When it was sold in 1973, Hoopes, Bro. & Darlington, Inc. was the last known operating wheelworks in the western Hemisphere. The Smithsonian Institution had made a film about the company, believing it to be the last opportunity to record authentic early methods of making wooden wheels.

Hoopes, Bro. & Darlington was once West Chester's largest employer. It occupied two city blocks in the borough's southeastern quadrant. The complex included woodworking factories, the business office, wood-drying kilns, wood storage sheds, a railroad platform and a water tower.

Hoopes, Bro. & Darlington is featured in the Society's exhibition "All in a Day's Work, Occupations in Chester County, 1870-1945" which runs through March 1996.

The company had a fine reputation for its excellent products, winning gold medals at the Austrian Exposition in 1873, the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876 and the Paris Exposition in 1878.

From 1866 to 1973, Hoopes, Bro. & Darlington produced a variety of products in addition to wagon wheels. The company manufactured pick and axe handles for the Pennsylvania Railroad, wheels for early automobiles, caisson wheels during World War I, rolling pins and potato mashers during World War II, wheels for street vendor push carts, skis and the West Chester 'Walloper' baseball bat. One of their noteworthy achievements was supplying carriage wheels for Emperor Napoleon in 1870.

Too bad we didn't have this before the last newsletter, so those interested could have attended the exhibition. Does anyone know if the film about the company is available? It might be nice to have it on videotape for family reference.

Sarah Pratt Brock [who was the host for the picnic at the first Hoopes family reunion at her farm], died at the age of 90 on 15 Nov 1995 at White Horse Village, Newtown Square. She was born in West Chester and became an educator, author, and lecturer. She was long active in historic affairs and was an active member of many historical societies. She served on President Lyndon Johnson's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and President Richard Nixon's National Women's Advisory Committee. She also served on the Prison Board of Inspectors of Delaware County. In 1972 she was Pennsylvania's Mother of the Year. A memorial service was held 19 Nov 1995 at the Willistown Friends Meeting.

George Lesher Connelly [who owned and lived in Brooznoll, which is considered the Hoopes family home], 91, of "Brooznoll," Westtown, died 27 Dec 1995 at Riddle Memorial Hospital, Media, PA. He was a well known versatile Delaware Valley commercial and fine artist-illustrator and sculptor. His work appeared in many popular magazines, illustrated books and fine art exhibitions. He received numerous awards for his creative efforts. Memorial services were held 10 Jan 1996 in Found Funeral Home, West Chester, PA.

Does anyone know the current address of M/Ms Bert D. Stoneberg (LM), last known address 317 West 18th, Idaho Falls, ID 83401? If so, please let me know.

Newsletter sent to Mrs. Ruth Gee, 903 Santa Rosa Drive, Vicksburg, MS, was returned marked "Deceased". Unable to find reference for her in the books.
Vol I, p 369 Errata, Oct 90, Oct 94, Mar 95, & Oct 95 newsletters continued [completed this issue]:

3587e EZRA YEARSLEY (s/o Geo. qv) b 22 Jul 1878 in Harrisville, Weber, UT & d 13 Nov 1960 in Ogden, UT from a heart ailment. He m 25 Nov 1901 in Ogden, UT, ADELIA EMMA CROWThER, d/o David & Josephine (Holtgreen) Crowther, b 26 Jun 1882 in Harrisville, UT & d 25 Apr 1964 in Ogden. Both are buried in the Aultorest Memorial Park in Ogden. He was a machinist for Amalgamated Sugar Co. and later for Harrisville Brick Co. before he retired in 1948.

3587ea GLEN YEARSLEY b 15 Dec 1902 in Ogden, UT d there 24 Jul 1903.

3587eb EARL CLARENCE YEARSLEY b 28 Aug 1903 in Harrisville, UT, m 5 Jun 1924, RUBY VIOLET ASHTON.


3587eca HAROLD VERNAL YEARSLEY b 8 Apr 1927 in Ogden, UT, m 10 Jan 1947, ARDIS HOCK.

3587ecb KENNETH GEO. YEARSLEY b 18 Jul 1929 in Ogden, UT, m 8 Sep 1956 ELEANOR JANE HARRISON, b 6 Dec 1926 in Newport, VT & d 7 Jul 1979 in North Ogden, UT where she is buried.

3587ecc DAUGHTER YEARSLEY b & d 16 May 1932 in Ogden, UT.

3587ecd GENE NIVEN YEARSLEY b 6 Mar 1934 in Ogden, UT, m 20 Jun 1955, DONNA Y. ALEXANDER.

3587ecce SON YEARSLEY b & d 18 Sep 1935 in Ogden, UT.

3587ecf SHIRLEY MAE YEARSLEY b 19 Apr 1947 in Ogden, UT, m HIROSHI ENDO.

3587ed GRANT ORVILLE YEARSLEY (s/o Ezra qv) b 22 Dec 1910 in SLC, UT & d 22 Apr 1989 in Ogden, UT, m there 28 Oct 1933, JUNE ELAINE DAVIDSON, d/o Heber & Virginia Davidson b 18 Jan 1916.

3587eda JOAN YEARSLEY m ? THOMAS.

3587edb GERALD YEARSLEY.

3587edc DENISE YEARSLEY m ? JAMES.

3587ee CLYDE WALTER YEARSLEY b 4 Mar 1910 in Ogden, UT.

3587ef FERN JOSEPHINE YEARSLEY (d/o Ezra qv) b 26 Jan 1916 in Harrisville, UT, m 16 May 1935, GARTH L. SMITH.

3587f ZENOPHEN YEARSLEY (s/o Geo. qv) b 15 Nov 1880 in Harrisville, UT & d 12 Jan 1965 m 1) LARETTA BLANCHE CHRISTENSEN PEHRSON, 2) MARY ?


3587faa SHARON E. YEARSLEY.

3587g LURINDA YEARLEY (d/o Geo. qv) b 5 Oct 1883 in Harrisville, UT & d 16 Jun 1964 in Ogden, UT. She m 6 Mar 1911 in Ogden, UT, JOHN H. BRIGGS, s/o James & Eliza (Barnes) Briggs, b 13 May 1885 in Ogden, UT & d there 9 Feb 1956. Both buried in Ogden City Cemetery. John Briggs was a farmer & stockman as well as director of the Western Irrigation Co.

3587ga VIRGINIA VERA BRIGGS b 1 Jun 1914 in Ogden, UT, d Jan 1924.

3587gb LURINDA BRIGGS b 25 Mar 1917 in Ogden, UT, m 5 Apr 1953 DEAN McINTYRE PARKER.

3587h LAURENCE YEARSLEY (s/o Geo. qv) b 16 Jun 1888 in Harrisville, UT & d 11 May 1959. He m 6 Jul 1907 in Ogden, UT, PHOEBE BRIGGS, d/o James & Eliza (Barnes) Briggs, b 6 Sep 1887 in Ogden, UT, & d there in 1956. Both are buried in Ogden City Cemetery. Laurence was a gravel plant owner & operator in N. Ogden, UT.

3587ha LLOYD YEARSLEY.

3587hb RAYMOND YEARSLEY.
3587he JACK BRIGGS YEARSLEY b 30 Jul in Ogden & d 1973 in SLC; buried in Aultorest Mem. Park in Ogden, UT. He had been a truck driver for the Yearsley San & Gravel Co. & also worked at Hill AFB. He was a veteran of WWII & Naval Reserve.
3588. EMMA SMITH YEARSLEY, d/o David Dutton Yearsley & Mary Ann Hoopes qv, b 14 Nov 1843 in West Chester, PA, & d 26 Mar 1884 in SLC, UT. She m 15 Mar 1860 in Ogden, UT, WM. BROCKMAN WRIGHT, s/o Abraham Reister & Mary Ann (Brockerman) Wright b 10 Feb 1836 in Philadelphia, PA & d 30 Oct 1916 in SLC, UT. Issue Surname Wright:

3588a Wm. Brockman Wright, Jr. b 13 Dec 1860 in SLC, UT & d 1925; m 31 Mar 1886, Sarah Jane Huskinson.
3588b Mary Elizabeth Wright b 13 Oct 1862 in SLC, UT, & d there 16 Jun 1903 & buried there. She m 5 Nov 1886 in SLC, UT, Alma Oads Player.
3588c Emma Smith Wright b 29 Mar 1865 in SLC, UT, & d 10 Jan 1867 there.
3588d Ida Louise Wright b 13 Jul 1867, d 29 Nov 1913, m 8 Apr 1887 in SLC, UT, Thos. John Conner.

M 2) after 1897, James Peterson.
3588e Eva Yearsley Wright b 4 Sep 1869 SLC d there 4 Nov 1951. She m 14 May 1891 in SLC, UT, 1) John Lewis Peck and 2) 13 Jun 1906, Joseph Young Hornsby.
3588f Anna May Wright b 3 Feb 1872 in SLC, UT, & d 21 Sep 1872 in Corinne, UT. She m 10 Feb 1892 in Logan, UT, Abraham Wm. Evans. Buried Brigham City, UT.
3588g David Grederick Wright b 24 Jan 1876 SLC, UT, & d 4 Nov 1938, m Pauline Robinson.
3588h John Herbert Wright b 24 Nov 1878 SLC, UT, & d 30 Sep 1885.
3588i Nina Ella Wright b 8 Mar 1884 SLC, UT, & d 18 Jun 1966 in Santa Monica, CA. She m 17 Dec 1902 in SLC, UT, 1) Wm. Harvey Guliver; m 2) ca 1904 Reesor.

3589. DAVID DUTTON YEARSLEY, JR. b 2 Jun 1845 in Nauvoo, Hancock, IL & d 3 May 1923 in SLC, UT, where he is buried. He m 18 Feb 1874 in SLC, UT, ALICE ELDREDGE. They had 4 children, one of whom died in infancy.

3590. HEBER CHASE YEARSLEY, s/o David Dutton Yearsley, Sr. qv, b 27 Sep 1848 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, IA, & d 23 Jul 1909 in Menan, ID, and is buried in Cedar Butte Cemetery there. He m 3 Nov 1873 in SLC, UT, ADELINE MALINDA POOLE.
d/o Harvey and Viola Marian (Mesler) Hepler, born 16 Mar 1925.
Sharon Ann Dankworth was born 21 Jul 1945 in Troy, OH. She married 8 Aug 1964 in Troy, OH, Frederick Amos Justice, Sr., born 6 Mar 1944 in East Cleveland, OH. Issue surname Justice:

Frederick Amos Justice, Jr. was born 24 Jul 1965 in Troy, OH. He married 7 Jun 1986 in Troy, OH, Melissa Glazier, born 25 Aug 1966. They are now divorced.

Mark Anthony Justice was born 26 Oct 1988 in Troy, OH. He married 3 Jun 1986 in Lafayette, LA, Rusty Duncan, born 25 Apr 1964 in Lafayette, LA. Issue surname Duncan:

Ashlee Mechelle Duncan was born 1 Apr 1988 in Troy, OH.
Kaleb Rusty Duncan was born 27 Jan 1994 in Troy, OH.
Matthew Allen Justice was born 15 Sep 1971 in Troy, OH. He married 1) 5 Oct 1991 Kelley Mott; they divorced without issue. He married on 31 Dec 1993, 2) Jacquelyn Sue Brewer, born 15 Apr 1968 in Troy, OH. They had 1 child:

Bailey Sharon Sue Justice was born 12 Mar 1995 in Troy, OH.

Steven Matthew Ray was born 5 July 1993 in Troy, OH.
Sarah Ann Ray was born 25 Jul 1995 in Troy, OH.
Gary Lee Dankworth, Sr. was born 15 Dec 1946 in Troy, OH. He married 9 Oct 1965 in Sidney, OH, Doris Lee Matthews d/o Raymond Clay and Fannie Mertie (Hickman) Matthews, born 8 May 1947 in Oneida, TN.

Jonathan Ray Dankworth was born 18 Jul 1966 in Troy, OH. He married 21 Mar 1992 in Troy, OH, Susan Kay Short d/o Ronald Francis and Estella Marlene (Clark) Short, born 1 May 1967 in Troy, OH.
Jonathan Michael Dankworth was born 4 Apr 1994 in Troy, OH.
Michael Aaron Dankworth was born 9 Sep 1972 in Troy, OH.
Kristin LeeAnn Dankworth was born 17 Oct 1978 in Troy, OH.
Jerr y Lynn Dankworth, Sr. was born 15 Dec 1946 in Troy, OH. He married 12 Apr 1969 in Troy, OH, Barbara Evelyn Moore, born 26 Oct 1951 in Portsmouth, OH.
Jerry Lynn Dankworth, Jr. was born 13 Mar 1974 in Troy, OH.
Jeffery Paul Dankworth was born 28 Sep 1976 in Troy, OH.
Amanda Danielle Dankworth was born 18 Aug 1979 in Troy, OH.
Terry Gene Dankworth, Sr. was born 1 Dec 1947 in Troy, OH. He married 29 Apr 1967 in Fletcher, OH, Loretta Niswonger, born 27 Sep 1948 in Troy, OH.

Angela Kay Dankworth was born 11 Aug 1971 in Troy, OH. She married 21 Jul 1990 in Fletcher, OH, Michael William St. Myers, born 9 Jan 1972 in Piqua, OH.

Terry Gene Dankworth, Jr. was born 4 Apr 1975 in Troy, OH.

Edward Louis Dankworth was born 27 Jun 1926 in Troy, OH. He married 14 Feb 1948 in Troy, OH, Ruby Eileen McMullen, born 6 Jul 1930 in Miamisburg, OH.

Carol Eileen Dankworth was born 26 Jul 1948 in Troy, OH. She married 26 Mar 1966 in Troy, OH, Ronald Russell Weaver, Sr., born 25 May 1943 in Troy, OH.

Elizabeth Ann Weaver was born 7 Jul 1967 in Troy, OH. She married


Nathan John Helke was born 31 Oct 1993 in Troy, OH.

Sarah Carol Helke was born 5 Jul 1995 in Troy, OH.

Ronald Russell Weaver, Jr. was born 28 Nov 1969 in Troy, OH.

Tiffany Eileen Weaver was born 21 May 1974 in Troy, OH.

Bruce Edward Dankworth was born 18 Nov 1950 in Troy, OH and died 18 Aug 1968 in Casstown, OH.

Patricia Elaine Dankworth was born 18 Jun 1951 in Troy, OH. She married 20 Dec 1968 in Troy, OH, Charles Leroy Davis, Jr., born 18 Apr 1948 in Dayton, OH.

Edna Katherine Dankworth was born 18 Nov 1929 in Troy, OH and died 13 Mar 1935 in Troy, OH.

Marvin Joseph Dankworth was born 19 Apr 1936 in Troy, OH.

Marlene Kay Dankworth was born 23 Jul 1943 in Troy, OH. She married 16 Oct 1965 in Troy, OH, Laurence Eugene "Larry" Maddux, born 8 Sep 1943 in Springfield, OH.


Tara Elizabeth Forrester was born 4 Feb 1986 in Oxford, OH.

Kailyn Renee Forrester was born 28 Feb 1992 in Oxford, OH.

James Laurence Maddux was born 18 Jan 1972.

Daisy Mae Dankworth was born 13 May 1946 in Troy, OH and died 15 May 1946 in Troy, OH.

Louis M. Zicht was born 22 Jan 1906 in Dayton, OH and died 3 Jan 1969 in Troy, OH.

He married Margaret E. Williams, born ca 1902 and died 27 Nov 1983 in Eau Claire, WI.

Joseph E. Zicht was born ca 1912 in Dayton, OH and died 8 Aug 1988 in Troy, OH.

Harrison Walter Zicht was born 1 July 1875 in Dayton, OH and died 10 Sep 1879 in Dayton, OH.

John LeRoy Zicht was born 27 Feb 1878 in Dayton, OH and died 16 Jan 1948 in Dayton, OH. He married ca 1895 Mattie Baynter, born ca 1878 and died 27 Jun 1915 in Dayton, OH.
Austin Francis Zicht was born 21 Mar 1896 in Dayton, OH and died 26 Mar 1980 in Columbus, OH. He married 9 Jul 1919 Lucile Hildred Fear, born 2 Dec 1896 in IN and died 10 Apr 1980 in Columbus, OH.

Jane Ellen Zicht was born 8 Jan 1921. She married 19 Dec 1942 Thomas Allen Smith. Issue surname Smith:

Jefferson Oakley Smith was born 12 Oct 1943 in Staten Island, NY. He married Makio Hwang.

Sue Ellen Smith was born 21 Dec 1946 in Atlanta, GA.

Sherwood Smith was born 6 May 1952 in Levittown, NY.

Jennifer Jean Smith was born 4 Feb 1962 in Amityville, NY.

Phyllis Jean Zicht was born 10 Sep 1926 in Dayton, OH and died 26 Feb 1927 in Dayton, OH.

Austin LeRoy Zicht was born 5 Dec 1927. He married 1) 6 May 1950 Marie ?; 2) Alta Gingher; 3) 21 Jun 1969 Joan ?

His three children with his first wife are:

Steven Zicht was born 5 Dec 1951 in TX. He married Roxanne ?. They had one son.

Deborah Zicht was born 7 Aug 1953 in Memphis, TN. She married 15 Jan 1972 Robert Knight.

Audrey Knight. NFI.

Robbie Knight. NFI.

Mark Zicht was born 6 Aug 1954 in Norfolk, VA.

Carol Zicht was born 7 Jan 1960 in Washington, DC.

Wendy Zicht was born 16 May 1962 in Brunswick, ME.

His child by his third wife is:

Richard Zicht was born 13 Oct 1970 in Washington, DC.


Eric Edward Zicht was born 22 Feb 1952 in Cincinnati, OH. He married 9 Aug 1985 Jennifer Kirkpatrick.

Alicia Zicht was born 7 Oct 1989 in Washington, DC.

Laurie Elizabeth Zicht was born 12 Jun 1953 in Dayton, OH. She married 21 May 1975 Charles Sargent.

Robert Charles Sargent was born 7 Nov 1980 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Nancy Sargent was born 28 Nov 1982 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Cheryl Lynn Zicht was born 4 Jan 1955 in Columbus, OH. She married 22 May 1976 Timothy Gilmore.

Robert Austin Zicht was born 14 Jul 1957 in Columbus, OH. He married 11 Jul 1981 Karen Peck.

Austin Joseph Zicht was born 26 Jan 1989 in Tampa, FL.

Janet Joanne Zicht was born 2 Apr 1991 in Tampa, FL.
6837. Mary Alice Hoopes died 18 Nov 1995 in Trinity Medical Center, Moline, IL, and is buried in Rock Island Arsenal Cemetery.

Vol II, p 486 [from Mary A. Simons of E. Moline, IL]
9937. Robert Allen Simons married Amelia Josefa Ayala; their daughter Emily Alice Simons was born 26 Jul 1995.

Vol II, p 486 [from Ann Griffith Hoopes of Nassau, Bahamas]
9940. Susan Patricia Walton Joss Thompson had a son, Joseph Peter Thompson born 21 June 1991 in Nassau, Bahamas.

Vol II, p 573 Errata Oct 93 Newsletter [from Pat Hoops Dinsmore of Ames, IA]
10775. Mark William Dinsmore. Date of death should be 27 August 1984.

Vol II, p 573 [from Pat Hoops Dinsmore of Ames, IA]
10776. Susan Patricia Dinsmore graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in December 1993 and is presently a Spanish teacher in Wahoo, NE. She married on 5 November 1993 in Omaha, NE, Kevin Jon Talbott b 11 June 1963 in Des Moines, IA, the son of Evelyn and Robert Talbott. Their son, Alexander Mark Talbott, was born 30 May 1995 in Omaha, NE.

Vol II, p 595 [from an obit sent by Mary A. Simons of E. Moline, IL, via friends in Hutchinson, KS]
7512. Arneylee "Lee" Hoopes, 91, died 29 Oct 1995, at St. Anthony Hospital, Hays, KS. A longtime resident of Paradise, KS, moving from Oklahoma, he worked at Paradise Grain and Lumber; Rogers Hoisington Wholesale; for Paradise Township as a motor grader operator; and drove a school bus. He also farmed and helped his wife with her cafe in Paradise. He was a member of Paradise Methodist Church. Survivors include: 5 sons: Delphan, Dade City, FL; Larry, Wichita, KS; Glen, Loveland, CO; Jack; Russell; and Terry, Painted Post, NY; 3 daughters: Velma Grimes, Woodston, KS; Patty Preston, Wofforth, TX; and Linda Beisner, Loveland, CO; 2 brothers: Harold Hoopes, Warren Robbins, GA; and Dale Hoopes, Topeka, KS; a sister, Alice Gager, Woodston, KS; 33 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He is buried in Mt. Herman Cemetery, Paradise, KS.

Vol II, p 803 [from a CA newspaper obituary and various family sources]
8647. Lorenzo Neville Hoopes' wife Stella died 14 Jan 1996 in Oakland, CA at the age of 83. She is buried in the Brigham City Cemetery, Brigham City, UT. She had moved to Oakland from Utah 50 years ago. She served as president, counselor and teacher in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Relief Society and Primary and Young Woman's organizations. She served as a summer camp counselor for seven consecutive years and was a recipient of the Golden Gleaner Award. She served with her husband when he was president of the England Bristol Mission from 1979 to 1982. She also served as volunteer and ordinance worker in the Oakland Temple since its dedication in 1965 and as matron of the Oakland Temple from 1985 to 1990. She was active in literary and civic groups in Oakland and, with her husband, received Brigham Young University's Distinguished Presidential Citation in 1990. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Lorenzo Neville Hoopes of Oakland; son, David Craig Hoopes of Moraga, CA; sister, Peggy Lamar Sorensen Clifford of Thousand Oaks, CA; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. "She was a gallant lady." Memorial gifts are to be sent to the Hoopes Endowment Fund at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84601; University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112; or Weber State University, Ogden, UT 84403.

Vol II, p 807 [from Herold Lillywhite of Cornelius, OR]
8654. Hilda Hoopes Lillywhite died 6 Nov 1992. NFI.

12661. Gilbert "Gib" Jerome Woodward...married 1) in Dec 1940 in Washington, DC, Helen Siddle...
12661a Helen Elizabeth "Betsy" Woodward born 28 Jul 1941 in Kansas City, MO who married 1) Paul Norman Hoehn 31 May 1959 in Dallas, TX. They divorced in 1971, after which Betsy married 2) C. Robert O'Neal...
[Add] Issue surname Hoehn:
12661aa Paul Wesley Hoehn b 14 Jul 1960 in Dallas, TX; and
12661ab Jonathan Bradley Hoehn b 8 Jun 1964 in Dallas, TX.
issue surname O'Neal:
12661ac Laura O'Neal born 8 Jan 1974 in Longmont, CO.
Vol III, p 1080 [from Zan Hoopes Turner of Berkeley, CA]
11454e. Pamela Lynn Turner Gusse and husband Kirk had their fifth child, Kirk Nicolas Gusse, Jr. born 13 Oct 1995 in Santa Rosa, CA.

Vol III, p 1090 [from Marian Buck Hoopes of Springfield, IL]
14496. Judith Brian Hoopes died at the age of 55 on 13 Jun 1995 at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL. She is buried on her daughter Rhonda's farm/ranch near Eufaula, OK. She attended MacMurray College in Jackson and was employed as manager at Swiss Pretzel Shop and was also employed at Agape Printing Co. She was a member of first Methodist Church. She is survived by a daughter, Rhonda Sue King of Plano, TX; a son, Randy Lee Crouse of Springfield; four grandchildren; mother, Marian Buck Hoopes of Springfield.; a sister Dianne Randolph of Longwood, FL; two brothers, Thomas W. Hoopes III of Longwood, FL; and Ashley E. Hoopes of Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

Vol III, p 1141 [from L. L. Buntyn of Tampa FL]
11688. Georgie Maurine Hecht Buntyn died 9 Nov 1994. NFI.