



Catherine (Kate) Hart

1829–1924

2nd great-grandmother



Catherine Hart was born on December 25, 1827 (or 1828), in Dublin, Ireland. According to some accounts, she was 12 when she came with her parents to the United States. The family moved to Newport, Kentucky, across the river from Cincinnati. However, there are at least two sources that suggest she came to the United States in 1850 when she would have been older (about 24).

Some children and grandchildren of Catherine's granddaughter Virginia remember Virginia telling the story of her grandmother intervening to prevent a mutiny during the voyage from Ireland. This story may have been about Catherine but there is no documentation to corroborate. If true, it seems likely Catherine would have been older than 12 during the voyage.

Catherine met Samuel Hendy while visiting a friend in Cincinnati, and they married in 1857. They had seven children in 12 years, but only three survived to adulthood.

According to family lore, one of the older children, Mary Emily Kate, was holding the baby of the family and dropped the infant, who later died. Several months later, Mary Emily Kate died. Some say she grieved herself to death.

However, death records do not support this story. Mary Emily Kate, along with two of her siblings, Adelaide and Thomas, died during April 1864 of measles. Sarah, who the family called Sally, was the only remaining child. Georgena was born a year after the other children died. Another daughter, Anna Martha, was born after Georgena in 1867 but died from inflammation of the lungs in 1869 at about 18 months old. Frank was born in 1870. He and Georgena, who were much younger than Sally, remained close the rest of their lives.

When Samuel died at Georgena's and Albert's home in Chickasha in 1903, Catherine was in Cincinnati. After Samuel's death, Catherine made her home with Georgena and Albert. She was 75 when she moved to Chickasha. Her granddaughter (son Frank's daughter Edith, later Sister Eugenia Clare) remembers Grandma Hendy visited pretty frequently in El Reno. She remembers her grandmother baby sitting with her and Star, the black cocker spaniel. The dog kept staring at Catherine until she became uneasy. "He looked like a negro," she said, so she put him out.

Another time, Edith remembers, she saw an inviting pool of water at the corner. Unable to resist, she went in for a wade, slipped, fell in and came home bawling. Catherine changed her into clean rompers and they never told Edith's mother. She remembers Catherine again at their house when her brother Albert was born in 1918. She was still agile then, going up and down the stairs.

In Duncan, Edith mostly remembered Catherine sitting behind the door next to the heater in the second bedroom. When the children came to visit, they always went there first, and again when they were leaving. When Edith would ask her to tell a story, she would say "Johnny and the little red stocking --" and that was all.

Edith remembers her father Frank and aunt Georgena calling Catherine "Ma." She rolled her clothes in little parcels and packed her clothes in a bag she called her telescope. It was like a box and had straps to carry it with.

Edith remembers Catherine developed a breast tumor in her 80s, but the doctor considered her too old for an operation. The tumor grew larger and burst open. After that, the odor was very bad. Edith remembers her Aunt Georgena took care of her and used Lysol. She was a faithful nurse.

Edith also remembered her grandmother sitting all day long saying her several rosaries. She enjoyed hearing Georgena's daughter Virginia play the piano, and all of them singing Irish songs, especially "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Danny Boy." There was company many times singing with them.

Catherine died on August 14, 1924, in Duncan, Oklahoma, at the age of 96, and was buried in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Note: The sources for much of this story are Dorothy Georgena Clarkson DeWinne and Edith (Sister Eugenia Clare) Hendy.

1829 Birth

Catherine (Kate) Hart was born on December 25, 1829, in Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, to Anna Birmingham, age 24, and Joseph B. Hart, age 21.

25 Dec 1829 • Dublin, Ireland

1850 Arrival

At least two records suggest Catherine arrived in the US in 1850 when she would have been in her 20s.

1850 • New York, New York, USA

1857 Marriage

Catherine (Kate) Hart married Samuel Hendy in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1857 when she was 28 years old.



Samuel Hendy

1829–1903

1857 • Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, United States of America

1864 Arrival

This arrival date, though it appears in the census record, is not consistent with other facts.

1864

1878 Residence

Catherine (Kate) Hart lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1878.

The Hendy family lived in Springfield, Missouri, for a time before they moved to St. Louis, according to a 10 Aug 1890 letter from Albert Fischer.

Aft. 1878 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1900 Residence

Catherine (Kate) Hart lived in Missouri in 1900.

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Wife

1900 • St Louis Ward 8, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri, USA

1903

Catherine Arrives from Cincinnati for Samuel's Funeral

Mrs. Samuel Hendy arrived ... from Cincinnati, being called home by the sudden death of her husband. . . . The funeral, which will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock was delayed till Mrs. Hendy's arrival.

Mrs. Samuel Hendy arrived last night from Cincinnati, being called home by the sudden death of her husband. Mr. Hendy died last Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs Albert G. Fisher, and the funeral which will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, was delayed till Mrs. Hendy's arrival,

11 Mar 1903 • Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma, USA

1903

Fischer and Breen Cousins (?)

Mildred & Dorothy Clarkson identified the girl to the far right as Leona Fischer. The girl sitting near the horse's head could be Virginia Fischer. Wondering if the other girl on the horse is Aeolian Breen and the one standing is Stella Breen, cousins whom Virginia mentioned in her later years. This photo is the companion to the one of Georgena, Albert, Grandma Hendy & Aunt Mollie or Sallie Breen?



Abt. 1903 (?)

1903

Hendy and Fischer Family

This photo & one of girls with a horse were printed together so were most likely taken at the same time. Catherine Hart Hendy, Georgena Hendy, and Albert George Fischer have definitely been identified. Could the woman to the left be Mollie Fischer or Sarah Jane (Sallie) Hendy Breen, who Catherine frequently visited in Cincinnati, and the girls in the other photo her daughters, Stella and Aeolian?



Abt. 1903 (?)

1910

Residence

Marital Status: Widowed; Relation to Head of House: Mother



20 Apr 1910 • El Reno Ward 2, Canadian, Oklahoma, USA

1910 Residence

Catherine (Kate) Hart lived in Duncan, Oklahoma, on April 29, 1910.

1910 census records show Kate living with Frank in El Reno and with Georgena in Duncan. This record also shows Wales as Kate's father's place of birth. It was during this time, that Edith Hendy's memories of Grandma Hendy would have been formed.

Grandma Hendy visited pretty frequently in El Reno in my early days. I think, when we lived in the two-story brick house. They tell of her baby sitting with me and Star, the black cocker spaniel. He kept staring at her until she became uneasy. "He looked like a negro," she said so she put him out.

I can remember the time I saw an inviting pool of water at the corner. Unable to resist I went in for a wade, slipped, fell in and came home bawling. Grandma changed me to clean rompers and we never told Mama. I remember her again at our place when Albert was born in 1918. She was still agile then, going up and down the stairs.

In Duncan, I remember her mostly sitting behind the door next to the heater in the second bedroom. When we came to visit we always went there first, and again when we were leaving. When I would ask her to tell me a story she would say, "Johnny and the little red stocking - " that was all.

Earlier when she was still going she kept my clothes in her little room. It took much persuasion on the girl's part to dress me up to go visiting.

Dad and Aunt Georgena called her "Ma." She rolled her clothes in little parcels and packed her clothes in a bag she called her telescope. It was like a box and had straps to carry it with.

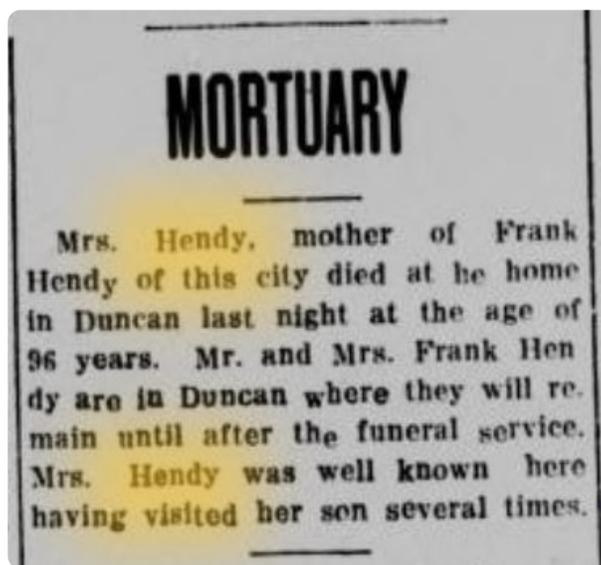
In her 80's she developed a breast tumor but the doctor considered her too old for an operation. It grew larger and burst open. After that the odor was very bad. Aunt Georgena took care of her and used Iysol, I recall. She was a faithful nurse.

That is about all I remember of Grandma except I still see her sitting there all day long saying her several rosaries. She enjoyed hearing Virginia play, and all of them singing Irish songs, especially, "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Danny Boy." There was company many times singing with them.

29 Apr 1910 • Duncan, Stephens, Oklahoma, USA

1924 Death

Catherine (Kate) Hart died on July 14, 1924, in Duncan, Oklahoma, when she was 94 years old.



14 Jul 1924 • Duncan, Stephens, Oklahoma, USA

1924 Burial

1924 • Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma, USA

