Thomas ~ Owens

Luzerne and Carbon Counties Pennsylvania

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Preface

This all started with my wife’s grandfather, Paul Daniel Hines, and his mother’s Thomas family. It quickly turned into an interesting search to identify the Thomas family members, and their relationships. Except for my paternal Scottish Graham lineage, and my wife’s maternal Thomas and Owens English lineage, our predominate heritage is of German decent.

The series of papers on the Thomas ~ Owens families are 3rd version research papers, and not written in a biography style. Each paper is filled with each family member’s timeline of life events and facts, with their own bibliographies, foot notes, and end notes. All papers belong to a whole volume of work on our entire Taylor ~ Graham family tree; outlining our own exploration into the landscape traveled by our families during the times they lived.

Our findings are as accurate as time allowed and the records that exist, but the papers still offer the reader their own family history discoveries, connections, and biographies.

Introduction

My wife’s grandfather was Paul Daniel Hines. Paul was born to Harry H. Hines of Lancaster County Pennsylvania, and Harriet Vetter Thomas of Mauch Chunk, [[1]](#footnote-1)Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

Hattie’s grandfather was Hezekiah Thomas, who was born 1825 in the town of Merthyr, South Wales, which is present day Merthyr Tydfil in the historic county of Glamorgan, Wales England.

Hezekiah lived in the Black Creek Township area, and the Shickshinny borough area of Salem Township, Luzerne County Pennsylvania. In 1846 he went to Mauch Chunk Carbon County and joined the 2nd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment Volunteers to fight in the Mexican War.

After his return to Luzerne County in 1848, Hezekiah married Elizabeth Owens in 1850. In early 1862, Hezekiah and his family travelled 326 miles south to enlist in the Union Army at Mt Carmel, Wabash County Illinois.

On February 25th 1862 Hezekiah enrolled for a three year service at Mt. Carmel Illinois in Company C of the Illinois, 12th Regiment Calvary (Volunteers). By September 19th 1862, two days after the last shot was fired at Antietam in Maryland, the 12th Illinois was moved to meet Jeb Stuart and the Confederate Army that remained north of Sharpsburg in Williamsport Maryland; the extreme right flank of the Union Army.

On September 20th 1862 Hezekiah was mortally wounded with a gunshot to the head during a small skirmish on the outskirts of Williamsburg Maryland.

This pamphlet of paper s is the documented timeline of events for Hezekiah Thomas and Elizabeth Owens, who can be traced back to at least 1840, and their life living in Luzerne and Carbon Counties of Pennsylvania.

What information we uncovered on this family is contained in this piece of work, which contains a general bibliography, foot notes, and end notes for each family member. The amount of information on some family members varies, and we are still attempting to locate the late 18th century Thomas and Owens family connections.

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1. Mauch Chunk is known as Jim Thorp in Carbon County Pennsylvania. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)