

David HART Family history

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DAVID HART (1844-1924)

(David, George Whitfield, Jonathan, Thomas A., Jonathan, Samuel, Isaac Hartt)

David Hart was born in Burford, Brant County, Ontario in 1844, one of 6 children born to George Whitfield Hart and Mary Ann Stewart. According to family lore, his father died when David was 7 years old, this is evidenced by the 1851 census which indicates that a male 37 years old died in the household of Mary Ann Hart within the previous year. David's mother went to work as a housekeeper for James Galloway, and took the youngest children with her, George, Thomas and Esther; David was sent to work on a farm, and presumably so was William; the baby Ransford was cared for by a wealthy family, who gave Mary Ann \$100.

Siblings of David Hart: According to my grandmother Celeste (Hart) Banning, Thomas Hart went to Lowell, Michigan (more on him below), George died indigent, Esther Hart married Morgan Wills and lived in St. Catherines, Ontario. We don't know what happened to Ransford "Rance" Hart or the oldest brother William Hart.

Mary Ann (Stewart) Hart married James Galloway and had two more children: Abraham b. 1858 and Mary Ann Galloway b. 1860. (More on them below)

David Hart married Mary Isobel/ Isabella Williams (b. 1849 dau of Henry Williams and Phoebe Stephenson) and they lived in Grimsby, Ontario. Their first eight children were born in Grimsby only Herbert, Sarah and Bertha Helen survived. In 1883 they went to Moosomin, North West Territories (now Saskatchewan) where David built the first livery and feed stable and his daughter Celeste was born. David Hart's horses were commandeered by the North West Mounted Police for the 1885 "Northwest Rebellion" of Louis Riel. In May 1885 daughter Minnie was born and died a few months later in Carlyle, North West Territory (Saskatchewan). In 1887 he also bought land in Assiniboia district (now Saskatchewan) and the 1891 Census finds the family living in Broadview, Assiniboia near his mother Mary Ann Galloway and his half siblings Abe and Mary Ann. Around 1901 he started another livery business in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He retired and moved back to Hamilton, Ontario in 1906; in 1917 he transferred the deed to the house at 360 John Street to his wife and widowed daughter Bertha Jefferson, converted his assets to gold and moved to Seattle, Washington to prepare for the Tribulation. He died in Seattle in 1924; his wife Mary died in Vancouver, BC in 1922.



David Hart, Celeste, Mary; behind: Bertha Helen, Herbert, Sarah

Children of David Hart (1844-1924) and Mary Isabella Williams (1849-1922):

- 10 children, 6 died as infants
- Herbert Samuel Hart m. Florence St. George – no children
- Sarah Hart m. George Pateman – 9 children
- Celeste L. Hart m. Duncan K. Banning – 8 children
- Bertha “Nellie” Hart m. Milton Jefferson – at least 2 children who died as infants.

Pateman and Banning descendants settled mostly in Western Canada.



Mary (Williams) Hart, David Hart, Duncan Banning, Celeste (Hart) Banning, children Mary Florence, Annie and Alice Banning, 1908.

BANNING FAMILY

CELESTE LINDA HART (1883-1972) and DUNCAN KEIR BANNING (1879-1954)

Celeste Hart was a school teacher when she met Duncan Keir Banning. Duncan was born 1879 in Arnprior Ontario, one of 6 children born to Alexander Banning and Mary McFadyen. His mother died in 1888 at age 33. His father Alexander married Elizabeth Stevenson in 1890 and they had 7 more children together, they moved to Ritchot, Manitoba (near Winnipeg) and later to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Duncan and Celeste married Christmas Day 1903 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and the bride wore a purple velvet dress. They had 8 children. She made clothes for her children in the latest fashions from the east, her daughter Anne said they were embarrassed at school to be wearing outlandish clothes that were so different from the other children.

Duncan Banning took over his father-in-law's livery stable in Prince Albert Saskatchewan, but wasn't very good at collecting money owed to him. The funeral home rented his horses for the hearse and never paid their bills. In winter about 1918 the livery stable caught fire and burnt to the ground when they tried to thaw the frozen pipes. My dad said the family went from riches to rags and all they had to eat for a time was a bag of onions. Celeste took the children to stay with her father David Hart in the Seattle area. Duncan joined them later and in 1921 the family moved to Burnaby, BC and built a house on Sprott Street. Duncan worked as a carpenter and projects included the Deer Lake United Church, Burnaby and he was one of the carpenters who worked on the Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver; he later worked for the City of Burnaby. In 1954 he took the train to Ottawa to visit his daughter Ann, he died of pneumonia there and is buried in Arnprior, Renfrew County. Celeste had literary interests and attended university after her children were grown. After Duncan died she joined her daughter Mary in Long Beach, California where she died at age 88. Celeste's upright grand piano made its way from Prince Albert to Burnaby and is now used in a church in Port Alberni, BC.

Children of Duncan and Celeste:

Mary Florence (1904-1992) – never married, died in Long Beach, California
Annie Celeste (1906-2000) – married late in life to Lester Lapham, no children
Alice Theresa (1908-1997) – 2 children, 4 grandchildren
David Alexander (1911-1995) – 6 children, 21 grandchildren
Carle Duncan (1913-1981) – never married
Clifton Hart (1918-1988) – 2 children, 4 grandchildren
Roderick McFadyen (1924-1906) – 4 children, 9 grandchildren
Stanley Edwin “Ed” (1925-1989) – 3 children, 6 grandchildren

Seven Banning descendants have submitted autosomal DNA tests to familytreeDNA.com as of September 2013.

GALLOWAY FAMILY

Mary Ann (Stewart) Hart, widow of George Whitfield Hart, married James Galloway and had two more children: Abraham b. 1858 and Mary Ann Galloway b. 1860. In 1861 George W. Hart, Esther Hart and Thomas Hart were living with their mother Mary Ann, James Galloway and children Abraham and Mary Ann Galloway in Grimsby, Ontario. In 1871 Mary Ann Galloway (a widow again) Abraham and Mary Ann lived in Louth, Lincoln, Ontario - Ransford Hart was also there with his mother.

1891 Census Mary Ann Gallaway 73 and Abraham Gallaway 33 resided in Broadview, Assiniboia East, Territories; Roll: T-6425; Family No: 157. Place of birth Ontario, Mary Ann’s parents born Ireland. She probably died 4 April 1896 in Saskatchewan – the death index records reg #996 for Mary Annie Galloway.

Children of Mary Ann Stewart and James Galloway

- Abraham Galloway m. Sarah Eleanor Cann in 1892 in Arcola, NWT (now Saskatchewan), they had 4 children and settled in Grand Forks, BC. Abe died in a car accident 20 May 1928 in Grand Forks, BC. His obituary reports that he was highly respected.
- Mary Ann Galloway m. John H. "Jack" Pearson in 1881 in Grimsby Ontario, had at least 5 children, two born in Manitoba where they lived from at least 1884 to 1887 before moving to Saskatchewan, they probably returned to Ontario.
1891 Census, Territories, Assiniboia East, Broadview (now Saskatchewan)
Their daughter Edythe Pearson m. Ray Irish and in 1910 lived in Niagara Falls, Ontario (postcard)

Sources:

According to Joan Quay, a contributor on myhartt.com, her mother told her that Jonathan Hart & Jemima Phillips Hart went from New Brunswick to Ontario and died near Hamilton; their son Whit ran a tavern near Hamilton.

1851 Census Canada West, Brant co, Burford Twp, Schedule A, p. 67, lines 40 -46

Mary Ann HART born Canada, Episcopal, age next birthday: 34

Her 6 children: William 13, George 12, David 8, Esther 6, Thomas 4 and Ransford HART 1.

Page 68: Widow; residents: 5 male, 2 female; 2 attending school, births during 1851: 1; deaths during the year: 1 male age 37 Cause: Bilious Fever

Next door is John Wort (not Hart), age 63, b. USA, and it is a separate household.

1851 Census Canada West, Brant co, Burford Twp, Schedule A, p. 69

All are unmarried (p 8), ages are for the next birthday:

James Hart, 25 [b. 1826] yeoman, 40 acres as per Agricultural Schedule B

Phebe A, 27 [1824]

Deborah, 23 [1828]

Matthew, 21 [1830]

Samuel, 18 [1833]

Hudnot 16 [1835]

I conclude that these are the children of Jonathan & Jemima Hart. The names match the list of children provided by other contributors to myhartt.com and the census ages for Matthew and Samuel fit. http://myhartt.com/families/jonathan_and_jemina_hartt.htm

Family tree chart by Ed Banning, dated July 1958, includes this information about the HART family from his mother Celeste (Hart) Banning (1883-1972):

- [mother of David] Stewart (or Stuart) was born County Down, Ireland
- David Hart's father (name unknown) born Ontario [descended from a] Loyalist soldier?, American Revolution

Children of Hart and Stewart:

- David Hart m. Mary Isabella Williams
- Tom Hart lived in Lowell, Michigan
- George Hart died indigent
- Esther Hart married Morgan Wills and lived near St. Catherine's, Ontario.
- Rance Hart adopted by wealthy people, mother got \$100

David Hart Story by Anne (Banning) Lapham (below)

1901 Census Manitoba, Provencher, Ritchot, Alexander Banning family

1911 Census Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, 30 Prince Albert, page 20

1920 US Census Sunnydale, King, Washington; Roll: T625_1925; Page: 11A; ED: 49, Duncan Banning family

1921 - Border Crossings: From US to Canada 1908-1935 for D. K. Banning

DAVID HART STORY by Anne (Banning) Lapham:

I remember Grandpa Hart as a kind, tousled, white-haired man who lived in Hamilton, Ontario with Granma and Aunt Nellie (Bertha) in a brick house on John Street. Every summer he came west, stopped off at McAuley, Manitoba to see the Patemans, then came on to Prince Albert [Saskatchewan] for his visit with us. He carried a flask of brandy to have on the train, he would explain. In our house brandy was for medicinal purposes only. To my knowledge Grandpa never over-indulged. He was never profane. His sense of humour could be earthy. Mother told of her embarrassment at being given a chamber pot as a wedding present. For the most part Grandma kept him in check. She was proper. He played with us, brought us candy, gave us money. Florence (Mary), Alice and I each received \$5 to spend at the fair and there was money at Christmas time. Sometimes he spoke of his childhood and of cruel treatment he received from the farmer with whom he lived.

His mother, Mary Ann (Stewart) Hart, was a widow with *four children, David, Esther, Thomas and George when she got work keeping house for a Scottish farmer, James Galloway. The three youngest

children went with her. David, at age 7, was put out to work for another farmer. Paulie Smith (Polly Pateman) says that he told of failing to find the cows in the dusk one evening and insisted they were not in the pasture. They were found lying in the tall grass in the lee of the woods, taking shelter from the wind. For his carelessness and possibly his stubborn insistence he was tied to a ladder and horsewhipped. He ran away when 14 – with a circus it was said.

A birthday book Grandpa gave me for my 7th birthday gives his date of birth as April 11, 1844 and from notes made on a couple of flyers when Aunt Bertha was in a reminiscent mood, the birthplace was Burford, Ontario. The 1861 Census shows his mother was born in Upper Canada in 1818 and that her other children, Esther was born in 1846, Thomas 1848 and George in 1850. George W. is listed as a labourer at age 11.

Great grandmother married James Galloway and had two more children, Abraham in 1858 and Mary Ann in 1860. The latter was great aunt Mary Pearson whom we met in Hamilton in 1912. Later, on a visit to her brother Abraham in Grand Forks, BC she called on us at Spratt Street. [Burnaby, BC – a long way from Grand Forks!]

David Hart married Mary Isabel Williams on April 21, 1870 and lived in Grimsby, Ontario. He is listed in Public Records microfilm C9923 in the 1871 census as a farmer married within the past 12 months; he of English origin; she Welsh, both E. Methodists. They had 10 children - all except 4 died when young. Mother, Celeste Linda was the ninth. She was born on 12 October 1883 in Moosomin, N.W.T. [now Saskatchewan] a few months after their arrival.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad had been laid through to Moosomin the year before. Grandpa opened a livery and feed stable across the street from the station. According to Elsie McAuley (Pateman) his was the first livery stable in Moosomin, his house which he built himself, the sixth.

Horses were shipped from Ontario in a boxcar. Without a ramp for unloading, a snow bank was thrown beside the track and the horses forced to jump.

Mother at age 17 boarded with other girls while attending Normal School in Regina. The next year she was teaching at Rosser, Manitoba where she boarded with the Banning at 20, she and Papa went to Prince Albert to be married at her parents' home.

The Manitoba and Northwest Territories Gazetteer for 1901 lists Hart, David as still in Moosomin. However it was probably the year he moved.

Our Mary Florence [Banning] was born in 1904, I in 1906 in Winnipeg. By 1908 Grandpa was ready to retire. He offered his livery stable to Papa for sale, the house next door he gave to Mother.

Business had really prospered and apparently he had dabbled in real estate. A large house on the hill was pointed out as one he had owned.

written 1999 by Anne (Banning) Lapham (1906-2000), daughter of Celeste Hart and Duncan K. Banning
[Note: * six children of Mary Ann Hart are in the 1851 census, including William (the oldest, born 1838) and baby Ransford born 1851.]

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THOMAS HARTT b. abt. 1848

(Thomas, George Whitfield, Jonathan, Thomas A., Jonathan, Samuel, Isaac Hartt)

Celeste (Hart) Banning said that Thomas Hart (brother of her father David) went to Lowell Michigan. A likely match for Thomas Hart (son of George Whitfield HARTT and Mary Ann STEWART) is found in 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 US Census for Boston, Ionia county, Michigan, which is near Lowell, Kent, Michigan. His immigration dates in the census vary from 1856 to 1866.

U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914 about Thomas Hartt (Ancestry.com)
Enlisted 5 Dec 1865, Detroit Michigan, Lt. Lacey, period 3 yrs,
Born Grimsbey, Canada age 18, occupation Farmer, hazel eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, 5'7"
Regiment 2 Inf, company B, Dest'd Mch 1866 (deserted March 1866)
I note that there were a lot of soldiers in the list who deserted.

Thomas Hartt of Boston, Ionia, Michigan married Ruth about 1874 (1900 census) and had at least 6 children: Alice b. 1876; Edward 1878; Myron T. Aug. 1879; Anna Nov 1880; Steven Mar. 1882 and Ellen, Dec. 1885. Ruth died before the 1910 census, Thomas before 1930. Their son Edward m. Elizabeth D and had 4 children: Ruth A, George E., Mary E and E. Irene Hart. (1920, 1930, 1940 US Census Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan)

Saranac Cemetery, Boston Twp, Ionia, Co, Michigan Lot 48: Edward Hart 1879-1945, Lot 48N: Elizabeth D. 1890-1964, Ellen Hart 1885-1969 and George E. Hart 1919 -1953. Also, with no Lot number, Elizabeth Irene Hart 1923-1994 Sgt US Army, probably daughter of Edward. All have grave markers. Source: Ionia County Cemetery Index migenweb.net and findagrave.com.

None of the above information on Thomas Hart has been confirmed with living descendants or further documentation. Other Hart descendants have taken Family Finder autosomal DNA tests with familytreeDNA.com. If other Hart descendants participate, a match would help verify the relationship.

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