

**Jacob Hansell, Blacksmith
Philadelphia PA
1762 to 1810**

Of the eleven children of Peter David and Dorothy Hansell, only Jacob (blacksmith) and Barnett (taylor) left their home in Kingsessing prior to 1800 and made their way to downtown Philadelphia (all of six miles), where the brothers bought property and raised their families. When Jacob and Barnett's brother William (blacksmith living in Darby) died in 1800, his widow Sarah Morris Hansell packed up her kids and moved to downtown Philadelphia, where her children prospered in various occupations. Lots of Hansell descendants in Philadelphia.

The brothers Barnett and William had descendants who charted their families, but Jacob seems to have been left out, or at least no one has found Ed Bradford's website and contributed on Jacob's behalf. Idling at the computer one day, a book popped up (scanned by Google of course) that offered a connection to Jacob Hansell's wife, Mary (Maria) Rathschlag, through a Lex relative. After that, things fell together quite rapidly.

This is what I know about Jacob as of January 2013.

Establishing Mary Rathschlag as Jacob Hansell's Wife

In the late 1790s and early 1800s, Jacob Hansell, blacksmith, and his family lived at 162 Sassafras (Race), Philadelphia, between 4th and 5th Streets, the same neighborhood as the Lex and Eisenbrey families. I noted various links among these families and finally blundered into the connection.

St. Michael's and Zion Lutheran Church Marriages

John Eisenbrey (1752-1793) married Catherine Rathschlag 9/30/1773
Peter Lex (1750-1831) married Elizabeth Ratschagen 2/21/1779
Jacob Hansel (1762-1810) married Maria Rathschlag 5/9/1786

The following deed confirms the sisters' relationship:

City of Philadelphia Deed, EF 24/292 dated 11/10/1806. This deed transfers property on the west side of 5th between Sassafras and Vine from Elizabeth Rathschlag, widow of Henry, and her three daughters, named below, to Edward Wills Carr. The deed states these girls are the only children of Henry Rathschlag.

Catherine Isenbrey, widow
Peter Lex (merchant) and wife Elizabeth
Jacob Hansell (blacksmith) and wife Mary

Jacob Hansell married Mary Rathschlag. Peter Lex, the executor brother-in-law in Jacob Hansell's will, was Mary's sister's husband.

HANSELL, JACOB. Phila. Blacksmith.
May 3, 1807. January 15, 1810. 3.68.
All estate to wife: Mary during widowhood, if she marries, to have one third.
Residue to his children (names not given).
Wife to be guardian of children.
Mentions property in Kingsessing Twp. on Darby Road.
Execs: Wife Mary, bro.-in-law Peter Lex, Phila.
Wit: Jacob Painter, Frederick Beates.

Birth of Mary Rathschlag Hansell

Family Search – Pennsylvania Births and Christenings 1709-1950

Anna Maria Rathschlag

Born: 9/26/1764
 christened: 10/7/1764
 parents: Henrich Rathschlag
 Maria Elizabeth

OR

See End Notes for a burial record of probably Mary Rathschlag Hansell, died October 28, 1824, age 57-3-20 which yields a birth date of July 9, 1767.

Birth of Jacob Hansell

December 16, 1762 in Ed Bradford's tree which essentially correlates with Jacob's death certificate.

Children of Jacob Hansell and Mary Rathschlag

Provided by Family Search Pennsylvania Births and Christenings 1709-1950	Children of Jacob Hansell listed in a deed transferring the bulk of Peter David Hansell's Kingsessing property, dated 3/24/1818, MR 19/398, Philadelphia Deeds
Henrich Hensel b. 2/7/1787, christen: 2/10/1787 in Philad. father: Jacob Hensel, mother: Maria Johannas Hensel b. 7/16/1788, christen: 8/3/1788 in Philad. father: Jacob Hensel, mother: Maria Maria Anna Hensel b. 4/29/1797, christen: 5/23/1797 St. Michaels & Zion father: Jacob, mother: A. Maria	John Jacob Peter Mary Joseph Eliza Catharine Mary Hansell signed the deed as guardian of minor children Mary, Joseph, Eliza and Catharine
Elizabeth Hensel b. 1/26/1803 in Philad. father: Jacob Hensel, mother: Maria Catharina Hensel christen: 11/14/1804 father: Jacob Hensel, mother: Maria Dorothea Hensel b. 8/11/1806, christen: 9/15/1806 father: Jacob Hensel, mother: Maria	Provided by Historical Society of Pa., Call Ph 2L:14 St. Michael's Lutheran Church Grave- yard (inscriptions of tombstones prior to re- moval of graveyard in 1874) Jacob Hensel, died Jan. 12, 1810, aged 47 Henry Hensel, died Oct. 11, 1787, aged 7 mos. Peter Hensel, died Feb. 26, 1793, age 5 mos. Samuel Hensel, died Jan. 16, 1802, aged 6 years, 11 months Philip Hensel, died July 26, 1803, aged 27 years, 4 months (too old to be a son of Jacob) Dorothea Hensel, died March 28, 1807, aged 7 months, 12 days

Maybe one day the birth/christening records for Jacob, Peter and Joseph will show up at FamilySearch.

Deaths of Jacob and Mary Hansell

Jacob died at age 47 in a terrible accident:

Interments in the German Lutheran Burial ground
from the 8th of January to the 20th year 1810

NAMES.	AGES.	DISEASES.
Christian Hobbert	19 years	Decay
Mary Murray	65. do	Insanity
Jacob Hansell	47	Casualty +
Jacob Ash	32	Decay
Mary Kraufs	56	Fluency
Phillip Smiths (Child)	—	Still born
Martin Combs's do	—	do do

of the fire Engine
ran over him and he
died in a few hours -

Jacob Hansell, 47,
Casualty – the fire
engine ran over him
and he died in a few
hours

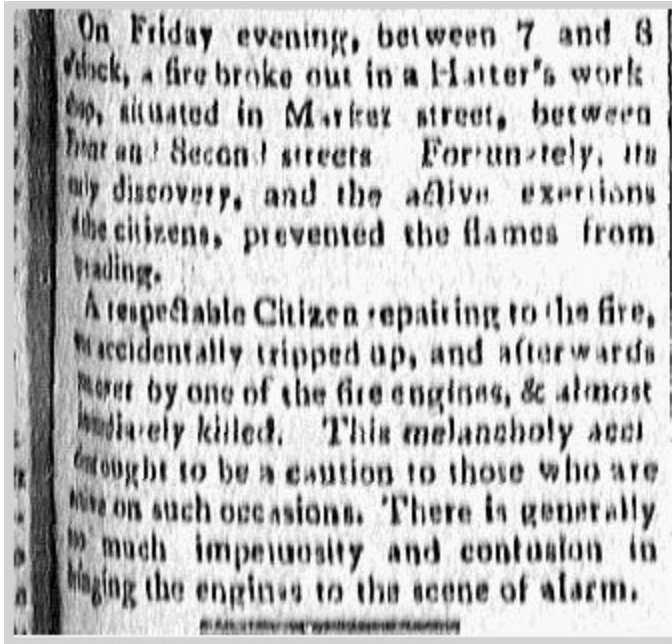
I do Certify that Jacob Hansell aged forty seven
years - Died suddenly the 12th Inst^o Jan^o in consequence
of a fall.

Arthur Blayney

Philad^a Jan^o 13. 1810.

Dr. Arthur Blayney, long-time Philadelphia doctor, lived across the street from Jacob Hansell's house on SassafRAS (Race).

The accident was reported in the January 15, 1810 issue of *Poulsons Daily Advertiser*, Page 3.



On Friday evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, a fire broke out in a Hatter's workshop, situated in Market Street, between First and Second streets. Fortunately, its early discovery, and the active exertions of the citizens, prevented the flames from spreading.

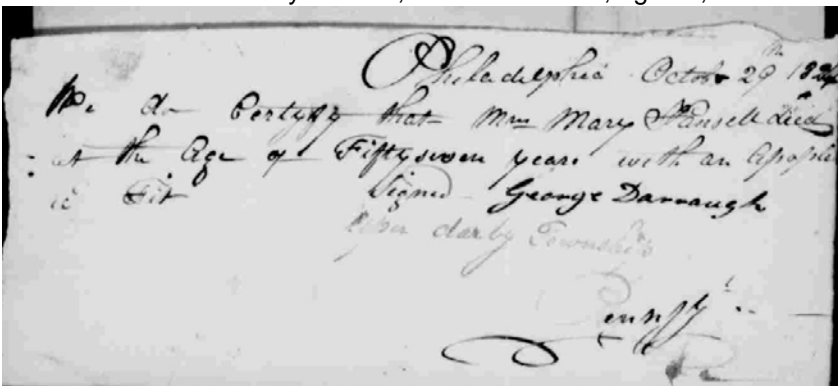
A respectable Citizen repairing to the fire, __accidentally tripped up, and afterwards__ by one of the fire engines & almost immediately killed. This melancholy accident ought to be a caution to those who are __ on such occasions. There is generally __ much impetuosity and confusion in bringing the engines to the scene of alarm.

It could be that Jacob died in the line of duty. A Jacob Hansell is listed as a member of the Assistance Fire Company, founded in 1789. The company was formed principally by people living in the neighborhood of Fourth and Sassafras (Race) and apparently many of the members belonged to the German Lutheran Church.

So, Mary became a widow at 46, left with children ages 6 to 22. On the 20th of January 1810, Mary and Peter Lex (husband of Mary's sister Elizabeth), as co-executors, advertised in *Poulsons Daily Advertiser* for all debtors and creditors to contact them to settle Jacob's estate. As directed by Jacob Hansell's will, Mary and Peter Lex then sold for \$100 the lot on Darby Road in Kingsessing that Jacob had bought from Barnett. Charles Hansell, blacksmith in Blockley and a brother of Jacob, bought a second lot Jacob had purchased from one of his brothers which now had a 2 story house. Charles paid \$550. After Jacob's death, Mary is listed in city directories at 162 Sassafras (Race) as a shopkeeper. In 1823 and 1824 a Mary Hansell (our Mary?) is listed in city directories along with her sister-in-law Sarah (Barnett's widow) at 18 North 6th, long-time address for Barnett Hansell.

Philadelphia Death Certificate for Mary Hansell:

Mary Hansell, died 10/29/1824, age 57, buried German Lutheran. So far, only circum-



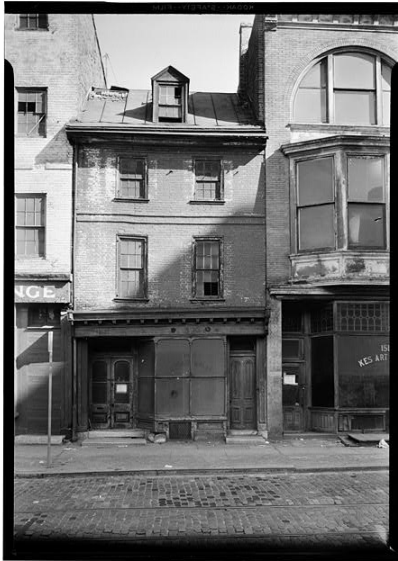
stantial evidence links this death certificate to our Mary Hansell. The name and church correlate. Age at death is close enough. Mary Hansell does cease being listed in the Philadelphia City Directory after 1824 and her home on Sassafras St. was sold five months later to finally settle Jacob's estate. It looks like "Upper Darby Township" below Darraugh's name.

Real Estate Transactions of Jacob Hansell

Whereas brother Barnett Hansell bought one property in Philadelphia and settled in for the duration (18 N 6th Street), Jacob certainly bought his share of downtown Philadelphia real estate! Jacob even purchased some of the lots on Darby Road in Kingsessing from his brothers.

East Side of 6th Street – 91 N 6th (renumbered 153 North 6th)

Jacob's first purchase on August 12, 1788 was a 1 story wood building on the east side of 6th between Cherry and Sassafras, the third house south of Sassafras. He paid 68 pounds. When Jacob sold this property in 1802, it included a 3 story brick building and the sale price was 800 pounds. Even though this Historic Survey has the name John Hansell, the deeds clearly say Jacob. (Philadelphia Deeds, D 34/202) This was Jacob's address in the 1790 census.



STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY	
PENNSYLVANIA	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	1c
		153 N. Sixth Street	4d
INDEX NUMBER	MONUMENT		
PHILA 242	John Hansell House		
REPRESENTED IN NEGATIVE FILE	H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.	History	
	PA-1012	John Hansell, Blacksmith, acquired the site of this row house on August 12, 1788. Fourteen years later, on May 8, 1802, he sold the property, with a three story brick house, to Christian C. Denckla, Merchant, for £800. After changing owners twice, the house was acquired by William C. Parker, "Ladies Shoe Maker", for \$4,800 in 1846. It remained with Parker, or his estate, until 1900. Demolished 1959.	
PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS	Description		
	-A narrow, three-and-a-half story brick city row house with later store front, double brick belt course between second and third stories, gable roof, and single dormer.		
PUBLISHED DRAWINGS			
Form 10-444 (2/59)		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY (over)	

See End Notes for a survey of this property.

East side of 6th Street between Cherry and Sassafras (Race)

On September 1, 1792, Jacob purchased a 2 story brick house and lot on the east side of 6th St. between Cherry and Sassafras (Race) for 250 pounds. I don't know when he sold this property. (Philadelphia Deeds, D 37/117). This property must be proximate to the above 91 N 6th.

Near SE corner of 5th and Sassafras – 162 Sassafras (Race) renumbered 436 Race

On August 22, 1793, Jacob purchased a 36' x 95' lot and building on the south side of Sassafras, 21 feet east of the intersection of 5th and Sassafras, between 4th and 5th Streets for 500 pounds. City directories list Jacob living here from about 1796 to his death. In the 1810 city directory there is a Hansell Court located behind this address. Originally, this Hansell parcel abutted the German Lutheran Church property on the south and east. (Philadelphia Deeds D 60/228).

This property was sold by auction at the Merchants Coffee House on March 30, 1825, to settle Jacob's estate. Mary had died in 1824. Philip Eisenbrey, Mary's nephew, had taken over executor duties from Peter Lex. At the time of this sale, the lot contained two 3 story brick structures which were eventually re-sold as two separate properties. A Sheriff's Deed (Volume D, Page 413) ordered this sale. The high bidder, Griffith Evans, paid \$6,100.

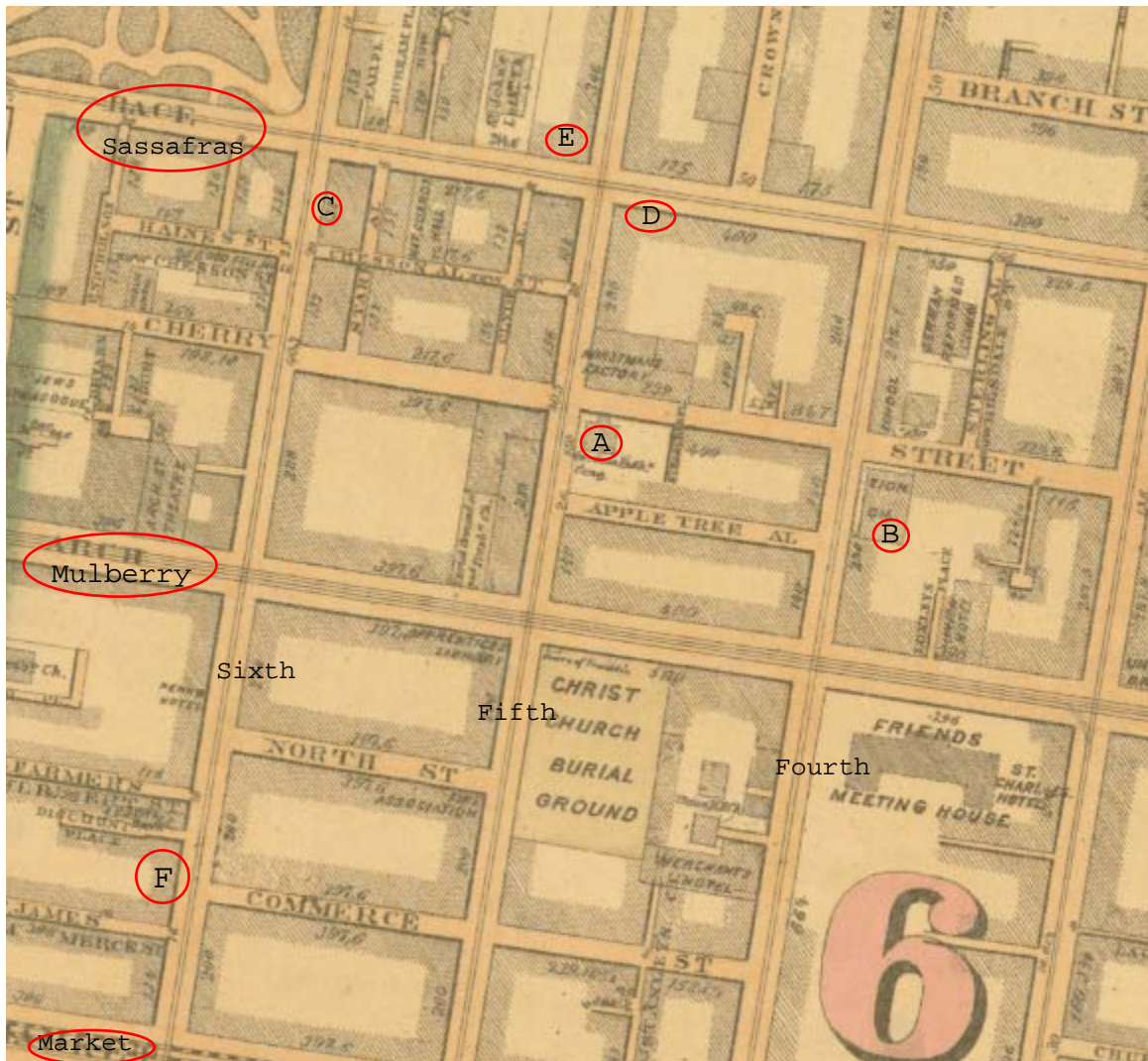
E side of 8th Street north of Sassafras

This may have been the purchase of a ground rent on June 27, 1795 for 2 pounds 15 shillings. Jacob resold this in 1803 for \$110. (Philadelphia Deeds IC 3/85 and IC 3/89).

North side of Sassafras between 11th and 12th

This is the purchase of a lot, 25' x 180' on January 9, 1796 for 50 dollars silver money. (Philadelphia Deeds EF 9/703). I don't know when it resold.

Mary Hansell was involved in the sale of her father's property (John Henry Rathschlag) after his death. Mary and her children shared in the proceeds from the sale of the bulk of Peter David Hansell's property in Kingsessing when it finally sold in 1818.



- A. St. Michael's Lutheran Church
- B. Zion Lutheran Church
- C. 91 N 6th - Jacob Hansell
- D. 162 Sassafras - Jacob Hansell

- E. Catherine Eisenbrey, Samson & Lion Inn
- F. 18 N 6th - Barnett Hansell

1862 Philadelphia Atlas

Miscellaneous Things About Jacob Hansell

Warning: There are other Jacob Hansells in Philadelphia during the same time period. One has a wife Barbara and one deed identifies him as a paper manufacturer. A Jacob Hansell and his wife Barbary are storekeepers at 106 N 3rd.

1784: A Jacob Hansell is listed serving in post-Revolutionary War Philadelphia City Militia. It is undoubtedly our Jacob as Barnitt [sic] Hansell is in the same company (Benjamin Freeman's First Company, First Battalion, under the command of Lieut Col John Shee, PA Archives, 6th Series, Vol. III, page 946).

In 1789 the Assistance Fire Company was established as previously mentioned. Relatives and neighbors are among the members: John Eisenbrey, brother-in-law; Valentine Hoffman, neighbor and fellow blacksmith; Henry Myers who owned the tavern just down the street at the corner of 5th and Sassafras. (*Philadelphia History*, 1609-1884).

The Historic Mansions and Buildings of Philadelphia by Thompson Westcott, 1894 provides a history of the German Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, which was proximate to Jacob Hansell's property at 162 Sassafras. The author noted headstones in the cemetery for Lex, Hansell and Eisenbrey among others. This cemetery is long-gone, two or three times over.

In December of 1792, the US Mint paid Jacob Hansell \$18.63 for a ten plate stove. This stove was installed in the new mint building on 7th Street. This is the only reference I could find to Jacob's work as a blacksmith, but if you leave only one legacy behind, this is a pretty good one. The source for these bills is *Account of Warrants drawn by David Rittenhouse*, National Archives.

July 1792

Warrant No. 1 Frederick Hailer, for the lot and buildings for the Mint \$4,266.67

July 30, 1792

Warrant No. 2 Henry Voigt, to pay workmen - \$170.21

December 16, 1792

Warrant No. 40. Jacob Hansell, for a ten plate stove \$18.63

The US Mint building was constructed during the summer of 1792, Warrant No. 1 paying for a lot on 7th Street. Subsequent warrants paid for workmen and materials. In September the building was ready for the installation of the furnace, bellows and other interior fit-up; then the presses were installed and the Mint was in business.



A ten plate stove is a free-standing, vented stove developed from a six plate stove (top, bottom, four side plates) to include four more plates to make an oven with a door. The smoke/heat would go around the oven and exit through the vent on the top plate of the stove.

Working hours at the Mint were 6 AM to 7 PM which included an hour for breakfast and an hour for lunch. As no one was allowed to leave the building during the day, relatives of the employees would bring food. Undoubtedly Jacob's stove provided heat and hot meals.

Early 10 Plate Stove Photo from AntiqueStoves.com

There are two more warrants of interest for products sold to the US Mint:

June 26, 1793

Warrant in favor of John Eisenbray, hogshead cider royal \$20.00
-Account of Warrants drawn by David Rittenhouse

Saturday August 17, 1793

Herbot & Lex for vinegar

Cider royal? Sounds like a party to me!



As there is little new under the sun, about 200 years later, Jacob's great great great great nephew, a welder/metal worker (pretty close to a blacksmith), refit the next generation cook-stove to accommodate longer pieces of wood. Obviously a step up from the 10 plate stove and it sure heats the house!

In 2004, a study of the area in which Jacob Hansell lived was performed in conjunction with the development of the Independence National Historic Park. The opening line for the description of Sassafras (Race) Street, mainly between 5th and 6th, follows: "By 1775 Race Street had become "almost as frequented as any in town partly due to a flurry of recent building on this block."

Jacob Hansell is mentioned in this study as an owner of property (91 N 6th) and as apparently intermarried with the Lex family. Documents related to the Independence National Historic Park can be found in the *Independence Mall Historic Resource Study* here: http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/inde/hrs/hrs.htm

Mary Rathschlag Hansell's Birth Family

According to Rupp's *30,000 Names*, a Johan Henrich Rathschlag came to the US in October 1754 on the Ship Friendship. In deeds, John's occupation is laborer and his wife is Elizabeth. John died by 1788; fortunately he owned real estate (home at 120 N 5th and other property) and the deeds confirm the married names of his daughters.

Mary's sister Catherine Rathschlag married John Eisenbrey, tavern/inn keeper, in 1773. See eisenbrey.org by Phil Snow which is a work in progress about the Philadelphia Eisenbrey Family.



Catherine and John had nine children. John died at age 40 in the 1793 yellow fever epidemic and Catherine carried on with the Samson and Lion Inn at 110 N 5th, at the NW corner of 5th and Sassafras, just across the street and a bit west of Mary Hansell's house.

We are left with a wonderful portrait of Catherine, painted by Jacob Eischholtz in 1828. Phil Snow will try to obtain a color photo of this portrait.

Photo at Frick Art Reference Library



The third sister, Elizabeth Rathschlag, married Peter Lex, butcher, grocer, sugar refiner. Elizabeth's nine children were named basically the same as her sister Mary's children.

The Lexes last lived at 283 Market Street. Peter died at 81 in 1831 and Elizabeth followed 12 years later at age 86. Peter was an executor for a number of wills besides Jacob Hansell's. We do have a portrait of the handsome fellow.

Liveauctioneers.com: Portrait of Peter Lex (Philadelphia 1750-1831) attributed to John Paradise. Provenance: Descended in the Mary Custis Lee Family (great granddaughter of Martha Washington, wife of Robert E. Lee)

ATTRIBUTED TO JOHN PARADISE, PORTRAIT, PETER LEX

Children of Jacob Hansell and Mary Rathschlag

Little Dorothy and Henry died early. There may have been other sons who died early. The females are impossible to follow, so that leaves John, Jacob, Peter and Joseph. I put these four boys into a timeline, looked in city directories, census records, death certificates, newspapers, etc., tried to eliminate men with the same names that didn't fit, and the result is some gross speculation about these boys, who, for all I know, could belong to other families.

John was born on July 16, 1788. He started off as a tallow chandler and around 1818 probably switched careers to a gilder. He drops off city directories after 1826 (unless he changed his occupation to a painter). And that is all I know of John.

Jacob was born probably 1790. He had a steady occupation as a soap boiler, located at Bryan's Alley, and then there are two choices of death:

Death Cert: Jacob Hansell, died 1821, buried 12/17/1821 St. George Methodist Burial Ground in Philadelphia [burial ground on Crown St; church on 4th between Race & Vine]

Death Cert.: Jacob Hansell, died 9/19/1828 in Philadelphia, age 38 (b. 1790), died of epilepsy, signed A. Comstock, MD, buried St. John's Methodist North Burial Ground [Green St, NE of Germantown Ave, formerly Rising Sun Village in 33rd ward; bodies removed for extension of 11th St.]. This goes along with a 9/20/1828 *National Gazette* obit: Yesterday, after a short illness, Mr. Jacob Hansell in the 38th year of his age.

Peter H. is the best documented of the boys. He was born around 1795. During the War of 1812 he served with his cousin Morris Hansell (son of William and Sarah Hansell) in the Junior Artillerists under Jacob Cash (more about this unit when I get to Morris Hansell).



Peter's work was as a carver and gilder (carving wood, plaster, etc. and covering with gold leaf).

Two prints, published by P.H. Hansell, Carver and Gilder, No. 177 Race St. in 1817, still exist today (you can buy one at Sears or Amazon). The engraver of both prints was Joseph Yeager and the prints are entitled "'United States' and 'Macedonian' Passing Hells Gate for New York" and "H.M. frigate Macedonian, Capt. Carden, striking her colours to the U.S. frigate United States, Com'd. Decatur the 25th Oct. 1812."

Peter had a short stint as a tavern keeper at Monroe Hall, northeast corner of Lombard and 5th. By 1820 he had moved to the Northern Liberties, address Old York Road below Tammany, which is where the 1820 census finds him with probably a wife and two kids.

Northern Liberties, Ward 4, Peter H. Hansell
1 male 16-25
1 female 16-25
1 male under 10
1 female under 10
1 engaged in manufacturing

Directory listings for Peter cease after 1822. The next reference is an assignment of War of 1812 bounty land dated January 1, 1853 by Eliza Hansell, widow of Peter Hansell, deceased, Private Capt. Cash's Company.

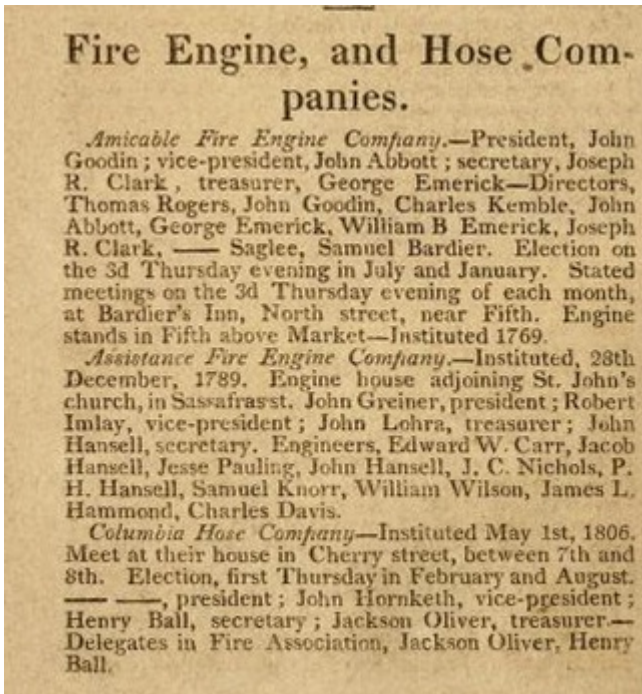
The last boy, **Joseph**, was born probably around 1800. Starting in 1820, city directories list his occupation as a carver and gilder with an address of 162 Race (same as his mother). And there he remains (even after his deceased mother's house was sold in 1824) until these death notices:

WPA Death Index: Joseph Hansell, 3/27/1835, S. Tucker MD

3/30/1835 *Philadelphia Inquirer* obit: Joseph Hansell, on the 27th, in the 37th years of age of consumption.

Miscellaneous Information about the Hansell Children

2-7-1812 *Poulson's American Daily Advertiser*: Copartnership of John and Jacob Hansell dissolved.



1821 Directory lists John, Jacob and P.H. in the Assistance Fire Engine Company

John and Jacob were involved in a few real estate transactions. In 1814, John H. Brinton, attorney and real estate developer, bought 17 acres in the Northern Liberties (from Mary Masters Penn, widow of Richard, grandson of the William Penn), subdivided the parcel and sold lots. John Hansell, soap boiler/tallow chandler and Jacob Hansell, tallow chandler, each bought a lot or two, as did their cousin John Eisenbrey. The lots were purchased for a dollar and immediately sold for upwards of \$100. I don't know who this scheme benefitted.

And to pay due to the tallow chandlers and soap boilers, occupations which rated extremely high on the stench and toxic discharge charts, here is long-time soap boiler Richard De La Hunt selling out in 1812. Maybe one of the Hansell boys bought his stock to start his own business.

To Soap and Candlemakers.
On Tuesday the 14 inst. at R. Delahants, in Zane, Elder or Filbert Street a few doors above Seventh Street at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon,
All the Stock in Trade
Utensils and Moveables thereat,
CONSISTING OF
A large and valuable Soap Boiler.
A large set Scales and Weights.
3 Large Soap and Ash Cisterns.
Soap Frames, Ten Plate Stove,
Candle Frames,
About 5000 lb. brown Soap.
A quantity of Coarse Salt.
12 Cords Oak Wood.
A quantity of Tallow.
A quantity of good and waste Ashes.
Several sheds and a great variety of impliments, utensils and requisites for carrying on the trade in an extensive and compleat manner.
By order of the Assignees,
J. Dorsey, auc'r

1-10-1812 *Poulson's Daily Advertiser*

Zane Street was in close proximity to the Hansell home at 162 Sassafras.

End Notes

I have not provided footnotes. This is not intended for publication. On the other hand, I haven't plucked this information from thin air; there is a source for all this material. My interpretations and attributions may be incorrect. If anyone wants to know where specific information came from, just let me know!

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Hansell Family Book by Ed Bradford – includes Ann Hansell Lane Scollay Compilation. See this work for all known descendants of Peter David Hansell
(<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~edbradford/ed/books/hansell.pdf>)

Eisenbrey Family of Philadelphia
Phil Snow of New Jersey is the man behind the website at eisenbrey.org.

Lex Family of Philadelphia
Howard Waterman Family Tree at ancestry.com and newspaper articles at Genealogy-Bank.com

One page from some sort of a book on a website of a person doing research of the Claxton family. It gives some interesting information about Peter and Elizabeth Lex.
<http://maryann.dragonzlair.homeip.net:81/loucind/Genealogy/claxton/John59.pdf>

Philadelphia Historic Newspapers at GenealogyBank.com

Census data for Jacob Hansell at Ancestry.com

FamilySearch.org
Pennsylvania, Births and Christenings, 1709-1950 for children of Jacob Hansell
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915, Mary and Jacob Hansell

Philadelphia County Deed Indexes and Deeds
Plats (<http://www.phillyhistory.org/PhotoArchive/>)
Deed and Plat Indexes (<http://philadox.phila.gov/phillyhistoricalindex/>)
Deeds (<http://phila-records.com/historic-records/web/>) This site also has the WPA Index to Registration of Deaths-Philadelphia 1803-1860.

Revolutionary War
PA Archives, 6th Series, Vol. III, page 946

US Mint Information
This link goes to an old website that is a transcription by Ron Guth of material about the US Mint found in the National Archives.
http://www.coinfacts.com/mint_history/mint_history_1792/mint_history_1792.htm

The U.S. Mint and Coinage: An Illustrated History From 1776 to the Present, by Don Taxay, Arco Publishing Co., NY, 1966 – available at your local library

History of Philadelphia 1609-1884, Thomas J Scharf, 1884, found at archive.org and ancestry.com. Assistance Fire Company information

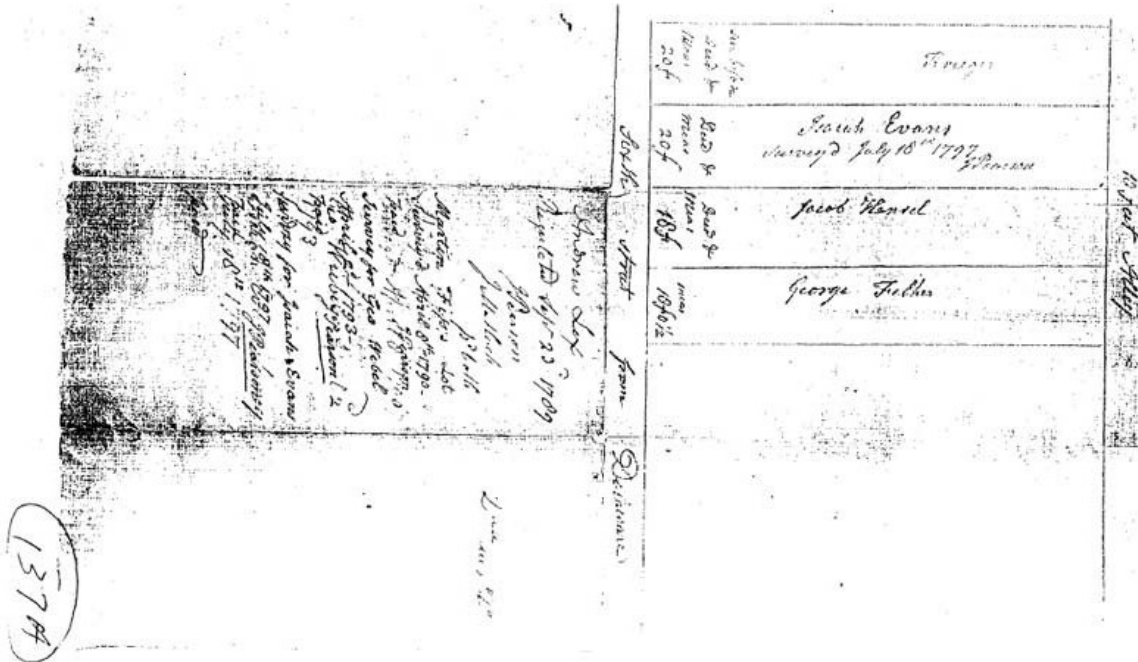
The Historic Mansions and Buildings of Philadelphia by Thompson Westcott, 1894, found at archive.org or Google Books

Historic American Building Survey in Philadelphia 1959 survey and photo of Hansell house at 91 N 6th St/153 N 6th found at the Library of Congress, American Memory under Architecture and Landscape. <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

The *Independence Mall Historic Resource Study* includes the following Philadelphia city survey. This shows Jacob Hansell's lot at 91 N 6th. Across the street is property of Andrew Lex. I think he is a brother of Peter Lex.

It looks like the Lex parcel has been surveyed by James Pearson, Philadelphia City Surveyor, who we'll meet later in the role of father to Anna Pearson, Second Wife of Thomas Hansell.

http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/inde/hrs/hrs.htm



Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Call #PH 2L:13 - *Burial Records of St. Michaels and Zions Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Philadelphia, Pa. 1804-1834*

- Hensel. Febr. 29th
Borothea – Born Aug 1, 1806. died March 26, 1807
(The HSP researcher noted the index says Dorothea)**
- Hansel Dec. 30
Joseph, son of Joseph & Catharine, born Dec. 3, 1807
Died Dec. 29, 1808
- Hensel Rebecca, daughter of Joseph & Catharina, born Mar. 19, 1809
Died Sept. 14th, 1811
- Hensel Oct. 7th.
Joseph, died Oct. 6th, 1816, aged 35-9-0
(Phila. Death Cert: Joseph Hanzel died of insanity, b. 1781)
- Hensel Maria, died Mar. 8, 1822. Her clothing caught on fire and she was badly
burned from which she died. It was a child no age is given.
- Hensell August 17th
Susanna, Johann. G.'s daughter, died Aug. 16, 1823, 9 mos.
- Hensel Oct. 30th
Widow-Hensel, died Oct. 29, 1824, Aged 57-3-20**
- Hantsell Nov. 17th
Carl Friedrich, died Nov. 15, 1827. Aged 78-6-9
- Hansel Mar. 3rd
Barbara, widow, died Mar. 1, 1832, Aged 87 years.
(1832 is a typo, it should be 1831. 3/3/1831 *Philadelphia Inquirer* Death Notice: "Barbara Hansell, relict of Jacob Hansell, age 87, funeral at residence of Joseph Anthony, SE corner Plum & 3rd")

Call #Ph 2L:14 - *St. Michael's Lutheran Church Graveyard, 5th and Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA - Tombstone inscriptions, published in the Public Ledger, 1874, which were recorded by John A. McAllister prior to removal of bodies to Lutheran Burial Ground, Hart's Lane.*

Note that the Lutheran Burial Ground at Hart's Lane was started in 1861, undoubtedly because the graveyard at 5th and Cherry was full. The address for Hart's Lane changed over time to 31st St. & West Lehigh Avenue. In the 1960s the graves were yet again moved to Philadelphia Memorial Park in Frazer, Pa. and Greenmount Cemetery in Philadelphia.

HSP sent me a section of the newspaper clipping with the Hansell entries. Others on the internet report the newspaper clipping is contained in a scrapbook held by the German Society (probably in Philadelphia). It can also be found at LDS film #1312256.

Other names on the clipping are: Kurtz, Wegmann, Schneider, Rudolph, Oxley, Weaver, Ludwick, Wahl, Rein, Huber, Aigel, Schink, Boshardt, Greiner, Riehle.

Census Records - Philadelphia, PA - ancestry.com

1790 – Jacob Hansell, Bl. Smith, 91 North Sixth		Year: 1790; Census Place: Water Street East Side, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Series: M637; Roll: 9; Page: 111; Image: 441; Family History Library Film: 0568149.
3 males under 16	Henry, John and the next born boy	
1 male over 16	Jacob	
1 female	Mary	
1800 – South Mulberry Ward Jacob Hansel		Year: 1800; Census Place: Philadelphia South Mulberry Ward, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Roll: 43; Page: 180,181; Image: 67; Family History Library Film: 363346.
3 males under 10	too many guys!	
3 males 10-15		
2 males 16-25		
1 male 26-44	Jacob	
1 female under 10	Maria Anna	
1 female 16-25	?	
1 female 26-44	Mary	
1810 – South Mulberry Ward Mary Hansell, drygoods, 160 Sassafras, 3SB		Year: 1810; Census Place: Philadelphia South Mulberry Ward, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Roll: 55; Page: 292; Image: 0193681; Family History Library Film: 00096.
1 male 10-15	Joseph	
2 males 16-25	John, Jacob, or Peter	
2 females under 10	Elizabeth and Catharine	
1 female 10 to 15	Maria Ann	
1 female over 45	Mary	
1820 – inconclusive		