

Loyalist Josiah Hart

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Loyalist Settler in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia

In the Spring of 2022, I assisted Kyle Porpotage in obtaining his Loyalist Certificate for Josiah Hart. The following is a gathering of information in obtaining this Loyalist Certificate.

Josiah Hart (born Feb 22, 1741) was the 5th son of **Nathaniel Hart** and **Martha Lee**.

Josiah Hart married **Lydia Moss** in Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut on January 10, 1765.

Josiah Hart was a furniture and chair maker and sometime before the commencement of the war he had moved to Hartford and opened up a woodworking shop on his own behalf.

Once settled in Nova Scotia, **Josiah Hart** remained true to his beliefs, he was a staunch Congregationalist and was active in the community. He was seen as a public spirited citizen and a valued member of society.

It is believed that **Josiah Hart** died ca. 1828. And his wife, **Lydia**, died Dec 25, 1809.

Their children were:

Ramea Hart born June 26, 1766

Joseph Hart born July 20, 1767

Jairus Hart born Feb 17, 1769

Irad Hart born Jan 2, 1771

Tyrus Hart born Jan 13, 1773

Panthea Hart born June 10, 1775

Lydia Hart born April 19, 1777

Lee Hart born Aug 23, 1779

Irhiel Hart born Dec 17, 1782

As per book: **Guysborough Sketches and Other Essays by A.C. Jost**: In 1765, Benjamin Hallowell was given a grant of land in the eastern portion of Nova Scotia. This grant of land contained 20,000 acres which were located on the north side of Chedabucto Bay and along the eastern shore of Milford Haven, which is now known as Manchester. After the Revolutionary War the grant was settled by Loyalists. One deed was signed by 17 men but gave 18 men who were named on the grant a farm block of about 150 acres, five shillings and a set of terms to be followed. They were to pay six pence sterling rent per hundred acres yearly, they were to cultivate 3 acres per 100 and build a good framed house at least 12 x 16 feet with a good brick or stone chimney and to reside there with their families for 7 years. The second deed gives the same men a lot in town of Boylston which required a yearly rent of one barley corn and 2 Shillings Sterling.

The 18 settlers were: Mansfield Munson, Andrew Leet, Gideon Bryant, Willis Stillman, Aaron Andrews, Isaac Andrews, David Scranton, Matthew Hawley, Walter Munson, David Smith, Ira Atwater, Samuel Hull, William Atwater, Theophilus Yale, **Josiah Hart**, William Atwater Jr, Moses Hull, Ebenezer Merriman.

According to the Nova Scotia Archives, a list of names dated Oct 12, 1789, a 450 acreage was granted to **Josiah Hart** and family at Manchester, Guysborough County.

Scoville James
4 others



135 1788

List of James Scoville's company at Manchester
12th Oct. 1709

Names	Families			Amount
	Men	Women	Children	
Johiah Hull	1	1	6	entitled to 450
Moses Hull	1	1	1	350
Andrew Lunt	1	1	7	500
Samuel Hull	1			100
Joe Atwater	1			100
Aaron Andrews	1			200
Widow Atwater		1	2	300
William Atwater	1	1	3	100
Jarus Hart	1			100
Isaac Andrews	1			100
Samuel Andrews	1			250
Theo. Yale	1	1	2	450
Titus Ludington	1	1	6	350
Rufus Atwater	1	1	4	350
Total Arns				3,450

Approved, Instead of P. H. Atwater
6th Nov. 1783 (Date 22 Sep. 1785)

Rich^d Morris

Dep^y Surveyor



For the purpose of this Loyalist Certificate application, the lineage followed through **son Jairus Hart**.

Jairus Hart was born in Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut on Feb 17, 1769 and moved to Nova Scotia with his parents and siblings after the Revolutionary War.

Jairus Hart married **Frances Godfrey** on Dec 31, 1795. The death of **Jairus Hart** is unknown and his widow married a Mr. Oates.

The Children of **Jairus and Frances Hart** were:

Sarah Peart Hart born Apr 13, 1797

Josias Hart baptized 1799

Lydia Hart born ca. 1800

Thomas Godfrey Hart born Oct 31, 1803

Elizabeth Hopkins Hart born Oct 27, 1805

Frances Ann Hart born Feb 18, 1807

Godfrey Peart Hart born Sept 1, 1809

Jairus Hart born Dec 15, 1811

John William Peart Hart baptized 1815

Ruth Hart baptized 1816

Esther Maria Hart born Apr 25, 1817

Marianne Hart born Aug 28, 1819

Martha Maria Hart born Aug 29, 1822

Lydia Hart married **John Hadley** on March 27, 1821.

The book: **Guysborough Sketches and Other Essays** lists **John** (born Aug 14, 1794) as the son of **Joseph Hadley** and 2nd wife **Esther Atwater** who married on Aug 9, 1791. She was the widow of one of the Connecticut Loyalists and she died Oct 14, 1807. Joseph Hadley died, at age 82, on Feb 26, 1838.

Proving that **Lydia Hart** was the **daughter of Jairus Hart** was a stumbling block till we found a deed which took place between **Sarah Hadley, Lydia Hadley** and **John G. Hart**. This deed noted that a said piece of land was granted to one **Jairus HART** and is claimed by the said **Sarah HADLEY** and **Lydia HADLEY** as heirs at Law of the said **Jairus HART** deceased.

John and Lydia Hadley had the following children:

Joseph Hadley born Dec 30, 1821
Sarah Maria Hadley born Nov 24, 1822
John Henry Hadley born June 24, 1824
Child Hadley born June 24, 1826
Catherine Maria Hadley born June 9, 1828
Eleanor Abbott Hadley born Oct 13, 1830
Sarah Hadley born Jan 1833
Sarah Harriet Shreve Hadley born Apr 17, 1839
Frances Jane Hadley Aug 11, 1827
William Hadley
Josiah Hadley (named as youngest son in Father's will)

Frances Jane Hadley was born Aug 11, 1827 and married **Thomas Hadley** (born May 17, 1820). **Thomas** was the son of **Joseph Godfrey Hadley** and **Judith Lawson**.

According to the 1871 Census, Thomas and Frances Hadley had the following children:

David Alfred Hadley born 1850
Charles Henry Hadley born 1856
Isaac Havelock Hadley born 1859
Ella Maria Hadley born 1862
Irad Alexander Hadley born 1864
Lydia Catherine Hadley born 1866
Thomas Wesley Hadley born 1868

David Alfred Hadley (known as Alfred) married **Susan Annie Grant**.

According to the 1891 Census, David and Susan Hadley had the following children:

William Hadley born 1877
Clarice Hadley born 1882
Howard Hadley born 1884
Lacruia(?) Hadley born 1887
Caroline Elizabeth Hadley 1891

David Hadley died Apr 8, 1917 of Heart failure due to an accident.

The death certificate for **Susan Annie Hadley** states her birth as Sept 11, 1853, daughter of William Grant and Martha Church. **Susan** died on Dec 15, 1950, informant was son William.

Caroline "Carrie" Elizabeth Hadley married **Norman MacDonald** on July 3, 1911.
The marriage record gives her age as 21 and Norman was 37. He was employed as a miner in Glace Bay.
Norman MacDonald died on April 16, 1916 of stomach cancer.

Norman and Caroline had at least one child:
Ruby Grant MacDonald born Nov 26, 1911, in Glace Bay, Cape Breton Island, NS.

Note of some interest:

Information by Ardella MacPhee,
It is believed these stones are for **Josiah Hart** and his **wife Lydia**.
Ardella bases the information on an article by John A. Morrison on the Harts,
where he writes that Joshua (which is the same as Josiah)
and his wife are buried in the old Myers Cemetery.
At the time of writing April 21, 1939,
he states that "If you visit the little Myers burying ground in Manchester,
you will find the modest tombstones erected to memory of Joshua Hart and wife
and Charles Myers and wife, with one fencing around the four graves".



Possible Josiah Hart stone



Possible Lydia Moss Hart stone