

William Haden of Goochland Co VA and Logan Co KY Who Were His Wives?

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The particular William Haden under discussion was born ca 1752 in Goochland County, Virginia, the fourth child of John & Jean (Moseley) Haden. John Haden's parents were Anthony Haden and Margaret Douglas whose surname is traditional and not proved. Jean "Jenny" or Jane Moseley was the daughter of John Moseley and Mary Nichols. These facts taken from Dorothy Kabler Haden's book John Haden of Virginia, 1968.¹ John and Jean Moseley Haden received deeds of gifts from the parents probably at the time of their marriage – land from Anthony Haden and slaves from John Moseley.

Dorothy K. Haden was a careful researcher and offered thorough documentation for her work; she was a descendant of John & Jean's son Benjamin Haden who married Martha Davis Moorman. She traced several generations of the children of John & Jean who remained in Virginia, but others were given only brief summaries. Unfortunately my husband's ancestor, William, left Virginia quite early and removed to the wilds of Kentucky, thereby earning only two pages in the book offering little information about his family.

I began research on the Hadens armed with a brief autobiography typed by my husband's great grandfather, Joseph Benjamin Haden, on his quaint typewriter in 1935.² This autobiography led me to Logan County, Kentucky, and a veritable nest of Haden descendants. Research in the deeds and court records led me eventually to sort out this William Haden.

The first mention of William Haden in Ms. Haden's book is on page 15, where there is a printed copy of a deed made by John Haden on 20 Oct 1795³. The deed divided his property among his sons and sons-in-law probably in place of a will. William was not part of this arrangement, likely because he had already moved to Kentucky. I believe there is a bit of confusion here as it's stated on this same page 15 "William Haden who by 1795 had sold the land in Fluvanna given him by his father and moved away from Virginia to Logan County, Kentucky."⁴ This date of 1795 is somewhat in conflict with a later statement on page 166, "After the sale of his home, William and his family moved to Kentucky" – the sale having taken place on 20 May 1784, some eleven years earlier.⁵ On page 18 of the book is a list of tithables from Fluvanna County (John's family removed to Albemarle when William was perhaps 10-12 years old and that location became Fluvanna). William Haden is listed in years 1782-1784 but then disappears, which is consistent with his removal to Kentucky. The tithable list does show a William Haden returning to the list in 1795- 1810, but that would be a nephew also named William Haden coming of age.⁶

The two pages, 165 & 166, which are devoted to William Haden describe his marriage to Nancy, or Ann, Johnson 31 Oct 1775 by the Rev. William Douglas as recorded in The Douglas Register,⁷ and copies of the deeds when John Haden sold to his son William Haden 400 acres on Cunningham Creek in August of 1777⁸ and again when William Haden and Ann his wife and John Haden and Jane his wife sold the same piece of property to George Toler⁹ at which time

William and family moved from Fluvanna. Ms. Haden states in the book that where the family moved first is not known. There is also a partial reprint of a newspaper article from a series named "Men Whom I Remember" written by George D. Blakey, a descendant of Anthony Haden & Margaret Douglas through their daughter Ann who married Thomas Blakey. This article describes the family of "old Capt. William Haden". Although this article describes ten of the eleven children of William Haden, his ancestry, his service in the Revolution, and the inheritance of his homestead, no wife is mentioned at all.¹⁰

Research shared with me from other Haden family researchers, revealed an early brief marriage for William Haden. A marriage to one Jane or Judith Moorman which lasted perhaps only a few months before she died.¹¹ Correspondence with one researcher suggested a tradition that Jane (Moorman) Haden had died in childbirth.¹² No marriage record or other documentation has been found. William is believed to have been about 23 when he married Ann Johnson so there would have been adequate time for a brief earlier marriage.

It is worth noting that three of William Haden's siblings married into the Moorman family – his sister Jane married William Moorman, son of Achilles and Elizabeth (Adams) Moorman; Rachel married John Moorman and Benjamin married Martha Davis Moorman, John and Martha being children of Charles Moorman and Mary Venable, Charles in turn being another son of Achilles & Elizabeth and brother to William.¹³

Ann "Nancy" Johnson was the daughter of Joseph Johnson, born about 1724, died before 19 Nov 1781, the date of the probate of his will¹⁴. The will mentions his daughter Ann Haden with a token bequest. Ann's mother was Sarah Harris who is identified in the recording of Ann's baptism at St. James Northam by the Rev. Douglas. Sarah's Harris family has never been identified. Joseph Johnson was the son of John Johnson [b. by 1697, d. about 1750] and Mary Pledge – John in turn the son of Michael Johnson who died in Virginia about 1719 and his wife Sarah Watson.

The births of the children of William and Ann (Johnson) Haden have not been recorded. However, a descendant of their son James has a record of his birthdate handed down through the family as 13 Nov 1776, some eleven months after the marriage.¹⁵ However, there is a slight problem as a daughter Sally has been traditionally placed as the oldest child – obviously this is wrong, or she was not Ann's daughter but the infant born when Jane died in childbirth. The Ancestral File of the LDS church shows the early marriage to Jane Moorman and presents Sally as a daughter of that marriage – no submitter listed except for the general Haden information and I've been unable to confirm the origin.¹⁶ In Battle, Perrin & Kniffin's, History of Kentucky, Illustrated, 1885, can be found an article about George W. Haden, a grandson of William via son Joseph, which says "Joseph Haden was the son of Capt. William Haden who first married Jane Moman (sic) of Virginia and who died about six months after marriage. He then married Nancy Johnson of Virginia".¹⁷ This article could very possibly be the first known source of this early marriage that has subsequently been "found" by Haden researchers.

There is no question Sally was one of the oldest of the children of William Haden. When his estate was settled in Logan County, Kentucky, Sally was deceased and her three daughters were old enough to marry during the years these proceedings drag on. (In February, 1820, James

Haden was granted administration of the estate of his deceased father, William Haden. Exact date of the death of William is never given in the Court records.)¹⁸

The first record of William Haden in Logan County, KY, is the property tax roll of 1797 when he had 1000 acres of land on the Gasper River, land entered by Jonathan Clark. He served on a jury in July of 1798. From that point forward until his death, there are many records of taxes paid, deeds transacted, court proceedings, that indicate his residence in Logan County. On 21 Dec 1807¹⁹, William Haden married Mrs. Sally Johnston (or Johnson, as the names are virtually interchangeable in the records). The year of the death of Ann Johnson is unknown; she is not named with William on any deed of sale in Logan County, although after the marriage to Sally, Sally appears on several deeds as the wife of William Haden.

The whereabouts of William Haden's family between 1784 when the land was sold in Fluvanna, and 1797 when tax is paid on land in Logan County KY was difficult to locate. The two children, James and Sally both married during this interval. The remaining children married in Logan County, beginning with the marriage of daughter Emily in 1799. James married Rebecca S. Morton; Sally married Thomas Proctor – both the Morton and Proctor families apparently lived near Lexington, in Fayette County, KY before coming to Logan County. Some of the Mortons continued to live there throughout their lives. The same article from History of Kentucky, Illustrated as cited above, said that William Haden and wife settled near Lexington in 1778, an even earlier date than indicated by the sale of his land in Fluvanna. Bits and pieces of partially burned records from Fayette County have survived and have been filmed by the LDS Church.²⁰ The county clerk's house burned in 1803 and some of the records were dragged from the fire. There is enough readable material to find the Haden, Morton and Proctor families living near each other on the waters of the Elkhorn River prior to 1790 in Fayette County.

William and Nancy had at least nine children, ten if Sally Haden was Nancy's daughter. The estate settlement of William names these ten and one other, a Sally designated as Sally the Younger, who was a daughter of the later marriage to Sally Johnston and required guardianship as an infant under the age of fourteen – the continuance of guardianships over a period of years indicate she was probably about eight to ten years old when her father died. Several of the children had predeceased their father, the older Sally, a daughter Emily or "Milly", and sons John M. and Benjamin, but all had married and left children to inherit from their grandfather.

It is not known when Ann Johnson Haden died. Her youngest child was the daughter Nancy J., who according to the 1850 census²¹, was born about 1798 after the family had located in Logan County. William remarried in late 1807. Ann's death took place somewhere in between.

As previously stated, there is in the Logan Co KY marriage records, William Haden to Sarah Johnston, 21 Dec 1807. She was most likely a widow but careful study of the records of Logan Co regarding the many Johnson and Johnston families, has not revealed anymore about Sarah. The fact that only one child was born to the couple in about twelve years of marriage, as well as her death only a few years after William, suggests Sarah was nearing middle age when they married.

There is another problem surrounding William Haden and his wives that should be addressed. In the Ancestral File is listed the wife Jane Moorman with a separate entry for a Judith Moorman – obviously duplicate entries for the same marriage. The marriages to Ann Johnson and to Sarah Johnston are listed. And there is still a fifth marriage – one to Mary LeMert on 25 Jan 1795 in Bedford County, Virginia. A look at the DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, Part 2, under HADDEN: HADDON, HADEN, HEADEN is an entry for:

William: b. c1752 VA d 8-20-1815 VA m (1) Ann (Nancy) Johnson (2) Mary LeMart Pvt. VA

Who was Mary LeMert? Could William have moved to Bedford County and then on to Kentucky? His brother Benjamin married Martha Davis Moorman in Bedford Co VA in 1780 but that's because she lived there. A search in the Bedford County records revealed a marriage: William Haiden to Mary LeMert on 25 Jan 1795. A William Haiden was listed in the Personal Property Tax Records in 1785-1787, and from 1791-1817; there was also John Haiden who appeared in 1796 and a Joseph in 1800 and William Haiden's tithables change accordingly as if these were sons coming of age. After 1800, William Haiden has only one adult male in his household. Over time, the spelling of the surname becomes Headen in the tax records, although watercourse, number of slaves, etc. indicates this is the same family. The General Index to Deeds, Grantees, for Bedford County shows William Haiden bought 800 acres from Francis Smith in 1785 and another 1000 acres from Robert Mead in 1787. In 1796, William and his wife Mary deeded 409 acres to include interest in a mill to John Headen and in 1803 they deeded another 120 acres to John – both of these tracts on the same watercourse (Goose Creek) as the 1000 acres bought from Robert Mead. On several of the property tax records, the mill of William Haiden/Headen was notated.

On 20 August 1815, William Headen wrote a Will in Bedford County citing a wife named Mary – he gave back to her the property she brought to the marriage, and gave the rest of the rights of the mill to son John Headen. The Will named another son Joseph but no other heirs. Executors were Griffin Dobyns and Thomas Welch, the witnesses were Jonah & Abner Dobyns and John Wilkes, gentlemen not known to have any connection to any of “my” Hadens at any point in time. The Will was proved in Bedford County Court 25 May 1818. It's obvious we have two men named William Haden/Haiden/Headen who are of similar ages. It's also obvious that William Haden of Goochland & then Fayette County and Logan County in Kentucky, is NOT the man who married Mary LeMert and lived in Bedford County until he died in 1815, leaving only two sons and a widow named Mary.

So we are left with only two documented marriages for William Haden – to Ann Johnson in Albemarle and Sally Johnston in Logan. The children, and the children of the deceased children, are all identified in Logan County records. A deed to the son Samuel from all the other heirs name each child and the guardians of the minor heirs. A division of the slaves of William Haden similarly names his children. The grandchildren involved when not named individually in these two documents, are named in other legal proceedings through the years this estate remains open. Son James Haden, first administrator of William Haden, died in 1823; the widow Sally (Johnston) Haden died late in 1821 so her property had also become part of the settlement. Certainly this William Haden was never married to Mary LeMert in Bedford. There is no proven Jane Moorman of the proper age in Albemarle to be certain he ever married this lady, although the Moorman family research suggests she may have been the Judith “Jane” Moorman, daughter

of Achilles Moorman and Elizabeth Adams. A son of this couple – William Moorman – married Jane/Jeannie Haden, daughter of John and Jean Moseley Haden, who was a sister of the William Haden in this discussion.

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The children of William Haden, their marriages, and their families can be found on the Haden link on my webpage. All eleven had children. My email contact can be found there.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~katy/index.html>

¹ *John Haden of Virginia*, Dorothy Kabler Haden, Adams Press, Chicago, IL, 1968. LDS Microfilm #1597980.

² Manuscript "Autobiography", Joseph Benjamin Haden, Ladonia, Texas, 21 Jul 1930.

³ *John Haden of Virginia*, Dorothy Kabler Haden, Adams Press, Chicago, IL, 1968. Reprinted from Campbell County, VA, Deed Book 3, p.607.

⁴ *John Haden of Virginia*, Dorothy Kabler Haden, Adams Press, Chicago, IL, 1968, p. 15

⁵ *Ibid.*, p.166

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 18

⁷ *The Douglas Register*: Detailed record of Births, Marriages, Deaths.....as kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797, Edited by W. Mac Jones, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore Reprinted 1985; Original, 1928, p.24.

⁸ *John Haden of Virginia*, Dorothy Kabler Haden, Adams Press, Chicago, IL, 1968. Reprinted from Fluvanna County, VA, Deed Book 1, p.11.

⁹ *John Haden of Virginia*, Dorothy Kabler Haden, Adams Press, Chicago, IL, 1968. Reprinted from Fluvanna County, VA, Deed Book 2, pp.34-35.

¹⁰ *Men Whom I Remember: Logan County KY*, George D. Blakey (1809-1886), Articles from Russellville KY Newspapers, Logan County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 853, Russellville, KY 42276, 1982, pp.74-75.

¹¹ Haden>Cook Family Group Records, Irene O. Cook, Prepared 21 Jan 1998; and Family Records from Patricia Ennis Reid, re her connection to the Haden family, "This is basically all I have on Haden family.....Unfortunately my Aunt Mandane never documented her sources so I have no idea where most of this originated."

¹² Email correspondence with Christine Jensen <christine@wertin.net>. She maintains the New Kent County VA website for USGenWeb

¹³ *John Haden of Virginia*, Dorothy Kabler Haden, Adams Press, Chicago, IL, 1968, p.191, 221, 254.

¹⁴ Goochland Deed Book, 13, p. 152-153

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¹⁶ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ancestral File (TM), July 1996 (c), data as of 2 January 1996, 16MV-94C.

¹⁷ *History of Kentucky, Illustrated*, by Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, 1885. LDS Microfilm #0962913. Article on G. W. Haden, Muhlenberg County.

¹⁸ Logan County KY Court Order Book 7; Feb, Apr, Dec Terms 1820; Feb Term 1821. LDS Microfilm #0364562

¹⁹ *Logan County Kentucky Marriages, 1790-1865*, Logan County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 853, Russellville, KY 42276, 1985, p.39

²⁰ Burnt Records, Fayette County, KY, LDS Microfilm #2111044. Vol. 1, p.94; Vol 4, p.1-4

²¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Kentucky, Ohio County, District 1, Family 333