

**1486 THOMAS NORTON HART (Daniel, Daniel, John, John, Samuel, Isaac), born in North Reading, Mass., near Lynnfield line, Jan. 20, 1829, youngest son of Daniel Jr. and Margaret (Norton) Hart; married at Boston, Mass., by Rev. O. A. Skinner, Apr. 30, 1850, Elizabeth Snow, born in Bowdoin, Maine, daughter of John and Betsy (Ridley) Snow.**

Mr. Hart resides at 298 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. [Note: Thomas apparently died October 27, 1927. Burial place unknown.]

**Child born in Boston: to Thomas and Elizabeth (Snow) Hart**

1487 Abbie Snow, b. Sept. 22, 1851, m. June 4, 1885, Carl Wilhelm Emst, b. Apr. 21, 1845 in Eddesse, Germany, son of Rev. Carl Emst and they resides in Boston. No children.

E. W. Emst (a journalist and writer) furnished a clipping which I reduced (his words) somewhat. It now reads thus: " Mr. Thomas N. Hart comes of sturdy New England stock, his ancestors residing in Lynnfield, Mass., including the first ancestor, Isaac Hart, who settled there in 1656. His mother's father, Maj. John Norton of Royalston, fought in the Revolution of 1776.

Mr. Hart attended the Bowdoin, Maine college, came to Boston in 1842 and was employed by Wheelock Pratt and Co. dry goods dealers, and two years later by Philip A. Lock Co., hat dealers; about 1860 he founded the hat store of Hart, Taylor and Co., and in 1880 became president of the Mount Vernon National Bank, of which he is still the head.

Mr. Hart was chosen to the common council in Boston the years 1879-81, to the board of alderman in 1882-86 and as mayor of

Boston 1889-90 and 1900-01, receiving the largest vote accorded any Republican mayor up to that time.

In 1891, his qualities won the appreciation of the National government and he was appointed by President Harrison Postmaster of Boston, which position he held until the Democratic administration. He was well-liked by all parties during his term; was courteous, genial and efficient in all the relations of life, with clear and quick perceptions, and is capable of any office in the United States."

The information about Thomas Norton Hart is from the James M. Hartt book published in 1903

**Mayors of Boston, 1822-1991**

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John Phillips 1822-23; Josiah Quincy 1823-28; Harrison Gray Otis 1829-31; Charles Wells 1832-33; Theodore Lyman, Jr. 1834-35; Samuel T. Armstrong 1836; Samuel Atkins Eliot 1837-39; Jonathan Chapman 1840-42; Martin Brimmer 1843-44; Thomas Davis 1845; Josiah Quincy, Jr. 1846-48; John Prescott Bigelow 1849-51; Benjamin Seaver 1852-53; Jerome Smith 1854-55; Alexander H. Rice 1856-57; Frederick Lincoln, Jr. 1857-59; Joseph Wightman 1861-62; Otis Norcross 1867; Nathaniel B. Shurtleff 1868-70; William Gaston 1871-72; Henry L. Pierce 1873; Leonard Cutter 1873-74; Samuel Cobb 1874-76; Frederick O. Prince 1877; Henry L. Pierce 1878; Frederick O. Prince 1879-81; Samuel Green 1882; Albert Palmer 1883; Augustus Martin 1884; Hugh O'Brien 1885-88; **Thomas N. Hart 1889-90**; Nathan Matthews 1891-94; Edwin Curtis 1895; Josiah Quincy 1895-99; **Thomas N. Hart 1900-02**; Patrick A. Collins 1902-05; Daniel Whelton 1905; John F. Fitzgerald 1906-07; George A. Hibbard 1908-10; John F. Fitzgerald 1910-13; James M. Curley 1914-17; Andrew J. Peters 1918-22; James M. Curley 1922-25; Malcolm E. Nichols 1926-29; James M. Curley 1930-33; Frederick W. Mansfield 1934-38; Maurice J. Tobin 1938-44; John E. Kerrigan 1945-46; James M. Curley 1946-49; John B. Hynes 1950-60; John F. Collins 1960-68; Kevin H. White 1968-83; Raymond L. Flynn 1984-91.