

# The Hales Newsletter

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The Hales Newsletter contains current events, historical sketches and genealogical information pertaining to the Hales family. It is published by Kenneth Glyn Hales, secretary of The Hales Genealogical Society from 1970 through 1981 and The Hales Family History Society since 1995.

This is a reprint. The original was scanned and the text corrected for spellings, something that was very difficult in the original mimeograph process. There is also some minor editing. The Hales Manuscript pages being developed during the publication of the Old Series of The Hales Newsletter have been deleted because the content is now found in The Hales Chronicles, now in its second edition with the third edition planned for 2005.

The Hales Chronicles can be found on the Hales web-page at [www.hales.org](http://www.hales.org) and at The Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Salt Lake City, Utah; The Library of Congress at Washington, D.C.; The Library of The Society of Genealogists at London, England; and the Centre for Kentish Studies at Maidstone, Kent, England.

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## EDITORIAL

The Hales Newsletter is an occasional publication of The Hales Genealogical Society and contains genealogical and historical materials concerning the Hales surname.

The Hales Newsletter was first published in 1970 from Concord, California. It is published in volumes with a volume containing a minimum of 4 issues. Volume 1 contained 6 issues and all other volumes contain 4 issues.

The cost of the Hales Newsletter is \$5.00 for each volume. All money received through the mail is used to further the causes of the Hales Genealogical Society. None is used for personal gain. Any person who wishes to donate more than the minimum \$5.00 is greatly appreciated and the extra funds are used for research purposes. The high cost of paper and postage has impacted the ability to produce our newsletter.

This newsletter is late. I have been very busy at work. My apologies. I keep good records of your donations, however, and want to assure you that you will receive four Hales Newsletters for your donations – even if they have to be spaced out because of my requirements to support my family.

Our researcher, Mr. Raymond E. Stokes, of Cobham, Kent, has been very busy for us and is making progress. I am very pleased with his efforts and count him as one of the best researchers that I have dealt with. It will take many future newsletters to contain all of the information he has sent; we will not lack for information in spite of my sometimes inability lately to meet a schedule.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

This section of our HALES Newsletter contains the “happenings” that I am made aware of between issues. One of the many advantages of

a Society such as this is that information can be published for all of the Hales family to see. Send me a copy of your announcements of births, marriages, deaths, etc., or anything that you think might be of interest to the Hales family. I request your help. If you see something in a newspaper concerning a member of the Hales family, please send me a copy – include the name of the paper and the date – and it will get included in a future Hales Newsletter. Remember that I am just one person attempting to do a monumental job and need your support and encouragement.

**William Hales, Sr., Anniversary.** Mr. and Mrs. William Hales, Sr., Chicago, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. next Sunday at the Elk's Club, 11340 S. Cicero, Chicago.



**Mr. and Mrs. William Hales, Sr.  
Married 60 years**

Mr. Hales and the former Ada Van Steenberg were married April 24, 1915.

He is the founder of the local W. M. Hales, Inc., manufacturers of mining equipment parts. Hales started the company in 1934 in an

old postal telegraph office in Kentucky and retired several years ago.

The couple has three children: Herb, Danville, president of the company; William, Jr., Heidelberg, Germany; and Marion Dudd, Sturgis, Michigan.

There are 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. The couple requests no gifts.



**Westergren-Hales.** The marriage of Gene Frank Westergren and Miss Carroll Ann Hales took place in a ceremony in First Presbyterian Church chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Hales, Sr., 1009 N. Gilbert. She was graduated from Danville High and attended Danville Junior

**Carroll Ann Hales** College and Indiana State University. She was employed by the University of Illinois as secretary to the vice chancellor for campus affairs and later at the University of Colorado as secretary for the Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Donald E. Westergren, Sr., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and the late Mr. Westergren. He was graduated from North Park College, Chicago. He is employed by the police training institute of the University of Illinois.

Miss Sharon Flannery, formerly of Danville, now of Colorado Springs, was maid of honor and Patrick Delfino, Chicago, best man. Ushers were Robert E. Hales, Washington, DC, brother of the bride, and Curt White, Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

The couple is at home at 749 E. So. Broadway St., Apt. A, Lombard, Illinois.



**Herbert F. Hales appointment.** Gannett News Service, Springfield, March 28, 1973. Herbert Hales, unsuccessful candidate for Danville mayor in 1971 and state senator in 1972, has been named confidential administrative assistant to Nolan Jones, state director of personnel.

**Herbert F. Hales**

**Robert E. Hales**

**awarded medal.** The son of A Danville, Illinois couple has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster of the Army Commendation Medal.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Hales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Hales of 1909 North Gilbert, received the award for exceptionally meritorious service during the period of June, 1972, to June, 1973, while serving as an administrative officer for the comptroller, directorate, Headquarters, Army Support Command in Hawaii.



**Robert E. Hales**

In particular, he received the award for his outstanding administration of the \$3.9 million Modern Volunteer Army Program, an

experimental project for all Army units on Hawaii, Guam and Johnston Island.

Lt. Hales is also one of 27 Army officers who have been selected by the Surgeon General to attend medical school on a subsidized basis. He will be attending the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington DC.

**Robert E. Hales elected.** April, 1975. Robert E. Hales, 27, formerly of 1909 N. Gilbert, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA).



**Robert E. Hales  
Trustee**

Hales, a second-year medical student at George Washington University School of Medicine, in Washington, DC, now is serving as Captain in the Army Medical Service Corps.

As a board member, he will serve as the AMSA Regional Trustee of the 10 medical schools in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Hales is also president of his second year medical class.

Chairman of the medical school student government and president in the George Washington AMSA chapter. He serves on the medical centers student advisory committee graduate education planning committee and physical diagnosis committee of the second year curriculum.

Last summer, Hales worked for the chairman of the department of anatomy on embryonic research, was student in charge of

freshmen orientation for new medical students and was a student leader in a lobbying effort before Congress to obtain additional federal financial support for Georgetown and George Washington Medical Schools.

Hales also represented the student body last year at the American Medical Association Congress on medical education and at the Airline Foundation as a participant in a regional conference on human dimensions in medical education.

He hopes to pursue a residency program in internal medicine and eventually return to Danville to practice medicine, according to AMSA.

Hales was graduated in 1970 from the U.S. Military academy at West Point. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hales of 1909 N. Gilbert.

**Colonel William M. Hales, Jr. awarded medal.** Col. William M. Hales, Jr., son of Mrs. William M. Hales, Sr., of Chicago and the late Mr. Hales has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, highest



**Col. William Hales  
Awarded Army's  
highest honor**

peacetime honor conferred by the Department of the Army to military members.

The medal was presented by Major General Thomas U. Greer, commander of the U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii in ceremonies at Fort Shafter in Honolulu.

Col. Hales retired from the Army on September 1 after a 33-year career as an officer of the Army Corps of Engineers and now resides in Hawaii

with his wife, the former Florence O’Kane and their daughter, Julie, 14, and son, Thaddeus, 12.

He was cited for outstanding management and executive skills in key Army logistics duties from June 1966 to August 1975. The duties were performed at Headquarters, Department of the Army, from 1966 to 1968 in Vietnam; 1969 to 1972, Pacific in Honolulu, and 1972 to 1975 in Germany.

Col Hales won his commission in 1941 from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. He served in World War II in Africa and the European Theater, participating in the D. D. Landing.

The colonel participated in three major campaigns in Korea and conducted engineering surveys throughout Asia. He has also served in Okinawa, Japan and in Asia for 13 years.

### **Charles Weston and Oral Foutz Hales**

**honored.** Charles Weston and Oral Foutz Hales were born and raised in Utah, and were married in the Salt Lake City Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in November 1919 and are now in the 57th year of marriage.



**Charles Weston and Oral Foutz Hales**

They are parents of 4 daughters; they also have

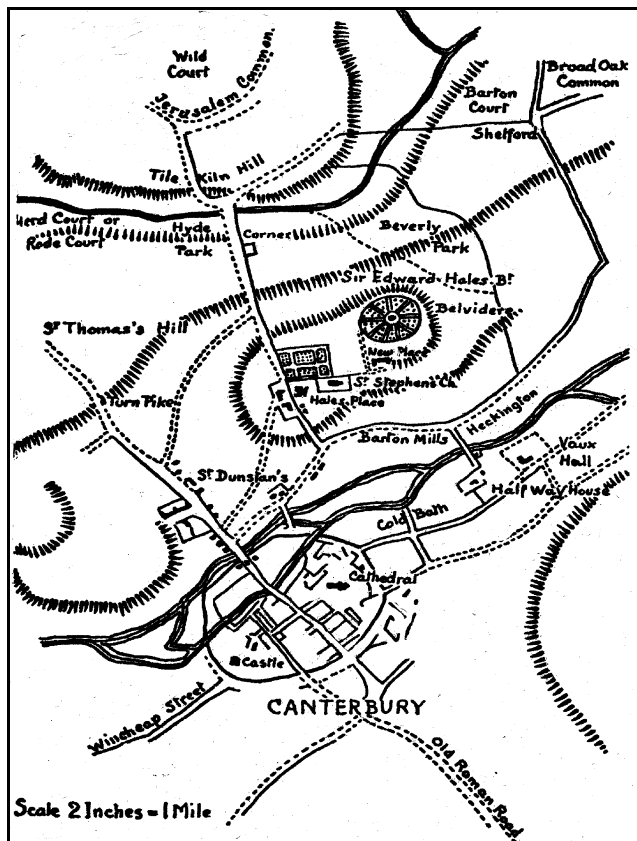
15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Charles took up painting at age 12 and later he and his wife went to California in 1926. He was with the Southern Pacific Railroad for 30 years. He retired in 1966 to a home that was built for them in the desert in Victorville. The Hales' are Temple workers in the Los Angeles Temple, called to that position in October of 1970. They feel that their current calling is a beautiful climax to their already full lives.

### **HALES REUNION NEW**

The Hales reunion of the descendants of Townsend Perry and Hellen Hunt Hales took place at Shell Knob, Missouri June 11-13, as announced in the April Hales Newsletter. About seventy-five persons were in attendance with Mabel Sitterly Woodard and Hales Elliott of Conrad, Montana as those of the second-generation descendants who had traveled the farthest.

Events scheduled included brunch on Saturday, the twelfth, at the home of Elizabeth and Bernard Smith (who were in charge of all the arrangements); picnic suppers that night for the various families; memorial service in the Shell Knob Methodist Church at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning, June 13; and a dinner in the Community Center at 1 :00 with Chase Wilson serving as M.C. This was the first meeting of these people in recent years – some had not seen each other in thirty or forty years and of course many had never seen their cousins. It was such fun the group voted to have another such gathering. This was planned to be in Colorado in July of 1978.

Words of greeting came from Mira Schulta, the oldest living descendant of Sabina Hales Miller, Townsend Perry's sister, who now lives in Claremont, California. Also a letter was received from John R. Hales, a descendant of Hugh Byron Americus Hales who went to Oregon and settled there.



Copied from "A Topographical Map  
of the County of Kent"  
Published in 1769  
Showing Hales Place, Hackington

## IN MEMORIAM

**Martha Mittie Hales Custer.** I have learned of the death of Martha Mittie Hales Custer, 80, of 1941 Lariat Lane, Del City, Oklahoma on June 25, 1976. A native of Chelan, Washington, she came to Walters, Oklahoma at the age of 3 and moved to Oklahoma City in 1920. She was a housewife and member of the Del City Senior Citizens and the First Baptist Church of Del City.

Her survivors include her daughter: Mrs. Henryetta Blackburn of 1941 Lariat Lane; a son: Robert Brown of Oklahoma City; three brothers: T. J. Hales, J. R. Hales and Jack

Hales, all of Oklahoma City; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral services were held at Bill Eisenhour Southeast Funeral Home with burial in Arlington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

**William McKinley Hales, Sr.** William M. Hales, Sr., 81, of Chicago died January 25, 1976 at the Americana Health Care Center in Danville, Illinois. He had been a patient there for two months.

Mr. Hales founded the W. M. Hales Company in 1934 and operated it until he retired in 1971. The company manufactures mining equipment and supplies. Prior to coming to Danville he worked for the Farr Brothers Coal Company in Chicago and the worked for the Sullivan Machinery Company in New Hampshire. He came to Danville to work for the Electric Coal Mining Machinery Company which he eventually bought and founded his own company.

Mr. Hales lived in the Hold Wolford for many years. He was a member of St. Joseph's and St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Blue Island, the Fernwood-Fides Masonic Lodge 842, the Scottish Rite, the Medina Temple Shrine of Chicago and the Eastern Illinois Shrine Club. He was a life member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity and a member of the Moose Lodge in Chicago and Elks Lodge 332 in Danville. His hobbies were travel, photography and church work.

He was born March 14, 1894 at Chicago the son of John and Jane Farr Hales. He attended school in Chicago and received a degree in business administration from Northwestern University. He married Ada May Van Steenberg in Chicago on April 24, 1915. She resides at the Chicago Hales home.

Other survivors include two sons: Herbert F. Hales, Sr., of Danville and William M. Hales, Jr., of Kailua, Hawaii; a daughter: Mrs. Harmon (Marion) Dudd of Constantine, Michigan; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by

his parents, a brother, a sister, and a great-grandchild.

Masonic rites were held at Blue Island Friday night with the funeral services at St. Joseph's and St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Saturday. The Reverend Spencer E. Thiel officiated. He was buried in the Cedar Park Cemetery.

## THE HALES FAMILY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

*A Short Account of the Prince Edward Island  
Branch of the Hales Family – Prepared by  
Forrest John Hales with assistance from*

*Fred W. Hales and Louisa Hales Berglund*

Frederick William Hales was born in England, near London on February 25, 1829. He came to Prince Edward Island in 1850. He was an active member of his church and also a Sunday School Teacher at the age of 21. He was presented with a large Bible of 3 volumes each measuring 10" x 13" when he departed for this "distant colony" which contains the following copy of a hand written presentation on the fly leaf.

Frederick William Hales was my Great-Grandfather, the youngest of 8 children of the family of Henry Hales. He married the

*Presented  
to  
Mr. Frederick Hales,*

*By the Teachers of Hanover Chapel Sunday School,  
Pekham, on the close of their fellowship with him in the  
great work of Sabbath School Instructions, caused by his  
departure to a distant Colony.*

*After long and efficient service rendered by Mr.  
Hales, as Librarian to that Institution, the loss of such a  
friend and helper, gives the Teachers deep regret, while it is  
their earnest prayer, that the study of these volumes may not  
only promote his own piety, but render him increasingly useful  
in scattering the seed of Divine truth, wherever the Providence  
of God may place him.*

*Signed on behalf of the Teachers*

*Samuel Marshall  
Superintendent*

*31<sup>st</sup> March 1850*

NAMES.

WHEN AND WHERE BORN.

Frederick William Stales	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb; 1829. Croydon. Surrey England.
Margaret Ellen Stewart Jenkins	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb; 1824 Charlotte Town. P. E. I.
Hannah Penelope	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1853 Deanston. P. E. I.
Mary DeBrisay	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1855 Deanston. — " —
Henry	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1857 Charlotte Town. P. E. I.
Frederick William	9 <sup>th</sup> July 1859 Deanston
Margaret Louisa	16 March 1861 Deanston
Arthur Edward	31 March 1865 Charlotte Town
Married	
Hannah P. to Mrs. Pittblat James at Pictou on 24 <sup>th</sup> August. 1881	
Mary D. to W <sup>m</sup> B. Pollock at Lincoln Inn. on 11 May 1887	
Henry to May J. Peters at Washcote Inn on 26 Nov 1887	
Fred. W. to Elizabeth Pollock at Washcote Inn 23 March 1887	
Louisa M. to Rev. Chas W. Meira at Kensington 5 Oct. 1887	
Arthur P. to Edith J. Murray at Charlotte Town Dec. 1887	



daughter of an Episcopal minister in 1852, her name was Margaret Jenkins. For a livelihood he farmed on P.E.I. for 16 years, then worked as a Secretary and Treasurer for the Steam Navigation Company of Prince Edward Island for many years. Much of his spare time was spent in religious work, he made a trip to San Francisco in 1870 to locate a missing brother. While there became interested in the Chinese Mission work and when he went back to P.E.I. he started working with the Chinese people – started a Sunday School class for them and then started to translate the Bible for them and had a good start when he passed away in 1908.

To this family was born 3 sons and 3 daughters. Born on July 9, 1859 at Charlottetown, P.E.I. was Frederick William Hales, my grandfather.

In the spring of 1879 two young men, Henry and Fred Hales, in their early twenties, left Charlottetown, P.E.I. to start a new life in the west. They got as far as Winnipeg. There they heard of a 400 acre farm at Snowflake, Manitoba and the only way to get there was by foot across the prairie. Some nights they slept in hay stacks – once in awhile a family would take them in if willing to sleep on the floor, or in a barn.

When they reached Snowflake, they found each man could get 200 acres each, if they were willing to build a shelter for themselves, and a team of horses or oxen and live on it for one year. They each got 200 acres side by side, built a sod house in the middle so half of the house was on each 200 acres. They lived there one year and then sold it and contents for \$1,000.00.

In the meantime they had heard that in Minnesota they could take up a *Tree Claim* if they planted a certain number of trees on each 160 acres of land. So the two brothers started for Emerson, crossed over into Minnesota at what is now Noyes. This was about 1880.

Now Henry and Fred Hales each got 160 acres about ½ miles apart, at what was then known as the *Ridge* and now called Orleans, Minnesota. A short time later their younger

brother Arthur joined them and he too took up land. Each land holder had to plant so many trees on their land, called a *Tree Claim*.

Here each built up their own home and married and raised their families. Being on the prairie, wood and water was a big problem so Fred sold his *Tree Claim* in about 1891 and moved to a wooded district where water and wood was easier to get. It was on a branch of the Red River of North, just 5 miles from Hallock, the County Seat.

There he farmed a 500 acre farm until 1902. He was a meticulous record keeper. From the time he arrived on his homestead near Hallock he kept a diary of every days activities. His diaries, which are bound books, cover nearly every day of his working life. Many of the entries are of routine activities yet they give a vivid picture of life as it was on a farm in the 1880's in northern Minnesota. The following pages are typical entries; with the except of July 25th. The baby born at 2 p.m. was my father.

On March 23, 1887 he married Elizabeth Pollock. They had four children, my Aunt Lou, Louisa Margaret, was born on July 19, 1888. Then came my Uncle Fred, another Frederick William; and my father, John Hubert, was born on July 25, 1892. On March 21, 1898 Aunt Frances, Frances Willard, was born. All of the children were born at Hallock, Minnesota.

Grandpa was active in his church all his life, many of the Sunday entries in his diary state, “had a good turnout for services today,” or “Called on ... this afternoon to see if they needed help.”

When they lived near us on the farm on Turtle River, Sunday School as it was called was kept going by Grandpa and Grandma. Attendance was not compulsory, but absence was surely frowned upon. Sunday School was held in our one room schoolhouse which was about 2 miles from our home. And services were held, unless the weather was really severe, like 40 degrees below zero in the winter. If the road was impassable for the

1892

Saturday 23 July

1892

Fine & warm I went to H. Pollock in forenoon & met at  
 A. N. & Co (S. J. & J. E. <sup>John</sup> <sup>John</sup>) for John at W. & W. 2/3 each piece of  
 settled with Elmby Jettis about town Paid at Bank bal on 100  
 note with interest 42<sup>50</sup> Draft to M. M. & Co on Land Contract \$26<sup>20</sup>  
 + Draft to Mirror Loan & Trust Co for \$16<sup>00</sup> Paid U. Carltons 5<sup>35</sup> for sugar  
 Dave plowing for John on the Old farm Dave got home at 4  
 cutting Timothy

Sunday

Fine took Mother home in morning Dave & Bella away  
 at preaching in afternoon

Monday 25

Fine & warm finished cutting Timothy Dave & Abby & kids  
 all day - Dave went for Mrs Jenkins at 5 am Mr Pollock  
 after Lizzy was sick from 3 am baby boy born 2 PM both  
 doing well I took Mrs Jenkins home in afternoon

Tuesday 26

Fine hauling in Timothy Dave John & Johanne  
 & myself

Wednesday 27

Fine high wind hauling in Timothy John Dave  
 Mike & myself I drove to H. Pollock in evening and bought bread

Thursday 28

Fine high wind hauling in Timothy finished at 10 o'clock  
 John Dave Mike & myself Mother went town with John

Friday 29

Fine Dave cutting hay I walked out from Pembroke  
 in evening Paid Mil. \$250 on note 257<sup>60</sup> sent also  
 gave time note for \$124<sup>00</sup> flour sugar & 3<sup>10</sup>

Saturday 30

Fine Dave working at hay I was not doing  
 much boils coming on skin

Fine Dave at the hay  
I am laid up with boils.

Tuesday 2

Fine Dave working at hay  
I am not very well at all boils still very sore

Wednesday 3

Fine Dave at hay a man came here in morning to hire  
hired him at 1<sup>25</sup> per day helped Dave stack 74 day

Thursday 4

Rainy in forenoon Dave + Charles hauled 2 loads sand  
in afternoon from back of Jordens Charles fishing in morning

Friday 5

Fine Dave + Charles working at hay all day  
I was siding up house on north side

Saturday 6

Rainy in forenoon Dave + Charles at hay in afternoon  
Scraping out a hole at west end of grainery in forenoon  
I was working at house in forenoon went to Hallowell in  
afternoon got jump shares beaten out at Fairbanks Johnson  
got lumber at F.W. Brown + Co 64 ft of siding at 25<sup>00</sup> per M  
100 feet Shiplap at 23<sup>00</sup> + 250 bricks at 13<sup>00</sup> per 1000  
Lords at M + Co sugar 2<sup>00</sup> sugar 1<sup>00</sup> + C

Sunday 7

Fine but cloudy preaching at Greenville in afternoon  
Bella Lulu + I drove up in buggy the Old Collier Pack + John  
Arthur + Edie here in afternoon had supper

Monday 8

Fine a little rain in forenoon Dave + Charles  
at the woods at grainery Dave plowing in afternoon

horses with wagon or sled, we would walk. Grandpa was not an ordained minister and I have always felt that his life would have been more satisfying if he had made the ministry a goal instead of a sideline. He could make the old schoolhouse walls ring with his admonitions.

They left Hallock in about 1902 after several crop failures and moved to Walla Walla, Washington for several years. Then they moved to Sauk Rapids, Minnesota where the family grew up. Grandpa's main livelihood all his life was farming, and at Sauk Rapids they settled on a farm of 350 acres.

Nearby was the farm of John Heltemes. He and his wife, "Grossmutter" as she was known to us future grandchildren, were German immigrants. They were strict German Catholics. They had a family of six boys and five girls. Sophia Katherine was born on July 2, 1891, and grew up on the farm near Sauk Rapids. She and her father both had red hair. She was called "Carrot Top" by her friends because of the color of her hair. She and John Hubert Hales were married in Helena, Montana on October 9, 1914. They became mother and father on December 18, 1915 when I arrived.

Dad was trained in agriculture at the University of Minnesota but found other lines of work more to his liking. In Montana he managed lumber yards during the land boom years prior to World War I. In 1917 they moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where Frederick William was born on November 27, 1917. In 1918 they moved to the farm on the Turtle River, 20 miles east of Bemidji, Minnesota where they raised a family of four boys and three girls.

Strictly speaking, the place was not a farm when we arrived; not over 3 acres of the 600 was tillable at that time. It was raw land, there were no buildings on the property. Dad brought lumber for a 2 room house by team and wagon from the railroad 10 miles away at the town of Turtle River. A trip to town and back at that time was a 12-14 hour trip. During that first

summer dad built a house for us and a barn to shelter the horses and 6 cows from the cold winter.

The following year grandpa and grandma moved to the farm and stayed there longer than at any other place they had lived. They built a home about a quarter mile from ours and formed a partnership with dad and ran the farm as joint owners.

In the winter when the outside temperature was often 10 to 40 degrees below zero, dad would cut a load of Spruce pulp wood and haul it to the rail siding at Turtle River on the following day. A load of pulp wood was called a double cord (i.e. 4 feet high by 8 feet long by 8 feet wide). This load was hauled on a bobsled by two or four horses. Most of the settlers in that part of Minnesota kept their families going through the winter by logging pulp wood for the paper mills. The logging was done mostly by hand; in snow 3 to 4 feet deep. The trees were felled and bucked into the 8 foot lengths by handsaw and carried by one or two men to the road, which was also cleared by hand, and decked for loading. A 4' x 8' x 8' pile of wood was the result of a busy and arduous days work.

In 1923 dad and grandpa put together a sawmill powered with a rented Fordson tractor to cut nearby aspen into lumber. The logs were yarded into the mill with a team of horses from the nearby forest. This mill proved to be feasible but not really profitable and in 1925 they built a steam powered mill on the river where logs could be stored in the water and fed into the mill on a chain. The mill produced only rough lumber and was geared to cut 4 to 5 thousand board feet per day. It was operated during the summer months each year until 1934 when the lumber market got too low to allow profitable operations.

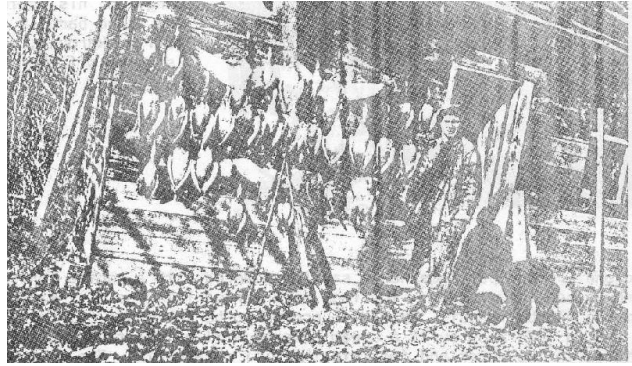
During the last couple of years the saw mill was pretty much of a family operated project. Dad was the General Manager and "Mr. Fixit." Grandpa worked behind the circle saw at the production end of the carriage, and fed the

lumber thru the edger and fed the trimmer. John, Jr. (at age 12-13) was at the production end of the trimmer and stacked the lumber on rail carts for transportation to the drying area. Mother and the girls prepared all the meals to feed us all including two hired men who also worked at the saw mill, one of whom was the sawyer and the other the lumber piler.

Food for this crew was all grown in our garden (vegetables), beef and pork from our animals, fish from the river, venison and partridge from the woods, fruits and berries from the woods. And milk from the six to twelve cows which had to be milked twice every day, including weekends. Butter, cottage cheese and cheese was made at home. Spices were purchased from the friendly Watkins man who came around periodically. Sugar, flour and yard goods were the main items purchased in town.

Mother made all of our overalls and shirts for the boys, dresses for the girls, and cut hair for all of us. Grandma knitted our socks for winter, and in summer we went barefoot. Needless to say none of us were overweight, but we were all healthy.

Mother and dad were instrumental in getting the first school organized in our community. At that time in northern Minnesota the township was the lowest political subdivision, and dad was town supervisor. In the fall of 1923 a grade school was organized. In this case the teacher and the class of 8 in various grades came before the schoolhouse. Our first building that first year was a rented farmhouse. One month later the class was moved to a log bunk-house from the earlier logging operations. We went to school there, two miles from home, through Second grade. In 1925 the community project was to build a frame schoolhouse. This was completed in time for the beginning of school that fall. Dad and grandpa donated lumber and helped with the framing. In 1931 I graduated from Sugarbush Township Grade School. During those years our highest attendance was 16 students representing all eight grades. The



**Dad – afternoon of duck hunting, 1928**

schoolhouse was the site of all social activities, Farm Bureau, 4-H activities, Christmas programs and church services on Sunday. The community had about eight families at most during this time and the mill provided the only payroll.



**Grandma and Grandpa – 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration**

**Dad, Aunt Lou, Grandma, Uncle Fred in  
back of Grandpa, Aunt Frances**

In 1935 dad and grandpa divided the assets of the farm, dad took the lumber and established a retail lumber yard in Hillsboro, North Dakota. Grandpa kept the land and several years later sold it and retired in Long

Lake, Minnesota.

Grandma passed away in March of 1948 and grandpa in March of 1949. They are both resting in the cemetery at Long Lake.



### **The meandering Turtle River in 1922 From the front of our house**

Life on the farm on Turtle River was difficult by today's standards, but we were happy and found many interesting things to do. A trip to Bemidji was always looked forward to and remembered for months. In the winter time had skiing and sledding on Sunday afternoon and any other time that we could find the time. In summer we had swimming in the river and berry picking excursions on Sunday afternoons in late summer and early fall. Wild blueberries, highbush cranberries, wild plums and many other berries and fruits helped with the winter food supply. One of the bigger inconveniences on the farm was the lack of nearby water. Dad, with the help of relatives from Minneapolis, hand dug at least two wells and both turned out dry. For all of the 18 years we lived there we hauled all the water for drinking and household uses from a spring by the river about 300 yards from our house.

Until 1927 our mail came to the Turtle River post office which was the nearest delivery. Then later that year we got twice a week mail service from Hines, Minnesota to a point two miles from home on an all weather graveled road. This was later extended to our yard which was the end of the mail route for many years.

On June 26, 1913 Virginia Mary was born at home. Grandma assisted in the delivery. And on April 23, 1921 John Hubert, Jr. was born also at home. In 1923 dad built a major addition onto the house, a kitchen, bedroom, and a second story bedroom was added. At about this time Uncle Fred with his wife, Aunt Eva and their three daughters came to live on the farm. They built a small two room house near ours and lived there for about two years. Aunt Eva was partly crippled from arthritis which got much worse during these two years. She eventually became confined to a wheelchair and lived out her life in that condition.

On July 18, 1922 Luella Sophia was born at home. Vernice May arrived on August 12, 1927 at home and Rodney James on February 21, 1934. Rodney was born in the hospital at Bemidji.

When Fred graduated from grade school he Virginia, Jack, Jr., Luella and Vernice caught a school bus two miles from home and went to school in Bemidji. When I got out of grade school the bus service was not available so high school was provided for me in Minneapolis where I lived with my Aunt May and Uncle Bill Beitz during the school year.

In 1936 our family moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota. Dad built a lumber storage building with living quarters above the lumber yard office. The lumber business proved to be financially successful until World War II made lumber nearly impossible to get. During these years the family began to separate and during World War II five of us were on active duty in the armed forces. All five returned to civilian life with honorable discharges and no disabling injuries. Fred and John H., Jr. served in the Army. Forrest, Virginia and Luella served in the Navy.

In 1943 mother and dad moved to Portland, Oregon where dad worked in the ship yards. They moved back to Hillsboro in the fall of 1945. By this time Rodney was the only one of the children still at home. The following year they moved back to Oregon to settle in Salem.

Mother passed away on September 3, 1952 at the age of 61, and is resting In Cityview Cemetery in Salem. Dad married Nickoline Barnekoff in 1953 and they live in the house he built at 3965 Auburn Road. They are both in their 83rd year and healthy for that age.

## **HALES' IMPROVED BOB-SLEIGHS**

*Patented February 3, 1869 by Charles Hales, Otonabee.*

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Charles Hales

I have obtained a patent for my Improved Bob-sleighs, which I now offer for sale, and which cannot fail to find favor amongst lumberers, farmers, and the public generally; combining, as they do, all the facilities for usefulness which are needed for the occupations, severe winters, and deep snows of the Dominion. The Improved Bob-sleighs are so constructed, that by each runner working upon an axle, the sleighs, instead of being a fixed body, every part of which is disturbed when one part moves, can be drawn over the roughest roads without, in the least, disturbing a load placed upon them. This with the many other improvements comprised in these sleighs; viz: – the lengthening and shortening reach, the facility for turning round, the new method of applying the drawing power and the strength of the whole sleigh, render the improved bobs a most perfect implement for lumbering, farming and pleasure purposes. Every one is invited to call and see a full sized set of the sleighs at Mr. Reid's Hotel, Peterboro. Read the testimonials below from lumbermen who have examined them and seen them work in the woods.

Peterboro, February, 1869

We have examined Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs, and pronounce them in every way a most perfect implement, combining strength with all the other facilities for usefulness in the Dominion. We would recommend the public to call and examine them for themselves.

W. A. Scott  
A. H. Campbell  
W. Hambridge  
Robert Hambridge

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Chandos, February 11, 1869

I have examined Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs, saw them at work in the woods, and pronounce them superior to anything I have ever seen. Horses experience great ease in working with them.

James Richardson  
Gilmour and Companies Shanties

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Burleigh, February 11, 1869

I have tried Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and say that a heavier load may be drawn and with greater ease on them than on the ordinary Bob-sleighs. Their working is easy and the sleighs are strong and durable.

James Golborne

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We have examined Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and saw them work in the woods, and pronounce them superior to anything of the sort we have ever seen for drawing any heavy load. They are particularly adapted to the use of lumberers and farmers.

D. J. Connins  
Robt. Simmons  
James Lowry  
John Simmons

I have seen and tested Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and say that for utility and convenience they excel anything that has ever been offered to the public. They are especially adapted to saw logging and for deep snow and rough and hilly roads. I feel justified in saying they are just the article for the Dominion.

W. Crow  
Foreman, Pine Lake Shanty

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We have examined and tested Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and can safely say they are the most perfect article ever offered for lumbering and farming purposes, for drawing heavy loads through deep snow, and over rough and hilly roads.

George Britton,  
Foreman for W. A. Scott.  
Joseph Eayrs  
James L. Benson

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We have seen Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs at work in four of Mr. Scott's shanties and consider them a perfect article for drawing heavy loads over rough and hilly roads. A third more can be drawn upon them than upon the old Bobs and with as greater, greater ease.

Wm. Ventress.

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Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs are a perfect article for drawing heavy loads over rough roads. They also carry a larger load and with more ease than the old Bob-sleighs.

Thomas Bouke

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I have examined Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and have seen them loaded heavily with saw logs and drawn over a rough road with the greatest ease to the horses and without

displacing the load at all. They are a much desired improvement on the old Bob-sleighs.

Bryan Lynch  
Pine Lake Shanty, Chandos Culler

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I have tried Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs in drawing a heavy load over a rough road in Cardiff, and find them, in every way, to work with entire satisfaction, ad a great improvement upon the old style.

Alex Thompson

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I have tested Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and am satisfied they are the best ever used in the Dominion, for rough roads and for drawing heavy loads with ease.

J. S. Huntoon

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I have examined and worked Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and find them a very superior article for all purposes to which they may be applied, and especially useful to lumberers, farmers and teamsters.

Donald McDonald  
Foreman for W. A. Scott

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Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs surpass anything we have ever seen for rough roads and drawing heavy loads. They will carry anything put upon them with very great ease to the horses.

Francis Labontie  
Foreman for W. A. Scott  
Stephen Benson  
Edward Wine

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I have seen Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs heavily loaded, going over a very rough road



and with the greatest ease to the horses.  
James Lynch

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I have tested Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs and pronounce them the most complete ever offered to the public. A team of horses will draw upon them a heavier load by one-half than they could upon the old sleighs, and with no more inconvenience or trouble

Thomas Pratt  
Foreman

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Harvey, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1869

Hales' Improved Bob-sleighs have been at work at my shanty in Harvey, and they are complete in affording ease to horses and profit to those using them.

Wm. Armstrong.

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## **ABEDNEGO HALES Family Bible**

On the next page is a copy of the Family Bible sheet of Abednego Hales and his wife, Catherine L. Hales. This Abednego is probably descended from one of the brothers: Shadrach, Meschach or Abednego Hales; who lived on land granted in 1782 and 1790 in North Carolina.

# Family Record

Hedwiga Hales was born Jan'y 14 1826. died Aug 10 1900  
 Catharine S. Hales, " Dec 7 1823. died Oct. 25 1885  
 J. C. S. Hales were married Dec 25 1845.  
 Elizabeth A. Hales. was born Apl. 25 1847. Died Nov 20 1847.  
 Josh. J. Hales " Oct. 5 1848.  
 Mary C. Hales " Nov. 7 1850.  
 John W. Hales " Dec 2 1853.  
 Wm. S. Hales " Jan'y 15 1856.  
 Sarah J. Hales " Sept. 16 1859. " Sept. 24 1860.  
 Isabella B. Hales " Feb'y 19 1859.  
 Geo. W. Hales " Sept. 30 1861.  
 Chas. A. Hales " Oct. 4 1864 " April 5 1865.