

THE HOFFMAN FAMILY OF SMITHS ISLAND

Children of James Harvey Hoffman & Sinah Evans

	<u>BORN</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>DIED</u>	
William Griffin	1827		1916	M. Mary E. Marsh (2) Harriet Ann Hutchinson
Sally Ann	1829		1909	M. William L. Evans
John Wesley	1831		1915	M. Eliza Jane Marshall
James W.	1832		1907	M. Ann Scott
Elizabeth C.	1834		1874	M. Laban Evans Jr.
Rachel Jane	1835		1912	M. John R. Sparrow
Nancy	1837	----		M Noah T. Ward Crisfield
Melinda	1843			M. John Evans(2) Winfield Scott
Noah Sneade Hoffman (Moved to Trenton, N.J.)	1845		1904	m. Rosanna Johnson (2) Margaret (Peggy) Jones

S/O James Harvey Jr. & Sinah Evans Hoffman

	<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>	
John Wesley Hoff man	1831	1915-84	Buried At Tylerton, Md.
Wife D/O John (Taffy) & Eleanor Evans Marshall			
Eliza Jane Marshall	1836	1911-71	Buried at Tylerton Md.

Children of John W. & Eliza Jane Marshall Hoffman

David Washington	1852	1929	-77	M. Betty Elizabeth Ward Crisfield
Sinah (Lena)	1854	1930		-M. Thomas W. Bradshaw - Tylerton (2) Stewart H. Evans - Tylerton
John Henry	1856	1917		-M. Alice W. Evans - Tylerton
Griffen Wesley	1858	1936		-M. Annie E. Evans - Rhodes Point
Elizabeth Jane	1862	1872		- 10 yrs old D.S.P. No Information
William G.	1864	1898		-34 M. Margaret E. Bradshaw - Tylerton
Mary Belle Hoffman	1868	1946		-M. Benjamin F. Tull -Crisfield

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James Harvey (He Jay) Hoffman Sr. Emigrated from Germany to Trenton New Jersey as a German Hessian Soldier during the War of 1812. He fought with the American Patriots against the English, and after the British Army was defeated, Hoffman liked the new country of the United States, and he decided to live in Trenton, with his wife Nancy Lucas permanently.

They had four children: James Harvey Jr. Sarah Ann, Jane, and Rachel Hoffman. Some how, James Harvey Jr. found his way to the state of Maryland to tiny Smith's Island via The Chesapeake Bay. There he met and married Sinah Evans, who was the daughter of Richard (young Dickey) Jr. and Rachel Evans, who lived near Shanks Island, The south-most part of Smiths Island, close to the Md/Va Boundary Line. They had nine children, (that are listed below) .

James Harvey Hoffman Jr. became a Justice of the Peace, for the Southern-half of Smiths Island, which also included the people that lived across the line in Virginia. James Harvey Jr. later bought a home from old John Parks, who had moved to Mt. Vernon, Md. The home straddled the Md/Va Boundary Line. The dwelling part of the home was located in Maryland, and the cook- house was located just over the Boundary Line in Virginia.

In earlier days, it was said, The Parson of the Islands, Joshua Thomas performed Marriages for run-away island Couples, from both Maryland and Virginia that preferred to be married there. The Va. couples were married in part of the dwelling that was in Md. and the Md. couples were married in the cook-house which was just over the Line in Va.

In the year 1864 James H. Jr. and Sinah Hoffman moved from the island to the Virginia Mainland on the Eastern Shore at Hacks Neck, where James Harvey became the first Postmaster of Hacks Neck. Four of the Hoffman's eldest children remained on the island, and raised their families there . All four of older Hoffman children are buried in the island church yards located in all three island communities of Ewell, Rhodes Point, and Tylerton.

Hoffman Family

German Hessian Soldier, fought with Americans in War of 1812.

	<u>Born</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Germany</u>
James Harvey (He-Jay) Hoffman Sr.	1778	No	Death Dates
<u>Wife</u> Nancy Lucas	1780	No	Death Dates

Children of James Harvey Sr. & Nancy Lucas

James Harvey Jr.	1805	M.	Sinah Evans
Sarah Ann	1810	M.	Gilbert Marshall
Jane	1813	D.S.P.	
Rachel L.	1820	M.	Richard Bradshaw

Born - Died

<u>Justice of the Peace</u> James Harvey Hoffman Jr.	1805	NO DEATH DATE	BURIED AT HACKS NECK VA.
Wife D/O Richard & Rachel Sinah Evans	1808	NO DEATH DATE	BURIED AT HACKS NECK VA.