



Introduction

Horn Genealogy

Introduction to Third Edition, (being Published 2006)

When this Family History was eventually published for the first time in February 1999, it generated a lot of positive comment, such as “Why don’t we do so-and-so”, and “I’d like to see such-and-such”. There was renewed interest and enthusiasm in making this production all that it could be. Hence, this second revision, despite my statement in the first revision that there wouldn’t be another.

First – the data base has been transferred to the Personal Ancestry File program (PAF 5.0). This program is preferred by the Latter Day Saints Church. In addition, it has an exciting program that converts the data from the Family Group Sheets into a narrative format that is “friendlier” to the reader. This program also allows us to group descendants by individual family member of any particular generation, which facilitates identifying whom we are descended from.

Second – sections have been added for “Documents”, “Letters”, and “Family Trees of In-Laws”, and other sections, such as “Cemeteries”, have been expanded. In “Documents”, there are numerous deed and wills, estate inventories, commentaries on land transactions in Easton PA and Hope NJ, and the Revolutionary War pension papers of Abraham Horn Sr. In “Letters”, there are almost one hundred years of correspondence between various family members.

This revision has been a cooperative effort – Nancy Horn Chetry, Mary Beth Horn Beers, and myself. We’ve worked hard, had a lot of laughs, enjoyed each other’s company and insights, and burned a lot of midnight oil. We’re proud of the result, and hope that you enjoy reading about your kinfolk, be it in hard copy, a CD, or, in the future, on the Internet.

Arthur M. Horn
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In the past year I have spent innumerable hours reviewing every scrap of paper in Arthur Sr.'s research material once again. I have uncovered many items of trivia, and close to fifty ancestors (mostly distant cousins). In adding these ancestors to this volume of history, I have exceeded my guideline of limiting the history to the second generation of in-laws, simply because this book may be the only place that their existence is recorded in.

Except for recording births and deaths to the existing families, I have no plans for further revisions. The family history prepared by Arthur Sr. contains ancestral charts for many of the families that married into the Horn line, and they are incorporated into this volume by reference.

I owe much thanks to my wife Margaret who has been more than patient these past months while I "puttered around" with this revision. She finally gets her typewriter back.

Arthur M. Horn Jr.

March 11, 1997

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This volume is partly a genealogy and partly an ancestral history. So much research has gone into the preparation of this work that it would be a shame to leave any of it out simply because it did not fit the defined limits of either category. Stated broadly, it is a history of the ancestors and descendants of David Abraham Horn.

The first family history that we know of was done by the Rev. Alfred Pierce Horn in 1903, in his family bible. It centers on Abraham Horn and his wife Anna Maria Hepler Horn, but then digresses to other members of the Hepler family.

The second family history was prepared by Arthur M. Horn Sr. in the 1970's. By sheer legwork, criss-crossing New Jersey and Pennsylvania innumerable times, visiting cemeteries, libraries, courthouses and churches, and corresponding with anyone that he thought could help, he managed to come up with over 200 names reaching back to Abraham's grandfather, John Peter Horn, who it is believed emigrated to this country in 1753. Copies of this family history were made available to all family members. Arthur Sr. died in 1977.

In the ensuing years various attempts were made at family reunions to follow up on his work, but with no progress. In 1990, however, Nancy Ruth Horn Chetry undertook the task of compiling all the data using a computer program called "Brothers Keeper". Copies of the program outputs were given to various family members. This was a significant step forward, in that it made the data accessible in a form for future updates.

In 1993, I decided to update, with Nancy's help, this family history, and to expand it to include biographies and pictures. By examining every scrap of paper in Arthur Sr.'s research material, and calling on other family members for their recollections and their pictures, I was able to add quite a bit of information that he had not gotten around to himself. In addition, another genealogy covering the descendants of John Peter Horn's son Abraham (uncle to our Abraham) became available, yielding still more data.

As Nancy pointed out in her forward to the 1990 edition, the accuracy of the database cannot be guaranteed in every instance. We weren't there. We are relying on other people's records. In some cases they conflict. Typos, faded documents, lapses of memory, confusion over same or similar names all add to the puzzle. We may never know all the facts.

With regard to ancestors who married out of the Horn family, in most cases they were dropped after the second generation. That should be sufficient for anyone trying to establish a relationship from another family. Of course, all of the descendants of David Abraham Horn are included, whatever their surname.

In addition to the genealogy mentioned earlier for John Peter Horn's son Abraham's descendants, there are two more that I am aware of - the Panzenhagens and the Hlasneys. I have copies of all three. The various family historians have shared information freely.

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To all who read this volume - you are earnestly invited to make whatever contribution you can to its usefulness, whether it be corrections, additions, suggestions or comments, but most especially biographies. The only "down" side to this endeavor has been the realization that so little is known of our ancestor's lives. Won't you do your part to correct this for future generations?

Much thanks and appreciation must be given to Nancy Ruth Horn Chetry, who labored through two computer updates and program revisions over the past two years to produce the data printouts that are the bulk of this work. She took the first step in this latest journey into who we were and are. Thank you, Nancy.

Arthur M. Horn Jr.

July 11, 1996