of the society, the class only costs \$5; if an attendee joins the society (\$15) the class will cost \$5; if an attendee does not join the society, the class will cost \$25. For more information, call Peggy Gray at (928) 474-5015 or Nancy Hancock at (928) 479-2485.

~~~~~ By-Laws Being Reviewed & Updated

The Executive Board of NGCGS is in the process of reviewing our current By-Laws to reflect today’s practices of the Society. Specifically, the addition of our technology equipment and the responsibility for its upkeep needs to be included. The Board also believes that the election of officers needs to be moved up to give the incoming Board more time to plan for the next year. The current version does not indicate the name of the organization and has no mission statement or purpose for our existence. Copies of the current and proposed By-Laws will be posted on the bulletin board for all to read. The proposed By-Laws will be mailed out for approval to the current membership sometime in the first quarter of 2008.

Part 1 of 2**Research Methodology: Genealogical Problem Solving****By Val Sullivan**

Three of our Society members will be attending the Annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy being held January 7-11, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel a block from the Family History Library. The Institute is offering 10 Courses during the week-long session. Kay Keplinger is taking Course 9 on "Advance Methodology: Paying the Price to be Successful". She will be the Feb. speaker and tell us what she learned in that class. I'm taking Course 10 on "Research Methodology: Genealogical Problem Solving". Before coming to this class, I had homework to prepare with a deadline of October 30, 2007 for submission. I am willing to share what members of the class had to complete in preparation for the class in January as the technique may help you with YOUR brick wall. Part 2 to be published in February, 2008, will be the results, if any, of what I discovered.

I first had to prepare a one-page summary of the research problem. It had to include my research goal, a brief summary of the research I had already done (research logs listing specific information, while the summation should indicate conclusions), and any specific questions I wish addressed by the consultants. This summary will be shared with my fellow classmates. Below is what I submitted as my homework, along with maps of the area and made during the period of time I am researching.

**Personal Research Project for Valerie L. Sullivan
Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
January 6-12, 2008**

Goal:

My goal is to trace my g-g-grandfather Robert Hughes's [also spelled Huse, Hughs, Hews, and Hues] family back to Virginia. I would also be interested in discovering why he went from Virginia to CT instead of staying in VA or migrating to Kentucky or Tennessee.

Summary of what I know about Robert Hughes (RH):

Robert was born in VA., moved to CT as early as 1803, & died in Canton, CT of old age on January 17, 1858. He was 88 when he died, which puts his birth date around the year 1770. The Congregational Church records of Canton, CT show that he died of "paralysis" and old age. He was a widower (wife's name Emily Thompson) & lived with Dwight Case & wife Emeline (Robert's daughter) according to the 1850 Census for Canton. This census showed Robert was born in CT. The name Robert was important to him because, after his first son Robert died, he named a second son Robert Hughes. His vocation was listed as "tailor". He was not a pensioner in the American Revolution or in military services.

Anaysis of CT or VA as the birthplace of Robert Hughes:

The 1850 Census for Canton, CT. is the only record that indicates that Robert Hughes was born in CT. Robert is 81 at this time and living with his daughter Emeline and son-in-law Dwight Case. I suspect it was his son-in-law Dwight that told the enumerator that Robert was born in CT because he (RH) had lived there for 50+ years. Dwight Case was born in Canton after RH came to live there so it is easy to see how Dwight Case would have thought that Robert had been born in CT.

However, several other records indicate that Robert was from VA. Census records for the children of Robert Hughes show the following about the birthplace of their father:

- 1) The 1880 Census for Wethersfield, CT lists Robert E. and Clarissa Hewes with their children. Robert E. Hewes's record shows that his father (RH) was born in Virginia.
- 2) The 1880 Census for Canton, CT lists Dwight Case and Emeline A. Case (she was RH's daughter) and indicates that Emeline's father was born in Virginia.

This was the same family that in the 1850 census indicated that RH had been born in CT.

- 3) The 1900 Census for Wethersfield, CT lists Robert E. and Clarissa Hughes with their children. Robert E. Hughes's record shows that his father (RH) was born in VA.
- 4) The 1920 Census for Wethersfield, CT shows that Bertram Hughes's father (who would be Robert E. Hughes, not RH) was born in Virginia, untrue, but again the State of Virginia appears.

These documents confirm, I believe, that Robert Hughes, husband of Emily Thompson, was born in Virginia and not in Connecticut as the 1850 Census for Canton, CT indicates.

Specific Questions:

1. HOW do I find Robert Hughes' parents in Virginia when I don't know their names?
2. Because the name Robert shows up in two generations, could his father's name also have been Robert?
3. WHAT is Robert's mother's name and what is her lineage?
4. WHY did Robert move from Virginia to CT instead of to Kentucky or Tennessee?
5. Can other relatives be found in both VA **and** CT that may have migrated with Robert?
6. Is it possible to pinpoint WHEN Robert moved to CT [earlier than 1803]?
7. HOW did Robert learn to become a tailor, if not from his father?



Research Log looking for ANY Hughes in Virginia

First, I looked, unsuccessfully, for a Robert Hughes born in Virginia around the time of 1770. Not knowing how to proceed in looking for the parents of my Robert Hughes who died in CT but was born in Virginia, I began copying all pages referring to ANY Hughes I found listed in the following references. I discovered there were Hughes' that came to Virginia shortly after Jamestown in 1607, so there are LOTS of Hugheses. This listing of references was three pages long, so I won't include all the references, just a few really interesting ones:

- *Apprentices of Virginia 1623-1800*, by Harold B. Gill, Jr. **This lists a Robert Hughes of James City Co. whose occupation is tailor.**
- *Cumberland Will Book #1, 1749-1769* shows P. 403: June 10, 1760, "**cash to Robt. Hughes, Taylor (sic), for making 1 suit of clothes.**" Could this be my CT Robt.'s father who passed his skills as a tailor on to his son? This tailor also made uniforms for the Continental Army and is the closest tie to Virginia that I have yet to find.
- *Index to printed Virginia Genealogies*: lists four for Hughes: I have one book, *Hughes Family of Kentucky & Virginia*, by Lydia Hughes and Richard Hughes Sullivan, but need to get copies of the other three.



Timeline for Robert Hughes (RH)

- 1770 Robert Hughes (Hughs, Hues, Hewes) is born somewhere in Virginia to parents who are, at this time, unknown. Birth date is based upon his age at his death.
- ? RH moves to Connecticut and gets married to Emeline Thom(p)son
- 1803 RH purchases property in West Simsbury, Hartford, CT for \$130.
- 1806 West Simsbury, Hartford, CT becomes Canton, Hartford, CT
- 1807 RH purchases Canton's old school house, moves it to his property in Canton and converts it into a home for his family.
- 1810 Census for Canton, CT shows RH with 1 male under 10, and 2 females between 16 & 25 in the household.
- 1818 Son Robert Hughs is born and dies the same day in Canton, CT
- 1820 Census for Canton shows RH with 2 males under 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male between 26-44 (Robert), 1 female under 10, 1 female between 26-44 (wife Emily) for a total of 6 in the home
- 1821 Daughter Frances is born in Canton, CT
- 1822 Daughter Emeline is born in Canton, CT
- 1824 Son Robert E. Hughs is born in Canton, CT. (This is 2nd child named Robert.)
- 1827 Daughter Eunice is born in Canton, CT
- 1829 Daughter August is born in Canton, CT
- 1830 Census for Canton, CT shows RH as head of a family of 8
- 1838 Fire consumes all town records for Canton, CT
- 1840 Census for Avon, CT shows RH as head of family of 6
- 1848 RH's wife, Emeline dies in Canton, CT
- 1850 Census for Canton, CT shows RH is now 81 and living with his daughter Emeline Case and her family.
- 1857 Daughter Frances dies unmarried.
- 17 Jan. 1858 Robert dies of old age (88) in Canton, CT. Church record of death shows his vocation as "tailor".



Written Report Research Summary for Robert Hughes (RH) in Virginia

1. Censuses:

I successfully traced Robert Hughes in the 1850, 1840, 1830, 1820, and 1810 Censuses in Hartford County, CT. But from there, the earliest date I can trace him is to 1803 in West Simsbury, CT. using the Simsbury Deeds Vols. 23 & 24 for 1783-1811 which show that Robert Hughs bought property in W. Simsbury in 1803 from Thomas Larson for \$130.

I searched the entire U.S. 1800 Census for Robert Hughes using Soundex. This resulted in 72 records, only 5 that spelled Hughes close enough to view the images. Several were eliminated because they showed a date later than the 1803 date when Robert bought property in CT. Two were in Tennessee in 1800 and 1801 respectively, and one was in NJ in 1802. Images were not available for these 3 possible Roberts. No Roberts were listed for CT or MA in this census.

I searched the entire U.S. 1790 Census for Robert Hughes (he would be about 20 then & maybe head of a household) which resulted in 35 Roberts with various spellings of the last name, including one Robert Hewes. This Robert Hewes was found in Boston, MA, Roll M637_4, p. 192, image 0068. It showed 1 free white male over 16 years old (age is right for Robert), and 2 free white females. Could Robert have taken a ship from VA up to Boston with a wife and a female child or perhaps 2 sisters? Why not directly to CT? I did discover a Hughes that owned a sailing vessel, a relative perhaps?

I then searched for Robert Hughes specifically in the VA censuses & discovered that there are no extant census records for VA for 1790 & 1800. Robert is in CT by 1803 so I searched no further for him in Virginia.

However, I did search for possible family members left behind in VA. Listed in the 1810 Virginia Census were Robert, William, Edmund, Sarah, & Stephen Hughes all listed for St. Anns, Albemarle, VA under separate listings. Robert & William are on page 12; Sarah & Stephen Hughes are both on page 15; Edmund is on page 13. The ink has bled through from the previous page, making it difficult to read. I didn't search any later Virginia censuses, not really knowing who to look for and also because only the head of house was listed until 1850. (Judy Voran calls this "slogging" through the records!)

2. International Genealogical Index (IGI)

I made a hard copy of ALL of the Hugheses listed in the IGI for the State of Virginia, looking specifically for a Robert Hughes born about 1770, without success. There was one Robert in the IGI that was christened in 1766, one that was born in 1760. Other dates connected to this name were for marriages: one to Anne Head (Heard in a DAR reference) in 1762, one to Mary Mosby in 1775. Others didn't come close to the 1770 date of birth for RH. But the IGI gave me dates that helped me link some of the people mentioned in #3 below.

To further complicate the issue, there are 5 Robert Hughes' listed in the IGI located in Bush River, Prince Edward Co., VA alone! The name Robert Hughes is VERY prevalent in VA

and goes back as early as 1653 in New Kent County, and there is a Hughes Creek in Goochland County and a Hughesville in Patrick County, both listed in the IGI.

3. Genealogies concerning the Hughes family in Virginia

I looked in the *Index to printed Virginia Genealogies* and found four listings for Hughes genealogies:

- *Hughes Family of Kentucky & Virginia*, by Lydia Hughes & Richard Hughes Sullivan
- *My Family Memoirs*, by Thomas Hughes, printed by King Brothers, Baltimore, 1918.
- *Family History, including Hughes, Dalton, Martin, Henderson, all originally of Virginia, and many Kindred Branches*, by Lucy Henderson Horton, Franklin, Tenn. 1922.
- *The Hughes Family and Connections*, by W. L. Hughes. Owensboro, Ky., 1911.

I located a copy of the first listing and have read through it in detail. I have located a source for the other three listings, and have ordered these through Interlibrary Loan.

There appears to be two Hughes families that came into Virginia very early (1600s). One family came from Wales; the other appears to have been a Huguenot family from France, which is doubtful, and more likely came from England or Scotland. Both are referenced in the *Hughes Family of Kentucky & Virginia* book.

4. Vital, Probate, Tax, and Land Records for Virginia and Other Misc. Records

Here I was looking, not only for a Robert Hughes, but any Hughes name that might link RH in Connecticut to a RH in Virginia, without success. Each time I came across a Robert Hughes, I entered the name and any other family names associated with it. I now have 15 Robert Hughes, 2 of whom were born in Connecticut (both sons of RH born in VA), leaving 13 Robert Hughes' born in Virginia. Of the 13, there are four that were born in the time frame between 1730 and 1770 that could be the father of RH. These are the four RHs that I have included:

- #1 RH born before 1737 of James City Co, VA. *Apprentices of Virginia 1623-1800*, by Harold B. Gill, Jr. This lists a Robert Hughes of James City Co. whose occupation is tailor. Nothing more is known of this RH regarding wife or children, but I do know the names of his parents.
- #2 RH born about 1740 and died in 1815 in Georgia. Nothing more is known for this RH, either parents or children, except that his wife's name is Anne Heard born in VA & that he died 5 November 1815 in Georgia. He is listed as a DAR patriot.
- #3 RH born in 1742 in Cumberland Co, VA & died before 1784 in Powhatan Co., VA. He was very active in the Revolutionary War. His will lists his wife Mary, daughters Martha, Betsy, and Nancy Hughes, brother David Hughes, and sister Frances Williams. The will was written 1 June 1784 and probated Aug. 19, 1784. This RH really looked as if it had possibilities, but did not list any son(s) born to this marriage. This RH had a father, grandfather, and great-grand father all named RH. That's 4 generations of RHs! Could he have disowned a son named

RH born in 1770? One problem is that he marries his wife Mary on 03 Apr 1775, after RH is born. Might he have had a previous wife who brought RH into the world?

One source, *Cumberland Will Book #1, 1749-1769*, shows on page 403 for June 10, 1760, "cash to Robt. Hughes, Taylor (sic), for making 1 suit of clothes." Because this was found in a Will Book for Cumberland County, it probably refers to this RH. Could this be RH's father who passed his skills as a tailor on to his son? This tailor also made uniforms for the Continental Army and is the closest tie to Virginia that I have yet to find.

- #4 RH born about 1754 in Buffalo Creek, Patrick, VA to Blackmore Hughes who was born in Berkeley Hundred, Charles City, VA in 1718 and died between 02 - 24 Aug 1786 in Henry County. His wife Elizabeth Roberts was born about 1720 in Patrick Co. VA and died about 1756 in Hanover Co, VA. She had 9 children. Nothing more is known about this RH regarding wife or children.
- One problem I am faced with in Connecticut is that in 1838, the building in which the records were kept, was consumed by fire so the Canton (West Simsbury) town records only go back as far as 1838. It doesn't help that there are no VA Censuses for 1790 and 1800 either.


What Still Needs to Be Done:

I still need to read and analyze the following Hughes genealogies:

1. *My Family Memoirs*, by Thomas Hughes, printed by King Brothers, Baltimore, 1918.
2. *Family History, including Hughes, Dalton, Martin, Henderson, all originally of Virginia, and many Kindred Branches*, by Lucy Henderson Horton, Franklin, Tenn. 1922.
3. *The Hughes Family and Connections*, by W. L. Hughes. Owensboro, Ky., 1911.

So there you have the technique: Goals, Maps, Summary of What is Known, Timeline, Research Log, Family Genealogies. Hope this will help knock down YOUR brick wall!

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BALLOT Election of Officers for 2008**

Directions: Please mark an "X" on the line after the name of each candidate for which you are voting. If you wish to write in a candidate, you must have the permission of the person for which you are voting. No nominations were made from the floor at the November meeting. Return you ballot to NCGGS, 302 East Bonita Street, Payson, AZ 85541 by December 1, 2007 so that the elected officers may be announced at the December General Meeting.

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