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Governor Head Family Tree

The Head family tree can be traced back 7 generations to Governor Heads great, great, great grandfather who was Arthur Head, born in Wales. His son, James Head, was born in 1683. James' son Major James Head was born in Bradford, Mass and was killed in the battle of Bennington 8/17/1777. Major Head's son was Captain Nathaniel Head born 3/1754 and moved to Hooksett 1783. His son, Colonel John Head, was born 5/1791 and would have a son, Governor Natt Head born May 20, 1828. Governor Head had three children: Annie Sanford, Lewis Fisher and Alice Perley. After Governor Head's children, there is little known of the family tree; Lewis died in 1872 and Annie Sanford died in 1954. Governor Head had 7 siblings, two having died in infancy, so the search for his roots continues.



The origin of the name of Hooksett according to the Hooksett historical sketches appear to be of Indian origin. There were many names used to describe the area around the falls and the Pinnacle. These names were [onna hookline](#), [Anna Hooksett](#), [hanna-Ko-Kees](#) and [Hanna Ho Hees](#).

A petition in 1782 to the General Court also reflects a request to establish a ferry at [Isle a Hucksett Falls](#) and in a guide to the granite state refers to the area as [Isle au Hooksett falls](#) and in the history of Chester the area was referred to it as [Isle of Hoxie Falls](#) and in another instance [Isle of Hoxet Falls](#). Regardless the Town of Hooksett was incorporated on July 2, 1822 and is now celebrating 188 years of History.

There are many families in Hooksett that have deep roots in the town of Hooksett and its these families that make up the true fabric of our town. It is hopeful that many new families will come to Hooksett and plant their roots in our town. Hooksett is made up of many layers and qualities.

Genealogy

On September 23, 2010 the Hooksett Historical society will host a evening on tracing your roots. The program is called Introduction to Genealogy and will cover * What is genealogy and its numerous definitions * Science vs. art - will others be using your research, or it is strictly for your own pleasure? * Using charts and forms - especially pedigree charts and family group sheets * Documenting sources * Begin by talking to living relatives * How to do library and Internet research, pitfalls of both * Sending queries to people you don't know - e-mail and US mail *



The Presenter is Bill Copeley of the NH Historical Society

The Head Mansion, home of Governor Head who was the 46th Governor of NH. This Beautiful home is on the corner of Pleasant and Merrimack Streets in Hooksett. Photo taken circa 1960s



The Head family is one of those families that has had a large impact on the Town of Hooksett. From the Mansion above to the Head Chapel and now Head School house to Head Cemetery (where many members of the family rest including the 46 Governor of New Hampshire to the Head Brick yards of long ago (Many of those bricks were use to build the Amoskeag Mills in Manchester) the Head Family has been an important part of the History of Hooksett. Their Roots go back many years .

For A brief biography of
Governor Head visit

[www.nh.gov/nhdhr/publications
/glikeness/headnatt.html](http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/publications/glikeness/headnatt.html)

Save the date

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