

The Hanson Family

From

Roger deRastrich 1251

to the change of
name by
English Parliment in
1330

Down to

Thomas Hanson 1568

(The Emigrant)

and down to

The Tenth Generation

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Some Facts

about

THE ANCESTORS OF THE HANSON FAMILY

Twelve generations traced back in the old world, and from Thomas Hanson The Emigrant, as of the first generation in this country, we trace down (in this book) 10 generations.

The ancestors of the family have been traced through many centuries in the Old World; the generation which appear authentic begin with

Generations in Old World

- I Roger de Rastrick living in 1251 in Yorkshire England
- II Hugh de Rastrick
- III John de Rastrick
- IV John de Rastrick
- V Henry de Rastrick
- VI John de Rastrick called "Henry's Son" to whom the surname Hanson was granted by Act of Parliament in 1330
- VII John Hanson
- VIII John Hanson
- IX John Hanson
- X John Hanson
- XI Thomas Hanson
- XII John Hanson whose son Thomas, a Quaker born in England about 1623, came to America and established a home in Dover, N. H., 1652-7. He married Mary Paul who was killed by the Indians June 28, 1689. Their children were Thomas and Tobias who were killed by Indians May 10, 1693, Isaac, Timothy, Elizabeth and another daughter.

The family of John Hanson grandson of Thomas Hanson was attacked August 27, 1724, by thirteen Mohawk Indians, who killed the two children and carried the mother Elizabeth Hanson, with her remaining children Daniel, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary, in captivity to Canada where they were sold to the French, who held them for a year, when all with the exception of Sarah were ransomed by the father of the family.

This was the last Indian massacre in Dover, N. H.

Generations in New World

First Generation. THOMAS HANSON Immigrant Ancestor born, about 1586 in Ipswich, England.
died, about 1666 in Dover, N. H.
son of John and Frances (Pritchard) Hanson married, about 1636 in Dover, N. H. to Mary Paul born,
died, June 28, 1689 (killed by Indians)

Children as far as they are known in existing records:

1. Tobias Hanson born, about 1640
mar. Elizabeth Boyce
- * 2. Thomas Hanson born, about 1643
3. Elizabeth Hanson born, about 1645
mar. John Hance
4. Isaac Hanson born, about 1648
mar. Mary Evans
5. Timothy Hanson born, about 1651
mar. Barbara
6. Mary Hanson

Second Generation. THOMAS HANSON

born, about 1643 probably in Kittery, Me.
died, about 1711 in Dover, N. H.
married, June 3, 1669 in Salem, Mass. to Mary Kitchen
Robinson, widow of Timothy Robinson, and daughter
of John and Elizabeth Kitchen.
she was bap. Feb. 2, 1648
died, 1710

Children, all born in Dover, N. H.

1. Thomas Hanson born, about 1680
mar. 1st. Margaret Maul
2nd. Hannah Pierce
- * 2. John Hanson born, about 1682
3. Nathaniel Hanson born,
mar. Martha Bickford
4. Mary Hanson born, Oct. 3, 1670
mar. John Church
5. Elizabeth Hanson born,
6. James Hanson born,
7. Abigail Hanson born,
mar. Jonathan Young
8. Isaac Hanson born, d—Oct. 23, 1706

Third Generation. JOHN HANSON

born, about 1682
died, 1728
married, July 23, 1703 at Dover, N. H. to Elizabeth
Meador, daughter of John and Sarah (Follett) Meador
born, 1684 died, 1737
Children, all born in Dover, N. H.

1. Hannah Hanson born, June 11, 1705
mar. Israel Hogdon
2. Sarah Hanson born, Nov. 13, 1707
mar. a Frenchman in Canada
3. Elizabeth Hanson born, Nov. 13, 1709
mar. Ebenezer Varney
4. John Hanson born, March 17, 1713
mar. 1st. Phebe Austin
2nd. Sarah Tuttle

- * 5. Isaac Hanson born, Feb. 25, 1714
 - 6. Daniel Hanson born, March 16, 1718
mar. Mary Bickford
 - 7. Ebenezer Hanson born, Feb. 27, 1720
died, Aug. 27, 1724
 - 8. Caleb Hanson born, Feb. 8, 1721
died, Aug. 27, 1724
 - 9. Mercy Hanson born, Aug. 13, 1724
- Note: Ebenezer and Caleb were the two children killed by the Indians. Sarah, the captive, (never allowed for ransom) was the origin of the French Canadian line of ancestors.

Fourth Generation. ISAAC HANSON

born, Feb. 25, 1714
 died, Jan. 15, 1758
 married, July 31, 1734 at Dover, N. H. to Sarah Horne,
 daughter of William and Mary (Varney) Horne
 born, June 1, 1714 died, April 1812
 Note: After the death of Isaac, his widow married
 Thomas Tuttle.

Children, all born in Dover, N. H.

- 1. William Hanson born, 1744
mar. Lydia Guptill
- * 2. Caleb Hanson born,
- 3. Jonathan Hanson born,
- 4. Sarah Hanson born,
mar. 1st. Bachelor Hussey
2nd. William Hussey

Fifth Generation. CALEB HANSON

born, 1756 in Sanford, Me.
 died, 1828 in China, Me.
 married, First, 1775 in North Berwick, Me., to
 Judith Jepson
 born,
 died, before Nov. 26, 1817
 married, Second, Jan. 27, 1819 at China, Me., to
 Lucinda Prentice
 born, died,
 daughter of Valentine and Sarah Prentice

Children by first wife:

- 1. Sarah Hanson born, Oct. 13, 1776
mar. James Cole
- 2. Mary Hanson born, Oct. 26, 1779
mar. Caleb Cole
- 3. Abigail Hanson born,
mar. Josiah Braley
- 4. Elizabeth Hanson born, May 17, 1784
mar. Robert Hanson
- 5. Samuel Hanson born,
mar. Sarah Coleman

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| 6. Andrew H. Hanson | born, | |
| * 7. Bachelor Hanson | born, | 1801 |
| 8. Elihu Hanson | born, | |
| | mar. Rachel Fox | |
| 9. Anna Hanson | born, | |
| 10. Caleb Hanson Jr. | born, | |
| | mar. Sally Clark | |

Sixth Generation. BACHELOR HANSON

born, April 24, 1801 in Sanford, Me. Resided, China, Me.
died, April 21, 1862 in China, Me., burial in China Village
married, Alice McKay, daughter of Henry and Elsie McKay
born, February 4, 1805, died December 30, 1888, burial in China Village

Children:

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| 1. Andrew Hanson | born, China Me., 1826
died, 1852 |
| * 2. Elihu Hanson | born, May 2, 1828,
died, Aug. 6, 1907, burial, So. Royalston, Mass. |
| 3. Keziah Hanson | born, June 2, 1830
died, April 8, 1906
burial, Dudley Cemetery, China, Me. |
| | mar., Rollin Reed |
| 4. Abigail Hanson | born, 1832, died 1860
mar. Elijah Prescott |
| 5. John M. Hanson | born, 1834, died, April 8, 1858
burial, China Village |
| 6. Irene J. Hanson | born, 1836, died April 2, 1858
burial, China Village |
| 7. Sally Hanson | born, 1838, died, 1866
mar. Jonathan Foye
burial, Hussey Ridge |
| 8. Henry M. Hanson | born, 1841, died, May 3, 1857
burial, China Village |
| 9. Judith J. Hanson | born, 1845, died, May 2, 1863
burial, China Village |
| 10. Alexander H. Hanson | born, China, Me., July 29, 1850
died, Belfast, Me., June 6, 1934
burial, Grove Cemetery, Belfast, Me. |

Seventh Generation. ELIHU HANSON

born, April 25, 1828. Resided, Weeks Mills, Me.
died, August 6, 1910, burial, So. Royalston, Mass.
married, Minerva K. Starrett
born, June 8, 1832, in China, Me.
died, December 6, 1927 in Northampton, Mass.
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.
daughter of Daniel and Anna (Crummett) Starrett
Children:

Eighth Generation. EVERARD BYRON HANSON

born, China, Me., October 25, 1853. Resided in So. Royalston, Mass.
died, So. Royalston, Mass., February 7, 1916
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.
married, 1st, Elizabeth Ella Tucker
daughter of John and Mary Tucker
born, Palermo, Me., April 10, 1852
died, So. Royalston, Mass., March 11, 1903
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.
married, 2nd, Mrs. Mary A. Rowe, October 25, 1904

Children by first wife:

Ninth Generation. John Tucker Hanson
born, China, Me., June 29, 1880
died, So. Royalston, Mass., Oct. 4, 1898
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.

Ninth Generation. Viola Mary Hanson
born, Athol, Mass., June 17, 1884. Resides in Melrose, Mass.
married Arthur Clesson Oliver, June 17, 1913

Ninth Generation. Ruth Ellen Hanson
born, Athol, Mass., December 12, 1888. Resides in Athol, Mass.
married Stanley Sawyer Smith, June 2, 1910

Children:

Tenth Generation. Rachael Hanson Smith
born, Athol, Mass., June 15, 1911

Tenth Generation. Mary Sawyer Smith
born, Athol, Mass., August 23, 1919

Eighth Generation. ABNER STARRETT HANSON

born, China, Me., June 17, 1857
died, China, Me., May 5, 1858
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.

Eighth Generation. HARVEY RENFREW HANSON

born, China, Me., December 8, 1860
resided in Medford, Mass.
died, Medford, Mass., October 3, 1925
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.
married in Lynn, Mass., December 3, 1885
Ella Rhoda Achorn
born, Newburyport, Mass., July 22, 1858
daughter of Wm. and Almeda Achorn
died, September 26, 1918, Medford, Mass.
burial in So. Royalston, Mass.

Children:

Ninth Generation. Minerva Alice Hanson
born, Dec. 4, 1886, So. Boston, Mass.
resides in Boston, Mass.

married Dec. 11, 1912, Medford, Mass.
Wilfred Eldon Carvell
born, N. B., naturalized July 4, 1917

Ninth Generation. Arthur Phillips Hanson
born, April 7, 1889, Charlestown, Mass.
resides in Winthrop, Mass.
married, Oct. 18, 1916, Lillian J. Ramsey

Ninth Generation. Ralph Justus Hanson
born, Somerville, Mass., Sept. 9, 1891
resides in Cleveland, Ohio
married Harriet Sweetser True
July 1, 1921, New York City
born, Turners Falls, Mass., Aug. 21, 1890
died, July 10, 1926, Newark, N. J.
burial, Yarmouth, Me.
married Louise Patterson, Oct. 24, 1933
Girard, Pa.
born, Portsmouth, Ohio, May 5, 1910
daughter of Walter and Nell Seel Patterson,
Portsmouth, O.

Ninth Generation. George Everard Hanson
born, August 26, 1898, Somerville, Mass.
resides in Winthrop, Mass.

Eighth Generation. MINERVE ALICE HANSON

born, June 28, 1864
died, May 22, 1865
burial, So. Royalston, Mass.

Eighth Generation. JUSTUS GREELEY HANSON

born Jan. 11, 1870 in China, Me.
resides in Northampton, Mass.
married, June 9, 1889, Gulielma H. Jones
born, December 12, 1870, China, Me.
daughter of Clarkson and Susan Jones, China, Me.
died, August 9, 1889, burial, Windsor, Me.
married, January 2, 1895, Mattie Evelyn Perkins
born, January 22, 1868, Windsor, Me.
daughter of Levi and Rhoda Perkins, Windsor, Me.
died, March 29, 1897 at Augusta, Me.
burial, Windsor, Me.
married October 3, 1900, Louise T. Greig
Petrolia, Canada
born, July 10, 1867, St. John, N. B.
daughter of John and Rosamond Grieg of
London, Ontario, Canada

Children:

Ninth Generation. Beulah Minerva Hanson
born, Northampton, Mass., September 12, 1902
resides in Hartford, Conn.

Among surnames of very ancient origin is that of Hanson, which was handed down by the Flemings to the English-speaking people. The root of the name was Hans, which is the only one of the abbreviations of the original Johannes, and from the latter are derived the familiar Hansons, Hankins, Hankinsons, Hancock and others. The family has been traced through many centuries and generations in the Old World. The generations which appear to be authentic in the Old World begin with Roger de Rastrich living in 1251, the time of Henry III, in Wapentake of Morley, Yorkshire, England; held lands in Rastrich, Skircoat, Clayton, Bradford, etc. Hugh de Rastrich followed. Then came John de Rastrich, and another John de Rastrich, and Henry de Rastrich, and John de Rastrich, called "Henry's son", then Hanson. The surname Hanson was granted to John de Rastrich by Act of Parliament in 1330. There were three successive John Hansons, the last of whom founded the family in New Hampshire.

(I) Thomas Hanson had a grant of one hundred acres of land (1658) near Salem Falls, in the Province of New Hampshire. He came to Dover, New Hampshire, in 1639, and died in 1666. He was admitted a freeman May 4, 1661, and in 1664-65 lived at Cocheco, where he was taxed as Thomas, Sr., 1664-65. His name does not appear again on the list of taxables, but his widow was taxed in 1666 and 1672. "Old Widow Hanson", as the record reads, was killed June 28, 1689. The will of Thomas Hanson was admitted to probate June 27, 1666, and his wife Mary was named in that instrument as his executrix. He gave money to his two daughters, and divided his real estate and other property among his sons, Tobias and Thomas, and two others, then under age, Isaac and Timothy. The children of Thomas and Mary Hanson were: Thomas, of whom further; Tobias; Isaac, taxed at Cocheco in 1672; Timothy; and two daughters not named.

(II) Thomas (2) Hanson, son of Thomas Hanson, of Dover, and Mary, his wife, was born about 1643, and was taxed at Cocheco from 1664 to 1677. He married and his children were: Thomas, born about 1680; John, of whom further; Nathaniel, Nancy, Elizabeth, James and Abigail. The will of this Thomas (2) Hanson was dated February 4, 1711, and mentions his wife as Mercy, and all of the children above noted except his son John.

(III) John Hanson, second son of Thomas (2) Hanson, lived at Nock's Marsh. Quint's "Ancient Dover" states that, as he was a Quaker, he declined to leave the exposed place where he lived when the Indian troubles of 1724 began, and his home was marked for an attack by thirteen Indians and French Mohawks, who lay near it for several days in ambush, waiting until Hanson and his men should be away. Then when he had gone to the week-day meeting of his church, August 27, 1724, and his two sons were at work at a distance, the Indians entered the house. Mrs. Hanson, a servant, and four children were in the house, of which one child the Indians immediately killed to terrify the others; two other children were at play in the orchard and would have escaped, but just as the Indians had finished rifling the house the two came in sight and made such a noise that the Indians killed the youngest boy to stop the alarm. They then started for Canada with Mrs. Hanson, who had been confined but fourteen days

prior, her babe, a boy of six years, and two daughters, one fourteen years old, the other sixteen, and the servant girl. All reached Canada, but the party was repeatedly subdivided during the journey. The first person who discovered the tragedy was Hanson's eldest daughter on her return from meeting. Seeing the children dead, she uttered a shriek which was distinctly heard by her mother, in the hands of the enemy, and by her brothers at work. Pursuit was instantly made, but the Indians avoided all paths and escaped undiscovered. After this disaster Hanson removed the remainder of his family to the house of his brother, "who," says Belknap, "though of the same religious persuasion yet had a number of lusty sons and always kept firearms in good order for the purpose of shooting game." Mr. Hanson, soon after the attack, went to Canada to ransom his family. The following item from the "News Letter" of 1725 is of interest in that connection:

Newport, August 27 (1725). On Tuesday last (Aug. 24) arrived here Mr. John Hanson, of Dover, Piscataqua, and about a month's time from Canada but last from New York, with his wife and three children and a servant woman; as also one Ebenezer Downs, having a wife and five children at Piscataqua; also one Miles Thompson, a boy, who were all taken captives about twelve months since, by the enemy Indians, and carried to Canada, except the above-said Hanson; who at the same time lost two of his sons by the Indians; and now it hath cost him about 700 pounds for their ransom, including his other necessary charges. He likewise informs, that another of his children, a young woman of about seventeen years of age, was carried captive at the same time with the rest of the family, with whom he conversed for several hours, but could not obtain her ransom for the Indians would not consent to part with her on any terms, so he was obliged to leave her.

Mr. Hanson reached home September 1, 1725, but he could not content himself while his daughter Sarah was in Canada; and about April 18, 1727, he started in company with a kinsman who, with his wife, was bound on a similarly sad errand to redeem children; but he was taken sick on the journey, and died about half way between Albany and Canada—one account says Crown Point. The daughter married a Frenchman and never returned. So far as records are obtained, John Hanson's family was as follows: He married May 23, 1703, Elizabeth—. Their children were: Hannah, Sarah, Elizabeth, John, Isaac, Daniel, Ebenezer, Caleb, of whom further, and a daughter whose name is not given. John and Isaac were in the fields at the time of the massacre, heard the outcries, but all were gone when they reached the house.

(IV) Isaac Hanson, son of John and Elizabeth Hanson, was born at Dover, New Hampshire, in 1728.

(V) Caleb Hanson, son of Isaac Hanson, was born in 1756, died in 1801. He lived in Sanford, Maine.

(VI) Bachelor Hanson, son of Caleb Hanson, was born in 1801, in Sanford, Maine, and died in China, Maine, in 1862. He

was a farmer. He married Alice McKay, born in 1805, died in 1888, daughter of Henry McKay. Their children were: Andrew; Elihu, of whom further; Keziah; Irene J.; John, married Abigail——; Henry; Sally; Judith; Alexander.

(VII) Elihu Hanson, son of Bachelor and Alice (McKay) Hanson, was born in China, Maine, in 1828, died in China, Maine, in August, 1910. He was a farmer and merchant, buying and selling farm produce. He was selectman and collector of taxes for many years. In religion he was a member of the Methodist Church. He married Minerva Starrett, born in China, Maine, in 1832, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Crummett) Starrett. She was living in 1925 at the age of ninety-three, with mind still alert and active. Their children: Two died in infancy; Everard B.; Harvey R.; Justus Greeley, of whom further.

(VIII) Dr. Justus Greeley Hanson, son of Elihu and Minerva (Starrett) Hanson, was born in China, Maine, January 11, 1870. He was educated in the schools of China, Maine, and the Erskine Academy of that town. He received a medical education at Bowdoin and Dartmouth Colleges, graduating in 1898. He came to the State Hospital at Northampton, Massachusetts, as assistant physician, which office he held until 1903. Since that date he has been practicing medicine in Northampton; for the past thirty years he has been a member of the surgical staff of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Eastern Hampshire Medical Society, the Massachusetts Surgical and Clinical Society, and the New England Psychiatric Society. He was superintendent of schools in China, Maine, for several years, and is now school physician in Northampton. He was appointed trustee of the Monson State Hospital in 1931 and was elected a member of the Massachusetts Electoral College in 1932. In 1933-34 he was County Chairman of Hampshire County in organizing the NRA. In 1934 he became a director of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers' Association, Inc.

He joined the Masonic fraternity in China, Maine; is a member of Williamsburg Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Northampton; a member of Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member of the New England Order of Protection, a member of Northampton Lodge Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Northampton Club. Dr. Hanson is a member of the Universalist Church.

(IX) Beulah Minerva Hanson educated in the public schools of Northampton, is a graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Class of 1925, and is a chemist and technician in the Department of Medicine and Hygiene of the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.

The agreement whereby Bachelor Hanson VI was bound out to his Uncle Andrew H. Hanson V, is in my possession, in original form. The ink perfect in color, and the signatures and seals properly affixed. It reads thus, (and should be a lesson to the young of today) who feel modern life is too hard and they are not able to "take it."

"This Agreement made and Done this Eleventh Day of the fifth

month One thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen between Andrew H. Hanson of China and the County of Kennebec, State of Massachusetts on one part, and Bachelor Hanson of China and county aforesaid, on the other part witnesseth that the said Bachelor Hanson is to live with and serve said Andrew Two years and Nine Months, at the expiration of said term he will be twenty one years of age, which he the said Bachelor agree to serve Faithfully and when he arrives to the age of Twenty one aforesaid, the said Andrew H. Hanson, firmly agrees on his part to give the said Bachelor two steers one year old, and to keep them for him during said term, and one Cow and six Sheep and two good suits of clothes one fit for every day wear, the other fit for meeting clothes, likewise two months schooling—all of which to be Delivered to said Bachelor at the end of the above said term to which above said agreement we both as witness hereunto set our hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

in the presence of us,

Andrew H. Hanson (X)

Jedidiah Jepson

Bachelor Hanson (X)

Abner Jepson

Interesting also is the fact that John Hanson, a descendant of Thomas Hanson, settled in Maryland and was the first President elected by the Continental Congress.

Wymess in his book on John Hanson, places him as the first president of the United States. This is an interesting book for anyone to read. I am indebted to many friends for their aid in getting these facts together. And I am publishing this history in the hope that the coming generations will continue it, for to them it will be an easy task, compared to delving back 700 years.

There is a Hanson Family Association organized in Dover, N. H., Sept. 7, 1911., incorporated in New Hampshire Oct. 14, 1914, meeting held yearly in Dover. Any descendant or husband or wife of any descendant of Thomas Hanson the Emigrant is eligible for membership on payment of 50 cents dues, and majority vote of Society.

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The given name Batcheldore, which is probably the correct spelling of the name, has been found signed as Batchelor, Bachelor, Batcheldor.

—The Fifth Generation—

Revised from information just recently received.

CALEB HANSON

born, 1756 in Sanford, Maine
died, 1828 in China, Maine
married, first, 1775 in No. Berwick, Maine
Judith Jepson born—died, before Nov. 26, 1817
married, second, Jan. 27, 1819, at China, Maine
to Lucinda Prentice born—died—
daughter of Valentine and Sarah Prentice
Children of first wife:

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| 1. Sarah Hanson | born Oct. 13, 1776
mar. James Cole |
| 2. Mary Hanson | born Oct. 26, 1778
died Apr. 12, 1816 |
| 3. Caleb Hanson Jr. | born May 15, 1781
died June 4, 1816
mar. Sally Clark |
| 4. Elihu Hanson | born Feb. 22, 1783
died Oct. 12, 1815
mar. Rachael Fox |
| 5. Elizabeth Hanson | born May 17, 1784
mar. Robert Hanson |
| 6. Jediah Hanson | born June 20, 1787
died Aug. 31, 1788 |
| 7. Andrew Hanson | born Aug. 19, 1789 |
| 8. Abigail Hanson | born Sept. 8, 1791
mar. Josiah Braley |
| 9. Anna Hanson | born Dec. 25, 1793
died |
| 10. Samuel Hanson | born Jan. 8, 1796
died Aug. 8, 1822
mar. Sarah Coleman |
| 11. William Hanson | born Feb. 25, 1798
died March 8, 1803 |
| *12. Bachelor Hanson | born Feb. 11, 1801
died April 21, 1862 |
| 13. Judith Hanson | born
died March 12, 1813 or 1814 |

Please add in long hand on these pages, the history of your immediate family, such as you find not recorded here, or such as may exist in the future, so that later a further record may be formulated and then printed.

