



Chapter 4

My aunts used to call us the “two-t” Hartts

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pasture:
He leadeth beside the still waters.
-- Psalm 23:1*

Reverend John Hartt Family



The South Canaan Baptist Church where John preached

Isaac, (1614-1699), m. Elizabeth Hutchins
Samuel, (1657-1730), m. Sarah Endicott
Jonathan, (1710-1790), m. Mercy Hawkes
Rev. Samuel Sr., (1745-1814), m. Mary Estabrooks
m. Clarissa Hammond
Rev. Samuel Jr., (1799-1867), m. Mary Estey
Rev. John, (1830-1904), m. Clarissa E. Hammond
m. Amanda Caroline Kelly
m. Rebecca L. Kelly

Obituary Of Rev. John Hartt

1830-1904

Rev. John Hartt was born to Rev. Samuel Jr. and wife Mary (Estey) Hartt March 20, 1830 in Wakefield, Carleton Co., New Brunswick. He was one of eleven children, having had four sisters and six brothers. Elder John Hartt was a Primitive Baptist in New Brunswick, Maine and Nova Scotia. Two of his brothers were also in the Ministry; Aaron, a Free Christian Baptist and Reformed Baptist; and Henry, a Free Christian Baptist and Primitive Baptist.

Rev. John married Clarissa (Calarisfa) E. Hammond on December 24, 1857 in New Brunswick. Calarisfa was born in December of 1823 in Victoria Co., New Brunswick. To this union they had one child, a daughter, Irene Hammond Hartt. Little Irene was born October 3, 1858 and died as a young infant on October 31, 1858. Calarisfa Hartt died only a few years after her daughter on Aug 5, 1862 at the age of 39.

Rev. John Hartt married a second time to Amanda Caroline Kelly on August 8, 1868 in Alva Arrostock, Maine. Amanda was born in Blissville, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick. Amanda gave birth to a son, Judah Frank Hartt, on June 29, 1869. Amanda died August 2, 1869 at Castle Hill, Arrostock, Maine.

Rev. John married a third time on February 8, 1870 in Maple Grove Ft. Fairfield, Arrostock, Maine. His third wife, Rebecca L. Kelly, was a sister to his second wife (Amanda). One can only imagine that he needed help raising young Judah and that Amanda would be a natural for this role. Rebecca and Rev. John had another son, John Kelly Hartt, on May 13, 1871 in Maine or Ft. Fairfield Arrostock, Maine.

John joined the second Wakefield Free Christian Baptist church in 1854 and was chosen deacon in 1858. By 1867 he was traveling with the ministers to remote settlements in Victoria Co. N.B. He was ordained probably in Maine, C.1870's. It is said he was also a Justice of the Peace. In 1878 he attended the yearly meetings of the Free Baptist General Conference, (organized by George W. Orser who was forerunner of the Primitive Baptists. In January, 1879 he helped them ordain a minister, then joined Orser's group and became one of their leading ministers. He spent some years in Nova Scotia and gathered at least two churches at Kemptville and East River both in Yarmouth County. He had revivals at both places.

John Hartt had a remarkable memory. He could recite portions of the New Testament by heart. Those who knew Hartt said he was a forceful speaker, who was capable of dealing with any opposition or disturbance that arose when he was preaching. Some elderly converts of Hartt's related that on one occasion he paused while baptizing converts to address some young men whose rude and loud remarks were disturbing the people. Such was the effect of his words, that some of the young men came to him soon afterward to ask his forgiveness.

John died February 6, 1904. He is buried in Larlee Creek Cemetery in Victoria County, which is in the northern part of New Brunswick.

Sources:

Cathy Hartt - great-granddaughter of Elder John Hartt

Excerpts from "Biographical Directory of nova Scotia and New Brunswick -

*Free Baptist Ministers and Preachers" by Rev. Frederick C. Burnett
New Brunswick Gazetier - re Wakefield, Carleton Co. New Brunswick
Janice Stelma - Research volunteer - Yarmouth County Museum, Yarmouth,
Nova Scotia*

Obituary Of Judah Frank Hartt

1869-1930

Reprinted from the Rawlins (Wyoming) Republican,
Tuesday, May 6, 1930

Judah Frank was born in Castlehill, Maine Anostook in June 29, 1869 and died May 3, 1930 at Bragg, Wyoming.

Judah Frank Hartt, whose sixty first birthday would have occurred next month, died at the Memorial Hospital last Saturday evening at 5 o'clock, death resulting from burns which he received at his ranch home about 16 miles west of Braggs.

Mr. Hartt had left his bed about 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning and was building a fire in the stove of his ranch home. The fire did not burn readily, so Mr. Hartt took a can in which he thought was kerosene, but in which was gasoline, and poured some of the contents on the fire.

The gasoline exploded, fatally burning Mr. Hartt on his body and painfully burning his wife who was in the kitchen at the time. Mr. Hartt's son, John was out in the yard when the explosion occurred but immediately came into the house. Mr. Hartt was rushed by his son to the city, arriving here about 10 o'clock and entered in the hospital for treatments. However the burns were so severe that medical treatment proved of no avail.

Mrs. Hartt, who was less seriously burned, was brought to Baggs and given first aid treatment. Mr. Hartt and his son came into Rawlins, the son returning for Mrs. Hartt later. Mrs. Hartt is getting along as well as can be expected.

Was Old Time Resident

Mr. Hartt was an old time resident of this country, having lived in and about Rawlins for more than 20 years. He was born in Fort Fairfield, Ma. and came west to Montana when yet a young man. He was united in marriage in Montana to Miss Jeannie Dunham about 40 years ago.

Upon coming to Rawlins he immediately engaged in the sheep business and had been prominent in that field ever since he has resided here. The greater part of his land holdings were in the Snake River section.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jeannie (Dunham) Hartt, two sons, John, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Hazel Scott of Baggs, and a brother, John K. Hartt of this city.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at 2:30 from his home at West Maple Street, the Rev. A. C. Blinzinger officiating. The Woodmen, of which he was a member, will have charge of a short service at the cemetery.

Pallbearers at the funeral are Will Mitand Homer France, Harry Nelson, Christ McPherson, Jack McPherson, and James A. Sheahan.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Collins-Franks

Charles Hartt son of Judah

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF WYOMING
COUNTY OF CARBON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES D. HARTT, deceased.

NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE: Notice is hereby given that the 20th day of December, 1971, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the Court Room of said Court in the County of Carvon has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing on the Petition to re-open the above entitled estate to correct the description of the hereafter described real property in the Decree of Distribution of said estate, to read as follows: Lot Numbered Seven {7}, the West Half of the Southwest Quarter {W1/2SW1/4}. The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter {SE1/4Sw1/4}, the East Half of the Northwest Quarter {E1/2NW1/4} and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter {W1/2NE1/4}, of Section Thirteen {13}; Lots Numbered One {1} and Two {2} in Section Twenty-Three {23}; the Northwest Quarter {NW1/4}; The West Half of the Northeast Quarter {W1/2NE1/4}; and Lots One {1} and Two {2} of Section Twenty-Four {24} all situate, lying and being in Township Fifteen {15} North, Range Eighty-eight {88} West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Carbon County, Wyoming. When and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same. Dated this 1st day of December, 1971./s/s Charlotte Romick Clerk of the Distict Court Pub: December 2, 9, 16, 1971

Subject: Letter from Frances Jewel Hartt to President Roosevelt

Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2002 17:15:22 -0800

(Note: This is the best I can decipher. Interior document 05074 Respectful returned or recorded [not sure which] acknowledgement and consideration. Louis Mafkwsy How Rawlins, Wyoming [copy to President] this having been hand-stamped on the letter.

Letter dated March 9, 1934 and March 20, 1934

Mr Roosevelt President

Dear Sir,

I am asking you to help me as you are the only person I know of that can help me. My husband is an ex service man, and is now employed on the CWA but for months at a time in the last three years he had no work. He tried to make proof on a homestead here in Wyoming in the Mts, where the snow gets very deep and we couldn't get school for our small youngsters of which there is 3 school age. We have moved twice a year to put these children in school and have lived 15 months, 5 days on the place there is a man that has fought against us getting this place since first it was filed on. He now has claimed part of our fence which we bought from his father in law [who is dead now] but could not obtain a deed to because his place was mortgaged. This man has no hold on us in anyway and couldn't get the place only by getting another man to contest us. Which there is a hearing on the 25th this mo. and the 10th next m. but we have no money for attorney fees. If we

loose this place we loose our last hopes of a home also my only hopes of medical treatment for cancer of the throat, I had an operation three years ago but is breaking out again and this piece of land would be security for enough money to get some aid. and it is terrible thought to have to leave ones babies when it could be helped. My baby is 9 mos. old the oldest 10 years if you would see Thos Ohana whose address is 2920 Ontario Road N. W. Washington D. C. and who handled off of the buisness of the filing and contesting of this mans brother when we obtained the place. The man who is contesting us is Robert Spowant [not sure of the spelling] and the man backing him is Lawson, who went to Cheyenne to the land office and represented himself as his brother, Henry Lawsen, after he was dead and tried to get the registration to not allow this land, the father-in-law also put in a protest at the time of filing in 1929/1930 and his name was Peter Lawsen [Or could be Hanson] hope this hasn't bothered you too much.

Sincerely, Mrs John Hartt.

(Note from Enella: I tried to type this just the way she had it worded. I don't know if she ever got any help or not but from the stamp it looks like it was acknowledged at least as far as filing it.)

Obituary of John Hartt

1896- 1969

John Hartt was born Sept 6, 1896 in Sheridan, Montana a second son of Judah and Jennie Hartt. He lived in the state of Maine as a boy later moving to Wyoming with his parents. He served in the Navy in the First World War.

He married Francis Jewel Needham on July 18 1921 at Craig Colorado. They bought their first home in the Selle District North of Sandpoint in 1925. He and his family operated the Hartt and Sons Livestock Co. near Rawlins, Wyoming where he also homesteaded in the early 1930's. The family later moved north of Sandpoint in 1936 where they farmed until they moved to the present Frank Hartt Farm in 1939. They purchased their last home in 1944.

John worked in the lumber mills and on the railroad. He retired from the Great Northern Railroad in 1955. Since that time he and Jewel have spent many pleasant winters in Southern California occupied in doing the things he enjoyed these things included horseback riding prospecting and fishing. He also enjoyed collecting interesting rocks. His family will always remember him for his gentle and considerate ways.

John passed away Sunday evening, November 3, 1969 at Winterhaven, California, where he and his wife had gone for the winter from their ranch home on the Eastside road at Priest River Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday Nov. 6, 1969 at the Free Methodist church with Rev. Marlow Thompson officiating. Interment will be at the Evergreen cemetery.

His wife Jewel three sons, Frank and Gerald of Priest River River Idaho and Bill of Ione Wash. a daughter Mrs. Shirley Lindell of Livingston, Montana. 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sherman Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Obituary of Gerald Hartt

1933-1986

Gerald "Jerry" Hartt Newport A funeral for Gerald "Jerry" Hartt of Priest River was held Jan. 6 at the Free Methodist Church in Priest River. The Reverends Marlow Thompson and Palmer Wharton officiated.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Hartt, 53 died of natural causes at Newport Community Hospital Jan. 2 He was born May 31, 1933, in Rawlins, Wyo. He was the son of John and Frances Hartt and came to Priest River in 1939.

He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and was an Employee at Louisiana-Pacific lumber mill. He would have retired in May, 1987.

Surviving him are his wife, Patsy at home; a son, Gerald W. in Priest River; four daughters, Clouie Greenway of Chelan, Carol Elmer of Spokane, andy Elmer of Priest River, and Claudia Hartt of Seattle; his mother, Frances J. Hartt, Priest River; two brothers, Frank and William of Priest River; a sister, Shirley Lindell Iowa; 11 grandchildren and one great-granchild.

Arrangements were made by Sherman Funeral Home

Obituary of John Kelly Hartt

1871-1952

Reprinted from Rawlins (Wyoming) Daily Times

Tuesday, July 15, 1952

John K. Hartt, 81, pioneer livestock man and principal owner of three of Carbon and Freemont counties' largest outfits, died yesterday at 10:15 a.m. at Baggs, while en route from one of his company's summer headquarters at Hahn's Peak, Colorado to his home in Rawlins. Mr. Hartt came to Wyoming from Maine in 1894.

Death was attributed to a heart attack. Mr. Hartt became ill at his headquarters early yesterday morning and an attempt was made to take him to the hospital in Rawlins by ambulance. Death occurred in the ambulance in Baggs.

Mr. Hartt's outfits included the Cow Creek Sheep Co. the Pioneer sheep Co. and the Yellowstone Sheep Co. In addition to his livestock interests he also was vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Rawlins and a director of Ferguson Mercantile Co. He also held extensive real estate properties in Rawlins.

Survivors include his widow, six daughters, Mrs. Harry (Pearl) Holmquist, Mrs. William (Marie) Harrison, Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Higley, Mrs. J. Gordon (Louise) Mitchell, Mrs. Thomas (Catherine) Keffeler and Miss Dorothy Hartt; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of the Rasmusson Shriner Mortuary, are pending arrival of relatives.



Minnie Pearl and John Kelly Hartt

John Kelly Hartt

By Rebecca L. Kelly and Rev. John's son

Here is a quote about granddad during the cattle/sheep range wars of Colorado and Wyoming: From the book, Where The Old West Stayed Young, by John Rolfe Burroughs, published in 1962 by the William Morrow Company in New York. This book has some excellent Northwest Colorado History, although I am unsure if it is still in print!

It was the policy of the Cosgriff brothers to extend their sphere of influence by entering into partnership with promising young men. One of them was John K. Hartt, who had been a horse wrangler for Ora Haley in the days when the later was getting his start in the cattle business on the Laramie Plains. Doing business under the style of the Cow Creek Sheep Company, the Cosgriff-Hartt operation lay just north of the Colorado-Wyoming line some 60 miles east of the area we have had under consideration. Eventually Hartt bought up the Cosgriff's Cow Creek holdings in the Savery-Battle Creek district. Like Edwards, he took steps to avail himself of the summer pasturage so tantalizingly close in the cool Colorado Mountains. Early in the summer of 1903, word quietly passed among Routt County cattlemen and ranchers that several bands of Cow Creek sheep had entered Whiskey and Big Red Parks, northwest of Steamboat Springs and some 15 miles south of the Wyoming border. In the words of one of the participants: "Over three hundred of us rode and one of the greatest sheep stampedes in the history of the range warfare occurred that night and the following day. Nothing was ever said about it, and no one was killed; but the sheep moved out." If Hartt was somewhat more cautious than Edwards, he was no less persistent. According to James Harl Sizer, widely known as Northwestern Colorado's "Cowboy Poet," who at the time happened to be wagon boss of Ora Haley's Two Bar outfit: "I think it was early June the next year that seven or eight bands of sheep were shoved across the Little Snake River north of Hahn's Peak onto cattle range in a heavily timbered area where evidently the sheep men thought they would not be discovered. They had little more than gotten their sheep distributed when one of the herders saw two heavily armed men riding through the timber in his camp. Mindful of what had happened in Slatter Park only a few years previously and fearful that he was about to loose his life, this herder lost his head. Setting his dogs on the sheep, he pointed them down through the timber in the general direction of Wyoming.

In their headlong flight, the band ran into and panicked several other bands of sheep belonging to other owners; the result being that 25,000 or 3,000 exhausted, terrified sheep were forced through dense forests strewn with down timber on the dead run. Inevitably a large number of them were lost, crippled and killed outright. By the time the survivors arrived in Wyoming, the bands were so thoroughly intermingled that it took several days in the sorting pens to straighten them out again. (Reprinted from page 141. I took the liberty to correct the spelling of grandfather's last name from Hart to Hartt in this passage.)



Pioneer sheep truck

John K. Hartt was born in 1871 in Maine and died in 1952 in Rawlins, Colorado. He married Minnie Pearl Spragg, b. July 29, 1882, at St. John, N.B., daughter of Arthur Sidney Spragg and Matilda Roberts Spragg, who were early day Rawlins residents. She attended normal schools and then taught school for several years. They were married in 1909 in St. John, N.B. and the honeymoon was in Niagara falls, Ontario, Canada. After the death of John, she moved to Wheatridge, Colorado. She was a member of the PEO, an organization promoting education for women, for 50 years.

My mom and aunts (the six Hartt sisters) spoke to me a few times about grandma's "culture shock," as a fine New England lady who came West to marry my grandfather. As she stepped from the train in Rawlins for the first time with my grandfather, they were immediately greeted by one of the sheep men telling grandfather something like "Sir, they shot Wilks last night." Over the years, grandma became quite a fisherwoman and she and her six daughters adapted to the Western culture. In fact, the Forrest/Park Service even made grandma a special lake called "Minnie Pearl" (grandma's legal name, by the way) just across the road from her cabin after "Big Pearl" was made, so grandma could continue to enjoy fishing in her senior years.

John K. Hartt was born in Maine. What brought Rev. John Hartt's sons to Wyoming from such a far off place? Probably, the opportunities in the west. What called them to become sheep ranchers...born to a family with generations of Baptist ministers before them? Catherine Kelleler told that the basement of her childhood home in Rawlins, Wyoming was filled with sermons from her grandfather Rev. John and great grandfather Samuel Jr.

Minnie Pearl Spragg Hartt

1882-1972

Minnie Pearl Hartt was born July 29, 1882 at St. John N.B. Canada. She is the daughter of Arthur Sidney & Matilda Roberts Spragg, who were early day Rawlins students. Minnie attended normal schools and then taught for several years. She married John Kelly Hartt in 1909. The wedding took place in St. John, N.B. Canada and the honeymoon was in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

When raising her six daughters, they would live their lives in two places, on Maple Street in Rawlins and “up country” in Hahn’s Peak Basin. There was a vast difference. In Rawlins, little ladies wore ruffles and bows, and were supposed to act like ladies. They ate three meals a day at a table covered by white cloth.

In Rawlins, Minnie always wore a dress, and she smelled like talcum powder, or sachet. At Hahn’s Peak, she wore slacks and ate at a table covered in oilcloth. Minnie adapted to slacks later, but in those early years she often wore “knickers” tucked into her fishing boots. And she smelled like citronella oil, which she used to keep the flies away when she fished.

The “Hartt Family Headquarters” at Hahn’s Peak was always full of life with relatives keeping the home fire burning and Minnie, a prize-winning fisherwoman until the very end.

Minnie was a member of the PEO, an organization promoting education for women, for 50 years.

It was told about the culture shock Minnie had coming from the New England State to the West to live. As she stepped from the train in Rawlins, Wyoming for the first time with her husband John, they were immediately greeted by one of the sheep men telling grandfather something like “Sir, they shot Wilks last night” Over the years Minnie became quite a fisherwomen and adapted to the Western culture. The Forest /Park Service even made Minnie a special lake called “Minnie Pearl” just across the road from her cabin after “Big Pearl” was made, so Minnie could continue to enjoy fishing in her senior years.

After the death of John Kelly Hartt in 1952 at Baggs, Wyoming, Minnie Pearl moved to Wheatridge, Colorado. Minnie passed away in 1972 in Denver, Colorado.



John Kelly and Minnie Hartt had six daughters:

1. **Florence Pearl Hartt** b. April 14, 1910 in Rawlins, Wyoming. M. Harry Holmquist. Florence had such a spark for life! She taught others to be strong and independent and she had excellent values. Florence liked journalism and photography. She held Thanksgiving gathers at different locations over the years such as Rawlins, Encampment, Wyoming, Steamboat Springs, Colorado and Albuquerque, N.M. One daughter Harriet with children and grandchildren. She died in 1992-or 93 and is buried either in Albuquerque NM or Rawlins, Wyoming..
2. **Olive Marie Hartt** b. August 11, 1911 in Rawlins, Wyoming. M. William Harrison: Note from her niece Cathy Hartt "My aunt Marie was one of my best pals when I was a kid. She could laugh when I scared her with spiders and frogs! When I graduated from the University of Utah in 1989 with my masters in nurse-midwifery, she sent me a special letter, which was a real sign of our closeness years before. The first letter I ever wrote to anyone at age 5 was to my Aunt Marie. The letter spoke of the birth process I witnessed in nature growing up in Estes Park. When I graduated from the University years later, she sent me back that letter saying simply "I always knew you would do something like this some day so I kept this letter in my safe deposit box for you". They had no children. She died approx 1995 and is buried in Denver, Co or Rawlins, Wyo.
3. **Marjorie Rebecca Hartt** b. July 20, 1913. m. Chick Higley who was involved with the management of John Kelly Hartt's sheep businesses. By the 50th year on incorporation of the Pioneer Sheep Company (1947) Chuck was the ranch manager. Marjorie was involved in the newspaper industry - wrote for the *Lander, Wyoming paper*. A quote she made was "Wyoming wants to be like all the other states and at the same time all the other states want to be like Wyoming."
4. **Frances Louise Hartt** b. July 18, 1915 born in Rawlins, Wyoming m.

Gordon Mitchell no children

Louise had a special connection with her sister Catherine (Kay) They had a “camp” near the summer headquarters at Hahn’s Peak called Kay Lou camp. Cathy Louise Hartt was named after her aunt Louise. Cathy stayed with her aunt Lou when her family went to Denver. Louise died approx, 1978 believed buried either in Denver, Co or Rawlins, Wyoming.

5. **Catherine Irene Hartt** b. August 24, 1917 in Rawlins, Wyoming married Thomas William Keffeler in 1949. When the girls were young they owned a hardware store in Estes Park. Co. After their divorce, Catherine relocated with her 2 daughters to Santa Barbara, CA. She was a registered dietitian. She died in 1980 and buried in Santa Barbara, CA.

Two daughters

1. Cathy Louise Keffeler b. November 1, 1955 in Oakland, California m. Francis Earl Ferron 1975 b. March 12, 1955 divorced. 1985 Changed her last name to Hartt.

Cathy is a nurse consultant and quality improvement specialist for the University of Colorado (National Center for Children, Families and Communities Program)

i. Stephanie Anne Ferron October 1, 1977 at Craig Co. Got her degree from the University of Colorado.

Stephanie is in US Air Force as second lieutenant.

ii. Erica Catherine Ferron b. June 26, 1979 at Grand Junction Co. Got her degree from the University of Colorado. Erica is an officer in the US Navy.

2. Theanne Keffeler b. 1952 b. in Oakland, California

m. William Chadder for a few years. He is deceased.

They had no children. perhaps has gone back to her maiden name.

6. **Dorothy Matilda Hartt** b. January 5, 1921 m. Homer Okey. They were married in her sister Catherine Keffeler’s home in California. Homer came from Montrose, CO where they were pioneers in the construction business, responsible for building the first high school, courthouse, first hospital and one of several jails the community had over the years. Dorothy always had a smile for her nieces and nephews when they visited. She died approx. 1976 and believed buried in California.

Sheepmen are a special breed of people:

They are gentle because their sheep require it. They are fierce because conditions are almost always adverse. They are rugged because they are outdoorsmen. They are businessmen because their sheep are their livelihood. They are good providers because they have the welfare of their families and employees at heart. Perhaps more than anything else, they are fighters. They fight droughts, predators, bad feeding grounds, inflation, depression and every kind of sickness and disease known to sheep.

- Albert Poquette, Sheepman

We will try and think something more to fill this page.

We do have a picture of John Kelly and Minnie Hartt

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