

## The Ron Potter Family

There is a book you just can't put down without reading it all the way through, about the Hall sisters, Ron's g-great-aunts, Sylvia and Rachel, who were captured by Indians in 1832 in the *Indian Creek Massacre and Captivity of Hall Girls in the Davis Creek Settlement*, in Illinois--as written about by Charles Martin Scanlan in 1915.

Two friendly Indians, Co-mee and To-qua-mee tried to buy Sylvia and Rachel Hall from their father but he refused. Then, the settler's Indian friend Chief Benjamin Shabbona (a Canadian Indian as were the ancestors of Ron Potter's wife Pam) warned the settlers about the attack, and they did leave but were encouraged to return to their homes, by Mr. Davis, the founder of their settlement, and as a result, sixteen of them were slaughtered in front of the horrified teenage girls, Sylvia and Rachel Hall who were captured. The murder of the Hall family and friends, and capture of two surviving teenage Hall girls had the whole country in an uproar. Abraham Lincoln, years before he became president, was among the soldiers who searched for the missing teenagers. In the end, it was their Indian friend, White Crow, who bartered for the girls and took them home.

The Hall girls, Sylvia and Rachel Hall, were the aunts of Ron Potter's great-grandfather Vashni Potter. Vashni's mother was Temperance Hall who lived elsewhere at the time but their youngest sister, eight year old Elizabeth was murdered with her parents. Later Co-mee and To-qua-mee were put on trial for the massacre but were found innocent---even though they took part in the massacre and were the cause of it all.

Sylvia and her sister Rachel both married in 1833. Rachel married William Munson March 1833, and Sylvia married William S. Horn 5 May 1833. Many books have been written about the massacre. Ron will tell you more information of the family history below. But, you can [click here](#) to read the book or download a pdf file of the book for free. In this edition, you can see a picture of Rachel and also Sylvia's daughter, in their 40's. Sylvia never fully recovered from her horrific experience. However, both girls lived long lives and left many prosperous descendants. From the images in the book, you can see that Vashni got his good looks from his mother Temperance Hall, and passed them down to her g-great-grandson, Ron Potter.

## A True Story-told by Ron Potter about his father's family

I think I may have told you about my history on my father's side, the Hall family. In 1832 they were massacred by the Sioux who stole two I think as I remember of the g,great-Aunts---sister's of my g,great-grandmother Temperance Hall Potter married to Thomas Potter mother of Vishni Potter---and took them to their camp. When the girls were in the Indian camp they saw their mother's hair hanging on a pole.

I read the story years ago not knowing that they were my ggreat-Aunts. It started the war. I think it was called the massacre of Indian creek in Illinois. Two of the brothers escaped. They were out in the fields working and saw it from afar. My g,great-grand mother from the Hubble line **Louisa Hall Hubble** was married to **Brower Hubble (ME# 1533-listed as Brewer Hubbell)** parents of great-grandmother **Helen Hubble Potter** married to **Vashni Potter**. They lived out in the prairie and were good friends. They were said to have stopped by for supper many times with Chief Waubonsie, the chief of the Pottawatomie. He later traded some horses to get the girls back to the family. There is a whole book about this some were, but I lost the one I had.