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DAVID HAYS

According to the 1880 census records of Iowa, Thomas(2)Hays, whom we presume to be David's oldest son, was born in New Jersey about 1746. According to Revolutionary War pension records, another son, David, was born in New Jersey in 1753 and son Moses was born in Greenwich twp., Sussex Co. (now Warren Co.), N.J. in 1760. David Hays, yeoman, inventoried wills there in 1761, 1765 and 1778. We doubt that David(1) Hays was born in Sussex Co. but his birthplace is as yet unknown.

The tombstone of Thomas(2)Hays says: "Died April the 9th, 1828, in the 83rd year of his age." This is the only clue we have to the marriage date of David, since we presume Thomas to be his oldest son.

David Hays settled in Washington Co., Pa. in 1785. His first recorded purchase of land was 359a. known as "Hays Bottom" <sup>(Crumrine, Wa. Co Penn.)</sup> purchased on Sept. 13, 1787. Before his death in 1792, he owned about 1000a. in Smith and Mt. Pleasant twps. His land was about 3½ mi. S.E. of Burgettstown on Raccoon Creek. This would be the community now called Cherry Valley.

The will of David Hays of Smith twp, Washington Co., Pa. was written Apr. 3, 1792 and probated June 25, 1792. (Wash. Co. Will Book, p.161, Vol.I). His sons Thomas, Joseph, William, Andrew, David, James and Moses inherited the land. Daughters named in his will inherited 75 pounds apiece. They were Prudence, Mary, Elenor, Ann and Elizabeth, who probably married John Lyle of Washington Co.

David(1)Hays had another son, Ensign John Hays who died in 1777 from wounds received at the battle of Germantown. Other sons who served (from Sussex Co., N.J.) in the Revolution were Capt. David, Pvt. Moses and Pvt. Joseph. Thomas Hays tombstone says he was a soldier of the Revolution. There is no further proof for him. William and Andrew were privates in the War of 1812. They fought from Ohio.

David Hays, Sr. and his wife are buried at Cross Creek, Pa. There are no stones. Also buried there are their sons Thomas and Moses and Moses' wife Jemimah; their grandsons William, Alexander and David (sons of Moses) and David's wife Martha;

and Mrs. Eleanor Hays Todd(daughter of Moses); a grandson Levi(son of Thomas) and his wives Lucinda and Jane; a great grandson Thomas C. Hays(son of Levi and grandson of Thomas),who was killed in the battle of Gettysburg in 1863; and a great granddaughter, Mrs. Jemima Hays McCarrell(daughter of David and granddaughter of Moses).