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Stone sculpture by Stonecoat Ind. Installed in 1986 at Granville Street Bridge, Fairview, Vancouver, Canada.
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ISSUES OF THE HASKELL JOURNAL FROM 1898—2016

Thoughts on the Seven Editors of Issues 1 to 100

In the life of the Haskell Journals there have been seven editors on this side of the Atlantic who contributed to create our current total of 100 issues. The length of term of the editors has varied dramatically and certainly technology has played a role in getting these issues produced. Each organization has a different view of the purpose of the publication. The first run at the Haskell Journal sought to be a commercially viable product complete with commercials featuring Haskell businesses and sought subscribers who would recruit their family members and create sufficient demand to keep the journal going. Today we are happy if we can fund the creation and mailing of the journals and use them to promote the reunions that enable many of us to meet face to face. Of course, we would like to see an ex-

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Haskell Happenings



**Jean Buckley Weds Geoff Ayres
in Rusper, West Sussex, England**

We recently received the following email from HFA member Jean (Haskell) Buckley, now Jean Ayres. Ed.

I have had a busy year — as my daughter set up home in her first flat only a month before I got married to Geoff. I'm no longer Jean Buckley but now Jean Ayres (nee Haskell).

I met Geoff Ayres when I joined the Sussex Pathfinders, a Rambling Club here in Sussex, England. He had been a member of the club for many years and had fairly recently been widowed. I soon found walking a very relaxing way to unwind from the stresses and strains of daily life and enjoyed the companionship of the other club members. After about 18 months I had to take time off work to recuperate from some surgery when Geoff took me out to lunch on our first date. The rest is history ... love blossomed and after 4 years we became engaged and a year later, on 19th June, 2016 we tied the knot. We had a fairly small ceremony for immediate family and a few other family and friends (28 in total) at Ghyll Manor Hotel in Rusper, West Sussex. I was given away by my two sons, Michael and James Buckley, bridesmaids were my daughter Eve Buckley and my oldest friend, Julie Alexander. Geoff's two sons, Alan and Paul Ayres were best men and his daughter in laws, Sarah and Tracey were our witnesses. Geoff's family had travelled from Auckland, in New Zealand to share our special day. I'm still living in West Sussex but have moved into Geoff's house, returning to live, once again, in a country village after years of being a "townie." We had a fabulous honeymoon in the Canadian Rockies in August which included a six-day walking holiday.

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panded membership, an increase in subscriptions, and publish stories that would always hold our readers spell-bound.

The challenges include having an appropriate mix of historical happenings, documenting current accomplishments of those who are Haskells (no matter which spelling they use), creating ever-improving genealogical tables that allow us to connect with our past, providing a forum for asking questions and resolving gaps in the historical record, and promoting opportunities to meet face-to-face and share our stories. We continue to encourage readers to submit their stories. Our relatively recent reunification of the Haskell Family Association is a reminder that our family contributions are not confined to one nation or region.

The Seven North American Editors

Issues 1 through 4 (1898) BURNETTE GREGOR⁹ HASKELL (EDWARD WILDER, JR.⁸, EDWARD WILDER, SR.⁷, PRINCE⁶, NATHANIEL⁵, MARK⁴, ROGER³, MARK², ROGER¹) (13 June 1857 — 16 November 1907). San Francisco, CA.

Burnette was described in Issue 6 of the Haskell Journal, "He became a curious mixture of lawyer, socialist, labor leader, writer, politician, orator, genealogist, romancer, economist, civic leader, an eccentric, but above all an idealist and never dull." He founded the Kaweah Cooperative in what is now mostly Sequoia National Park, and the Kaweah post office is an historical landmark. The first Colony settlement, established in the spring of 1886, was called Arcady, later named Haskell's Bluff. For the full story see:

<http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org/content/kaweah-california/sie8f39b30c374f300d5>

In the first issue of the journal, he issued the following plea: "The editor of the Journal invites from members of the Haskell family brief histories of their lives and adventures, and asks as well that all newspaper clippings whether good or ill be sent to him (the editor) to be published as matters of current news. Correspondence upon all matters of interest to the family is respectfully solicited." He further went on to encourage the formation of Haskell clubs. He asked readers to call the local Haskells and have a meeting. "Will you do it, and do it at once?"

Also featured were advertisements for attorneys named Haskell, Haskell's Wheat Flakes, Haskell Gold Mining Company, The Haskell Silk Company, and others. There were four monthly issues for January, Feb-

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ruary, March, and April 1898. In the fourth issue he announced that the ads were not really supported but were placed in the hope that customers would report referrals based upon the Journal which might create an advertising market. Despite the collection of fees for the Journal it failed after the initial four issues. Postage fees were an issue since the post office wanted to collect two cents an issue rather than the bulk rate which should have been allowed. Today's readers of this journal can access these four issues on the members page or use the link available at the Haskell Journal tab at our family web site. Despite initiating the Journal it was not in response to any formalized organization and none resulted during the four months that were published.

Issues 5 through 9 (1985) OLA MAE HASKELL (28 September 1928 — 25 January 1988) spouse of HOWARD C.¹¹ HASKELL (BENJAMIN F.¹⁰, WILLIAM WARREN⁹, THOMAS HENRY BURTON⁸, MICHAEL⁷, WILLIAM⁶, BENJAMIN⁵, JOSIAH⁴, JOSIAH³, JOHN², ROGER¹) McCalla, AL.

Ola Mae (Reynolds) Haskell was described as “an avid genealogist from Alabama” by Allan Haskell. Ola Mae was one of three credited with getting the Haskell Family Association re-started along with Win Haskell and Allan Haskell. Win and Ola have been given credit for the wording on the two-page Issue 5, which was really a call to activate the Haskell Family Association.

Her last issue as editor reflected the frustration that editors sometimes feel: “Throughout the first four issues of the reborn Haskell Journal we have tried to present a balanced sample of the diversity of activities of this Haskell Family of ours. We have tried to present articles that were of general interest and that provided some insight into the genealogy of the Family. We have attempted three projects: the migration project, the oldest living Haskell contest, and the family reunion, but all three have died due to lack of response.”

After one year with five journals Ola Mae Haskell passed the reins on to Allan Haskell who had been the publisher of the journal. Sadly, Ola Mae Haskell passed away at the age of 59 just a little over two years after relinquishing her editorial duties. (See Issue 18, p. 234.)

Issues 10 through 15 (1986 - 1987) ALLAN P.¹² HASKELL (PAUL ALVIN¹¹, ALPHONSO¹⁰, JAMES FRANK⁹, JAMES ALFONSO⁸, JAMES⁷, JAMES⁶, ABRAHAM⁵, HENRY⁴, HENRY³, WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹) Edgewood, KY

Allan served in the dual roles of editor and publisher of the journal and as mentioned above was credited with helping get the Haskell Family Association restarted.

When he edited and published Issue 11 (Summer, 1986), Allan reported some technological advances: “... (W)e have obtained a new word processor. This new package will enable us to underline, easily insert superscripts as in William³, change typeface midsentence and more. We think the new type is cleaner and easier to read.” It has always been the goal of editors to create readable copy to increase the enjoyment of the association's members.

In addition to being one of three instrumental in re-starting the organization and being the publisher and editor, Allan P. Haskell went on to become the Vice President (1987-1989) and President (1989-1993) of the Association. Issue 24 of the Haskell Journal has a very nice article, starting on p. 330, about Allan P. Haskell and his family, when he assumed the role of president. As noted in that write-up he had also served as treasurer from time-to-time.

Issues 16 through 51 (1987 - 1999) RICHARD ALBERT¹¹ HASKELL (WILLIAM ALBERT¹⁰, ROBERT FRANKLIN⁹, ROBERT FRANKLIN⁸, DANIEL AUSTIN⁷, DANIEL⁶, DANIEL⁵, DANIEL⁴, DANIEL³, JOSEPH², WILLIAM¹) (19 May 1926 — 19 January 2007 -- obituary in Issue 76) Truro, MA.

Richard A. Haskell was the longest serving editor and active in numerous genealogical societies. He was proud of the technological update of his equipment for putting the journal together and wrote in Issue 20 p. 263 – with a warning that this was “Hi-Tech computerese” — that he had purchased new computer equipment for production of the Journal: “an HP Laserjet II printer... Turbo-M XT (8mhz clone) with 640k, 33mb hard disk, 5.25 floppy, 3.5 floppy, 300/1200 baud modem... an enhanced keyboard (101 keys), Hires amber monitor” as well as two other printers, a scanner, and a selection switch.

Four issues later (issue 24 p. 329) he noted a new computer system “a Smart Micro 386/20mhz micro-processor with 4 megabytes of RAM, a 6MB hard disk...” and his pride and joy was a new full page monochrome monitor. “For an editor, to be able to see all 60 lines on his screen at once instead of the 25 lines that is standard on most computer systems is the ultimate in editing “user friendliness.” Certainly Allan and Richard were dramatically aided by the advances in computer technology, and even today we rejoice at the advances and the much higher quality of printing available. In addition to his many columns as editor,

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you may wish to read his profile in the Spring, 1990 issue on p. 382.

Issues 52 through 61 (2000 - 2002) THOMAS MARTIN¹¹ SLIWA (SHIRLEY ANNE BRABBS¹⁰, WILLIAM GEORGE BRABBS⁹, LUCY MOE HASKELL⁸, HIRAM MOE⁷, SEWELL⁶, BENJAMIN⁵, HENRY⁴, HENRY³, WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹) Aurora, IL (now living in Phoenix, Arizona)

Tom joined the HFA in 1993 and served on the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2009. Several of us first met Tom Sliwa at the Chicago reunion in 1995 when we went on a walking tour of Chicago architecture, led by Tom who was a landscape architect and Purdue University graduate. Some of the highlights of Tom's stint as editor included publication of lists such as Haskell place names, census information, and Haskell Phi Beta Kappas in addition to numerous articles.

Tom Sliwa liked articles with photographs and provided these hints in Issue #46 p. 11: "I would encourage anyone submitting articles or news items to please include photos of the events or people involved... They must look fairly clear (not dark or with smudges) to scan well. More photos and drawings can make our production more interesting to readers." Articles "submitted through e-mail or in digital format" were preferred since he was using Microsoft Word 97.

It should be mentioned that editors also accept handwritten notes and articles – after all they are editors – but the job is much easier if the materials are digital. If you have something interesting that is not digital, editors would much rather receive it than to lose part of the genealogical record.

Issues 62 through 75 (2003 – 2006) NOREEN PRAMBERG spouse of JOHN H. PRAMBERG, JR.¹⁰ (JOHN HASKELL PRAMBERG⁹, NELLIE FLORENCE (HASKELL) PRAMBERG⁸, JOHN HENRY⁷, THOMAS COOMBS⁶, THOMAS⁵, MARK⁴, MARK³, MARK², MARK¹) Rye Beach, NH Publications Editor, Pro Tem.

In addition to the issues noted above, Noreen Pramberg had also done some substitute editing for Richard A. Haskell in 1999 and Marion Anderson, historian/genealogist thanked her for editing the 50 page Index (1985 – 1999) between Issues 51 and 52. Noreen also wanted it known while she was serving that it was only on a temporary basis, but we kept persuading her to do another issue time after time for fourteen issues.

In particular, she points out the editor's concerns about getting enough stories for publication and the necessity of having a stream of contributions from readers: "The

editor would like to reinforce to all members that she does not write the newsletter. Contributions are edited for printing in the Journal. This is the limit of the editor's responsibility. Please read "My Grandfather" by Mrs. Glasscock in this issue of the Journal (Issue #63). There must be lots of wonderful stories about your Haskell ancestors you can share. Your editor is waiting to receive these stories." (Still true today!)

During the time she served as editor, she lost her husband, John Haskell Pramberg, Jr., who served as Treasurer from 1989-2000. (Issue 72, pp. 5-7.)

Issues 76 continuing through this issue 100 (2007 to Present) CHARLES T. "TOM" HASKELL (see editor's column for genealogy) Omaha, NE.

Tom was serving as Chairman at the time Noreen notified the board that she could no longer continue as temporary editor. With the dual role of Chairman and "temporary editor" through the Deer Isle Reunion, issues were published on an irregular schedule due to the fact that volunteers to become editor did step forward and then had to withdraw due to other considerations. Tom's first issue was the first to feature color photos and the issues he created as "temporary editor" were published at the community college where Tom's employer, Buena Vista University, had a nighttime program.

When Carey Haskell was selected as Chairman at the Deer Isle reunion, Tom agreed to continue as editor and board member. While Tom is listed as editor, Richard E. Haskell does the formatting and keeps us on track. Issue 81 featured a new design implemented by Richard that allows much better use of space, organization, and utility. The format has continued with subsequent tweaking. The fact that there are now several regular columns also helps fill the pages. I appreciate all the help that has kept our journal production on a much more regular schedule – particularly from Issue 81 to the present.

We are particularly happy to print stories from our overseas members and it's interesting to read the variety of stories about Haskell family members who did not leave England, as well as having stories that pre-date the arrival of Roger, William, and Mark to the New England colonies.

The next eleven pages show the covers of the first ninety-nine issues of the *Haskell Journal*. Where possible, we've shown the table of contents for the issue. Zooming the pdf file to 400% makes it very easy to read. The contents for Issues 81— 99 are shown on page 19.