

Johann Alfred Nickolaus Harz & Barbara Steiger



Many Hartz Descendents still living in Cavalier Area By John Hartz
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In 1862, a son was born to John and Mathilda Hartz in Austria and they named him Alfred. And in 1861 a daughter was born to Jacob and Mathilda Steiger whom they named Barbara, and in 1883 Alfred and Barbara met in Russia and got married soon afterwards. They lived near Odessa, Russia for about 5 years and about that time he found out he couldn't become a citizen in Russia under the Czar. They decided to go to Canada, where Manitoba they were offering homestead lands. After braking up some land with oxen and seeding it by hand (the crop froze each year for 3 years) they decided to move to Cavalier N.D. in 1893. Mr. Hartz had been coming into the harvest fields at Cavalier each year working for John Heyrock for three summers to earn money to live on, they decided to give up there home stead and move to Cavalier. They bought a small house and in 1900 decided to tear the house down and build a new one, which now is the Gospel Tabernacle parsonage. Soon after Mr. and Mrs. Hartz moved to cavalier they made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. John Bechtel about the oldest pioneers in Cavalier and bought a quarter of land from him then in 1900 he bought a quarter of land from his son, Cyrus Bechtel, near Hallson, N.D. Hartz farmed his land till 1912 when he was offered a trade for 3.1/2 quarters of land just south of Cavalier which he farmed until his health gave out and son Ed took over. Father died in June 1936. But mother moved to cavalier soon after father's passing and lived there till her death in April 1952.

Dad became a citizen in 1896. Dad and mother had nine children. My sister Lizzie, (Mrs. Ed Restemayer) , Lydia (Mrs. John Elgert) Carolina (Mrs. John Elgert) and brothers Jake have passed away. I have one sister, Mary, Mrs. George Schroeder born in 1887 living at the Pioneer Rest Home in Bothgate: also a three brothers Ernest born 1891 , Alfred – 1898 and Edward –1905. There are many Hartz descendents living in Cavalier and surrounding community.



Alfred & Barbara 1934

The above story was written by my great-grandfather, it appeared in the news paper called Cavalier Centennial Edition on July 3, 1975.

Johann Alfred Nickolaus Harz b: 07 Feb 1862 in Ugartsthal, Galicia, Austria He is the son of Johann Ernst Georg Harz and Anna Maria Wirth both of Ugartsthal, Galicia, Austria. When he was young He was apprenticed as a blacksmith to one of his older brothers. At 17, he ran away from home to Russia and spent 5 years there were he met Barbara Steiger daughter of Jacob Steiger and Dorothea Landsiedel. She was born 11 Nov 1861 in Michelsthal I, Petersthal, Odessa, Russia They Married 15 Jun 1884, in Nesselrod or Odessa, Russia In 1889 with there two oldest children they Traveled by the ship S/S Augusta Victoria, Hamburg America Line. They departed in Hamburg and arrived in New York on 09 Nov 1889. Making there way in this

new land they first stop at Winnipeg, and then settling in North Dakota by November 1890. They officially become American citizens of Pembina County, Cavalier Village, North Dakota in 1893. Alfred built his home and farm east of Hallson, This is were he raised his family, farmed and blacksmithing on the side. This farm was the hub of the ever growing Hartz family. With the births and weddings of many of the children and grandchildren happing on their farm.

Barbara Steiger Hartz died at her home Sunday, April 6 1952, after a lingering illness in Pembina County, Cavalier, North Dakota



Golden Wedding Anniversary, June 15th 1934

Alfred Hartz died Monday June 22, 1936 at the Grafton Deaconess Hospital, following an illness of 12 1/2 years. . Mr. Hartz was confined to the Grafton Hospital for two years. His death was due to a heart ailment and complications.

Alfred and Barbra had 9 children.

ELIZABETH "LIZZIE"⁶ HARTZ, b. 09 Sep 1886, Odessa, Russia; d. 08 Oct 1941, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota.

MARY HARTZ, b. 02 Nov 1887, Odessa, Russia; d. 29 Jun 1978, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota.

JOHN HARTZ, b. 27 Dec 1889, Winnipeg, Canada; d. 18 Apr 1983, Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota.

ERNEST JAMES HARTZ, b. 27 Jun 1891, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. 26 Jun 1986, Pomona, California.

JACOB "JAKE" HARTZ, b. 11 Aug 1893, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota; d. 07 Mar 1972, Tampa, Florida.

LYDIA HARTZ, b. 03 Oct 1895, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota; d. 20 Jul 1965, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

HENRY ALFRED HARTZ, b. 06 Dec 1898, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota; d. 21 Jul 1989, Jacksonville, Duval, Florida.

CAROLINE "CARRIE" HARTZ, b. 28 Jan 1901, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota; d. 15 Dec 1974, Pembina, North Dakota

EDWARD DANIEL HARTZ, b. 15 Aug 1905, Pembina, Cavalier, North Dakota; d. 18 Jun 1992, Roseburg, Oregon.

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