

What's Your Family Line? -

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Hodnette

The name "Hodnette" is French in origin, and is a composition of Anglo-Saxon and French terms. The name was used originally in France as Hoddinott; and is a combination of the two words "Hodd" and "In-ot." The term Hodd was the ancient nomenclature for "Hood," and the surname "Hoddinott" denotes a wearer of a hood. From the original French surname "Hoddinott" comes the modern French surname "Hodnette" also the English surnames "Hodd" and "Hodnett."

It is evident that the surname Hodnette was used in Britain a few decades after the Norman Conquest (the family being descendants of the nobles of William of Normandy.)

In the reign of King Edward I, the Hodnettes were already settled in County Shropshire, England (A.D., 1239). The family at this time retained the French spelling of the name and the records disclose the name of William de Hodnette in A.D. 1239; also Ode de Hodnette, time of Henry II, A.D. 1206, and Baldwin de Hodnette, County Shropshire, 1273.

The Hodnette family was granted a coat of arms after the Norman Invasion, 1066.

The original family coat of arms is listed in the Heraldic catalogue as follows:

(Hodnette and Hodinet of Shropshire)
ARMS: Quarterly: Indented argent and jewels, a label of five points azure.

CREST: In a dexter hand four arrows, points downward.

NOTE: This family used no motto with their arms.

In lieu of a motto, the earliest recorded date relative to this family is placed in the ribbon below the shield.

Descendants of this Hodnette family migrated to America sometime during the early colonial days. The first record in America was in 1741 that John Hodnett was a Justice of the Peace in Goochland County, Virginia. Also mentioned were Wade Netherland, Richard Mosby, Nicholas Mosby, Isaac Bates, Joseph Thompson, Stephen Bedford, Charles

Lynch, Ben Cake and William Wigginson. (see "The Cabells and Their Kin," by Alexander Brown, p. 38.)

This John Hodnett married Catherine Brooke. They had four children: Benjamin, m. Sarah Collier; Franklin, m. Elizabeth McGehee; Jane m. Daniel McGehee, and Esther never married. The descendants of Franklin Hodnett are not known, they moved north from Virginia. Benjamin moved south to Oglethorpe and Henry Counties, Ga. From Jane and Daniel McGehee were descended the Urquharts, Garrards, and Downings of Columbus, Ga.

Generation Two

Benjamin Hodnett m. 1785 Sarah Collier, dau. of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Wyatt) Collier. [Cornelius Collier was a naval officer and sailed with Admiral Vernon on an expedition to the Spanish Maine. Among the company was also Lawrence Washington, half brother of George Washington. They won the brilliant victory of Porte Bello, and it was to commemorate this victory that Cornelius named his handsome residence in York County after it. He lived there until after the Revolutionary War and then moved to Abberville, S.C. where he and his wife are both buried.]

Benjamin Hodnett served in the Revolutionary War. "This certificate in MSS book in the Virginia State Library, known as 'Chesterfield Supplement', which is a 'Size-Roll of troops joined at Chesterfield Court House since Sept. 1st, 1780,' and on page 8 appears the name of Benjamin Hodnett. The entry shows that he was born in Cumberland Co., Va., and enlisted from the county Sept. 2, 1780; and that he was nineteen years of age, five feet eight inches in height; a planter by trade; had light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. He served one year and six months."

Children:

1. John Wyatt, b. 1786; m. Elizabeth Tigner.
2. William Collier, b. 1787; m. Caroline Finley.
3. Benjamin.

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4. Samuel.
5. Thomas.
6. Henry.
7. James.
8. Lovic Pierce, b. 1808; m. Mary Traylor.
9. Aaron.
10. Mary.
11. Lucinda, m. Mr. Turner.
12. Nancy, m. Mr. Grier.
13. Martha.
14. Elizabeth.

Generation Three

William Collier Hodnett, b. 1787; m. Caroline Finley. Children:

1. George, m. Mary Jane Moore.
2. Jefferson.
3. Benjamin Franklin, m. Sarah Jane Taylor.
4. Mary, m. Willam Taylor.
5. James, m. Emily Bray.
6. John.
7. Elizabeth, m. John Moore.
8. Lovic, d. infant.
9. Samuel, never married.
10. Susan, m. Anderson Stephens.
11. Robert.
12. Henry, m. Amanda Roberts.
13. Mattie, m. John Mallory.
14. Columbus, m. Fannie Finley.

Generation Four

Benjamin Franklin Hodnett, 1830-1913, m. 1855, Mary Jane Taylor, 1831-1872, dau. of William and Rebecca (Conley) Taylor.

1. William Crittenden, 1859-1915.
2. Lula Rebecca, 1862-1899.
3. Julia Lee, b. 1865, m. C. H. Fuller.
4. Carolina Mindora, b. 1867, m. Walter Wyatt.
5. Robert Franklin, m. Mary Wesley Turner.

Generation Five

Robert Franklin Hodnett, b. 1870, m. Mary (Fletcher Wesley) Turner, 1830, dau. of Rev. Allen Turner and his wife Martha Maury, who was dau. of Matthew Maury and his wife Mary Ann Fontaine (Turner Family further). Children of Robert F. and Mary (Turner) Hodnett:

1. Robert Franklin, Jr., 1898-1917.
2. John William, 1901-1924.
3. Mary Wesley, b. 1902, m. 1927, James G. Walb; have son, James Hodnett Walb, b. 1928.
4. Lula, 1904-1924.
5. Lyda Julia, b. 1912, m. Elliott S. Ritch.

Turner

The Rev. Allen Turner, b. ca. 1791 d. ca. 1871 was the son of James and Elizabeth (Baker) Turner, of Hancock and Morgan Cos., Ga.

Allen Turner became a Methodist minister and served wherever sent, with the