

# MY DESCENT FROM A HENDRICKS CO. PIONEER

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1. Francis Harding Huron B 9-26-1916 M Dec 4, 1943  
(Name of Applicant)  
24 Pilgrim Drive Winchester Massachusetts 01890 Tel. No. 729-8717  
(Street and No.) (Town) (State) (Zip)  
 2. Benjamin Abbott Huron Dec. 31, 1811 Dec. 10, 1835 Feb. 23, 1888  
(Pioneer Ancestor's Name) B-birth date; M-marriage date; D-death date;  
1837 Washington Ind  
SS-settlement date in Hendricks Co.; (SS Place)

Line of Descent

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1. Parents:	H <u>Hugh Henry Huron</u> B <u>10-3-1876</u> M <u>10-28-1908</u> D <u>3-19-1966</u> <small>H-husband;</small>
	W <u>Stella Brooks</u> B <u>May 2 1877</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>Jan 8-1959</u> <small>W-wife.</small>
2. Grand Parents:	H <u>Francis Henry Huron</u> B <u>Mar 25, 1840</u> M <u>Aug 21 1867</u> D <u>Dec 31, 1928</u>
	W <u>Elizabeth Cowan</u> B <u>Sept 1, 1838</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>Feb 2, 1917</u>
3. Great Grand Parents:	H <u>Benjamin Abbott Huron</u> B <u>Dec 31, 1811</u> M <u>Dec 10, 1835</u> D <u>Feb 23, 1888</u>
	W <u>Katherine Harding</u> B <u>Aug. 4, 1815</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>Aug 30, 1902</u>
4. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>Othniel Huron</u> B <u>1-10-1759</u> M <u>1794</u> D <u>2-4-1813</u>
	W <u>Bethiah St. John</u> B <u>6-12-1774</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>7-16-1831</u>
5. Gr.Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>Seth Mahurin</u> B <u>11-11-1729</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>8-10-1815</u>
	W <u>Mary Hazen</u> B <u>2-22-1735</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>6-30-1794</u>
6. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>Ebenezer Mahurin</u> B <u>in Scotland 1694</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>"</u>
	W <u>"</u> B <u>"</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>"</u>
7. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>"</u> B <u>"</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>"</u>
	W <u>"</u> B <u>"</u> M <u>"</u> D <u>"</u>

The first two items must be completed to obtain a certificate. Additional information helpful is occupation of pioneer, public office held, political party, where educated, church affiliation. If descendency can be traced to more than one ancestor other blanks must be used. Ask for them.  
 Verification of above may be found (check at least one); County Clerk's office; Old Bible; Church Records; Voting Records; Cemetery records; others \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: REGARDING LAND ENTRIES**

1. Do you have a patent for land issued to your ancestors in Hendricks County? Yes. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many deeds? \_\_\_\_\_ For how many acres? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom issued? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many of these acres have been held continuously in the family? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Indicate line of descent of ownership.

**ANCESTOR - DECENDANT COMMITTEE**

P. O. 154 DANVILLE, INDIANA 46122

Francis Harding Huron



**HUSBAND** **HUGH HENRY HURON**  
 Place **VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS**  
 Place **IMBLER, UNION COUNTY, OREGON**  
 Place **LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON**  
 Place **SUMMERVILLE, CEMETERY, SUMMERVILLE, OREGON**  
 Place **FRANCIS HENRY HURON** HUSBAND'S MOTHER **ELIZABETH COWAN**  
 NONE

**Born** DAY MONTH YEAR  
**3 OCT. 1876**  
**Chr.**  
**Marr.** **28 OCT. 1908**  
**Died** **19 MAR. 1966**  
 Bur.  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** **STELLA BROOKS**  
 Place **IMBLER, UNION COUNTY, OREGON**  
 Place **LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON**  
 Place **SUMMERVILLE CEMETERY, SUMMERVILLE, OREGON**  
 Place **SAMUEL LEONARD BROOKS** WIFE'S MOTHER **MARY JANE WADE**  
 NONE

**Born** DAY MONTH YEAR  
**2 MAY, 1877**  
**Chr.**  
**Died** **8 JAN. 1959**  
 Bur.  
 WIFE'S FATHER  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE			WHEN DIED		
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1	F MARY ELIZABETH HURON	12	SEP.	1909	IMBLER	UNION	ORE.						
2	M FRANCIS HARDING HURON	26	SEP.	1916	"	"	"						
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DR. HUGH HENRY HURON

Although born in Kansas, from about the age of 6 he grew up and attended school in Danville, Indiana. He graduated from Pulte Medical College in Cincinnati, and practiced medicine in Danville with his father for a time. About 1902 he moved to Union County, Oregon; for a while he was in the lumber business with his brother-in-law Pleas Robinson (husband of Grace Huron). He also homesteaded land in the Grande Ronde valley and subsequently turned to farming. Industrious and successful, he lived on and operated the fertile 600-acre former Brooks ranch, one-and-one-half miles north of the town of Imbler, for some 50 years.

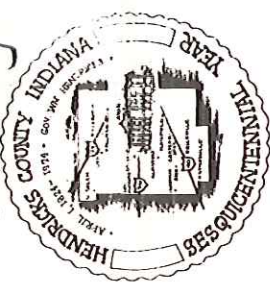
CAPT. FRANCIS H. HURON, USN (Retired)

Since every generation of my family had moved west, there was no choice for me but to go to sea! U.S. Naval Academy 1934-38, graduate engineering degree at M.I.T., sea duty in cruiser, destroyer, battleship and aircraft carrier, various engineering shore duties in Washington, Hawaii, Spain and elsewhere. Retired from the Navy in 1966, now working for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Transportation Systems Center (R&D work). Married 4 December 1943 in Watertown, Mass. Elizabeth Farwell, daughter of Everett Lawrence and Winifred (Doherty) Farwell. Two children: Betty-Jean Huron b. 8 August 1945 (Mrs. James O. Nelson), and Bruce Farwell Huron b. 24 September 1948.

*Francis Harding Huron*  
Francis Harding Huron  
17 April 1975



Francis Harding Huron



**HUSBAND** FRANCIS HENRY HURON  
 Place AVON, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA  
 Place VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS  
 Place DANVILLE, INDIANA  
 Place AVON, INDIANA (Wife's Mother: Katharine Co. J. N.)  
 Place BENJAMIN ABBOTT HURON (Husband's Mother: KATHARINE HARDING)  
 NONE

**WIFE** ELIZABETH COWAN  
 Place GREENVILLE, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 Place DANVILLE, INDIANA  
 Place AVON, INDIANA  
 Place MCCLUER COWAN (Wife's Mother: ELIZABETH BROWN)  
 NONE

**HUSBAND'S FATHER** 25 MAR. 1840  
**HUSBAND'S MOTHER** 21 AUG. 1867  
**HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES** 31 DEC. 1928

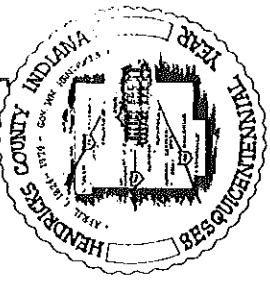
**WIFE'S FATHER** 1 SEP. 1837  
**WIFE'S MOTHER** 2 FEB. 1917  
**WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS**

SEX	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	WHEN BORN		WHERE BORN		STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED						
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1 F	MARY LULU HURON	19	JUNE	1868	VALLEY FALLS	JEFFERSON	KANS.	SINGLE	19	JUNE	1954			
2 F	EDITH KATE HURON	26	SEP.	1871	"	"	"	21	AUG.	1895	16	JULY	1954	
3 F	GRACE Z. HURON	10	SEP.	1874	"	"	"	20	MAR.	1901	17	OCT.	1961	
4 M	HUGH HENRY HURON	3	OCT.	1876	"	"	"	PLEASANT S. ROBINSON	28	OCT.	1908	19	MAR.	1966
5 M	RALPH ROSCOE HURON	6	AUG.	1878	"	"	"	STELLA BROOKS				25	MAY	1934
6 M	FRANCIS HURON	30	DEC.	1879	"	"	"	SINGLE				28	MAR.	1881
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DR. FRANCIS HENRY HURON

Francis Henry Huron was born on his father's farm near Avon, Indiana, and grew up and went to school there. He entered the Danville Academy in 1859. On 18 April 1861 he volunteered into Co. A, 7th Indiana Volunteers, which was the first company to leave the state for the Civil War. He was in the battles of Phillippi, Laurel Hill and Carricks Ford, W. Va. and was mustered out 2 Aug. 1861, enlistment expired. He taught school that winter, then on 22 July 1862 re-enlisted in Co. C. 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (Benjamin Harrison's Regiment), and was in the battles of Russelville, Ky., Resacca, Cassville, New Hope Church, Lost Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, Marietta, Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, March to the Sea, and Savannah, Ga., Raid through South Carolina, Averysboro, Bentonville and Raleigh, N.C., March through Richmond to Washington and the Grand Review there. He was Color Bearer of the Regiment after the battle of Resacca, and First Sergeant after the Atlanta campaign. He was mustered out 8 June 1865.

About 1866 he went to Valley Falls (then Grasshopper Falls), Kansas where he was engaged in merchandising, but soon became interested in medicine. He studied under Dr. Austin Cowan there, then attended Hahnemann Medical Institute in Chicago, graduating in 1872; and set up practice in Valley Falls where he remained for ten years. While in Kansas he met and married Elizabeth Cowan, a younger sister of Dr. Cowan with whom he studied medicine. All their children were born in Valley Falls. In 1882 they returned to Hendricks County, Indiana where they settled in Danville, and lived out their lives there. He practiced medicine there until he retired about 1918.



**HUSBAND BENJAMIN ABBOTT HURON**

Place **RED LION, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

Place **BROWNSBURG, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA (HARDING HOME)**

Place **AVON, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**

Place **"**

Place **OTHNIEL HURIN** HUSBAND'S MOTHER **BETHIA ST. JOHN**

**NONE**

**WIFE KATHARINE HARDING**

Place **NEAR CAMPBELLSVILLE, TAYLOR COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

Place **CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA**

Place **AVON, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**

Place **AARON HARDING** WIFE'S MOTHER **HANNAH HOLLETT**

**NONE**

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
31	DEC.	1811
10	DEC.	1835
23	FEB.	1888

Bur. HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

4	AUG.	1815
30	AUG.	1902

Bur. WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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1	M AARON OTHNIEL HURON	15	SEP.	1836	NEAR AVON	HENDRICKS	IND.			11	OCT.	1841	
2	M GEORGE ANDREW HURON	29	MAR.	1838	"	"	"	31	JUL.	1861	21	JUNE	1927
3	M FRANCIS HENRY HURON	25	MAR.	1840	"	"	"	21	AUG.	1867	31	DEC.	1928
4	F WELLEN ANN HURON	14	DEC.	1841	"	"	"	25	JUNE	1873	5	APR.	1931
5	F SARAH JANE HURON	7	JAN.	1844	"	"	"	DR. JOSEPH D. BENNETT			4	JUNE	1933
6	F ESTHER ANN HURON	12	AUG.	1846	"	"	"	(SINGLE)					
7	F AMANDA KATE HURON	15	SEP.	1848	"	"	"	31	AUG.	1870	2	FEB.	1932
8	M SETH THOMAS HURON	26	JUNE	1850	"	"	"	SAMUEL H. KELSEY					
9	F MARY ELIZABETH HURON	23	SEP.	1852	"	"	"	28	JULY	1892			
10	M WILLIS BENJAMIN HURON	5	APR.	1858	"	"	"	DAVID B. GILBERT					
11								2	AUG.	1876	15	JUNE	1934
12								MARY ETTA FARMER					
13								10	APR.	1889	25	SEP.	1926
14								MARTIN J. COOPER					
								18	SEP.	1882	13	FEB.	1941
								JENNIE OSBORN					

BENJAMIN ABBOTT HURON

Benjamin Abbott Huron, an early settler in Hendricks County, was born 31 December 1811 near Red Lion, Warren County, Ohio. He was the youngest of ten children, and when he was little more than a year old his father was killed in an accident. He grew up on his widowed mother's farm, and shortly after she died in 1831, moved to Hendricks County, Ind. (I was told by my father that Benjamin A. changed the name further from Hurin to Huron because of a bitter disagreement with an uncle in Ohio over some property. His brother Seth, who also moved to Hendricks County, did not change the spelling).

In Hendricks County he "entered land from the government" (my unverified notes list SW 1/4 Sec 11 Twp 15 R 1 E - 5 Nov. 1831; E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 2 Twp 15 R 1 E - 13 Nov. 1832; SW 1/4 Sec 26 Twp 16 R 1 E - 11 Oct. 1833; and that at one time he owned two other tracts which he did not patent). He married 10 Dec. 1835 Katharine Harding, who had come with her parents Aaron and Hannah Harding from near Campbellsville, Ky. to Hendricks County in February 1834. (Her father owned slaves in Kentucky, but disliking slavery set them free and moved to Indiana). Benjamin and Katharine Huron began their married life in the forest near Avon, building a log cabin in the center of the same 80 acres on which their later home stood up to modern times. In a letter dated 5 Dec. 1935 their daughter A. Kate Gilbert wrote to her niece Edith H. Prentice: "The young woman just past 20, and the young man three weeks short of 24! And they went courageously and hopefully into the forest - built their cabin - grubbed out the roots of trees - burned the brush - and gave life to ten children! On the inside of the cabin home was the cooking on the hearth in front of the roaring, hot fire; carding, spinning, and weaving of wool - knitting of footwear for the pattering feet, cutting and sewing with a needle the cloth woven by one pair of hands - by the light of a tallow candle, or a wad of cloth tied around a button and sunk in a saucer of lard. I was the last one born in the cabin. The day I was six weeks old they put the stuff into a wagon, and moved into the "big new house" a quarter of a mile away, on the road. You see I remember well! Tom, Mary and Will were born in the "new house". At the age of five years their firstborn "went away to be with God". - - - They buried that first child in 1841, and not until 1926 - eighty five years later - did the first break come in the ranks of "the nine". - - - Only two of us remain!"

Benjamin A. Huron donated a corner of his land for the first school building, and taught there for a few years. He was active in church and educational affairs, and held various township offices. Katharine Huron was a strong, active noble woman who was widely known, respected and loved in the community. This was a very close-knit family, but a breakfast one morning in 1866 was destined to be their last meeting all together. On that day some left home for their own careers, and eventually they were widely scattered. In later years there were reunions or picnics on the old farm, notably in 1885 (Golden Wedding), 1893, 1902 and 1907. The picnic 9 Aug. 1893 was attended by about 300 people from near and far, and it was estimated that two thirds of them were related to the family. At the time of the reunion 7 Aug. 1902, shortly before Katharine Huron's death, she had living 9 children, 22 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; of the 41 descendants at that time, 30 were present at the reunion. In later years "the nine" and their

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Francis Harding Huron

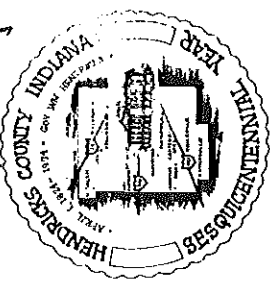
**HUSBAND** OTHNIEL HURIN (MAHURIN)  
 Place MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY About 1787  
 Place WARREN COUNTY, OHIO (PROBABLY)  
**SETH MAHURIN**  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER MARY HAZEN

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
10	JAN.	1759
10	JUNE.	1759
ABOUT		1794
4	FEB.	1813

**WIFE** BETHIA ST. JOHN  
 Place PROBABLY DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK  
 Place WARREN COUNTY, OHIO (PROBABLY)  
**JOHN ST. JOHN**  
 WIFE'S FATHER ANNA LOCKWOOD

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
12	JUNE	1774
16	JULY	1831

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1 F	MARY HURIN	8	OCT.	1795	PROBABLY ALL	"	"	(SINGLE)	13	NOV.	1813
2 F	ANNA HURIN	25	NOV.	1796	BORN NEAR	"	"	MAR 26, 1815 ABSALOM PAYNE	7	APR.	1849
3 F	EXPERIENCE HURIN	13	AUG.	1798	RED LION	WARREN	OHIO	1 AUG. 1817 JAMES CHANDLER WOOD	23	MAY	1856
4 F	HANNAH HURIN	11	FEB.	1800	"	"	"	(SINGLE)	1	AUG.	1814
5 F	REBECCA N. HURIN	20	FEB.	1801	"	"	"	18 MAY 1820 JOSEPH FAUCETT	19	JAN.	1871
6 M	SETH J. HURIN	10	MAY	1803	"	"	"	JUN. 25, 1825 MATILDA ROSS MA. Set 5	28	JULY	1877
7 F	ATHALIA HURIN	13	NOV.	1805	"	"	"	Nov. 30, 1823 WALTER BRANDON	11	JULY	1841
8 F	PHEBE HURIN	20	AUG.	1807	"	"	"	29 SEP. 1828 HUGH BARNHILL	12	AUG.	1839
9 F	BETHIAH HURIN	12	AUG.	1809	"	"	"	AUG. 23, 1832 ALEXANDER ROSS	12	JUNE	1884
10 M	BENJAMIN ABBOT HURIN	31	DEC.	1811	"	"	"	10 DEC. 1835 KATHARINE HARDING	23	FEB.	1888
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OTHNIEL HURIN (MAHURIN)

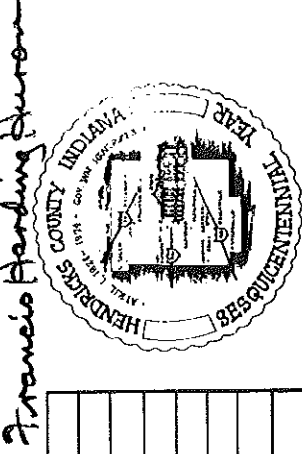
An unverified family legend relates that Othniel and his three brothers were persuaded by a schoolteacher to drop the "Ma" from the name Mahurin, as it would then be "more American". Whatever the reason, the whole family including their father Seth joined in this action, and the whole family was using the name Hurin by about 1787.

The whole family moved from Morris County, New Jersey to Ulster County, New York about 1787, and were located in New Marlborough township in the first U.S. Census in 1790. Not very much detail is known about Othniel and his family, except names and dates. He married Bethia St. John in 1794, but the exact date or place are not known. Her family lived in Dutchess County, New York. Both Bethia's father John St. John and Othniel's father Seth Mahurin were Revolutionary War soldiers, and DAR lineages are proven for both.

About 1795 (possibly not all at the same time) there was a considerable emigration of the Hurins, St. Johns and other related families from New York to Ohio. The Hurins may have settled first, for a short time, near Cincinnati, but they soon settled permanently in what is now Warren County, at Red Lion, near Lebanon. Othniel's brother Silas was one of the original founders of Lebanon. Othniel's children, except perhaps the first one or two, were probably all born at Red Lion. Othniel died from an accident (nature unknown) at age 54, when most of his children were still young.

REFERENCES: "Family Records, or Genealogies of the First Settlers of the Passaic Valley" by John Littell (1851) pages 189 and 190. "The Hazen Family in America" by Tracy Elliot Hazen and Robert Hazen (1947) page 61. "The St. John Genealogy" by Orline St. John Alexander (1907) page 192. Also various other family records in my possession.

Francis Harding Huron  
5 March 1975



**HUSBAND** SETH HURIN (MAHURIN)  
 Place RAYNHAM (TAUNTON), MASS.  
 Place PROBABLY MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
 Place HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO  
 Place HUSBAND'S MOTHER BATHSHEBA JOYCE  
**HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES**  
NONE

**WIFE** MARY HAZEN  
 Place LYME, CONN.  
 Place PROBABLY ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK  
**WIFE'S FATHER**  
JOHN HAZEN  
**WIFE'S MOTHER**  
ELIZABETH DART  
**WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS**  
NONE

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1 F	HANNAH HURIN	4	FEB.	1754	ROCKAWAY PARISH	MORRIS	<u>Apr. 1819</u> JOHN THARP	29	NOV.	1841
2 F	ELIZABETH HURIN	11	APR.	1756	"	"	UZEL BATES	6	FEB.	1826
3 M	OTHNIEL HURIN	10	JAN.	1759	"	"	1794 BETHIA ST. JOHN	4	FEB.	1813
4 F	PHEBE HURIN	11	APR.	1761	"	"	BETHUEL NORRIS			1853
5 F	MARY HURIN	6	FEB.	1764	"	"		6	SEP.	1766
6 M	ENOS HURIN	19	SEP.	1766	"	"	JANE			
7 F	MARY HURIN	11	OCT.	1769	"	"	JESSE GENUNG	4	JULY	1844
8 M	ELI HURIN	21	APR.	1772	"	"	LUCRETIA MARTIN	21	JAN.	1828
9 M	SILAS HURIN	22	JUL.	1774	"	"	15 SEP. 1799 AGNES LUDLOW	19	JAN.	1862
10 F	CATHERINE HURIN	22	MAR.	1777	"	"	VAN McHENRY OR McCHESNEY	19	MAR.	1829
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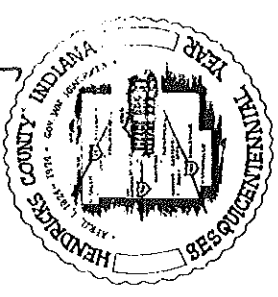
A biography of Seth Mahurin would be extremely interesting, if we only knew the details of his life. Born in Raynham (then Taunton), Mass. (Raynham Town Clerk's records), moved to New Jersey at age 2 with his parents (1731), married and raised a family there, a patriot and Revolutionary War soldier, moved to New York (1787), moved to Ohio (1795), and died there (1815). According to one newspaper account of the Hurin family in Ohio ("The Western Star", Lebanon, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1941 page 2-C) he went to an eastern college, possibly Yale (I have not been able to confirm this). His son Silas was one of the four original founders of Lebanon (same article).

He was an original subscriber in Rockaway Parish in Morris County, New Jersey in 1758. In May, 1776 he was one of the subscribers and signers of Articles of Association of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Pequannock (Morris Co.) denouncing England and agreeing to support measures recommended by the Continental and Provincial Congresses. He is listed as a Pvt. of New Jersey troops in DAR Patriot's Index, 1st supplement.

See also the separate page regarding Othniel Hurin, his son, and references thereon.

Francis Harding Huron  
17 April 1975

Francis Harding Hoverson



**HUSBAND** EBENEZER MAHURIN  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place MARSHFIELD, MASS. BY REV. JAMES GARDNER  
 Place PEQUANOCK, NEW JERSEY  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place HUGH MAHURIN  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER MARY -----

**WIFE** BATHSHEBA JOYCE  
 Place MARSHFIELD, MASS.  
 Place FIRST CHURCH, MARSHFIELD, MASS.  
 Place PROBABLY IN NEW JERSEY NEAR MORRISTOWN

Place WALTER JOYCE  
 WIFE'S MOTHER ELIZABETH -----

Born 17 JAN. 1693  
 Chr. 21 AUG. 1698  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

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		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	M STEPHEN MAHURIN	9	NOV.	1720	RAYNHAM	BRISTOL	MASS.						
2	F MARY MAHURIN	27	MAR.	1727	"	"	"	4 MAR. 1745	PETER NORRIS	ABOUT 1770?			
3	M SETH MAHURIN	11	NOV.	1729	"	"	"	ABOUT 1753	MARY HAZEN	8 OCT. 1815			
4	F BETTY MAHURIN	24	MAR.	1731	"	"	"						
5	M OTANIEL MAHURIN ? (POSSIBLY OTHERS)			IN 1730's ?	NOT KNOWN	MORRIS	N.J.						NOV. 1757
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EBENEZER MAHURIN

The essential facts concerning Ebenezer Mahurin are recorded, but little detail. It is known that he was Hugh Mahurin's eldest son. His marriage and the birth of four children are recorded in Massachusetts records. On 26 July 1731 he sold his land in Taunton (the part that is now Raynham); the deed is plainly signed "Ebenezer Mehurin" and "Bathsheba Mehurin". At this time they apparently moved to Hunterdon (now Morris) County, New Jersey, where he is next of record as one of the original members of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, in 1742 (the Church was organized in July 1738). There is notation that Ebenezer Mahurin and others gave public confession for being involved in the casting of lots to determine whether the church should be established at Morristown or Hanover. The administration of his estate indicates that he was a "collyer", of Pequannock, Morris County. He left no will.

The listing of Othniel as one of his children is an assumption. Whether he had other children after leaving Massachusetts is not known. Othniel, variously recorded as "Sarjeant Mahurin" and "Otho M'Hurin", was ambushed and killed as was another man with him by five Indians 16 November 1757, about two miles from a fort or Headquarters "on the frontiers of New Jersey". Since he was a "Sarjeant" at the time of this killing, he must have been over 16 years old, hence probably born in the 1730s, hence probably a son of Ebenezer. The name Othniel was commemorated in the descendants of both Stephen and Seth, Ebenezer's other two known sons.

Stephen's family all left Morris County sometime during or after the Revolution, and moved south. Some were briefly in North Carolina, then in western Virginia. Most eventually settled in Kentucky, most in Shelby County, some in Grayson County. Seth's family, as noted on another page, moved about the same time to New York for a short time, then to Ohio.

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Francis Harding Huron  
6 March 1975

Francis Harding Thurston



**HUSBAND** HUGH MAHURIN  
 Place PROBABLY SCOTLAND, OR NORTHERN IRELAND

Place NOT KNOWN  
 Place TAUNTON, BRISTOL COUNTY, MASS.  
 Place NOT KNOWN

**WIFE** MARY -----  
 Place NOT KNOWN  
 Place NOT KNOWN  
 Place NOT KNOWN

**HUSBAND'S FATHER** NOT KNOWN  
**HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES** NOT KNOWN

SEX	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	WHEN BORN		WHERE BORN			STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY		TO WHOM	DAY	
M	EBENEZER MAHURIN	CA.	1691?	NOT KNOWN	--	--	--	12 DEC.	1718	NOV. 1755
M	JONATHAN MAHURIN	CA.	1693	"	"	"	"	9 JULY	1740	SEP. OR OCT. 1757
F	BATSHEBA MAHURIN	CA.	1697?	PROBABLY TAUNTON	BRISTOL	MASS	"	8 APR.	1724	"
M	HUGH MAHURIN	CA.	1700	"	"	"	"	17 DEC.	1725	21 JAN. 1784
M	BENJAMIN MAHURIN	CA.	1702?	"	"	"	"	23 DEC.	1731	1761
F	HANNAH MAHURIN	CA.	1704?	"	"	"	"	BEFORE	1729	19 DEC. 1754
F	ELIZABETH MAHURIN	CA.	1710?	"	"	"	"	12 OCT.	1733	"
	(POSSIBLY OTHERS)									

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HUGH MAHURIN

Hugh Mahurin, who is assumed to be the first one of the name in this country, probably arrived in America about 1690. Nothing definite is known about his country of origin, although family legends almost uniformly ascribe Scot ancestry. Passenger lists and other sources have been searched without result. The names of his children would indicate English, Scotch or Irish origins. I have been told at the Scots Ancestry Research Society in Edinburgh that the name Mahurin does not quite "sound Scot"; nevertheless they performed a search, without result, and also suggested the name might be corrupted from some other similar name. Scot birth, marriage and death records prior to 1855 are not centralized, but are scattered in the several hundred old parishes, so that it is necessary to know not only a name but a location for effective search. At the Ulster-Scot Historical Society in Belfast I quickly found record of similar-sounding names such as McHeron and MacGurrin. This Society also performed a search without success. Very few records exist there of the seventeenth century. My own unsupported guess is that Hugh may have been an Ulster-Scot, with the family possibly having been transported there from Scotland in Cromwellian times. Hugh was almost certainly a Protestant. His son Ebenezer helped found the First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, N.J.

Existing factual records of Hugh and his family are scanty. The first recorded fact is that he was granted ten acres of land in Taunton, Massachusetts 15 March 1692/93. He bought seven-teen and one half acres additional land in Taunton in 1695 for five pounds in silver money. In a deed dated 19 March 1717/18 he mentioned "my eldest son Ebenezer Mahurin", "my other children" (without mentioning their names), and "my present wife Mary". He died in May 1718. He was called "yeoman" in the inventory of his estate. A great fire in Taunton in 1838 destroyed most of the town records, so it is not surprising that no birth records of his children, nor any other facts than those stated here, have been discovered to date.

Except for Ebenezer, it is an assumption that the other Mahurins of record in the vicinity of Taunton in the early 1700s were Hugh's children. This assumption is logical, it fits all known facts, no contradictory evidence has been discovered, and there is no other known family of similar name in the area. The fact that the name is spelled in various ways is believed insignificant; Hugh signed his deed with a "mark", indicating he could not write, and further the clerks who recorded various documents did not spell names consistently.

It is interesting to speculate that Hugh Mahurin's wife may have been a Campbell. The families were neighbors; Ebenezer Campbell witnessed one of the deeds and helped inventory the estate; and the names Ebenezer and Othniel were common to both families. The location of Hugh's land is shown on a map prepared in 1728 and included in Samuel Hopkins Emery's "History of Taunton". At top left of center of the map is "E. Meheuran" - obviously Ebenezer who inherited the land from his father in 1718.

Francis Harding Huron  
6 March 1975

REFERENCES: Proprietor's Records of Taunton 4:296. Taunton Register of Deeds 12:116 and 12:117. Bristol County Probate Records 3:439. Vital Records of Bridgewater 2-253, and NEHGR XXI p. 228, also Bassett Genealogy.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Be it known that on the 23 day fo February 1888 I, R. F. Harper, coroner of Hendricks Co., Ind. being duly notified of a man geting killed at Avon by a freight train & when I ari-ved thar I found that B. A. Huron had been killed by freight train No 43. I at once went in to a thorough investigation by the examination of the folowing witnesses:

H. S. Shipman age 30 being duly sworn says: I reside at Indianapolis. I am Conductor on No. 43 freight. We passed Avon about 11:30. I was not aware of an accident till we stopped. I did not know what we stopped for till engineer told me. We were runing about 20 or 25 miles an hour. We heard no signal--sometimes we hear and sometimes we can't on account of rattle of train. I was in the caboose at the time of accident. I knew of no accident until we stopped. When we come to station I saw the old gentleman in the room on bench. I recon we was here about ten or fifteen minutes. We had to get out of way of fast train. We seen he was in hands of friends who would take care of him. He was not dead at that time. The only thing that I could see was the wound on right elbow and a slight discoloration on forehead. I did not hear him speak. I did not think he was dangerously hurt. We stopped caboose on the other side of bridge. I did not see the mail matter. I heard engineer say he did not see him until he was almost a foot from him an caught him on elbow and wheeled him around against the fence.

The fireman said he was gutting in a fire and the engineer was on this side right side couldn't see him unless he had been on the track some time on coming across the track the engineer could not see him until he got on his side of engine. It is the engineer's duty to blow the whistle and fireman's duty to ring the bell. The fireman couldn't ring the bell and put in a fire at the same time. If we had heard the whistle when he first called for brakes, we could have stopped the train before the engine got to the tank. The bell rope is connected on right side of engine cab, an in case fireman is putting fire and can't ring bell, the engineer can ring the bell without moving off his seat. This accident happened on 23d of Feb. 1888

H. S. Shipman

Enoch Sluther is my name. I am 47. Being duly sworn testifies as follows: I reside at Indianapolis & Brightwood. I am an engineer. No. of our train is 43. I think we passed Avon about 11:30. I knew of an accident while passing Avon. We struck an old gentleman by cattle guard. I think he was trying to cross the track. I don't think I was over 2 or 3 feet from him when I first saw him. We were running 20 or 22 miles an hour. I was looking out at window on right side. I whistled the proper signal and the bell was ringing when I shut off engine. I saw him fall. He seemed to make a quick motion side-ware to get off the ties. We run below the tank into the hollow. We stopped train as quick as we could. We had heavy train and down grade. We backed back to



station. The injured man was in depot when we came back. I didn't think he was badly injured. I did not hear him speak. I did not see the man reading when he was hit. I did not see any mail matter on ground or in office. Our speed was about the usual speed at this place. We were about east of switch when signal was given and about two or three hundred yards east of crossing. I think the brakeman was ringing the bell. He begun where I whistled and rung till after we passed the station. The fireman was putting some coal in. I didn't see the man's hands. It was almost an instant from time I saw him till engine struck him. When I first seen him, he was standing still on ties and then made a quick motion to get off. He was about second or third tie east of cattle guard. I think we struck him on elbow with pilot beam. We stopped before we got to the cut across the creek caboose just over bridge. I didn't see any mail matter. I shut off steam as soon as I seen him and whistled for breaks. I hadn't shut off steam before I saw him.

Enoch Sluthour

My name is M. C. Young, Being duly sworn testifies as follows: I am 33. I am brakeman. I reside at Brightwood, Ind. I was on train 43 yesterday the 23. I think we passed Avon about 10:20 or 10:30 maybe a little later. I think we were running about 20 miles an hour. I am head breakman. I heard engineer blow whistle about east end of switch and commence ringing bell about same time, about 50, 60, or 100 yards from crossing. It is the engineer's business to blow whistle. The fireman's business is to ring the bell, but when he is busy putting in fire the engineer rings it. I was ringing bell when we passed through Avon. The engineer blew the whistle, train running about its usual speed through here. I did not see any accident. I did not see the man who was injured. I was looking back at time to see if train was connected. Engineer said he had struck a man at same time he called for brake. We run west just below the water tank before stopping. We then backed to crossing. I did not come back to depot. I did not see the man that was struck at all. I didn't come into the room after we came back. I have been on this road since last June. As far as I know the proper signals are always given when we come to crossings.

I did not see any mail matter. I did not talk to Dr. Huron at Danville. The bell begun ringing at east end of switch and continued until we called for brakes. We were using some steam but not a full head of steam--as much as usual on down grade. The fireman was puting in fire when we struck the man. It is no one's duty to watch ahead on left side of track when fireman is busy. I did not see the man reading when he was struck.

M. C. Young

Albert Mathers being duly sworn testifies as follows: My name is Albert Mathers. I am 19 years old. I reside at Mattoon, Ill. I am fireman. I have been on this road 7 months the 11<sup>of</sup>/<sub>next</sub> month. I was on No. 43 at time of accident. Yesterday was 23d.

We passed through Avon about 11:30 o'clock yesterday, train was running about 20 miles an hour. The proper signal was given before we reached Avon. Signal was given about east end of switch, about 200 yards I guess, from crossing. The brakeman rung the bell. The engineer blew the whistle. I was putting fire when we crossed commenced about mail stand I saw no one on track and knew of no accident. We came back to crossing and then went on nearly to Gale before I knew of an accident. I was on the engine all the time. It is about three miles to Gale. We had gone two or three miles before I knew of an accident. I run the engine back to crossing. I got a signal from engineer to back up and no one was on the engine with me but head brakeman, while backing up. We were all three on engine until engine slowed up so engineer could get off. He got off on west side of bridge. The brakeman and I rode back together on engine until caboose come to crossing. After we left the crossing the brakeman stayed on top of cars, when engineer shut off and called for brake he hollered something to brakeman I did not understand him. I never heard anything as to what was the matter. I asked the brakeman two or three times and he said he didn't know. The brakeman told me we had struck somebody after we had stoped across the bridge, before we backed up to the crossing. I stated before that I knew nothing of the accident until we got nearly to Gale. I can't very well explain that now. The engineer and I rode together till the engineer got off the engine beyond the bridge. The engineer said nothing to me but to watch the injector. Coming back to the station the brakeman come onto engine a couple of times and put in fire and the rest of the time he was on top of the train. The brakeman was in two feet of me while putting in fire. While he was on the engine the brakeman said we had struck somebody. The brakeman rung the bell before coming to crossing. He was sitting on front part of seat box on left hand side. I don't know which way he was looking. It is the fireman's duty to watch ahead on left side before coming to crossings. I was not watching ahead yesterday before coming to the crossing. A man can see both sides twenty-five yards ahead of track no difference where he sits. I did not see or talk to Dr. F. H. Huron at Danville yesterday. I did not hear any of the train men say the man was reading when he was hit. I wish to state that the brakeman told me as we were backing up to crossing that we had struck someone.

A. Mathers

Mrs. A. J. Snider being duly sworn says she is 31 years. I reside in Avon, Ind. saw a train pass about 11:30 AM on 23rd inst. I was standing in smoke house door about 15 rods south of crossing in plain view of the train. Did not hear whistle until after engine passed crossing. I did not hear the bell ring. The train was going west If bell had rung or whistle had blown I could have heard it. Train sometimes pass without ringing bell or whistle blowing. I did not hear the train men say anything about an accident. I saw Ben Huron laying on bench in depot after he had been struck

by train. I did not hear him speak. He seemed to be badly hurt. I saw him about 8 or 10 rods south of track. I saw papers sticking out of breast pocket of coat he had nothing in his hand. It was before he reached the track Mrs. A. J. Snyder

R. D. Snider being duly sworn says: I am 35 years of age. I reside in Avon, Ind. Occupation is that of a blacksmith. Did not see any train going west on the 23 inst. about 11:20 A. M. but saw it when it backed up to depot. I was in my shop at time 11:30 train passed --heard the whistle sounded about 120 rods east of crossing. I did not hear the bell nor the whistle any more between that and crossing. I heard whistle after engine passed crossing. I was not at work and could have heard bell if it had been rung. Train sometimes passes without ringing bell or blowing whistle.

After train passed Mr. Ryan's son came down and said a man was hurt. I went to crossing and found Mr. Huron sitting on north side of track Mr. Ryan holding him up. His cap was lying a little west of center of crossing about west wagon track between rails. He was lying about one rod west of his cap on north side of track. Mr. Ryan's wife and daughter were with him when I got there. I did not hear him speak, helped carry him into depot. I saw mail matter in his pocket did not see any on the ground. He seemed to be seriously hurt. I helped to take him home before he died. He died about one hour and 15 min. after accident occurred.

The engineer told me the flag staff struck him on elbow. Mr. John Ryan told me as we were coming back from Hurons after he had died that he was reading a letter when he was struck and paying no attention to the train. Mr. Ryan did not go with us to Mr. Hurons, but came after he was dead. Mr. Ryan stated that the letter was from his wife. I saw Mr Huron going to and returning from Post Office and saw nothing in his hand.

R. D. Snyder

E. T. Huron being duly sworn Says: I reside at Avon Ind and keep the post office about 40 rods south of Avon Station. B. A. Huron came to Post Office about 11:15 o'clock A M Feby. 23, 1888 and got the mail for his family. He got two newspapers and one letter was from Huntington & Hoss. Indianapolis and was addressed to Mr Huron's son, S. T. Huron and had not been opened when he got it. He stayed in the office probably 5 min and started toward home. A few minutes later I heard a west bound freight train whistle for breaks near Avon crossing. I did not hear a whistle or ringing of a bell before or after that. If there had been I could have heard it. I did not see the accident. Mr. John Ryan told me that he had a letter or paper or something in his hand and that he looked up and spoke and then resumed his reading. The reason that the letter was from Huntington & Hoss was from their advertisement on the envelope. This morning Feby 24-88 I heard a freight train pass without whistling although the bell rang.

E. T. Huron

Lizzie Huron being duly sworn says: Her age is 31 years. She resides at Avon, Ind about 40 rods south of Avon Station. I was in the room back of Post office about 11:30 AM Feby. 23, 88 with doors toward Railroad open. I heard the freight train pass and heard the whistle for breaks near Avon crossing. I did not hear the whistle or hear the bell ring before or after that. If whistle had been blown or bell rung I could have heard it.

This morning, Feby. 24 I noticed a freight train pass without whistling although the bell rung.

Lizzie Huron

Louisa Barker age 48 years being duly sworn says: I reside at Avon Ind. about 120 feet south of Avon station was in my sitting room on Feby 23 '88 at about 11:30 AM and heard a freight train pass going west I did not hear it whistle or hear the bell ring.

Just a few moments before the train passed I saw B. A. Huron going north toward the Station and not more than 75 yds from it. He had nothing in his hand but I saw a newspaper sticking out of pocket of his coat. When the train passed my daughter called to me "Somebody is Killed. I hurried to the crossing and saw Mr. Huron lying on north side of track and west side of county road. He was soon carried into the depot and laid on a bench and there I saw a newspaper fall out of his coat pocket onto the floor. I heard John Ryan say that Mr. Huron was reading a letter. I know that some trains pass the crossing here without whistling or ringing bell.

Louisa Barker

Jennie Barker age 19 years being duly sworn says: I reside at Avon, Ind. about 120 feet south of Avon station and across Ry tracks from station. I was in the kitchen Feby 23 '88 at about 11:30 AM and the door next to the R. R. was open. I saw a freight train pass going west and when its engine was near Avon crossing I heard it whistle for brakes. I did not hear the whistle nor hear the bell ring before this time. I think it was past the crossing when it whistled for breaks. After the train passed I saw Mr. Ryan holding Mr. Huron's head up and I called to Ma, that somebody was killed

Jennie Barker

Sarah Barker 22 years old being duly sworne says: I reside at Avon about 120 feet south of the railroad track and about 9 rods east of the Co. road. I was in my sitting room about 11:30 AM Feby 23-88 and heard a train whistle about a half east of station It was coming west. I did not hear it whistle or the bell ring any more untill the engine got to Avon crossing when it whistled very shrill and loud for breaks. I know that trains do sometimes pass this crossing without either whistling or ringing



the bell. After the train passed I saw Mr. Ryan holding Mr. Huron's head up and ran over there and Mr. Huron's cap was lying near the center of wagon road just north of R R track. Mr. Huron was lying about 15 feet west of his cap. After he was carried into depot I heard him say "Rais me up". I heard Mr. Ryan say that when Mr. Huron passed him he had a paper in his hand and spoke to him and then went on with his reading. After the train had backed up and gone again I saw Mr. Ryan with a letter in his hand which he said belonged to Mr. Huron and he supposed was from his wife. The letter had<sup>then</sup> been opened on the side. Mr. Ryan took it out of the envelop and then replaced it saying he did not want to read it. Mr. Snider, Mr. Ryan and his son carried him into the depot.

Sarah Barker

C. A. Tracy being duly sworne says: I am 23 years old on Feby 23 1888 was at Mr Jordon Barkers about 150 yds north of Avon Station of I & St L R R about 11:30 AM. I was siting in room facing railroad at that time a freight train passed and I did not hear any signal by ringing of bell or blowing of whistle before reaching the crossing. After engine passed crossing I heard sound of whistle did not know that any accident had occured at that time. Was watching train as it came down toward the station and if whistle had blown or bell rung I surely would have heard it. My residence is at Whiteland Ind, Johnson Co.

C. A. Tracy

John Ryan being duly sworne says: My age is 50 years. I have been section foreman on the I & St. L R R for the last four years. On the 23 of Feby 1888 I was about 60 feet south main track and about same distance from County road at Avon Station. This was about 11 or 12 o'clock when I saw train No 43 approaching from the east. About 700 feet from crossing I heard the sound of the whistle and ringing of the bell. At same time saw Mr Huron about 50 feet from main track walking north. I spoke to him and nodded his head. He had in his hand a white paper and also paper in right coat side breast pocket. Did notice whether or not he was looking at what he had in his hand. I did not see any specticles. There was no obsruction on side track east of crossing. After train passed saw Mr. Huron lying against the fence about 10 feet north of north rail of main track. I was the first to get to him after the accident. I raised him up and gave him some water. All that he said was, "Water" I remember that Mr Snider was the first to help. Mr. Snider myself and two others carried him into depot, don't remember who the other two were. I picked up a letter and postal card lying near his cap in wagon road about 20 feet east of where he lay against the fence. I put them in his pocket with newspaper. I think I put them in the right side pocket. When we started to carry him in his mail all of his mail fell out of his pocket. I picket mail up and spoke to Mr. Snider to take care of it. Some boddy carried it in and layed it on window. His cap was lying in center of County road about 4 feet north of main track. Did not have any of the mail in my hand after it was put in ticket office window. As soon as he was carried in I

went to telegraph for Cos, surgeon. I telegraphed first to roadmaster at Mattoon I then telegraphed to Dr. Morrisee surgeon at Indianapolis. When I picked up the letter it was torn open after accident train backed up. I had no talk with any of the train men. I did not look to see what time it was when the train passed. The train went about half a mile before stoping, about 25 minutes after accident the train backed up.

The railroad track is a heavy down grade from three fourths of a mile east of crossing to a mile west of crossing. Train was going west and down grade at time of accident. To the best of my judgment the train was going at the rate of 18 to 20 miles an hour at the time of the accident. When the train backed up Mr. Huron had been carried into depot. I don't know the names of any of the train men. After carrying Mr. Huron into the depot I sat down to write a couple of messages. When I got the messages written S. T. Huron a son of the injured man arrived with a spring wagon. I helped put him in the wagon. Before the injured man was taken away from the depot Dr. Ragan came about 20 min after he was hurt, stayed untill he was taken away and went away with him. I told some of the boys to go for S. T. Huron I think it was my son that went. When S. T. Huron came with spring wagon he had a bed in wagon. The train had been started away 20 or 25 min before S. T. Huron came with the wagon. W. W. Barker is ticket agent at Avon station. He was not at the station at the time of the accident. I wrot no telegraph messages except the two above spoken of when the train backed up I did not see any of the train men get off or on. I was busy writing the messages at that time. I can't tell how long the train remained here. I paid no attention to that. My attention was all on the injured man. I did not see any of the train men in the depot at any time that day. I did not see any of the train off the train that day. I was alone on wright of way at work when Mr. Huron passed before the accident. That was the first time I had seen Mr. Huron that day. I was walking east at the time I saw him. He was walking north at that time. He was nearly 100 feet from me when I first saw him. I only saw him while I raised my hand to saluted him and he bowed his head to me.

Mr. Huron was in the middle of the Co. road going north and about 60 feet south of the R R track. After the mail was picked up when we started to move Mr. Huron and it was dropping from his pocket I next saw it on shelf in window of the ticket office. I only saw one letter postal card and newspaper. I don't know who any of the mail matter was addressed to as I did not read the address on any of it. The news paper was not in a rapper but loose. I did not examine the mail matter after it was laid in the ticket office. No person saw Mr. Huron at the time he was struck by the engine that I know of. I have not heard any say that they saw him at the he was struck by the engine. I do not know what Mr. Huron was doing at the time he was struck. I have never told any person what he was doing at the time he was struck. I did not know and couldn't tell after the accident on that day worked along the track driveing spikes, tightening bolts

& etc. the next day I put in the same way except I went over to Mr. Huron's house an hour or so after he was taken home. When I got there he was dead and I assisted in washing and dressing his body. Last night Feb 24 I went to Indianapolis about 6 o'clock on a call from a society The Irish American Club. I saw none of the Indianapolis and St. Louis R R men I went to Indianapolis on train No. 8 a local passenger train. I saw the trainmen of train No 43 that injured Mr. Huron yesterday after dinner Feb 24. I saw four of the trainmen yesterday but don't know what their names are or what duties they perform on train. I don't know what train they came on but when I came home at noon they were sitting in the depot. I had no conversation with the train men except to say how do you do and they replied in the same manner. I don't know who was the first person was that I heard say Mr. Huron was reading a letter from his wife at the time the train struck him. I first heard it in the depot but don't know it was that spoke it. It was before he was taken away from the depot. I don't know the names of any persons that made that statement. I was paying attention to the wounded man. I didn't notice who made it. I have never told any person that Mr. Huron was reading a letter from his wife when he was struck by the engine. I know Dr. Reagan. I did not tell him that Mr. Huron was reading a letter from his wife at the time he was struck by the engine. Neither did I tell Thom Huron that he was reading a letter from his wife. I told him that he had a white paper in his hand and a bunch of papers in his pocket when I first saw him. I know Dr. F. H. Huron when I see him . I did not tell him that Mr. Huron was reading a letter from his wife. I thought his wife was over at home and did not know she was not till came back here after I helped dress the body - when I returned from assisting in dressing Mr. Huron's body there was several women and children on the platform and I heard them pass the remark that his wife was in Kansas. That is all I know about it. I first saw Dr. F. H. Huron on the day of the accident as he got off the freight train from the west an hour or so after the accident. I started to go with Dr. Huron to Mr. Huron's house and went with him about a quarter of a mile. He walked so fast I could not keep up with him. I did not at the time I was walking with Dr. Huron as above tell him at the time of the accident that his father was reading a letter from his wife. I did not at that time know that his wife was not at home. I did not during the time that we were washing and laying out the body of Mr. Huron tell Dr. Huron, Dr. Ragan and Tom Huron at the time of the accident Mr Huron was reading a letter from his wife. At that time did not know that his wife was not at home. I did tell them that Mr. Huron had a white paper in his hand at the time I saw before the accident. There was a white envelop on the letter that I found in the road after the accident at the time I saluted Mr. Huron before the accident he had not reached the R R right away. The R R right away extends south

of center of track 50 feet. At the time I saluted Mr. Huron there was no obstruction whatever on the R R righaway between him and the freight train that I saw coming. I can't tell what condition the envelop was in when I picked it up. I was running at the time to get to the man who was hurt. I only saw that it was a letter and a postal card. I grabed them up as I run and put them in Mr. Huron's pocket without paying any attention to them--I don't know which was on top letter or postal card. My thought was all on the injured man and not what I had picked up on the road. I never examined the letter afterward to see what condition the envelop was in that the letter was in. I don't know the name of the conductor on the train that injured Mr. Huron. I have had no conversation with the conductor of that train since the accident. None of the train men of that train went on the same train with me to Indianapolis yesterday eavinging as I know of. I did not know any of them they might have been on train without me knowing it. I got my information from my time card that gave me my information as to the No of the train that injured Mr. Huron. I had time card in my pocket. I don't know whether the letter I picked up in the road was sealed or open I don't know who got that mail from the depot. Dr. Reagan Mr. Snider and myself washed the boddy and dressed it. I have never told any boddy that I heard any boddy say that Mr. Huron was reading a letter at the time of the accident.

Witness to mark. G. A. Guthrie  
R. F. Harper

John x Ryan

Bridget Ryan being duly sworne says. I am 47 years old I reside in depot building at Avon station. I Mr. B. A. Huron after he was hit by train on 23 Feby 88. I heard the sound of whistle of the train that hit Mr. Huron About Mr. Guthrie's crossing on his farm one half mile east of crossing at station. I did not hear any other signal after that either of whistle or bell. I have been acquainted with Mr. Huron 4 years and have talked with him never noticed that he was hard of hearing. After the accident Mr. Ryan and myself were the first to get to him. I saw no mail matter before he was carried into the depot some on handed the mail to me and laid it on stand in my room. There was one letter postal card and paper and the letter was torne open. Someone took the mail out of my room and I saw it in ticke office afterward. I saw the train after it backed up and saw the train men get off and come in the depot. I did not hear the train men say any thing to any one in regard to the accident. I heard the engineer say yesterday that he never saw Mr. Huron untill he was within a few feet of him.

Witness G. A. Guthrie  
R. F. Harper

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Katie Owens being duly sworn says: I am 20 years old. I reside in Avon with the Mr. Ryan my stepfather. I know of the accident that happened at Avon crossing on the 23 of Feb 1888. Accident occurred after 11 A M at that time I was washing. I saw the train before it reached the station. I first saw the train between switch post and mail rack. I heard the sound of the whistle about Mr. Guthrie's crossing a half mile east of depot. I went out to where Mr. Huron was lying before he was moved into the depot. My step-father and my mother was there when I went out. I saw no mail matter until it layed on the ticket office window. Mr. Huron's cap was lying in middle of R. R track and about middle of wagon road. I saw the train man after they got off train they came in office. I do not know the names of any of the train men. I did not hear any of them speak of the accident. The sound of whistle I heard half mile or more east <sup>was all the</sup> signal or alarm I heard from the train. I was in the back yard at the time I heard the whistle and remained there until after the train had passed and until I heard that some one had been hurt. During all the time I was not more than 25 feet from R R. track and I was in the open air. I did not examine the mail matter until a boy came for it in the afternoon and I noticed that an envelope was torn. The envelope seemed to be torn open on the side.

Katie Owens

Anna Ryan being duly sworn says: I am 15 years old. I live at Avon with my father. on Feb 23 1888 I saw a man that had been struck by a freight train. At the time of Accident I was north of crossing about 75 yards from depot in county road. I did not see any train until it reached the crossing. I was coming south toward the depot. I did not hear the ringing of bell or sound of whistle before that time. When I first saw the man he seemed to be trying to get out of the way of the train. I could not see what had become of the man until I came down to track. I did not see any mail matter when I first saw the man he was near the middle of the wagon road. I did not see the train nor hear the train until the engine was passed the depot. I saw the man trying to get out of the way of train just a moment before I saw the train when I saw the train it frightened me so I lost sight of the man until after the train had passed. I was coming from Mr. Bartley's store about a fourth of a mile north of the depot and had heard no whistle from the train nor bell rung until after train had passed depot. I was acquainted with B. A. Huron and he was the man that was struck by the engine.

Anna Ryan

Othniel J. Huron being duly sworn says: that his residence is one mile east of Avon Station in Hendricks County Ind. That his age is 57 years & his occupation a shoemaker. That he was working at his bench at the Post Office about 40 rods south of the Avon Station on Thursday Feb. 23 1888 at the time that the freight train passed

going west between eleven and twelve o'clock at the time that B. A. Huron was struck by the train. That he is positive that there was no whistle from the train, for the Avon crossing until the whistle for brakes was sounded about the time that the engine passed the crossing, neither did he hear any bell and that he can easily hear the bell at the place he was working, when it is rung. That when he heard the whistle for brakes he looked up and saw the train running very fast on the down grade and with the steam and smoke all shut off so that it was making but little noise. He did not learn of the killing until some time afterward. That he went to the home of the deceased about three o'clock that afternoon, and that soon after going there Dr. F. H. Huron asked him to go with him to the station and about the time they reached the station Dr. Huron told him he wanted him to go with him and stay with him to remember what was said in regard to the killing. That they first went to Mr. John Ryan's who is the section boss at the Avon Station, that Mr. Ryan was not at home but that Dr. Huron asked Mrs. Ryan & the girls how this thing had happened and Mrs. Ryan began telling about it and among other things she said that "he was reading a letter from his wife when he was struck," Then Dr. Huron asked her for the the letter, and she said she had given it to Ressie Hendricks, and Dr. Huron asked her how many letters there were and she said "only one, " and that she had given it to Ressie. Then Dr. Huron told her that the letter which Ressie had brought home was not from Mr. Huron's wife but was a letter from Indianapolis to S. T. Huron and not for his father, and that his father never opened anyone elses letter in his life and could not have been reading it if he had opened it because his spectacles were at home in the clock at the time he was killed. He then told her that the train men had no doubt told her and her husband to tell that story for them, but that it was false, and that they had murdered his father and were now slandering him after he was dead by claiming that he had broken that letter and was reading it and thereby lost his life, when they knew it was false and that some of them knew who had broken open the letter, and that if anyone perjured their souls by swearing such a slander as that on his dead father, he would prosecute them for perjury to the bitter end. That the foregoing is the substance of what Dr. Huron told Mrs. Ryan and her daughters. That she became very much agitated and declared that she didn't know anything about it, that she heard some of them say so but didn't know who it was, but that all she knew about the letter was that when she got it to give to Ressie Hendricks it was broken open, but that she had not noticed that it was so before.

O. J. Huron



S. T. Huron being duly sworn according to law says: I am 37 years old, and reside near Avon Indiana, by occupation a farmer, am a son of B. A. Huron late of this place, deceased. Near 12 o'clock noon of Feb. 23, 1888 I received word that deceased was lying at Avon Station having been struck by a freight train on the I & St. L. R. R. I hurried to station and found him inside of depot lying on a bench and apparently unconscious. We removed him to a spring wagon, as carefully as possible under the care and direction of Dr. J. S. Ragan and conveyed him to his home about three quarters of a mile away and placed him on a bed. He lived only a few minutes longer.

On the way home he spoke several disconnected words and once said, "All by myself," indicating unconsciousness.

John Ryan section foreman at Avon told me just after the death that he met the deceased just before being struck by the train and that he was at the time reading a letter, that he afterward picked up the letter and put it away. I sent for the mail matter that dropped from his pocket and two newspapers and a letter were found. The letter was from Mess. Huntington & Hoss Indianapolis and was addressed plainly to myself and the envelope was very rudely torn open all the way across the top. Father was careful in opening letters always opening them neatly at the end of envelope. I never knew him to break open one of my letters. I never knew him to try to read a letter while walking along. He could not read a word without glasses, and his spectacles were at home all the time he was gone. Father was almost entirely deaf in his right ear, but could hear quite well with his left one and I have noticed for years that when he heard a noise, he was confused to know where it came from, and would look in several directions before he could locate the noise, it seeming to appear always to come from his left.

He was struck on his right side, his right elbow being badly torn and his right hip crushed, a piece of his coat on that side, more than a foot square was torn away; likewise his pants were torn on the same side; I have often seen trains pass Avon crossing without a tap of the bell or a sound of the whistle. The foregoing facts lead me to believe that my father was killed by criminal negligence on the part of the trainmen, they failing entirely to ring the bell before reaching the crossing and that after they backed up they found my letter - unopened - and that they broke the seal and conspired together to tell that he was reading in order to throw the guilt off themselves.

Seth T. Huron

F. H. Huron, M D. being duly sworn says: I reside at Danville, Ind, am aged 48 years and am by occupation a physician. I received a telegram on Thursday Feb. 23, 1888, about 12:15 P. M. "Father was struck by the cars, come quick." The messenger boy told me they were holding a train for me and would hold it until I got to the depot. James McCormick drove me to the depot & when I got there I saw two trainmen standing and talking & watching me--I went to them and asked them how soon the train would start east. They answered "As soon as the fast train passes going west" & one of them began talking about the "accident" at Avon and told me that Father was not hurt much, that the flag staff had struck him on the right elbow and tore his coat sleeve and cut the elbow a little but not much. I asked him how it happened, and he went on to say that "he was reading a letter from his wife and didn't seem to notice them until they got close to him and then hurried off the track but didn't get far enough so but that the flag staff struck him on elbow tearing his coat sleeve and hurting his elbow some and whirling him around and throwing him down but that he didn't think he was hurt much. He repeated several of the statements during our short conversation, specially the one as to "reading of the letter and not noticing them" and that he "did not think he was much hurt." He said they backed up as soon as they could stop lest he might be worse hurt than they thought for and no one might notice him, but that when they got back to the crossing he was already in a house and being taken care of. He told his story so readily that I supposed him to be the engineer of the train and to have seen what he pretended to be describing. Although I knew that Father could not read while walking, and that he was very careful of the cars, and consequently knew the fellow was not telling the truth as to the reading, yet I hoped he might be truthful as to the injury being slight, and didn't feel like talking to him about the other statement. When I reached Avon Station, Mr. Jno. Ryan told me that they had taken Father home and started to go with me. Father's home is a little over one half mile distant. As we walked I asked Ryan how much he was hurt and he told me he thought he was not dangerously hurt and went on to tell me what had happened repeating substantially the story which the train man had told me at Danville about the reading of a letter from his wife and not noticing the train in time to get out of the way. I asked him if he saw Father at the time he was struck and he said "No," that Father had passed him and spoke to him just before the train came by, but that he knew Father to be so careful, that he didn't even think of him when the whistle sounded for brakes just after it passed the crossing, but thought they wanted to stop for something else, but that as soon as they passed he saw a cap lying in the road and ran up there and found Father lying over by the fence and that he sent for Dr. Ragan and others and also dispatched to Greencastle and to Indianapolis both for the company doctors, etc. and at this point we met a boy who said "He is dead," and I hurried on leaving Mr. Ryan behind.

I found Father lying on the bed in his room, dead, and together with Dr. Ragan made an examination of his injuries. We found a slight bruise on the right temple, the right elbow badly torn and the right illiac bone crushed and the bruized condition extended from where the illiac bone was crushed, <sup>across the back</sup> but we could find no fracture of the spinal column but suppose there was concussion of the cord to such an extent as to cause the paralysis of limbs which Dr. Ragan said existed. Shortly after this I told my brother and sisters of the conspiracy of the train men to claim that he was reading a letter from mother while crossing the track, and about this time Ressie Hendricks came in with the mail which Father had with him when he was struck. The letter which he brought was for my brother S. T. Huron and was from Indianapolis and was roughly torn open lengthwise of envelope and each one exclaimed, "Father never opened that letter." We each called to mind how neatly he opened his letters across the end of the envelope and also that the seal of a letter to any one of his children was always sacred with him, that he would not even open a letter addressed to Mother, which he knew was written by friends to both of them. While we were talking Sister Mary stepped to the clock opened the door and showed us Father's spectacles lying there in their usual place, so I know he could not have been reading anything even if he wished to. When I thought of the perfidy of the crime of which I felt someone was guilty I determined to investigate the matter and started for the place of the killing. As I passed out of the house I saw O. J. Huron and asked him to go with me. We first called at Mr. John Ryan's at Avon Station but he was not at home. I asked his wife and daughters how it happened and Mrs. Ryan began telling about it. I determined only to ask questions, and listen but when she began telling about Father being reading a letter when it was done, I asked her where this letter was. She told me she had given it to Ressie Hendricks. I asked her how many letters there were. She told me "one" then on the impulse of the moment I told her Father never opened that letter, and having said so much I went on to tell her that they had murdered my father and wanted to get out of it by accusing him of the crime of opening a letter that did not belong to him and trying to read it while crossing the R. R. track. And I told her that the trainmen had no doubt told it to her and her husband and asked them to say so, but that if anyone perjured their soul by slandering my dead father by swearing to such a thing as that I would prosecute them for perjury to the bitter end. She became very much agitated and declared repeatedly that she didn't know anything about it. That she heard them say so. During the conversation she insisted that she didn't know anything about the condition of the letter until she got it to give to Ressie Hendricks but that it was broken open then. And that she didn't know anything about who did it. The man who told me at Danville that Father was reading a letter from his wife when he was struck was the one who

claimed to be the conductor at his examination before the coroner. Feb. 24, 1888. And I thought I knew so while he was testifying but as he talked to me at Danville just as if he had seen the whole of it and in his testimony stated so positively that he saw or heard nothing of it, I was so dazed that I thought it might be one of the others, until they were brought to testify. And the conductor had left so soon as he was through so I did not ask him any question on the witness stand as to what he had told me at Danville. I know that my Father was deaf in his right ear and have often heard him say that every sound seemed to come from the left, and that he always had to turn round and hear any sound from both positions or see the object before he could tell where it was, but he could readily hear ordinary conversation with his left ear.

If the train was coming on the down grade to his right with the steam shut off and without sounding the whistle or ringing the bell, Father would probably not have noticed it untill too late to save himself. F. H. Huron

John S. Ragan being duly sworn testifies as follows. My name is John S. Ragan. I am 38 years old. I am a practicing phycisian and reside at Avon, Ind.

About 11:45 o'clock on Thursday Feb. 23d I was sent for to come to Avon station to see Mr. B. A. Huron who had been struck by a freight train and badly injured. I found him propped up on some benches in depot. On examination I found an exceedingly weak and compressible pulse. Respiration I should think nearly normal as to number but somewhat labored and moaning at almost every breath. The lips were apparently almost bloodless, face pale, considerable dilation of pupils, and in rather profuse perspiration. He was entirely unconscious, so far as I could tell. At this time I only saw external wounds on right side of face and temple, apparently bruising & slight abrasions on head and on right elbow which was badly lacerated and torn with some of the bony proscesses of elbow broken off and protruding through the wound. The joint proper was not entirely destroyed. He could use both arms freely, which he did a number of times, but <sup>the</sup> lower extremities were not moved in the least at any time so far as my observation goes, indicating complete paralysis. I gave him three or four teaspoonsful of brandy and water and a little later gave a small dose of morphine and had means used to warm him if possible but all to no purpose. About 12:20 or 12:30 at the request of his son, S. T. Huron, we removed him to his home, about half a mile away. I gave him some brandy before starting. After reaching his home I attempted to administer some whisky in the hope of sustaining life a little longer but saw it was useless and desisted from further atempts to revive him. He died about 1 o'clock possibly a little later making it about an hour and a half

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from time of accident till death occurred. Mr. Huron was irrational from the time I saw him until his death but he talked incoherently considerably at different times. I, in connection with Dr. F. H. Huron, examined the body after death and found the tissues about right hip and the back very much bruised and discolored. The innominate bone on right side of pelvis hip bone had sustained a comminuted or multiple fracture. I could not detect positively any fracture of the spine but in all probability such a fracture existed when we take into consideration the nature and force of the shock together with the symptoms of paralysis and visible external injuries over the spine in lumbar region. I arrived at depot before the train that injured him, backed up to station. John Ryan, section foreman on I & St. L R. Road assisted in washing and dressing the body of deceased and I heard him say more than once during that time that Mr. Huron was reading a letter when he passed him (Ryan) just south of crossing. That was the first time I heard of the letter.

John S. Ragan, M. D.

After a thorough investigation of the above evidence I adjudge that A. B. Huron came to his death by a partial neglect of men on freight train No 43, by not being in full discharge of their duty as manedgers of said train and that A. B. Huron unthoughtly crossing the track was run against causing his death.

A. B. Huron deceased Feb. 23, 1888 was 76 years old weighed 130 lb. Blue Eyes, dark hair, grey Beard, about 5 ft 9 inches height.

R. F. Harper Coroner of  
Hendricks Co. Ind.

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