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HARTLEY FAMILY HISTORY

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Waightsel Hartley came to this country from Shapshire, England in 1740, and settled in Maryland near Fredic. Name of his wife is not known. They had three children, John, Mahala and Nancy. Nancy married David Tacker; Mahala John Dinwiddie and John. Elizabeth Becket. Elizabeth Becket was a waitress in the home of the Jeffersons and nursed Thomas Jefferson and knit caps for him. John Hartley had seven children, Finley, George, James, Reuben, Nancy, Elizabeth and Ava. Nancy married Geo. Tucker; Elizabeth, General Wilson; Ava never married; Finley married Sarah Brooks; Geo., Elizabeth Davis; James, Anna McCrary; Reuben, Jane Fulenwider. John Hartley was a weaver by trade. He wove on an old fashioned hand loom, and it is said he could weave 40 yards per day and that he knew how to do nothing else whatever. He died in Va., and his widow and family came to North Carolina in 1788. Finley settled in Rowan county and the others came to Caldwell county, then Burke. George settled where J. P. Bush now lives. He had six children, Clinton, Larkin, George, Alford, Waighstel and Mahala. George Hartley Sr., was a saddle and harness maker. He was paralyzed and confined for 34 years, and died in 1884 at the age of 72. His son, Col. Clinton Hartley, never married. He was Col. of the militia, was sheriff of Burke county a number of years, was one of the commissioners that located the town of Lenoir, was coroner of Caldwell county and acting sheriff at one time. He was an Episcopalian religiously and a Whig politically and died at the age of 95. Larkin Hartley never married. He was a blacksmith and a great hunter. He made steel traps, several of which are still in the country. He caught up the wolves that infested the country in his day. He died at the age of 58. George, third son of George Hartley Sr. married Catharine Fincannon and settled where W. H. H. Hartley now lives. He had five children, Rufus, Jason, John, Polly and Mahala. Rufus married Piety Kirby. They had four children, a boy and a girl, are dead. W. H. H. and A. G. Hartley both live near Hudson, N. C. Rufus was a methodist in religion and a democrat in politics. Jason Hartley married Sarahann Hartley, daughter of Waighstel Hartley. They had four children. A son and daughter are dead. A. S. and G. H. Hartley live at Hudson, N. C. The wife of Jason died in 1871, and he married Roxanna Poovey. By this marriage there was one child, a daughter who married Poley Winkler and lives at Granite Falls, N. C. Jason died in 1900. He was never a member of any church, but was a moral man, and was a justice of the Peace 40 years, and united in marriage more than 200 couples. He was a Democrat. John W. Hartley married Caroline Hartley, daughter of Waighstel Hartley. They had ten children, all of whom are dead except Madame Avery Smith, D. S. Sullivan and M. G. Cloer. These all live in Caldwell County. John W. was a cripple,

having lost a leg from scrofula. He died in 1896. He was not a member of any church, but a very moral man, and was democratic in politics. Polly Hartley married W. W. Sherrill and lives in Watauga county. Mahala Hartley married John Bryant and is dead. Alford Hartley married Lucy Greenway, daughter of William Greenway and settled on the head of upper Little river, this county. They had seven children, George, William, Joseph, Tilman, Mary Ann, Elizabeth and Myra. Geo. was never married. He died in Missouri. William married Elizabeth Largent, went to Missouri and later died in Texas. Joseph was twice married; first to Hannah West and second to Vienna Powell. By first marriage there were four children. Dora married J. C. Spencer and lives in Va. Louwena married John West and lives on the old Hartley place. Lucy married Smith McDade and lives at Hudson, N. C. Alford never married. By second marriage there were six children. Laura is single. Della died some years ago. Missouri married Finley Laxton and lives on Kings Creek this county. Josephine married Rufus Heffner and lives near Hickory, N. C. Sallie is single and Ivey married Lula Lanier and lives on Little River. Tilman Hartley married Sarah Williams and had six children. Two of these died young and the others are unmarried. Tilman was a confederate soldier and lost an arm at Rheam's station in Va. He died some years ago. Mary Ann married Wesley Spencer, and died in 1863 in Little river township this county. Elizabeth married Rufus Smith and lives on Lower Creek this county. Myra never married and lives at the old home place. Waighstel Hartley married Julia Loudermilk. They had two children, Sarahann and Caroline. They were Jason C. and John W. Hartley. Mahala Hartley never married. Elizabeth Beckett, wife of John Hartley lived to be 102 years, 8 months and 29 days old. She celebrated her 100 anniversary with a dance. Her father who came to this country same time the Hartley's did, lived where Foot Hills Sanatorium now is in suburbs of Lenoir. George Hartley Jr. was blind 21 years. He had a remarkable memory; he recognized the voice of his cousin, Hiram Tucker after an absence of 41 years and after Hartley had been blind 19 years. James Hartley settled on Greasy Creek near the Leander Houck place this county. He had six children, one girl and five boys. The girl died with quinsy in childhood. The boys were John, Bedford, Tilman, Frederick and Thomas. They all went to Indiana and became well-to-do citizens. Reuben Hartley settled in what is now Watauga County, on Flat Top Mountain, and is the ancestor of the Watauga Hartleys. At first he was much dissatisfied with his location, but later became prominent in the affairs of Watauga County and for a number of years represented that county in the state legislature. Elizabeth Hartley married General Wilson and lived on the farm now owned by D. S. Sullivan and others near Hudson, N. C. She and her sister, Ava are buried there. Nancy Hartley who married Geo. Tucker lived on the Newland farm near Lenoir. Her children were John, William, George, Hiram,

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Washington, Sep. 6.—President Wilson today announced he would not make a speaking tour during the coming campaign. He declared his intention of "staying on the job", because of the "unlooked for international situation."

The Bureau of Engraving in Washington is turning out money literally in bales these days to meet the crisis in financial affairs brought on by the European war. Double-shifts were instituted and employees were recalled from vacation to meet the demand. Money has been printed at the rate of \$100,000,000 a week. The new machines representing the last word in engraving, turn out 10,000,000 bills a day compared with the old presses which had a capacity of about 1,000,000 bills.

The North Carolina School of the Feeble-Minded, two miles from Kinston, is now filled to more than two-thirds of its capacity, and no more boys will be taken into the institution. Eighty-three children are enrolled and the full capacity is 120. Only girls of the highest grade of the feeble-minded will be taken to fill out the number. Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent, says applications have been received for 125 more than can be admitted, and he is choosing only children that promise to be tractable until the final limit is reached.

Joshua and Celia. The Tucker boys were all blacksmiths and carried on an extensive business in that day. They all moved to Tenn. and Ga. Celia Hartley married Jesse Hartley and lived north of Lenoir. Jesse was no akin to the other Hartleys except by marriage. His sons were Lewis, Samuel, Levi and George. Lewis and Samuel both served Caldwell County in the capacity of high sheriff. Levi lived on Blairs Fork above Valmead. He died this year and was a very aged man. The older Hartleys were Episcopalians in religion and Whigs in politics. They are all buried at Sardis church, Hudson, N. C. and had their membership in St. Andrews Episcopal church which is now Sardis Baptist church. John Hartley served under Gen. Clinton in the Revolutionary war. They were well to do citizens, holding many places of honor and trust, and were great hunters, deer, bear and wolves being plentiful in this country in their day. They encouraged raising good stock and prided themselves in fine horses. They were a fine class of citizens. The younger Hartleys are also good men, useful both in church and state. W. H. H. Hartley, to whom the writer is indebted for the materials of this sketch, has served Caldwell County many years as magistrate and has been Supt. of the Sunday School of Sardis Church continuing for over 35 years. A. G. Hartley has served in the capacity of County Commissioner. The younger Hartleys are mostly Democrats in politics and Baptist in religion. They are law-abiding and promoters of good morals, religion and education.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items from our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

HIBRITEN.

An informal reception was given to Mr. T. J. Smith and daughter Miss Lucille, at the home of Mr. T. B. Swanson last Tuesday night. The occasion was greatly enjoyed. Ice cream and cake were served interspersed with music, both vocal and instrumental. Especially we would mention the war time music, fife and drum, which was very interesting to the young and at the same time calling up memories of the past to the older ones. One strange feature of the occasion was that of the 53 persons present all were connected, either by blood or marriage with one exception, Mr. T. H. Broyhill, who was present and was not related.

The Annual session of the Piedmont Advent Christian conference was held with Tabernacle church beginning last Thursday and lasting till Sunday night. Eld. W. F. Hendrix was chosen moderator and Dr. G. H. Burgess, Sec'y. The session was interesting throughout with good attendance. On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a memorial service was held in memory of the late Eld. G. D. Sherrill which was very touching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown of Chattanooga, Tenn. who have been visiting Mrs. Browns parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Powell returned home Friday.

Miss Annie Belle Moore of Lenoir visited relatives here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Thos. M. Barlow is sick at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. D. Melton.

YADKIN VALLEY.

The corn crop is very good here.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson of Lenoir who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. Hawkins returned home last Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Hendrix of Gastonia are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hawkins.

Mr. Relle F. Hawkins of Warren, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gragg of Edgemont are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hawkins.

The fruit crop here is excellent, there being an abundance of peaches and apples.

F. H.

WILL DISCLOSES TRUE NAME OF MAN.

Asheville, Aug. 31.—Reaching back across the grave to cast a bombshell into the ranks of his friends and neighbors, the hand of George Lewis Fox, known for years in Asheville as George E. Lewis, operating through his will, filed today, has stirred Asheville as it has not been stirred in years.

According to the will, Mr. Lewis' name is George Lewis Fox, the woman with whom he has lived under the name of Lewis for over twenty-five years is Mrs. C. E. Lewis, and his real wife is Mrs. Martha A. Fox of Baltimore, Md. The will leaves all of his property, stated at approximately \$40,000 to his wife, Mrs. Fox and his daughter, Mrs. Fannie May Hammond said to be the wife of a prominent railroad official in Maryland.

FAMILY REUNION.

The family of A. H. Courtney, deceased, gathered in a delightful family reunion at the old home place at Hartland on Wednesday September the 2nd. The mother and all the living children with their families were present. There are seven living children, twenty-six grand-children and four great-grand children. Seven years had passed since they last met in a reunion. Since that time some changes had taken place, the memory of which brought tinges of sadness. But the occasion, for the most part, was one of gratitude, joy and gladness. The good health and vigor of the mother was a source of much delight to the children. Notwithstanding her nearly fourscore years she is active and lively. On this occasion she gave to each of her children a linen towel which was made of goods woven by her own hands in the time of the civil war.

At noon all gathered about the family table which was loaded with good things to eat. All were sure that no better table had ever been spread.

The afternoon was spent in social intercourse. Many of the incidents of former years were recalled and told. The afternoon passed all too soon. All regretted the arrival of the time when members of the family must take their departure. It is to be devoutly hoped that all may be spared to meet on many other similar occasions.

WAR TAX IS NECESSARY.

Washington, Sept. 4.—"We shall pay the bill, though we not deliberately incur it," said President Wilson today, presenting before a joint session of Congress his appeal for an emergency internal revenue measure to raise \$100,000,000, the government's probable loss in customs receipts because of the European war. Prompt action was necessary, the President said, "to keep the treasury strong." His only suggestion as to the method for levying the tax was that sources be chosen that would "begin to yield at once and yield with a certain and constant flow."

The appeal met with quick action. As soon as the President had left the house chamber amidst an outburst of applause, Speaker Clark referred the message to the ways and means committee. Democratic members of the committee met tonight at the call of the chairman, Representative Underwood, and began consideration of plans to raise the additional revenue. Various members suggested sources which they believed would be properly subjected to additional taxation. On the list suggested were:

Gasoline, a tax of 1 or 2 cents a gallon; railroad and amusement tickets, a tax of 5 to 10 per cent; beer, an increase of 50 cents a barrel; domestic wines, whisky, an increase of 15 cents a gallon; proprietary articles, tobacco and tobacco products; chewing gum; soft drinks; playing cards.

The proposal to tax railroad tickets was not received by members of the committee, although it was estimated that a 5 per cent tax would raise \$40,000,000.

One reason why the world isn't as fine a place as it might be is because marriage is the most common thing in the world and love is the rarest thing in the world.

CONDENSED WAR NEWS

Progress of the War in Europe from The Latest Dispatches.

New York, Sept. 4.—Wireless messages received today from Nauen, Germany, by Count Von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, stated that the Austrian center had completely defeated the Russians; that all forts in northern France had been taken without a struggle and that the French retreat continued.

The messages as received at the Sayville, L. I. wireless station were garbled and could not be fully read. The intelligible portions read as follows:

"The Austrian center completely defeated the Russians, taking 160 guns. The Austrian right wing near Lemberg struggling against superior Russian troops, was relieved.

"All French forts in northern France were taken without a fight. Only Maubeuge holds out. German cavalry and artillery makes raids (probably raids) as far as Paris. The German army has crossed the Aisne and is advancing on the Marne, where already siege guns arrived. French army retreating behind Marne near Verdun."

"The victory of General Hindenburgs army is increasing every day. Number of Russian prisoners now 90,000."

London, Sept. 4, 3:15 a. m.—In a dispatch from Rouen, France, a correspondent of the Chronicle says he has learned that the French authorities in Paris are considering the surrender of the city to the Germans in order to avoid the destruction of property from artillery fire.

Paris, Sept. 6.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"First: The allied armies again have come into contact on our left wing, under good conditions, with the right wing of the enemy on the banks of Grand Morin.

"Second: Fighting continues on the center and right in Lorraine and the Vosges. The situation remains unchanged.

"Third: Around Paris the engagement begun yesterday between the allied army and the flank of the advance guard of the German right has extended. We have advanced to the river Ourcq without great resistance.

"The situation of the allied armies appears good as a whole.

"Fourth: Maubeuge continues its heroic resistance."

The Nine Wars.

The nine wars now on in Europe are:

- 1 Austria against Serbia.
- 2 Russia against Germany.
- 3 France against Germany.
- 4 England against Germany.
- 5 Belgium against Germany.
- 6 England against Austria.
- 7 France against Austria.
- 8 Russia against Austria.
- 9 Montenegro against Austria.