
CHAPTER 4

JAMES HOGG

Late in 1774, Hillsboro acquired another distinguished citizen through the coming of James Hogg, a Scotchman of culture and comparative wealth. He was of the same family as the "Ettrick Sheppard," and his wife was second cousin to Sir Walter Scott. He was a native of East Lothian, Scotland, but was a resident of the parish of Reay, near Thurso, when he emigrated from that country in 1774 and settled in North Carolina. He owned all the land for a mile and more opposite the town along the south bank of the Eno, but resided until 1793 or 1794 on what is now the Cameron property. About that time he removed across the river to Poplar Hill, where is now the residence of Gen. J. S. Carr's Occonechee Farm.

The Mecklenburg committee had, alone of all the patriots of all the colonies, on May 20, in a moment of defiant exaltation, on receipt of the news of the battle of Lexington, "absolved themselves from all allegiance to the British crown"; but this resolution was so untimely to the Whig leaders elsewhere that they not only did not endorse it, but they did what they could to suppress it. This was not the only North Carolina scheme that the Continental Congress treated with scant courtesy, as being too rasping to British nerves to be wisely encouraged at that time. Several prominent citizens of Hillsboro were interested with Richard Henderson in his Transylvania purchase—Thos. Hart, John Luttrell, Wm. Johnston, James Hogg and David Hart. This purchase from the Cherokee Indians, March 17, 1775, of 200,000 acres, lying in what is now Tennessee and Kentucky, was made contrary to the King's treaties with the Cherokee Indians, and the express instructions to his governors. These lands the company energetically proceeded

to colonize. At a meeting of the proprietors at Oxford, September 25, 1775, James Hogg was appointed a delegate to represent the colony of Transylvania in the Continental Congress, and the proprietors sent him with a memorial which concluded as follows:

"Therefore, the memorialists hope and earnestly request that Transylvania may be added to the number of the United Colonies, and that James Hogg, Esq., be received as their delegate and admitted to a seat in the honorable, the Continental Congress."

Mr. Hogg reached Philadelphia, October 22, was received cordially by the individual members of the Congress, but could secure no official recognition by the Congress itself. Samuel and John Adams, probably expressing the consensus of opinion, told Mr. Hogg: "We have petitioned and addressed the King, and have entreated him to point out some mode of accommodation. There seems to be an impropriety in embarrassing our reconciliation with anything new, and the taking under our protection of a body of people who have acted in defiance of the King's proclamations, will be looked upon as a confirmation of that independent spirit with which we are daily reproached."

The records, too, of the Orange County Committee of Safety for 1775 and 1776, have been lost. We know only that John Hogan was chairman and James Hogg secretary of that committee in 1776.

The first commissioners of the town after the State government was organized were William Johnston, James Hogg, John Sheels (whose family name exists now at Shields), William Courtney and James Watson. Most of these names are familiar to the readers of this series of articles.

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Genealogical Notes on His Ancestors and Descendants
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JAMES HOGG and his wife, McDowell Alves, were born in Scotland, and with their three children, came to North Carolina in the latter part of 1774. The two younger children were left in Scotland with relatives to complete their education, and did not come to America until some years after the Revolution.

In his native land James Hogg was a farmer, and, after he moved to Edinburgh, was engaged in an occupation much like that of an attorney here. His handwriting, some which is extant, shows a set business character, indicating that he had written much and well. There are old family traditions that he was related to the poet James Hogg, known as the "Ettrick Sheppard," and to Sir Walter Scott. We know from history that "Ettrick Sheppard" was a cousin of Sir Walter Scott, and it is likely that our progenitor was related to both.

But if there are some hanging from our family tree who crave illustrious names, they surely find kinship to Sir Walter Scott through our ancestors McDowell Alves, wife of James Hogg. Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, of North Carolina, a careful and painstaking investigator, says: "McDowell Alves was the daughter of Alexander Alves, 'writer to the signet' of the same city. McDowell Alves' mother was Elizabeth Ingles, daughter of Thomas Ingles, surgeon-apothecary of Kelson, and Margaret Scott. Margaret Scott was the sister of Sir Walter Scott's father.

The children of James Hogg, left behind in Scotland, lived much of the time in the same farm house with Sir Walter Scott, who especially loved the little Robina. When he became famous, he sent his cousin a portrait of himself, but it was burned in a great fire of New York. After his death his family had a miniature painting and sent it to Robina Hogg. It is still in the family.

James Hogg caused the names of his sons, Walter and Gavin Hogg to be changed to Alves, the maiden name of their mother, by the General Assembly of North Carolina, in 1786. James Hogg was an intelligent, active, and useful man within the borders of his State. He was much trusted both in public and private affairs. While his chief occupation was that of a planter, he found time to do other important work. (He was one of the nine members of Judge Richard Henderson's Transylvania Company. See George W. Ranch's Boonesborough Filson Club Publication No. 16, O.A.R.).

(The Daughters of the American Revolution admit women because of descent from James Hogg. His services are recognized of late.) James Hogg died in Hillsboro, North Carolina, in 1805.

McDowell Alves, wife of James Hogg, on her paternal line, descended from a Spanish family. Her paternal ancestors probably were among the Spanish who made their home in Scotland during the reigns of the early Stuarts. Upon testimony of Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, the father and mother of McDowell Alves were married in Scotland in 1724. She had two brothers, one of whom married in London, and the other, a sea captain, died in the West Indies, without issue. Whatever else is known of Mrs. McDowell Alves Hogg has been recited in the foregoing sketch of her husband. She died in Hillsboro, North Carolina, in 1801.

Children of James Hogg and his wife McDowell Alves, given in the order of their births; all were born in Scotland:

1. Elizabeth Hogg married John Huske. They left two children:
 1. John Huske, Jr., by his two Tillinghast marriages had a numerous family in Fayetteville, North Carolina; among them Rev. Joseph C. Huske.
 2. Annie Huske, married D. James Webb of Hillsboro, N. C. and left a number of children; among them—
James Webb of Hillsboro, John Webb of Hillsboro, Thomas Webb of Hillsboro, Dr. — Webb of St. Louis, Anne Webb, married Bishop B. Cheshire of North Carolina.
2. Helen Hogg first married William Hooper, son of William Hooper, one of the SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, and had only one child, the Rev. William Hooper, who left a large family; Helen married, second, Dr. Joseph Caldwell, president of the University of North Carolina, but by him she had no issue.
3. Walter Hogg (Walter Alves) married Amelia Johnston. His family name was changed to Alves, his mother's maiden name, in 1786, and is so recorded in Chapter 55, Acts of the North Carolina Assembly.
4. *Robina Hogg* married Judge William Norwood, of Hillsboro. She was born in 1771. She left sons of prominence. She also had a daughter Eliza, who married a Bingham.
5. Gavin Hogg (Gavin Alves) never married. He was treasurer of the first American State University, that of North Carolina.

Robina Hogg married January 7, 1800 to Judge William Norwood of Hillsboro, N. C., who was born 1767 and died in 1840. Robina Hogg died in 1860. Their children were:

1. Eliza Alves Norwood, married William J. Bingham.
2. John Wall Norwood, married Anna Belle Giles.

3. James Hogg Norwood, married Sarah Frances Benners.
4. William Norwood, married Winifred Hill.
5. Walter Alves Norwood, married Mary —.
6. Jane Burgess Norwood, married Samuel F. Tillinghast.
7. Joseph Caldwell Norwood, married Laura Lenoir.
8. Helen Mary Norwood, married Andrew Mickle.

James Hogg has left many descendants, scattered widely throughout the United States. Among the families represented are Alves, Hooper, Huske, Norwood, Webb, Cheshire, Johnston, and Bangham, including the deceased amabassador to the Court of St. James, Robert Worth Bingham. While never holding any political office in North Carolina, James Hogg served in many important public capacities, patriotic, educational, cultural, and diplomatic. A true Scotchman, he was a most discriminating, prudent, wise, canny, and a most valuable citizen.

A tablet to James Hogg, who was primarily responsible for the present location of the University of North Carolina, was erected in Hillsboro recently by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames. Hogg was described by the late Dr. Kemp P. Battle as "one of the most influential of his day."

(For further reference consult the Norwood line.)

(Approved by the Daughters of the American Revolution.)

Walter Alves (son of James Hogg), was born in Scotland, October 6, 1768; married Amelia Johnston, May 11, 1787. He died in Henderson County, Kentucky, Dec. 24, 1819. Amelia Johnson Alves was born in Virginia, February 22, 1767, and died in Henderson County, January 25, 1827.

William Johnston, the father of Amelia, was an Englishman, who came to this country and acquired considerable property. By his will he made James Hogg guardian for his only child, Amelia. It seems that Walter and Amelia became attached to each other and wished to marry. It is much stressed in old letters how James Hogg, father of the young man and guardian for his wealthy ward, was greatly shocked and preemptorily forbade the marriage. The truth of this is substantiated by the fact that the young people resorted to an elopement in order to evade him. It is also told in these same old letters, how Amelia in her "red cloth riding habit" rode to the home of one of her friends, there met Walter, and the

two became man and wife on May 11, 1787. It will thus be seen that at the time of the marriage Walter was only about nineteen, and Amelia about a year older. Amelia was a handsome, attractive girl, and Walter developed into a reliable, successful, and highly respected man.

In the early years of the nineteenth century they moved to Henderson County, Kentucky, where they each owned considerable portions of the Richard Henderson Grant. In those days the property of a wife, upon marriage, immediately became her husband's, and one would infer in looking over maps and deeds that Walter Alves possessed well nigh all of the land in Henderson County.

Children of Walter Alves (son of James Hogg) and Amelia Johnston—seven:

1. Annie, born March 2, 1788, married Richardson Henderson (son of Samuel Henderson and nephew of Judge Richard Henderson); Issue—two daughters:—
 - a. Susan Henderson, married William Soaper.
 - b. Mary Henderson, never married.
2. Elizabeth Alves, born March 7, 1790. Married April 23, 1816, Judge Thomas Towles, who was born June 1, 1784, died Dec. 12, 1850. She died June 28, 1852. Children:
 - a. Walter Alves Towles, married Susan Daniel Anderson. They were the parents of—
 - (a) Elizabeth Alves Towles
 - (b) Susan Starling Towles
 - (c) Walter Alves Towles, Jr.
 - (d) Thomas Towles
 - (e) Lillian Towles
 - (f) Lucy Towles
 - (g) Therit Towles
 - b. John J. Towles
 - c. Bettie Towles (Mrs. William Barret).
3. James Alves—(Of whom later).
4. William Alves born November 30, 1793. Married Augusta Hughes. Children:—
 - a. Amelia Alves
 - b. Louisa Alves
 - c. Philip Alves

- d. William L. Alves
 - e. Augusta Alves
 - f. Thomas T. Alves
 - g. Samuel J. Alves
 - h. Addie Alves
5. Haywood Alves born October 13, 1799. Married Priscilla Evans. Haywood died in 1854. Their only child was—
- a. Virginia Alves, married A. J. Anderson.
6. Walter Alves born November 8, 1803. Married Mary Fleming. Children:
- a. Richard H. Alves
 - b. Henry Alves
 - c. Gavin Alves
 - d. Norwood Alves

All these children died in infancy, except Richard H. who had four children. Two named Richard, both died in infancy; the other two are Walter H. who married Annie Bagley, and William Fleming, who married Myra Beverly.

7. Robert Hogg Alves, born January 13, 1806, died Jan. 27, 1860; married Jan. 14, 1830, Mary Ann Gayle, who was born Nov. 26, 1814 and died March 14, 1894. Eight of their children reached maturity:
- a. Samuel Johnston Alves, married Emma Hodge.
 - b. Sophronia Bohanon Alves, married Robert T. Glass.
 - c. Mary Ann Alves, married J. H. Powell.
 - d. Robert H. Alves—unmarried.
 - e. Walter Scott Alves—unmarried.
 - f. Annie Henderson Alves, who married Joseph B. Alves (cousin, son of James Alves).
 - g. Betsey Towles Alves, who married James S. Alves (a cousin, grandson of James—see No. 3).
 - h. Margaret Gayle Alves—unmarried.

There were three other children of Walter and Amelia Johnston Alves; they died under age and without issue.

JAMES ALVES, son of Walter Alves, was born in Hillsboro, North Carolina, March 6, 1792. Married Maria Davis, daughter of General Thomas Davis, of North Carolina, January 26, 1815. Died in Henderson, Kentucky, July 30, 1853. Maria Davis Alves was born in North Carolina, September 17, 1795, and died in Henderson, Kentucky, June 4, 1879. James Alves and wife settled in Henderson County in the early years of the nineteenth century.

He had considerable land, both in the city and in the country., and was generally regarded as an excellent citizen. Upon the death of General Thomas Davis, father of Mrs. Maria Davis Alves, much property, money, and negro slaves accrued to James Alves, who, during his whole lifetime in Kentucky, was a buyer and very seldom a seller of land. Consequently he left at his death a very large landed estate.

Children of James Alves (son of Walter Alves and grandson of James Hogg) and Maria Davis:

1. Mary Amelia Alves, born Nov. 8, 1815, married Nov. 8, 1832 to William B. Rudy. She died Nov. 2, 1844. Of her five children, two only have descendants:

a. Margaret Rudy Married 1st Dr. — Hodge, by whom she had one child:

a-1. Emma Hodge, married S. J. Alves, and had seven children—

Walter Alves—died unmarried.

Powell Alves—who has one child.

Reeve Alves—who has two children.

Robert Alves—unmarried.

Haywood—has no children.

Kate, married George W. Stanley—three children:

Emily Stanley, George Stanley, Katherine Stanley.

After the death of Dr. Hodge, Margaret married Mr. — Mitchusson, by whom she had one son:

a-1. W. W. Mitchusson.

b. Maria Rudy Married N. E. Mitchusson, and had four children:

a-1. Mary Mitchusson married I. D. Spaulding and had—

Maria Spaulding, Bess Spaulding, Robert Spaulding,
Annie Barry Spaulding.

a-2. Charlie Mitchusson.

a-3. Maggie Mitchusson.

a-4. Bessie Mitchusson.

2. Thomas Davis Alves born August 29, 1818. Married Sept. 10, 1840, Arabella Stebbins Barnard (daughter of Joseph Barnard and Terzah Stebbins, of Massachusetts). She died March 23, 1902, aged 92. He died Nov. 11, 1856. They had five children:

a. James Stebbins Alves, born June 29, 1841, married Nov. 18, 1879, Betsey Towles Alves, who was born Sept. 8, 1852. She died Aug. 26, 1923. He died April 5, 1913. Their Children were—

a-1. Robert Alves—unmarried.

a-2. Thomas Davis Alves, Jr., who has one child, Thomas Vincent Alves.

- a-3. Margaret Alves—married N. M. Stanley and had Nat. Stanley, Jr., Elizabeth Stanley, James Stanley, Margaret Stanley.
 - b. Maria Alves, born Jan. 22, 1843, married Feb. 9, 1863, to Thomas L. Norris, both of them are dead. Their son:
 - b-1. Thomas Norris died in 1926 without children.
 - c. Joseph Barnard Alves, born Aug. 21, 1846, married Dec. 9, 1874, to Annie Henderson Alves. She was born April 13, 1849 and died October 10, 1911. He died October 12, 1915. Their five children:
 - c-1. Mary Alves, married Dr. — Redman. Three children—
Mary Alves Redman, Annie Barnard Redman, Willard Redman.
 - c-2. Gaston Alves, married May Jones.
 - c-3. Joseph Alves, married ——— and has 2 children.
 - c-4. Annie Alves—unmarried.
 - c-5. Charles Stebbins Alves, married Kate Kitchell and has:
Margaret H. Alves, Elizabeth Merritt Alves.
 - d. Gaston Mears Alves, born June 21, 1847, married Dec. 3, 1879 to May Noland Gibbons of Frankfort, Ky. She was the daughter of Jesse Lafayette Gibbons and Louisa Overton. She was born April 24, 1852 and died April 17, 1905. Their children:
 - d-1. Clinton Barret Alves, married Myrtle Eyer—one child:
Florence Barret Alves.
 - d-2. Barnard Stebbins Alves, who married Leila Welch—one child:
May Gibbons Alves.
 - d-3. Montgomery Merritt Alves—unmarried.
 - d-4. Juliet Overton, married Robert E. Johnston. They have one child living: William Overton Johnston.
 - e. Eliza Barnard Alves, born June 30, 1849, married December 26, 1877, to Montgomery Merritt, who was born Oct. 14, 1845, and died Oct. 24, 1924.
3. James (son of James, grandson of Walter) was born Dec. 30, 1824, and married Dec. 15, 1852 to Bettie H. Sneed, who died March 22, 1864. He died Feb. 4, 1893. Four of their children never married and two married:
- a. Bettie Alves—never married.
 - b. Richard Alves—never married.
 - c. Fanny Alves—never married.
 - d. Maria Belle Alves—never married.
 - e. Lucy Henderson Alves, married Joseph Dixon. Children:
 - e-1. Margaret Dixon—Married Dudley Osborn and has one son:
Alves Osborn, who left two daughters:
Caroline Osborn, Betsey Osborn.

- f. Thomas Davis Alves, married Mary Walker—two children:
 - f-1. Mary Kaye Alves, married Hubbard Shawhan—2 children:
W. H. Shawhan, Jr., Mary Helen Shawhan.
 - f-2. James Alves—unmarried.
- 4. Maria Alves, born May 7, 1829. Married April 10, 1849, James Breckinridge. Their nine children died in infancy or early youth.
- 5. John Winslow Alves, born March 20, 1831, died in 1912. Married November 26, 1857, to Julia Holloway. Ten children (four of whom died in infancy)—the other six are:
 - a. Maria Alves—unmarried.
 - b. Nannie Alves, who married Dr. Theodore Doremus—no issue.
 - c. Laura who married Lewis a Waller—no issue.
 - d. William Alves, who married Lila Burke—no issue.
 - e. Julia Alves married J. Oscar Clore—one son, Alves Clore.
 - f. Kate Alves married Fred Orth—one son, Fred Orth.

In 1771 Robert Hogg, brother of James Hogg, was living in Wilmington; also there is mention in old records of New Hanover County of Thomas Hogg and John Hogg within a period of ten or twelve years from this time.

Gavin Hogg, son of James Hogg, born in Wick County of Caithness, Scotland, August 8, 1788, came to America, landing in Wilmington in 1800. In 1822 he married Mary A. B. Johnson of Stratford, Connecticut.

Only one child of this marriage survived. Dr. T. D. Hogg of Raleigh (Gavin Hogg was first cousin of "Auntie" Miss Margaret Taylor, who lived for many years in Grandfather Webb's family.) Margaret L. L. Barringer, Margaret T. Webb, Mickel, and Margaret L. Webb of Hillsboro are all her namesakes; also Jane Taylor Long, now of St. Louis. The Longs called her "Auntie" and the Tom Webbs said "Grandma Taylor." She was present at most of the births, deaths and marriages among the descendants of James Webb and Anne Alves Huske. She taught the children to sew, nursed the sick, and trained them well. She was in Charlotte when Osmond L. Barringer was born, and died in Hillsboro in the home of Uncle Tom Webb, L.W.L.

John Hogg, cousin of James Hogg, came to America in 1783 and brought with him Gavin and Robina Hogg, children of his cousin James Hogg. He was uncle of Gavin Hogg, a distinguished lawyer.

When James Hogg first started to America the ship was wrecked and he had to go back and take a new start. That time he left Gavin and Robina (named for her Uncle Robin). She was eleven or twelve years old when she came. They lived with their relatives and visited their cousin Sir Walter Scott. He sent her his portrait which was given to her son, Reverend Wm. Norwood of Richmond, Virginia, and is now owned by his daughter, Rebecca, in Richmond.

Mrs. Caldwell, nee Helen Hogg, married Wm. Hooper and later Jas. Caldwell. Died at Chapel Hill on Friday, the 30th of October, 1846, in the 78th year of her age. Mrs. Helen Caldwell relict of Rev. Dr. Joseph Caldwell, late President of U.N.C.

The deceased was a woman of extraordinary endowments, blending in her character the highest mental culture with all the Christian graces in their liveliest exercise. She has left few superiors and those who enjoyed her acquaintance will feel that by her removal a space has been left in society which will not soon be filled. But with what confidence can her friends and relatives commit her to the tomb.

She was a bright and shining light in the church and it was impossible to be in her company without admiring the Christian cheerfulness she always exhibited.

The funeral obsequies were performed in Chapel Hill on Sunday, November 1, 1846. The President and Faculty of the University acted as pall-bearers. The sermon was delivered by Rev. E. Mitchell (Phil. 4-3) and her remains were deposited with those of her late husband at the base of the monument erected to his memory by the Trustees of the University.

GENEALOGY OF THE HUSKES

John Huske was born in Hull, England, and was the only member of the family who came to America. He arrived prior to the Revolutionary War, settling in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was a patriot, a judge, and in 1781 was appointed secretary to Governor Thomas Burke. In 1788 he was a member of the State Convention which met at Hillsboro to consider the adoption of the constitution. He is mentioned quite often in "McRee's Life of Iredell."

John Huske (the first) married Elizabeth Hogg, the eldest daughter of James Hogg, Scotch patriot and large merchant who had connections in Hillsboro, Wilmington, and Fayetteville (then Cross Creek and Campbellton). He died in Wilmington, North Carolina, and was buried in the grave yard of St. James parish but owing to the devastations of War no records of Church or County are now extant. Iredell in a letter mentions the death of Mrs. John Huske, letter dated May 22, 1788. William Hooper (who is often mentioned with the coterie of patriots) mentions her death about the same time. Their children were:

1. Annie Alves was born January 31, 1785; died in June, 1852. She married Dr. James Webb of Hillsboro, North Carolina. They left a family of sons and daughters. (The well known Webb family of Hillsboro, North Carolina.)
2. John Huske was born near Hillsboro, North Carolina, Orange County, August 23, 1786; died November 24, 1848. He was married twice, first to Joanna Jencks Tillinghast on March 15, 1807. She died October 23, 1815. Their children were:
 - (1) John Winslow Huske, born January 31, 1809; died September 29, 1841. Married Anness C. Dobbin, January 10, 1839. They had two sons, who died in the Army in 1864.
 - (2) James Huske, born November 10, 1810; married Frances E. Donaldson, October 23, 1834.
 - (3) Elizabeth Caldwell, born October 18, 1812; married William J. Anderson, February 10, 1831.
 - (4) Joanna Ann, born June 18, 1815; married Dr. Benjamin West Robinson May 25, 1836.

John Huske's second wife was Ann Power Tillinghast (sister of Joanna Jencks Tillinghast). They were married May 1, 1817. Their children were:

- (1) Walter Alves, born October 1, 1818; married Elizabeth Robinson January 1, 1854.
- (2) William Huske; born August 28, 1820; married May Catherine Baker, October 15, 1849.
- (3) Joseph Caldwell Huske, born June 7, 1822; married Margaret K. Strange, January 23, 1849. (Rev. Joseph C. Huske).
- (4) Isabella Donaldson Huske, born December 27, 1825; married Dr. H. C. Williams, November 10, 1846.
- (5) Benjamin Robinson, born October 28, 1829; married Annabella Norwood, December 4, 1851.

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- (6) Wright Huske, born January 27, 1832; married Harriet Hall July 14, 1854, and they had one son, Weldon Huske. Wright married second, Annie V. McDiarmid, January 13, 1859, and they had a number of children.
 - (7) Sarah Starke Huske, born July 15, 1834; married Thomas Jefferson Robinson, January 1, 1852.
 - (8) Helen Caldwell Huske, born September 9, 1836; married Rev. Richard Hines, April 17 (?), 1866.

(Copies of Huske family documents furnished to Emma Norwood Lawrence, Lumberton, North Carolina, by W. O. Huske, Fayetteville, North Carolina, October 28, 1927.)