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**Father: Thomas Hope (Cabarrus County, N.C.)**

born: 1783

died: ca. 1836

married: (1) 1808 - Ann Allison

1 daughter of this union

(2) July 28, 1812 - Mary Moore of York County, S.C., Bethesda Community (mother of Dr. Hope)

Mary Moore

Thomas Hope (1783-1836)

Robert Hervey Hope (1818-1890)

**Other children of Thomas Hope and Mary Moore Hope:**

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Elizabeth Moore Hope -- no dates given

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Dr. Robert Hervey Hope- who for 31 years was a beloved and respected citizen and physician of Rock Hill, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on November 18th, 1818.

His father Thomas Hope ( 1783- ) of Cabarrus County, had in 1808 Married Ann Allison, who died shortly after the birth of their daughter, Ann Allison Hope( 1811- ) was on July 28th, 1812 married a second time to Miss Mary Moore of the Bethesda section of York County. To them were born the following children-

Samuel Newton Hope (1813- 1834) ; Catherine Allison Hope (1815- 1834) ; Mary Starr Hope (1816- 1888); Robert Hervey Hope (1818-1890) and Elizabeth Moore Hope .

The children's childhood was spent in Mecklenburg County where young Robert attended such schools as their neighborhood afforded. After the death of the father, Robert- then 18 years of age- his mother and sisters removed to the Bethesda community of the County. His sister, Ann Allison Hope had by then been married to Mr. Alexander McKenly for five years, his brother Samuel and his sister Catherine had died two years before.

Robert soon entered Charleston Medical College from which he graduated in 1840, and returned to this County to begin the practice of medicine in the River District, east of Rock Hill.

On November 10th, 1842 the young doctor was married to Jane Amelia McFadden, daughter of Captain Isaac McFadden of Chester County. For a few years their home was in the Bethesda section, then Dr. Hope moved to Rock Hill in 1859, and after that time- for 31 years- was nobly associated with the progress and history of the place.



His home was located in a large grove of oak trees on East White Street in a section of the town then called "EGYPT". Facing his home and off to the right, on a hill top, stood the home of Colonel Pride. The Wesleyan Methodist church is today (1952) located in the oak grove and the street which was opened from East White Street to the Industrial Mills is named for Dr. Hope's daughter, Anna, and her husband, Frel Mobley- Annafrel.

When the Civil War began, and the call went out for physicians for the service in the Confederate army, the women of the town and surrounding area petitioned the Military authorities not to accept Dr. Hope for service, but to leave him to care for their families and the returning wounded veterans. This was allowed and Dr. Hope was never a member of the Confederate army.

In 1843, Dr. Hope's sister, Elizabeth Moore Hope, had married Mr. A. O. Cannon, and another sister, Mary Starr Hope, had become the second wife of David Craighead Crawford on December 19th, 1846. It was their son, Thomas Allison Crawford, who was later to become a doctor, his uncle's associate, and to continue his work among his patients, when after <sup>31</sup>51 years of faithful and conscientious service to the citizens of his town and community the old Doctor died.

On June 20th, 1890, Dr. Hope died, and within a week the women of Rock Hill had formed an association for the purpose of erecting a monument to his memory. "They each felt a personal loss in the death of the old physician, who so often brought hope and encouragement into their homes in their hours of deepest distress." Mrs. Dr. S. Blake, Mrs Wm. Whyte, Mrs. S. L. Reid and Mrs. L. M. Davis headed committees in the association to present their purpose to the women. At the head of his grave in Laurelwood Cemetery stands a shaft reflecting their devotion.

On the east side of the shaft is engraved these words-



Robert Hervey Hope, Born - Nov. 18- 1818, Died June 20-1890.

On the south side- **The faithful physician** who spent 50 years of professional life in this town and country.

On the west side- Erected by many friends as an expression of their esteem and affection.

On the north side- "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations."

Dr. Hope was buried in Laurelwood Cemetery with Masonic honors, having for many years been an active member of the Rock Hill Lodge # 111, A.F.M.

Reverend J. S. White, who knew him well and intimately for many years, in a sketch of Dr. Hope written for **The Rock Hill Herald**-(Published June 25, 1890) says: "We have known him in joy and prosperity, we have walked with him under the deepest clouds of sorrow and affliction-" and gives this picture of the Doctor.

As a man, gentleness, kindness, charity and meek submission to the will of Providence were well combined in him. He was humble, unassuming, and apparently unaware of his real worth and ability. A friend to all, and especially the poor, to whom he was gentle, sympathetic and charitable. Seeking neither the fame nor wealth which could well have been his, he chose rather to do good and help his suffering fellow men and devoted his life to that purpose.

He had an erect frame, a dignified, courteous manner, a fine constitution, a short quick step and perhaps did more hard riding than any other man of his age. Cheerful and attractive himself, he loved companionship and was a true and understanding friend ,

He was a member of the Presbyterian church for about thirty years and having a good singing voice was each Sunday- professional duties permitting- to be found in the choir there.

As a citizen he took interest in public affairs and enterprises



and gave encouragement to every improvement to his city.

As a physician, he was faithful and conscientious in his work, and had the respect and confidence of all classes, old and young, rich and poor, stood high in his profession and was sought from all directions for medical advice, counsel and services.

He was a devoted husband and father. He and his wife, Jane, had a large family, several of his children died young, and a son John B. Hope died in 1880. Only his wife, Jane, who died June 30th, 1895; his son Robert H. Jr., and Mrs Ratterree and Mrs Mobley, his daughters survived him.

His daughter Margaret E. ( 1856-1926) married Hyder Ratterree. Their only daughter, Jane Hope Ratterree, married as the 1st wife of Charles L. Cobb, and died in 1917.

His daughter Anna P. Hope( 1863-1927) married first J. Ira Hall, who died in 1883. She then married Frel Mobley (1863-1916)

His son Robert H. Jr., (186 - ) married 1st Anna O'Neil, a sister of J. W. O'Neil. He married 2nd Sarah Parker, a sister of J. E. Parker.

Dr. Hope's family is represented in Rock Hill today (1952) by Miss Ira Hall- his granddaughter, the daughter of Anna Hope and her 1st husband J. Ira Hall.

Robert Hope Mobley- his grandson, the son of Anna Hope and her 2nd husband, Frel Mobley, died in 1952, leaving a widow, Virginia (Cork) Mobley and a son, Robert H. Mobley Jr., The latter lives now in Florida.

Mrs Emma (Hope) Whitner, his granddaughter, the daughter of his son Robert H. Jr., who is the wife of Lyle R. Whitner. Mrs Whitner has five children: Lyle R. Jr., Jane, William, Sallie and Richard, who are the doctor's great grand children.