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Dear Mrs. Rush,

In accordance with your 8 June letter, research began by tracing the family of Daniel Hawn in order to learn descendents to the present day. Quite a bit was learned and more information would be available if needed.

Daniel C. Hawn's will, dated 14 October 1904 bequeathed \$1000 to "my youngest daughter Elizabeth D. Hawn of Albany". He also gave to her all household goods, furniture, bedding and everything in his house at the time of his death. The remainder of his estate was willed to his 5 children: Orra G. Hawn of Albany age 53 ; Lucy R. Mather of Clayton, Jefferson County age 52; Charles D. Hawn of Ravenna age 50; Elizabeth D. Hawn of Albany age 40 and Clinton B. Hawn of Albany age 32. Sons Orra G. and Clinton B. were executors. The will (Book 64 page 30, file #4590) was probated 24 May 1912.

According to Daniel C. Hawn's obituary in *The Albany Evening Journal* 30 April 1912 page 12, he was born 31 May 1832 in Omar, Jefferson County, moving to Albany about 1900. He died 29 April, survived by his 5 children: Lucy Mather, Orra G., Charles, Clinton and Elizabeth.

Lucy Mather, widow of Orvis, who lived at 8 Manning Blvd. North in Albany, died on 12 February 1929 (see death notice in *Albany Times Union* of 14 February). She was buried in Lafargeville but the listing was not found in DAR records. Her son Harold H. Hawn was living with his wife Edna at 255 Western Avenue. In the 1948/49 Directory, Harold H. Mather with wife Edna M. Mather is a pharmacist living at 22 Danker Avenue. By 1962, Edna, widow of Harold H. is listed at 143 Lincoln Avenue. She was the sister of Ethel Van Zandt Hawn wife of Clinton. Further research could be done on them.

As you noted, Erastus Geer Frost died 18 September 1923 and his obituary is enclosed from *Albany Evening Journal*, 19 Sept. 1923 page 13.

Orra G. Hawn, obituaries enclosed from *Albany Times Union* 5 February 1943 page 17 and *New York Times* 5 February 1943 page 17, died 4 February 1943 at age 83 survived by wife Ada Hilton Hawn, two daughters, Mrs. Morris Sherman of Port Washington (North Hempstead, Nassau County), and Miss Ethel D. Hawn and a son Albert E. Hawn. Ethel De Ette Hawn died before 20 April 1955 when her will was probated. (Will Book 95 page 245; file # 36579. Ada, Orra's wife, died before 14 March 1947 when her will was probated (Will Book 88 page 405, file # 29173). Albert E. Hawn was executor of both wills.

According to directories, Albert E. Hawn had a wife Gertrude A., was an iron products manufacturer and lived at 18 Glendale Avenue. Also listed at that address in 1948/49 was Nancy A., student. An Albert E. Jr. that year was living at 1 Allen North with wife Mona. In 1968 directory, Thomas W. Hawn, student is at 18 Glendale Avenue. By 1983 Gertrude, retired and Thomas W. are at that address. Albert E. Jr. guard at State OGS and Mona S., typist at State OGS, Albert E. III, parking lot attendant OGS are all at 39 Rose Court. Current telephone numbers for Hawns are enclosed.

Charles D. Hawn died 28 January 1938. He lived in Ravena, Town of Coeymans, Albany County. His will, written 28 September 1931 left stock in his lumber and coal businesses to sons Howard S and Orra F. and wife Ella H. He also left money to the Grove Cemetery. (Will Book 82 page 70 file #20779)

Ella Snow Hawn died 14 August 1963. Written 8 July 1958, her will bequeathed her wristwatch to her great granddaughter Melissa Bowden, her diamond ring to her great granddaughter Camilla Bowden (children of Mrs. Richard Bowden, Jr. of Palo Alto, CA) ; \$2000 to each child of Howard S. Hawn; \$500 to each child of Orra F. Hawn; \$1000 to the 1st Methodist Church of Ravena; To granddaughter Ellan Hawn Van Nuis (Mrs. William) the household furniture; to son Howard S. Hawn, residing at 12 Western Avenue Ravena, the property at 29 Mountain Road, Ravena; to son Orra F. Hawn, the house at 14 Western Avenue, Ravena. Howard S. Hawn was the executor. (Will Book 105 page 451 file #45187) According to directories, Orra F. had a wife Sarah P., and a son John P. who was in the heating equipment business with him. They lived at 7 Academy Road, Albany. John P. married Helen M. and they had Barbara, Margaret M. and Sarah, all listed as students in 1974 and living at 3 Schuyler Road Guilderland. Another granddaughter was Mrs. James L. Tyson, Darien, CT.

Clinton B. Hawn, born circa 1881 in Omar, died 12 February 1932 at his home 313 State Street, Albany. A graduate of Union College, class of 1902 and Albany Medical School, he was a physician. His survivors were his wife Elizabeth Van Zandt Hawn, a daughter Jean age 19 and a son, Clinton Van Zandt Hawn age 16; two brothers, Ora G. Hawn of Albany and Charles Hawn of Ravena and a sister, Elizabeth Hawn of Albany. Obituaries from both *Albany Times Union* 12 February 1932 page 1 second section and *New York Times* 13 February page 13 col. 5 enclosed. Clinton's will written 22 January 1923 simply left all his property real and personal to his wife Ethel J. Hawn with the assurance that she would manage it with care for their children. (Will Book 78 page 96 file #15994)

The *New York Times* 26 June 1932 page 27 enclosed, notes the engagement of Jean Hawn of Albany, a student at Wellesley College, to Schuyler L. Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Mathews of New York City.

Ethel J. Hawn, widow of Clinton, died 21 July 1959. In her will (Will Book 100 page 190 file #40915) written 6 February 1943, Ethel gave her sister Edna M. Mather 7 shares of A.T. and T. stock and "all interest in a bond and mortgage .. assigned to Ella E. VanZandt, our mother". All the rest of the estate was to be distributed to son Clinton Van Zandt Hawn and Jean Mathews to be divided equally. At that time Clinton V.Z. Hawn was living in Cooperstown and Jean Mathews was living in Enterprise, Alabama.

Clinton Van Zandt Hawn became a doctor and in 1971 (*New York Times* 4 July page 33 enclosed) when his son, Van Zandt Hawn was engaged, Clinton V.Z. Hawn was chief pathologist in Cooperstown, New York and had married \_\_\_\_\_ Helms. Van Zandt Hawn attended school in Switzerland, Phillips Academy and graduated in 1967 from Williams College. In 1971 he was an attorney in New York City.

Elizabeth Hawn died 3 December 1940. Her will was probated 23 December 1940 (Will Book 84 page 142 file #23123). Executor was Harold Mather. Written 23 March 1935, she bequeathed \$1000 to her nephew Harold H. Mather of Albany, "this amount being his mother's share in the estate". The rest "to brothers Orra G. and Charles D. and to the estate of the late Dr. Clinton Hawn"

The descendants of the Hawns can be traced further with research in cemetery records, directories, newspaper accounts etc. if you wish.

In reply to other items in your letter:

Two more references to Rev. Ebenezer Knibloe are enclosed namely page 59 from *Ezra Reed and Esther Edgerton* by Charles E. Benton, Poughkeepsie 1912 and page 33 from *Jesse Smith His Ancestors and Descendants* by L. Bertrand Smith, New York 1909. Ebenezer Knibloe does not appear in *Annals of the American Pulpit*, a listing of early American ministers of several denominations.

Information on Jonathan Hoag is enclosed from *Hoag Ancestry* a typescript on microfiche at the State Library by Mrs. Oscar M. Quackenbush 1958. The Hoags were another family that came to Rensselaer County from Dutchess after the Revolution.

We will make a copy of the will of Henry Dubois when we are in Troy. and also will check on Disbrow information in Albany County.

This research at the Albany County courthouse and the State Library required 8 hours or \$80 plus \$3 for copies and postage, a total of \$83. Your previous credit of \$119 leaves a credit balance of \$36.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Coreen Hallenbeck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Coreen P. Hallenbeck