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From the Editor's Desk:

We are now busily preparing for our 17th annual Hull Family Association meeting in Des Moines, hosted by David and Denise Hull. This marks the second time that this young and energetic couple has hosted us in Iowa, as the HFA first met there in 1996. Those who attended that meeting know they will have a treat in store in attending our next September weekend, as our previous Des Moines meeting was packed with interesting Hull activities and Iowa history. We hope to see many of you there.

This gives me the opportunity to say a few words about the great state of Iowa, midway between our two ocean coasts. The 29th state in our union was formed as a territory in 1838 and a state in 1846. Along with the many British, Scandinavians, Germans, Dutch, Scotch, and Welch, who flocked into Iowa prior to statehood, there were also sturdy groups of Hulls.

The numerous Hulls in the Boone County branch, which I affectionately refer to as the "Boonies," were in that county by at least May of 1846. Others of that group followed in 1849 and 1851. Some of this branch was previously in Jefferson County, Iowa in 1844. This issue of the *Journal* features members of the Boone County, Iowa line. We are most fortunate to have some early reminiscences of these people from the records of one of our new members Anne Manning Miller, as well as details on the Nathan Rees Hull Centennial Farm from member Lorraine Van Dolah.

The state of Iowa contains 100 counties and Hulls resided in at least 69 of those counties. We know that because we have records on them! Our HFA database reveals that we possess 408 records on Iowa Hulls. At the time of the 1850 census, 47 Hull families resided in fourteen counties in Iowa. Thus, from the beginning of Iowa's settlement, the state has been and continues to be inhabited by numerous Hull families.

Also in this issue, "Saratoga" Bob Hull has honored us with an article he wrote upon finding another error in our 1913 genealogy *The Hull Family in America*. We hope that his essay will be another reminder that all research material needs to be checked for accuracy, whether it appears in our great grandmother's notes or in a well-known genealogy, such as *The Hull Family in America*. The name of the game is: "Verify, verify, verify!"

With this issue of the *Hull Family Association Journal*, we bring our readers another special treat. James R. Hull, coordinator of the new Hull DNA Study, in conjunction with his project began a chart compilation for each HFA member's earliest known ancestor. When he sent an abbreviated form of this chart to me, we decided that it was worthy of expansion and publication in the *Journal*. You will be amazed at the number of early ancestors and immigrant Hulls from whom our members descend, as revealed by this chart. At our last count, the number stood at 250 entries.

We take great pride in the knowledge that the HFA was not organized as an elite association for one Hull immigrant ancestor, as is true of some groups. In contrast, we welcome *all* Hull descendants *everywhere* and feel that this is part of our strength and our purpose in existing.

Phyllis J. Hughes

Iowa Centennial Family Farm

The Nathan Rees Hull Family

Of Licking and Muskingum Counties, Ohio, Fulton County, Illinois
Schuyler County, Missouri, and Boone County, Iowa

By Phyllis J. Hughes

HFA Genealogist (On Leave)

With Additions by HFA member #305 Lorraine Van Dolah

Editor's Note: On the 7th of November, 1996, the Nathan Rees Hull farm was awarded a certificate for being the oldest centennial family farm in Boone County, Iowa. The farm was located in the northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 83, Range 26, and was first entered by Nathan Rees Hull on 07 September 1849 from the United States government. The sequence of owners of this land will be found within the article. We are very grateful to HFA member #305 Lorraine (Blomgren) Van Dolah, a descendant of Jackson Hull, the half-brother of Nathan Rees Hull, for contributing the detailed land abstract information on the Nathan Rees Hull Centennial Farm. Her niece, HFA #923 Kimberly (Blomgren) Krog, is also a member of the HFA. We have or have had at least seventeen HFA members who descend from George Hull, father of Nathan Rees Hull.

Nathan Rees Hull, the third son of George Hull and Hannah Rees, was born 04 June 1816, probably in Licking County, Ohio. Nathan's grandparents were Samuel Hull and Martha Glover who married on 02 May 1758 in Morris County, New Jersey. The Hull family had removed to Harrison County, West Virginia, by 1788 and about 1808 the family migrated to Licking County, Ohio.

Nathan Rees Hull's parents, George Hull and Hannah Rees, married 07 June 1804 in Harrison County, Virginia (now West Virginia). George served as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812 from Ohio. He and his family left Licking County at the close of the War of 1812 and moved to Muskingum County, remaining there for several years.

They then migrated to Fulton County, Illinois, where George married his second wife Mrs. Lucy Ferris/Farris Roberts on 28 May 1836. Hannah Rees had died on 06 April 1834 in Illinois. The George Hull family later removed to Schuyler County, Missouri and lived there until 1848 when they moved to Worth

Township, Boone County, Iowa.¹ George Hull died 04 February 1855.²

The children of George Hull and Hannah (Rees) Hull:

- i. Sarah, b. 26 March 1805; d. 25 Jul 1853, Boone Co., Iowa
- ii. Jesse, b. 30 Nov 1809, VA; m. Elizabeth Cadwalader, 24 Jan 1832, Fulton Co., Illinois
- iii. Amelia "Milly," b. 22 Apr 1811, Licking Co., Ohio; m. William Wright, 12 Aug 1827, Licking Co., Ohio
- iv. William, b. 05 Aug 1813, Licking Co., Ohio; m. Julian Ann Lamphere
- v. Nathan Rees (see below)
- vi. Rebecca, b. 08 Jan 1818; d. 27 Dec 1834
- vii. John, b. 17 Feb 1820, Licking Co., Ohio; m. Sophia Holcomb, 02 Nov 1843, Schuyler Co., Missouri
- viii. Rewanna, b. 25 Jul 1822; m. Robert Shields
- ix. Nancy, b. 24 Sep 1824; m. John Reeves
- x. Isom Channel, b. 07 Jul 1828, Ohio; m. Serena Ellen Defore, 09 May 1850, Boone Co., Iowa

¹ They may also be the George Hull family found on the 1830 Vermillion County, Indiana census.

² The above date is from the estate papers of George Hull. The Hull Cemetery records give George's death date as 16 January 1855.

xi. Hannah Ann, b. 27 Feb 1829; m. John Grogan
*The children of George Hull and Lucy
(Ferris/Farris) Hull:*

- xii. George W., b. 13 Feb 1837, IL; d. 08 Jun 1862, Civil War
- xiii. Mary, b. 12 Jul 1838, IL; m. David M. Dickerson, 30 Dec 1855, Boone Co., Iowa
- xiv. Jackson, b. 25 Apr 1841, Schuyler Co., Missouri; m. Mary Jane Payne, 17 Mar 1867, Boone Co., Iowa; served in Civil War
- xv. Martin, b. 29 or 30 Oct 1842, Missouri; m. Laurette Lott, 04 Apr 1866, Boone Co., Iowa
- xvi. Martha Jane, b. 23 Sep 1844, Missouri; m. Isaac Long, 08 Jul 1862, Boone Co., Iowa

The Family of Nathan Rees Hull

Nathan Rees Hull first married Sophronia /Sofronia Scoville, by whom he had five children:

- i. William Riley, b. ca. 1844, Missouri; m. (1) Sarah E. Doran, and (2) Maggie Bowman; had three sons Nathan R., Thomas N., and Herbert B. or R.
- ii. Mary Ella, b. ca. 1845, Missouri
- iii. Sophrona m. E. B. Eighthy/Emigh, 15 Feb or 06 Mar 1872, Boone Co., Iowa
- iv. Lucy, who died young on 02 Nov 1849
- v. Benton, who was probably the first burial in the Hull Cemetery in Boone Co. Benton died 15 Aug 1848, age one year.

Sophronia/Sofronia (Scoville) Hull died 03 October 1850, age 25.

Nathan Rees Hull married as his second wife Malinda Church on 02 March 1852, Boone County, Iowa. They were the parents of:

- vi. Hanna(h) J. m. Charles C. Zenor, 13 Nov 1868, Boone Co., Iowa

Malinda (Church) Hull died 20 December 1853, age 26, and is buried in the Hull Cemetery.

Nathan Rees Hull's third wife was Adaline Holstead, whom he married on 25 May 1861 in Boone County. They had eight children:

- vii. Permelia Eveline "Amelia," b. Mar 1863 (or 1861), Iowa

- viii. Etta "Ettie" Eldora, b. ca. 1863, Iowa; m. (1) John H. Cunningham, 22 June 1884, Boone Co., Iowa; (2) L. W. Forester
- ix. Silvia/Sylvia Celesta, b. ca. 1865, Iowa
- x. Helena "Eleanor" M., b. ca. 1868; m. W. T. Zenor
- xii. Lillian "Lily," b. 1873; d. Jun 1874, age one year
- xiii. George H., b. ca. 1870; d. age one year, 3 days

Adaline (Holstead) Hull died 10 March 1874, age 33, and is buried in the Hull Cemetery.

Nathan Rees Hull died 12 November 1877 in Boone County, Iowa and was buried in the Hull Cemetery, in the northwest section of 34. He had outlived all of his three wives. Nathan Rees Hull wrote his will on 30 June 1877; for contents of the will, see No. 5, below. The will was probated 20 March 1878.



Abstract of Title of Nathan Rees Hull's Land

(Note: the reference precedes each abstract entry.)

• Original Entry. Dated Sep 7, 1849:

No. 1 United States to Nathan R. Hull-N.W. 1/4 -34-83-26.

• Patent, Jun 10, 1851. Filed Jan 17, 1872, Bk. 10, p. 42:

No. 2 United States to Nathan R. Hull-N.W. 1/4 -34-83-26.

• Warranty Deed, Feb 26, 1872. Filed Jul 16, 1872, Bk. 9, p. 165:

No. 3 Nathan R. Hull and wife to William Riley Hull. Containing 2 acres of N.W. corner of N.E.1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of 34-83-26.

• Warranty Deed, Aug 26, 1874. Filed Aug 26, 1874, Bk. 13, p. 236:

No. 4 Wm. R. Hull and wife to Thomas N. and Herbert R. Hull.

Tract of land containing 2 acres (same as above).

• The last Will and Testament of Nathan R. Hull, deceased, June 30, 1877, is recorded in Will Record No. 1, p. 245.

No. 5 In the matter of the estate of Nathan R. Hull, deceased.

Testator revokes all former Wills and directs the payment of all just debts and funeral expenses out of

the first money coming into the hands of his Executors.

Testator directs that his real estate described...be divided as follows:

His daughter Hannah J. Zenor to have and hold 13 acres taken from the East side of described tract.

His daughter Eveline Hull to have and hold 13 acres, the next West joining that of his daughter Hannah J.

His daughter Etta E. Hull to have and hold 13 acres, next West joining that of his daughter Eveline.

His daughter Helena M. Hull to have and hold 13 acres, next West joining that of his said daughter Etta E.

His daughter Sylva [*sic*] C. Hull to have and hold 13 acres, next west joining that of his daughter Helena M. Hull.

His son Wm. R. Hull to have and hold 13 acres on West side of said described tract of land.

His daughter Sophrona Eighmy to have and hold 16 and $\frac{3}{7}$ acres, the said share of his said daughter to be taken from the East side of the above tract of land except 2 acres in northeast corner of tract, the length of said 2 acres being North and South.

His son Wm. R. Hull to have and hold 3 and $\frac{3}{7}$ acres to be taken from northwest corner of above described premises, the said share of 3 and $\frac{3}{7}$ acres to join his share of 13 acres on the South, to be equal in length to the width of the said 13 acres and of sufficient width to make the said 3 and $\frac{3}{7}$ acres.

Hannah J. Zenor to have and hold 3 and $\frac{3}{7}$ acres from the West side of the above tract.

The rest and residue of said tract to be divided and share and share alike between his four daughters Eveline, Etta E., Sylva [*sic*] C. and Hellena [*sic*] M., save and except 1 acre now known as the graveyard.

Jackson Hull named as Executor and also as Guardian of his minor children.

Codicil to the above Will made by testator September 24th, 1877. Said Codicil revokes the bequest made in his Will to Wm. R. Hull of 13 acres and 3 and $\frac{3}{7}$ acres and gives the said land to his two grandsons, Thomas N. Hull and Herbert B. Hull, sons of said Wm. R. Hull, share and share alike.

Wm. R. Hull named as Executor to act with Jackson Hull, formerly named.

The above Will and Codicil signed in the presence of two subscribing witnesses and admitted to probate in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Iowa on the 20th day of March 1878 as and for the last Will and Testament of Nathan R. Hull, deceased.

Probate Minute Book No. 2, p. 10, shows Nathan R. Hull died November 12th 1877 and Jackson Hull and Wm. R. Hull were appointed Executors.

Bond filed and approved and Letters issued. Final report filed September 27th 1879.

Probate Index shows appointment of Jackson Hull as Guardian of Eveline Hull, Etta E. Hull, Sylva [*sic*] C. Hull and Helena M. Hull, minor heirs of N. R. Hull deceased.

October 13th 1886 Guardian's report filed and approved and he is discharged.



*End of the Settlement of the
Nathan Rees Hull Probate*

After the Nathan Rees Hull probate was settled in 1886, his land went through approximately 108 separate title transactions, beginning in 1890 and ending in 1967. Each transaction involved a member of the Hull family, even though the land passed out of the hands of Nathan R. Hull's direct descendants.

Before Nathan Hull died, his half-brother, Jackson Hull, began acquiring some of this land, and purchased more of it from Nathan's heirs after Nathan's death.³ Before his death in 1927, Jackson Hull ceded some of this land to his son Frank and daughter Ida Zenor (Mrs. Porter H. Zenor). The majority of the land stayed in the hands of the Jackson Hull descendants. Frank Hull died in 1952, leaving heirs Everett Boone Hull and Mabel (Hull) Blomgren, who married Lloyd Blomgren.



³ Martin Hull, half brother of Nathan Rees Hull, had also acquired a small acreage in 1880, but it was sold by 1893.

Comments by Lorraine Van Dolah on the final settlement of the Nathan Rees Hull land:

After my grandmother, Minnie (Boone) Hull, died in 1965, her children owned the land and my sister and her husband lived there and did all of the farming.

Sometime in the 1970s my mother, Mabel Blomgren, bought her brother, Everett Hull's, share of the estate, so she owned 200 acres—all of the original Nathan Hull farm plus some additional bits.

After Mother died on Oct 18, 1987, her four children inherited the farm, but no specific acres because they were so diverse. Our sister had lived there most of her life, so my brothers and I decided to give her all of the pasture/timber-land—about 65 acres—for her share of the estate. Then my youngest brother, Donald L. Blomgren, and I sold our share to our brother, Robert L. Blomgren. That left me with 25 acres that had been used to even up the inheritance.

In the 1990s, I sold the 25 acres to my sister-in-law, as brother, Bob, died on June 1, 1991. My goal was to get all of the farmable land back to one owner. In about 1999, my sister, Marian A. Bauman (her first husband had died), donated some land in her pasture to the Hull Cemetery. The township made the road and some friends, who have no burials there, put in the fence to make a driveway from the main road back to the cemetery. Now people can visit the cemetery without opening the big iron gate and then watching for the bull and cows or the overly zealous horses in the pasture.

Here ends the land transactions for the Nathan Rees Hull land. A copy of the 1996 certificate awarded to the Nathan Hull Farm, for being the oldest centennial family farm in Boone County, Iowa, appears following this article.

Lorraine Van Dolah had mailed the complete land abstract to HFA Genealogist, Phyllis J. Hughes, where it will be kept on file. We also have a computer file for the abstract.



Lineage of Lorraine Van Dolah

Hull Family Association Member #0305

Mabel Marie Hull, b. 16 Dec 1900, Boone Co, IA; m. Lloyd Wilbert Blomgren

Frank Hull, b. 04 Jul 1877, Boone Co, IA; d. 01 Oct 1952, Boone Co., IA; m. 28 Feb 1900, Minnie Boone

Jackson Hull, b. 25 Apr 1841, Schuyler Co, MO; d. 22 Dec 1927, Boone Co., IA; m. Mary Jane Payne

George Hull, b. 20 Sep 1779, (W)VA, probably Harrison Co.; d. 16 Jan 1855, Boone Co., IA; m. 28 May 1836, Fulton Co., IL, #2 Lucy Farris

Samuel Hull, b. ca. 1735; d. 02 Aug 1814, Licking Co., OH; m. 02 May 1758, Morris Co., NJ, Martha Glover



Jackson and Mary Jane (Payne) Hull

Boone County, Iowa

At the Turn of the Century



*The Jackson Hull Family
 Jackson and Mary Jane (Payne) Hull
 Frank, Ida and Rebecca Mae
 Boone County, Iowa, 1878*

*Comments by Lorraine Van Dolah Regarding
 the Original House on the
 Nathan Rees Hull Farm*

In about 1878, Nathan Hull gave his half-brother, Jackson, about an acre of land where Jackson and the neighbors built the big house, in view of the cemetery. Jackson and my grandfather, Frank, put a fence around it to keep the wild animals out. Part of

the house is still there internally.

When my father remodeled the house in the 1970s, he put in new windows, siding, and a furnace, leaving a large amount of the original house. The house was put together with square nails and pegs. In fact, the stairways had only pegs, all hand made. They used a lot of pegs—probably nails were very expensive. The house had lots of narrow windows, as glass was also expensive.



The Jackson Hull Family With View of the House Built in 1878

Left to right: Jackson and Mary Jane (Payne) Hull with daughter and son, Ida and Frank Hannah (Hull) Zenor, daughter of Nathan Rees and Malinda (Church) Hull, and Rev. Clark Bower
 Right front: Mrs. Rebecca (Sturdivant) Payne Long, Mary Jane (Payne) Hull's Mother

Actually, my father just took off the kitchen and dining room and left the upstairs, living room, parlor and two bedrooms downstairs. They removed the front porch and made the main entrance on the south instead of the east. The original house had a small cellar so that was made larger to accommodate a furnace, hot water tank, and storage. The big pantry was made into a bathroom.

For all of the years that I can remember, the house had a lot of home-made furnishings—a kitchen cabinet with work table, a “pie saver” cabinet, some chairs, and other tables. There were two fancy tables

with marble tops which my brother's family now have. I think my sister's grandson got Jackson Hull's Civil War gun. My brother and I shared the books from Jackson's library which I have passed on to my daughter. Most had been given to Jackson by his sisters and brothers and his children. They were popular books for that time: *Silas Marner*, *Tobacco Road*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *Cass Timberlane*, *Strawberry Acres*, and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

My sister Marian's family lived in the house, beginning in the 1970s, and today her son is raising his family there.



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