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## HAUGHT: THE ANCESTORS-THE OFFSPRING

Haught is a German name. I have been unable to find the meaning of my family surname. It is possible that the name was shortened or the phonetic spelling altered. If I were to contrive a meaning based on my study of five generations of Haughts, I would say that Haught means "hard worker, one who toils."

*side note?*  
My great, great grandfather Adam C. Haught was a German American. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1815 and raised in the highly <sup>?</sup>cultural Pennsylvania Dutch country. He later moved to Virginia, Ohio and then to Illinois, being among the early settlers of <sup>even Virginia?</sup> these states. He eventually moved to Dallas County, Texas in 1845, where he settled permanently and became an active and influential citizen. He served a two-year term as a County Commissioner, from 1850-1852 and was elected as County Sheriff from 1854-1856. During the Civil War, he became politically active. In January of 1861, four delegates were sent to Austin, Texas to represent Dallas County at the Secession Convention. *Voted how?* A vote was taken in May as to whether or not to appropriate \$5,000 in gold belonging to Dallas County to buy arms for the Confederacy. The final count was 516 to three in favor of the appropriation. John Henry Brown lists these dissenters as Adam C. Haught, H.H. Hall, and William Burton. I find this to be strange as Adam C. Haught enlisted in the army in the Scyene Community, Pr. #6, Columbia Company 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade. He served under his brother Captain Peter Haught.

In 1852, Adam Haught whipsawed some lumber of cotton-wood trees and built a flat boat which was named "The Dallas"

In this first attempt to navigate the Trinity River, he loaded the boat with twenty-two bales of cotton and several bundles of cowhides and set out for Portor's Bluff, approximately seventy miles away. The boat was propelled by poles and oars and the trip took four months. Yet, Adam Haught never gave up. The boat eventually sank, but Adam Haught made sure that the goods reached their destination. He received much criticism for this and the C.W. Adams and Company, to whom he carried the goods, refused to pay him for his efforts. The trip seemed unsuccessful, however no one had ever even attempted this trip or any other before that time.

*near what today?*

Adam Haught <sup>also</sup> opened the first saloon in hfe county. He sold whisky from a tent. He also owned a large amount of land <sup>in the East part of the county</sup> which he and tenant farmers farmed.

A large family requires much attention and, in order to support such a family, one would need to work very hard. Adam C. Haught raised thirteen children by three wives. He worked hard to earn a living for them. His was not an easy life. He could have possibly stayed in Pennsylvania with family and friends and earned a living, but he chose the less simple path and became one of Dallas' first pioneer settlers. He was daring and brave. He took the initiative to often be the first, to press onward to a higher goal for himself and his family, his community, his state, and his country. He was courageous enough to be adventurous, even at the risk of being defeated. He often took the chance and won.

*need to discuss Haught's state settlement*

His grandson, Ike Haught, born in 1906, is another example of a hard-working Haught. He was born in Kaufman and grew up into a family of ten sisters and two brothers.

*When & why the move to Kaufman County?*

His father Isaac Haught died in 1916, leaving Grandpa and his two brothers to work and make a living for the family. The family moved to Kaufman, Texas where his mother "took in laundry" and the three boys worked on a farm for \$1.50 per day. They had little more than the bare necessities, yet they managed to enjoy life. They worked hard, from sun up to sundown throughout the week and enjoyed their weekends by going to a dance at a neighbor's house. Courting girls usually meant an evening of conversation in the living room of the girl's house and an occasional ride in the country when a horse and buggy could be borrowed from a neighbor.

*How they came not to own land?*

Grandpa attended school for only a small portion of his first-grade year because he had to work during the day in order to help support the family. The family never attended church. They were a close family. Their house was small but adequate. As a child, Grandpa played with the son of the owner of the local theater. The two of them made a trip to the movies every day without fail and sometimes twice a day.

*How much education did Adam have?*

*? odd?*

As a teenager, he became very ill. He had appendicitis. He walked over twenty miles to his sister's house in Peeltown to get help. He arrived late at night. His sister called the doctor. The doctor could not see at night to drive the team of horses, so he told them to call him in the morning if Grandpa was not better. The next morning dawned and he was worse. The doctor came and diagnosed appendicitis. It had gone too far. Surgery would be fatal. Grandpa was given two strychnine tablets and told to rest. He slept for 24 hours. His appendix ruptured and paratenitis

*? near what now?*

tablets and he lived and the infection was killed.

*could have died  
of prison*

At the age of twenty-two, Grandpa married my grandmother and began working as a truck driver, hauling loads. He made more money in this way than by farming. However, he was forced to return to farming during the Great Depression in order to support his wife and two small children. He was <sup>paid!</sup> payed 35¢ a day and was happy to have a job.

His world has been one of many changes. Society has changed. Fashion trends have come and gone and returned. Technology has doubled, tripled, and quadrupled itself. Small towns have grown into massive cities with buildings scraping the sky and pavement extending for miles. He no longer drives a horse and buggy: he owns a car. He is the father of seven children, grandfather of twenty-six, and great-grandfather of eleven. His offspring live in a world alien to that of his childhood. Yet, Grandpa himself has not changed much. Today, he is 78 years old, lives in the small town of Palmer, Texas and has never lived more than one hundred miles away from the town in which he was born. Grandpa still loves the serenity of the country and a peaceful day of fishing in an isolated pasture. He still dresses simple and eats simple foods. His life is not complex. He is retired now, but he still works as hard as he ever did. He can repair any washer or dryer and spends many hours working in his garage. Grandpa is a quiet man. He thinks a lot and is very intelligent and wise. He has many wonderful stories to share about past experiences, his own and those of others.

In comparing the life of my great, great grand father and that of my grandfather, their lives were not a whole

lot different as children. They were both farmers and strived to excell in all they did. Their lifestyles were not much different. As technology advanced, their worlds grew further apart, yet my grandfather held to his old lifestyle as much as possible.

My life has very little in common with that of these two great men. I live a very fast-paced life. Very little in my life is permanent or <sup>laid</sup> ~~laid~~ back. I eat fast food meals from fast food restaurants or precooked meals ready to heat and serve from throw-away containers and drink colas from throw-away bottles and cans. I live in a world of the disposable. Babies are given no rights before birth; marriages average a five-year term. Human life has somehow lost its value. Morals and values have changed dramatically. Positive changes have occurred also. I work and attend school. I not only graduated from elementary and high school; I attend college, a privilege my ancestors were never offered. Careers today require an average of twelve to twenty years of formal education. I have the opportunity to choose from thousands of careers, an opportunity that my female ancestors could not even dream of. I have the right to vote and be treated equally as a human being. Ideally, my world offers equal opportunities to black, Mexican, and other ethnic groups including the right to vote. Handicapped people are given the opportunity to live more independently today than in the past. The United States of America is a strong and powerful force in the world, <sup>but</sup> and we live under the shadow of fear of nuclear war, something Adam Haught never dreamed of. My life is complex. I am ever running, trying to keep up with daily appointments. I have meetings, one after another.

*good insights!*

There are church meetings, family responsibilities, classes to attend, a job to occupy my time, and rush-hour traffic. My life is complex, but I have more material goods than my ancestors ever imagined having.

While I have always lived within one hundred miles of the town in which I was born, I feel that the future will see me far from home, as traveling and even moving do *Probably-* not entail nearly as much trauma as my great, great grandfather and his family must have faced.

I am a typical, spoiled American child. Yet my ancestors have passed on to me a sense of value and a desire to work hard to be the best that I can be. While my world is nothing like that of my ancestors', I pray that I may always apply their ability to give one hundred percent performance in all that I do and be able to adapt to change as they did. I pray that God will help me to live up to the meaning that the Haught name has come to represent.

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