

Ann Hough

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The Ancestry

1794-1869

The Hough family that was the ancestors of Ann Hough Carson originated in Hough, Wilmslow Parish, Cheshire, England. It is believed that John Hough I, (parentage unknown at this time) was married to a Hannah about 1680 in England, in or near Cheshire. Their first son John Hough II, was born about 1682. They were apparently a family of some substance, as they paid for the passage of five others, who indentured themselves. They were Thomas Hough, Nathaniel Watmough, George and Isabella Gleave, and their son, George Junior. John I also brought many provisions to start a business. He granted a land warrant in Chester County the day of his arrival; but instead, he settled in Middletown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

John I and his family were Quakers, and undoubtedly came to Pennsylvania to escape the persecution in England, and to take advantage of the hospitality of William Penn. They were members of the Falls Monthly Meeting in Bucks County, although John II is mentioned only as attending some marriages, and shortly after his arrival, in 1684, was "dealt with for fighting and drinking inordinately." He purchased 250 acres of land in Middletown Township in 1699.

John I and Hannah had seven more children, born between 1684 and 1703. John Hough I died intestate about January, 1732.

John Hough II married Elinor Sands, daughter of Stephen Sands, in 1714. In the spring of 1725, John and Elinor moved to Solebury Township, Bucks County, settling on the Delaware River on property next to Stephen Townsend. At the time they moved, they had six children; two more children were born in Solebury. John II died in 1744. In his will, he left his 50 acres to his wife, and named his surviving children..

John Hough III, the eldest child of John II and Elinor, apparently rebelled against the strict Quaker way of life. In September of 1740, the overseers of the Buckingham meeting "gave an account that John Hough Jr. III has been very disorderly in his conversation, being charged by a young woman as being the father of her child, also that he has left these parts at present". All through 1741, he was treated with, and finally disowned January 4, 1742. He apparently married a girl, Hannah Townsend, daughter of their neighbor, Stephen, in 1742. They had four children; John born about 1740; Mary, born about 1743; Eleanor, born about 1745; and Jonathan, born in 1747 (father of Ann).

Hannah is listed as John III's wife in a land record of 1751; however, she must have died prior to 1757, as John III married Olive Rogers in Philadelphia in the fall of 1757. John III and Olive had two daughters, Martha and Sarah.

John Hough III died intestate on September 23, 1771; and administration of his estate was given to his widow, Olive, on October 31, 1771. In December, Daniel Hough, brother to John III, was named guardian for Jonathan.

Jonathan Hough was married about 1769 to Elizabeth Pugh, daughter of David and Sarah (Morgan) Pugh, Welsh Quakers of New Britain Township. The Pugh family had moved to New Britain Township from Gwynedd, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, in November, 1762. Prior to that time, David's first wife had died, and David had "acknowledged that he had married a first cousin to his first wife Hannah (Morgan) Lewis. Hannah was the daughter of Edward Morgan of