

## GEORGE WHITFIELD HARTT 1814-1851

**George Whitfield, Jonathan, Thomas A. Hartt, Jonathan, Samuel, Isaac Hart)**

Notice the spelling change of the Hart name.

George Whitfield Hartt, known as George and Whit, was born about 1814 near Fredericton Junction, New Brunswick to Jonathan & Jemina Hartt. He moved with his parents to Ontario. George Whitfield Hartt married Mary Ann (nee Stewart). According to Joan Quay, who provided information about the family of Jonathan Hart & Jemima Phillips, their son Whit ran a tavern near Hamilton, Ontario. (*Joan Quay info*).

After the death of George Whitfield Hartt in 1851, his widow Mary Ann moved from Burford, Ontario to Lincoln County, Ontario and married James Galloway.

Children of Mary Ann Stewart & George W. Hartt

William 1838, David 1844-1924, Esther 1847-1912, Thomas 1848, George 1859, Ransford 1851

*“Although no birth, marriage or death records can be located for George Whitfield Hartt, census records for his wife and siblings in Burford, Ontario together with parents’ names on the marriage and death records of his children David, Thomas and Esther support my conclusion that George Whitfield Hartt, son of Jonathan & Jemina, was the first husband of Mary Ann Stewart.*

*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. Ransford Hart was previously living with the Napp family in 1860 US Census Oil Creek, Crawford, Pennsylvania, these are likely the people who fostered him as an infant.*

*1891 Census Mary Ann Galloway 73 and Abraham Galloway 33 resided in Broadview, Assiniboia East, Territories; Roll: T-6425; Family No: 157. Place of birth Ontario, Mary Ann’s parents born Ireland.*

*Saskatchewan death certificate reg #996 for Mary Annie Galloway, died 4 April 1896 in Electoral district of Council[?], Assiniboia, NWT*

*According to my grandmother Celeste (Hart) Banning, re the siblings of David Hart: Thomas Hart went to Lowell, Michigan, George died indigent, Esther Hart married Morgan Wills and lived in St. Catherines, Ontario.”*

**(Amy Newman contributed the above info.)**

## DAVID HARTT 1844-1924

(David, George Whitfield, Jonathan, Thomas A., Jonathan, Samuel, Isaac Hart)  
(David Hart's family began spelling the name Hart with one 'T'.)

David Hartt was born in Burford, Brant County, Ontario in 1844, one of 6 children born to George Whitfield Hartt and Mary Ann Stewart.



According to family information, David's father died when he was 7 years old, this is evidenced by the 1851 census for Burford, Ontario which indicates that a male 37 years old died in the household of Mary Ann Hart within the preceding year. David's mother went to work as a housekeeper for James Galloway, and took the youngest children with her: Thomas and Esther (at some point the baby Ransford was cared for by a wealthy family, who gave Mary Ann \$100); David was sent to work on a farm, and presumably so were his brothers William and George. David grew to 6 feet tall and had red hair as a young man, though it turned white at an early age.

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 but only Herbert, Sarah and Bertha Helen survived. In 1883 they went to Moosomin, North West Territory (now Saskatchewan) where David built the first livery and feed stable and his daughter Celeste was born.



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

In May 1885 daughter Minnie was born and died a few months later in Carlyle, North West Territory. According to family lore, David Hart's horses were commandeered by the North West Mounted Police for the 1885 "Northwest Rebellion" of Louis Riel.

In 1887 he also bought land in Assiniboia District (now Sask.) 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, in this census he gives his father's birthplace as New Brunswick. 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. His wife Mary died 1 October 1922 in Vancouver, BC. David died 17 August 1924 in Seattle and is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. His death certificate records his parents' names as Whitefield Hart and Mary Ann Stewart.

#### Children of Mary Williams & David Hart

- \* 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 3 children who died as infants in Saskatchewan.

Pateman and Banning descendants settled mostly in Western Canada.



*Mary & David Hart with  
gr-dau Polly Pateman in  
Seattle, Wash*

### **ESTHER (HARTT) WILLS 1847-1912**

Esther, George Whitfield, Jonathan, Thomas A Hartt, Jonathan Hart, Samuel, Isaac Hart)



Esther Hartt was born 28 February 1846 or 1847 in Brantford Co. or Wentworth Co. Ontario. According to family lore, Esther's father died when she was 5 or 6 years old. Esther moved to Lincoln county with her mother and eventually married a neighbour in Smithville – Morgan Phillip Wills, the son of Phillip and Mary (aka Frances) (Culp) Wills. Esther and Morgan were married Jan 13, 1863 in Lincoln County, Ontario and the bride's parents are recorded as George & Mary Ann Hart.

Morgan and Esther moved to a farm near Balls Falls (Jordan) Ontario, where some of Morgan's siblings also lived.

Morgan and Esther raised their children near Ball's Falls, Ontario. Esther died in Stamford, Welland Co. 17 August 1912 of cardiac arrest due to shock after being rescued from a burning building. Her

death registration #032546 Welland Co gives her father's name as Wellington (sic) Hart; mother Mary Ann Stewart, the informant is E. B. Wills of St. Catherines. Morgan was a farmer in Louth Township, Lincoln County, Ontario. He died a year later in 1913.

Esther and Morgan Wills are buried in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, Ontario, Old Section R. Division 5, Lot W 5.



#### Children of Esther & Morgan Wills

1. **Ida Wills** (1863-1938) married Samuel J. Watson on December 25<sup>th</sup> 1912. No children
2. **John Albert Wills** (1865-1940) married Laura Eva Ball in 1879 in Jordan, Ont.
3. **Alvin Morgan Wills** (1867-1960) married Caroline L. Clendenning on December 27<sup>th</sup> 1893 in St. Catharines, Ontario.
4. **Edward Burton Wills** (1876-1941) married Lana Catherine Hack on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1901 in St. Catharines, Ontario.
5. **Edith Isobel Wills** (1878-1933) as follows:

#### **EDITH ISOBEL WILLS 1878-1933**

Edith was born in 1878 to Esther and Morgan Wills. She married George William Wiley (1875-1947) on March 23, 1898 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. George was the son of William Francis Wiley and Catherine Elizabeth Dittrick.



*Edith, dau. Ida, son Geo. Edward,  
and George William Wiley*

George and Edith farmed in Louth Township, Lincoln County near St. Catharines.

Edith died while wintering in Florida in 1933 and is buried at Rockway, Welland, Ontario.

*I verified the information with the following sources: Amy Newman*

- *Edith Wills was born 21 July 1878 in Lincoln County as "Mary Edith Wills" Archives of Ontario. Registrations of Births and Stillbirths - 1869-1913. MS 929, reel 39, Reg. #015978, but is called Edith in all other records that I could find.*
- *Edith Isabella Wills married 23 Mar 1898 in Welland County to George Wm Wiley, Archives of Ontario; Series: MS932\_97; Reel: 97*
- *1901, 1911 & 1921 Census of Canada, Louth, Lincoln, Ontario, Canada, Wiley family*

### Children of Edith Wills & George William Wiley

1. George Edward Wiley (1899-1947) married Elsie Anna Melissa Davis (1901-1952) on June 16, 1920 in Rockway, Welland, Ontario.
2. Ida May Wiley (1901-1915) died of nephrytis.
3. Mary Catherine Wiley (1907- ) married Alexander Junkin.
4. Iva Jean Wiley (1916-2011) married Ivan Strigley.

### Children of Elsie Davis & George William Wiley

George and Elsie also farmed in Louth Township. Both died rather young, leaving six young boys to carry on.

1. John Edward Davis Wiley (1921-1960) married Ruth McCready.
2. George Keith Wiley (1923-1998) married Margaret Helen Haines (1923-1985)
3. Living Wiley
4. Living Wiley
5. Clair Gordon Wiley (1936-2009) married June Avril Gardell St. Diezer
6. Living Wiley

The surviving six sons of George & Elsie continued to farm in Louth Township and their descendants continue to do the same today, specializing in grapes.

*My husband is a son of (George) Keith and (Margaret) Helen Wiley. I have much more on all the extended siblings of the above families, but this shows our link to the Hartt family. Thanks for all your help. - nice to correspond with another "roots" person.  
Regards Hilda*

*Contributed by Hilda Wiley, St. Catharines, Ontario*

*Contributed by J. Amy Newman, Burnaby, BC Canada*

### **THOMAS HART b. abt. 1848 - 1923**

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

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 Grimsby, 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)

**[Note that a lot of soldiers are marked as deserters in the list. ]**

Thomas Hartt of Boston, Ionia, Michigan married Ruth about 1874 (1900 census) and had at least 6 children. Ruth died before the 1910 census, Thomas died 14 November 1923 in Boston, Ionia, Michigan. "Michigan Death Certificates, 1921-1952," index at FamilySearch records his parents' names as Geo Hart & Mary Stewart.

**Children of Thomas & Ruth Hartt**

Alice b. 1876; Edward 1879-1945; Myron T. Aug. 1879; Anna Nov 1880; Steven 1882, Ellen 1885

**EDWARD HART 1879-1945**

(Edward, Thomas, George Whitfield, Jonathan, Thomas A., Jonathan, Samuel, Isaac Hart)

Edward was born to Thomas & Ruth Hartt in 1879. He married Elizabeth D. (1890-1964) and had 4 children.

**Children of Edward & Elizabeth D. Hart**

Ellen 1885-1969, George E. 1919-1953, Elizabeth Irene 1923-1994,

**Saranac Cemetery, Boston Twp, Ionia, Co, Michigan Lot 48: 48N:**

**Source: Ionia County Cemetery Index migenweb.net and findagrave.com.**



*None of the above information on Thomas & Ruth Hart has been confirmed with living descendants or further documentation. Other Hart descendants have taken Family Finder autosomal DNA test with family tree DNA.com. If more Hart descendants participate, a match would help verify the relationship.*

Contribution: Amy Newman – Burnaby BC.