

An Abstract of an Account of the Captivity of the Wife and Children of
JOHN HANSON.

ON the 27th of the sixth Month called *August*, 1725, my Husband and all our Men Servants being abroad, eleven *Indians* armed with Tomahawks and Guns, who had some Time before been skulking about the Field, and watching an Opportunity of our Mens Absence, came furiously into the House. No sooner were they entered, than they murdered one of my Childern on the Spot, intending no doubt by this Act of Cruelty, to strike the greater Degree of Terror into the Minds of us who survived; after they had thus done, their Captain came towards me with all the Appearance of Rage and Fury it is possible to imagine, nevertheless upon my earnest Request for Quarter, I prevailed with him to grant it.

I had with me a Servant Maid and six Children, but two of my little ones were at that Time playing in the Orchard; my youngest Child was but fourteen Days old, and myself of Consequence in a poor weak Condition, and very unfit to endure the Hardships I afterwards meet with, as by the Sequel will appear.

The next Step they took was to rattle the House, which they did with much Hurry and Precipitation, being apprehensive in all Probability of a Surprise; and as it was late in the Afternoon, they packed up what Linen, Woollen, and other Things they liked, and forthwith turned us out of the House.

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