

Thomas Hart
Pioneer of 1845
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Thomas Hart
b. 1788 NC
d. 03 Feb 1874 Dallas, Polk County, Oregon
buried [Hart Riggs Cemetery](#), Dallas, Polk County, Oregon
s/o Thomas Hart and Elinor Logue

1810: Hillsborough, Orange County, North Carolina, Thomas Hart, 1 male (16-25), 1 male (26-44), 1 male (-45); 2 females (16-25), 1 female (+45)

1812: Orange County, North Carolina, Marriage Bond 09 Jan 1812 Thomas Hart and Nancy Bain

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1820: Orange County, North Carolina, August 7, 1820; Thomas Hart Jr. 2 male (-10), 1 male (26-45); 1 male (+45); 1 female (-10), 1 female (+45)

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1820: Orange County, North Carolina, August 7, 1820; Thomas Hart Jr. 1 male (-10), 1 male (18-26), 1 male (26-44), 1 male (+45); 2 females (+45)

Note: in the 1820 Orange County, North Carolina census there are two Thomas Hart Jr. enumerated living next to each other

1829: Orange County, North Carolina, May 14, 1829 Marriage Thomas Hart to Mary Thompson

1850: Polk County, Oregon Territory, October 8, 1850; Thomas Hart, 60, NC; Mary F, 10, MO; Sarah J., 8, MO; Thos B., 6, MO; John P., 4, MO; Harrison B., 28, NC

1851: Polk County, Thomas Hart, Tax Roll, Provisional and Territorial Record #14173

1853: Polk County, Thomas Hart, Tax Roll, Provisional and Territorial Record #14176

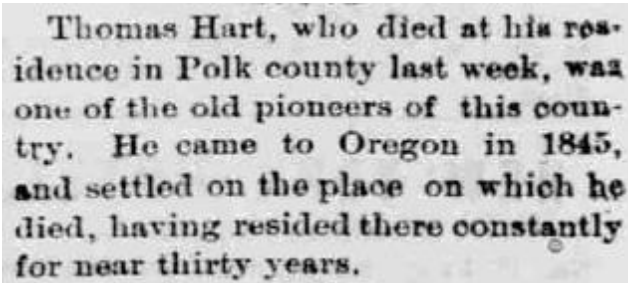
1854: Polk County, Thomas Hart, Tax Roll, Provisional and Territorial Record #14178

1856: Polk County, Thomas Hart, Census, Provisional and Territorial Record #6912

1860: Bridgeport, Polk County, Oregon, July 31, 1860; Thos Hart, 78, farmer, \$20,000 \$2070, NC; Rachel, 47, MO; Thos B., 14, MO; J.P., 12, MO; G.N. Riggs, 18, laborer, MO

1870: Polk County, Oregon, July 20, 1870; Thomas Hart, 85, \$18,000 \$2070, NC; Rachel, 60, housekeeping, MO; Thomas, 26, MO, insane; John P., 23, MO; Mary Lewis, 40, MO

1874: Polk County, Thomas Hart, Estate, Polk County Record #0289



Thomas Hart, who died at his residence in Polk county last week, was one of the old pioneers of this country. He came to Oregon in 1845, and settled on the place on which he died, having resided there constantly for near thirty years.

[The Enterprise, Oregon City, Oregon, February 13, 1874 p.2]

"In the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon

In the matter of the estate of Thos. Hart, decd; Petition for letters of Administration To the Hon County Court of Polk County in the state of Oregon.

Your petitioner John P. Hart of said county and state respectfully sheweth that Thomas Hart, the father of your said petitioner died at his place of residence in said county and state on, to wit, the 3d day of February AD 1874, intestate. That said intestate left real property (unreadable word?) in said county of the value of about five thousand dollars, and personal property of the value of about three thousand dollars aggregating about \$8000. That said intestate left a widow, Rachel Hart, aged about 64 years, residing in Polk Co, Ogn; a grand daughter Sally Bell (the sole heir of his daughter, Harriet, decd) aged about 35 years, residing in Gentry Co, Mo; three grand children, (the heirs of his son, Henry Hart, decd), to wit Thos Hart, aged about 35 years, Wm Hart, aged about 33 years, and Elizabeth E. Hart, aged about 30 years, all residing in Gentry Co, Mo; a daughter, Julia A. Hays, residing in Yola Co, Cal; a son H.B. Hart, aged about 55 years residing in Douglas Co, Ogn; three grand children (the heirs of his daughter Sarah Riggs, decd) to wit, W.M. Riggs, aged about 13 years, Thos Riggs, aged about 8 years and Arthur Riggs, aged about 3 years, all residing in Polk Co, Ogn; a son, Thos B. Hart, aged about 30 years, residence Polk Co and your petitioner, John P. Hart, son of deceased, aged about 27 years, residence Polk Co, Ogn.

That Rachel Hart, widow of said decd has executed her renunciation of her right to administer said estate of said intestate, and placed the same on file in this court, and recommending that your petitioner be appointed to administer said estate.

Therefore your petitioner asks that letters of Administration be issued to him in the (premises?).

J.L. Collins

Atty for petitioner"

m1. 09 Jan 1812 Orange County, North Carolina

Nancy Bain

b.

d. c1828 Orange County, North Carolina

m2. 14 May 1829 Orange County, North Carolina

Mary Thompson

b. c1804

d. c1849 probably Oregon

m3. 20 Nov 1851 Clackamas County, Oregon

Rachel Riggs

b. 1810 Green County, Kentucky

d. 01 Oct 1876 Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

d/o Thomas Riggs (1787-1846) and Leah Hunt (1782-1857)

m1. 03 Dec 1828 Ray County, Missouri to Reuben Riggs

buried [Hart Riggs Cemetery](#), Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

Children of Thomas Hart and Nancy Bain

1. Harriet W. Hart

b. 1813 North Carolina

d. 1840 Clay County, Missouri

buried [Robertson Cemetery](#), Clay County, Missouri

m.

Rev. Hugh R. Smith

b. 21 Nov 1806 Tennessee

d. 26 Jan 1872 Clinton County, Missouri

1840: Clay County, Missouri, Hugh R. Smith, 1 male (30-39); 1 female (-5), 1 female (20-29); 1 female slave (-10)

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; a grand daughter Sally Bell (the sole heir of his daughter, Harriet, decd) aged about 35 years, residing in Gentry Co, Mo;

1898: Will of brother, Harrison B. Hart: THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased sister, Harriet W. Smith, the sum of \$100.00

Child of Hugh Smith and Harriet Hart:

i. Sarah Ann "Sally" Smith

b. 31 Mar 1838 Butler, Harrison County, Missouri

d. 11 Mar 1934 Benton City, Daviess County, Missouri

m. James Wilson Bell 03 Nov 1856 Buchanan County, Missouri

2. Henry J. Hart

b. c1816 North Carolina

d. c1848 probably Missouri

m. 01 Nov 1837 Clay County, Missouri

Lucretia Hunt

b. c1818 Louisville, Kentucky

d. c1870

m2. Lorenzo Dow Thompson

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; three grand children, (the heirs of his son, Henry Hart, decd), to wit Thos Hart, aged about 35 years, Wm Hart, aged about 33 years, and Elizabeth E. Hart, aged about 30 years, all residing in Gentry Co, Mo;

1898: Will of brother, Harrison B. Hart: FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased brother, Henry J. Hart, the sum of \$100.00

Children of Henry Hart and Lucretia Hunt:

i. Elizabeth E. Hart

b. c1840 MO

d.

m. John Acord

ii. Thomas Hart

b. 1842 Missouri

d.

1850: District 27, Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1850; Lorenzo D. Thompson, 41, farmer, \$800, NC; Lucretia, 32, KY; Reuben, 19, farmer, IL; Ester A., 13, IL; Elizabeth A. Hart, 10, MO; Thomas H. Hart, 8, MO; William H. Hart, 6, MO; Josephine, 1, MO

1860: Grand River, Daviess County, Missouri, June 25, 1860; Dow Thompson, 53, farmer, \$300 \$350, NC; Lucretia, 40, KY; Thomas, 18, MO; William, 16, MO; Joseph [Josephine], 11, MO; John, 7, MO; Dan, 2, MO [Hart children enumerated under Thompson surname]

iii. William Hart

b. 1844 Missouri

d.

3. Harrison B. Hart

b. 25 Jul 1818 North Carolina

d. 26 Feb 1899 Oregon

buried [Elkton Cemetery](#), Elkton, Douglas County, Oregon

1850: Polk County, Oregon Territory, October 8, 1850; Thomas Hart, 60, NC; Mary F, 10, MO; Sarah J., 8, MO; Thos B., 6, MO; John P., 4, MO; Harrison B., 28, NC

1851: June Harrison B. Hart, Umpqua County Election returns

1852: Harrison B. Hart, Umpqua County Assessment Roll

1853: Harrison B. Hart, Umpqua County census

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1859: Harrison B. Hart, Umpqua County Assessment Roll

1859: Harrison B. Hart, Umpqua County census

1860: Fifth District, Umpqua County, Oregon, July 11, 1860; Harrison B. Hart, 41, farmer, \$5000 \$2300, MO

1870: Elkton, Douglas County, Oregon, July 25, 1870, H.B. Hart, 56, farmer, \$4000 \$1261, NC

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; a son H.B. Hart, aged about 55 years residing in Douglas Co,Ogn;

1880: Elkton, Douglas County, Oregon, June 8, 9, 10, 1880; James M. Stark, 44, farmer, KY VA VA; Mary A., 38, wife, keeping house, MO TN NC; William H., 18, son, works on farm, MO KY MO; Cora, 8, dau, CA KY MO; Nannie M., 6, dau, OR KY MO; Harrison B. Hart, 60, uncle, logger, NC NC NC

““Know All Men By These Presents: That I, Harrison B. Hart, of Elkton Precinct, Douglas County, State of Oregon, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say:

FIRST: I give, devise and bequeath to Cora J. Connelly and Maggie N. Stark of Douglas County, Oregon in equal and undivided shares, and unto their heirs and assigns, forever the following described real property, to-wit: My home place, the same being all that part of my donation land claim not already sold, the same being designated as Claim No. 37 in Township 22 S.R. 8 W and Claim No. 42 in Township 22 S.R. 7 W and containing 215 acres more or less. [believe these to be daughters of his niece, Mary A. Stark with whom he lived in 1880]

SECOND: I give, devise and bequeath to Cora J. Connelly and Maggie N. Stark of Douglas County, Oregon in equal and undivided shares , and unto their heirs and assigns, forever the following described real property, the same being all the remainder of my real property in said county, to-wit: The Geo H. Bartges Donation Claim No 43 in sections 7

and 18, in Township 22 S.R 7W; the Warren Sherwood Donation Claim No 44 in sections 7 and 18, in Township 22 S.R 7W and Claim No. 40 in sections 12 and 13 in Township 22 S.R 8W, the W ½ of the NW ¼ and Lot 2 of Section 7 Township 22 S.R. 7W, and Lots 1. 2, 3, 4, 5 of section 13, in Township 22 S.R. 8W, and containing the aggregate 680 acres, more or less: But it is expressly conditioned that the said devisees, in the event that they elect to accept this second bequest, shall fully pay and discharge the bequests hereinafter set forth, and if otherwise, the executrix hereinafter to be named, shall sell the said real property last described for the purpose of securing the funds with which to pay the said bequests hereinafter to be recited.

THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased sister, Harriet W. Smith, the sum of \$100.00

FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased brother, Henry J. Hart, the sum of \$100.00

FIFTH: I give, devise and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased sister, Sarah Riggs, the sum of \$100.00

SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath to my brother, John P. Hart, the sum of \$5.00

SEVENTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister, Julia A. Hayes, the sum of \$100.00

EIGHTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto Mary A. Stark and Anna M. Stark the sum of \$100.00 each.

NINTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto the said Mary A. Stark, the money, notes and accounts and all of the remainder of my personal property of which I may die seized.

TENTH: I hereby constitute and appoint Maggie N. Stark the sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, to serve in said trust without bonds: and I hereby revoke and annul all former wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my Last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS HEREOF I, Harrison B. Hart, the testator herein, have to this my Last Will and Testament hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October 1898. Harrison B. Hart”

- 4. Julia Ann Hart [listed as Juliann Hart on marriage record]
- b. 31 Oct 1821 Orange County, North Carolina
- d. 17 Apr 1904 Woodland, Yolo County, California
- buried [Woodland Cemetery](#), Woodland, Yolo County, California
- m1. 25 Feb 1841 Clay County, Missouri
- William R. Smith
- b. 1819 Tennessee
- d. c1859 Harrison County, Missouri

m2. c1860

Jacob Hayes

b. 1808 Tennessee

d.

buried [Woodland Cemetery](#), Woodland, Yolo County, California

m1. 24 Feb 1829 Nancy Ryherd

1850: Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1850; William R. Smith, 31, farmer, \$1000, TN; Julia A. F., 27, NC; Mary A., 7, MO; Thomas H., 5, MO; Sarah J., 3, MO; Margaret E., 11/12, MO; Cornelius Dobson, 27, farmer, TN

1860: Butler Twp, Harrison County, Missouri, July 31, 1860; Julia A. Smith, 38, farming, \$3200 \$435, NC; Thomas H., 16, farm hand, MO; Margaret E., 11, MO

1870: Putah, Yolo County, California, September 1, 1870; Jacob Hayes, 60, farmer, TN; Julia A., 49, keeps house, NC

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; a daughter, Julia A. Hays, residing in Yola Co, Cal;

Children of William Smith and Julia Hart:

i. Mary C. Smith

b. c1843

d.

1850: Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1850; William R. Smith, 31, farmer, \$1000, TN; Julia A. F., 27, NC; Mary A., 7, MO; Thomas H., 5, MO; Sarah J., 3, MO; Margaret E., 11/12, MO; Cornelius Dobson, 27, farmer, TN

ii. Thomas H. Smith

b. c1845

d.

1850: Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1850; William R. Smith, 31, farmer, \$1000, TN; Julia A. F., 27, NC; Mary A., 7, MO; Thomas H., 5, MO; Sarah J., 3, MO; Margaret E., 11/12, MO; Cornelius Dobson, 27, farmer, TN

1860: Butler Twp, Harrison County, Missouri, July 31, 1860; Julia A. Smith, 38, farming, \$3200 \$435, NC; Thomas H., 16, farm hand, MO; Margaret E., 11, MO

iii. Sarah J. Smith

b. c1847

d.

1850: Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1850; William R. Smith, 31, farmer, \$1000, TN; Julia A. F., 27, NC; Mary A., 7, MO; Thomas H., 5, MO; Sarah J., 3, MO; Margaret E., 11/12, MO; Cornelius Dobson, 27, farmer, TN

iv. Margaret Ellen Smith

b. 1849

d. 1923

1850: Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1850; William R. Smith, 31, farmer, \$1000, TN; Julia A. F., 27, NC; Mary A., 7, MO; Thomas H., 5, MO; Sarah J., 3, MO; Margaret E., 11/12, MO; Cornelius Dobson, 27, farmer, TN

1860: Butler Twp, Harrison County, Missouri, July 31, 1860; Julia A. Smith, 38, farming, \$3200 \$435, NC; Thomas H., 16, farm hand, MO; Margaret E., 11, MO

Children of Thomas Hart and Mary Thompson

1. Mary F. Hart

b. c1840 Missouri

d.

m. B.F. Lewis

1850: Polk County, Oregon Territory, October 8, 1850; Thomas Hart, 60, NC; Mary F, 10, MO; Sarah J., 8, MO; Thos B., 6, MO; John P., 4, MO; Harrison B., 28, NC

1860: Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon, July 5, 1860: B.F. Lewis, 27, carpenter, \$0 \$1000, KY; Mary, 19, MO; David Patterson, 34, carpenter, \$0 \$500, VA

1870: Polk County, Oregon, July 20, 1870; Thomas Hart, 85, \$18,000 \$2070, NC; Rachel, 60, housekeeping, MO; Thomas, 26, MO, insane; John P., 23, MO; Mary Lewis, 40, MO

2. Sarah J. Hart

b. c1842 Missouri

d. 1872

buried [Hart Riggs Cemetery](#), Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

m.

Green Berry Riggs

b. 27 Jul 1836 Daviess County, Missouri

d. 05 Aug 1923 Junction City, Lane County, Oregon

buried [Hart Riggs Cemetery](#), Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

s/o Reuben Riggs and Rachel Riggs [Sarah J. Hart was his step sister]

m2. Tabitha C. (Bowman) O'Neil (1837-1918)

1850: Polk County, Oregon Territory, October 8, 1850; Thomas Hart, 60, NC; Mary F, 10, MO; Sarah J., 8, MO; Thos B., 6, MO; John P., 4, MO; Harrison B., 28, NC

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; three grand children (the heirs of his daughter Sarah Riggs, decd) to wit, W.M. Riggs, aged about 13 years, Thos Riggs, aged about 8 years and Arthur Riggs, aged about 3 years, all residing in Polk Co, Ogn;

1898: Will of brother, Harrison B. Hart: FIFTH: I give, devise and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased sister, Sarah Riggs, the sum of \$100.00

3. Thomas B. Hart

b. 1843 Missouri

d. 23 Apr 1884 Salem, OR Oregon State Hospital

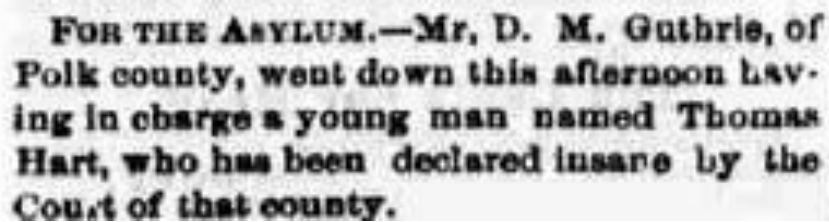
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1870: Polk County, Oregon, July 20, 1870; Thomas Hart, 85, \$18,000 \$2070, NC; Rachel, 60, housekeeping, MO; Thomas, 26, MO, insane; John P., 23, MO; Mary Lewis, 40, MO

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; a son, Thos B. Hart, aged about 30 years, residence Polk Co

1880: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Hospital for the Insane, June 16, 1880; Thomas Hart, 37, MO, idiotic



FOR THE ASYLUM.—Mr, D. M. Guthrie, of Polk county, went down this afternoon having in charge a young man named Thomas Hart, who has been declared insane by the Court of that county.

[Willamette Farmer, Salem, Oregon, December 11, 1874]

1884: Polk County, Thomas B. Hart, Guardianship, Polk County Record #0309

1884: Polk County Probate, Thomas B. Hart, died 23 April 1884 Marion County, leaving real property consisting of 80 acres of land about 30 acres of which is in cultivation and the remainder hill pasture land and all worth about \$800. The personal property consists of notes and cash of the probable sum of \$322.91. Heirs believed to be John P. Hart, aged about 40 years, Marion Riggs, aged about 22 years and Arthur Riggs about 12 years, only heirs of Sarah Riggs, sister of said deceased. John P. Hart resides in Washington Territory; Arthur Riggs resides there; Marion Riggs resides (?) in this state.

4. John P. Hart

b. Sep 1844 Missouri

d. 1924 Pacific County, Washington

buried [Fern Hill Cemetery](#), Menlo, Pacific County, Washington

m1. 1866 Polk County, Oregon

Sarah J. Morrison

b. 1856 Iowa

d. 1881 Polk County, Oregon

buried [Hart Riggs Cemetery](#), Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

d/o Barney Morrison and Jemima Stover

m2. c1882 Polk County, Oregon

Mary Elizabeth Shaw

b. 06 Dec 1849 Missouri

d. 12 May 1921 Pacific County, Washington

buried [Fern Hill Cemetery](#), Menlo, Pacific County, Washington

d/o George and Rachel Shaw

1850: Polk County, Oregon Territory, October 8, 1850; Thomas Hart, 60, NC; Mary F, 10, MO; Sarah J., 8, MO; Thos B., 6, MO; John P., 4, MO; Harrison B., 28, NC

1860: Bridgeport, Polk County, Oregon, July 31, 1860; Thos Hart, 78, farmer, \$20,000 \$2070, NC; Rachel, 47, MO; Thos B., 14, MO; J.P., 12, MO; G.N. Riggs, 18, laborer, MO

1870: Polk County, Oregon, July 20, 1870; Thomas Hart, 85, \$18,000 \$2070, NC; Rachel, 60, housekeeping, MO; Thomas, 26, MO, insane; John P., 23, MO; Mary Lewis, 40, MO

1874: Will of father, Thomas Hart, heirs; John P. Hart, son of deceased, aged about 27 years, residence Polk Co, Ogn.

1880: Bridgeport, Polk County, Oregon, June 22 & 23, 1880; John Hart, 33, farmer, MO KY unk; Sarah, 24, wife, keeping house, IA TN KY; Dillia, 4, dau, OR MO IA; Tabitha Morrison, 19, sister in law, IA TN KY; James Morrison, 27, brother in law, farm laborer, IA TN KY

1898: Will of brother, Harrison B. Hart: "SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath to my brother, John P. Hart, the sum of \$5.00"

1900: Willapa Pct, Pacific County, Washington, June 18 & 19, 1900; John P. Hart, head, Sep 1844, 45, m-12yrs, MO MO MO, farmer; Mary E., wife, Dec 1849, 50, m-12yrs, 8-3, MO OH MO

1910: Willapa, Pacific County, Washington, May 12 & 13, 1910; J.P. Hart, head, 62, m2-married 1 age 22; MO NC US, farmer-general farm; Marie, wife, 60, m2, 8-3, MO IL MO, laborer home farm

1920: Willapa, Pacific County, Washington, January 28 & 29, 1920; J.P. Hart, head, 75,
MO US MO, farmer; Mary, 70, MO IL MO