



Bowen
Price
Hurt

*Civil War Soldier,
Van Buren Co. Iowa, Pioneer
and husband of
Melissa Frances Bridgewater*

Bowen Price HURT was born about 1826 in Kentucky, son of William HURT and his second wife, Elizabeth McMURRAY. Early on, the Hurts moved from Virginia to Green Co., Kentucky. Bowen Price HURT was married in Adair Co., Kentucky, on July 15, 1846, to Melissa Frances BRIDGEWATER, daughter of William Bridgewater and Malinda Frances Ewers. The Bridgewater and Ewers families moved from Amherst Co., Virginia, to Kentucky around 1801.

In 1850, apparently at a time sufficient to allow his missing the census taker both at the beginning and the end of his journey, Bowen collected his wife and young child(ren) together and moved to Iowa. By 1860, he was established in Birmingham, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, and working as a tinner. He was living with his second wife, Juliet GILMER, to whom he was married on October 1, 1851, by Calvin Coats, O. E., at Dr. Gilmer's in Washington Twp., Lee Co., Iowa. Melissa is presumed to have died, but no record has been found of the event.

Bowen was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Union Army at the commencement of the Civil War and on July 17, 1861, enlisted in Co. H, 5th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He later resigned his commission and on August 2, 1862, re-enlisted as a 1st Sergeant in Co. D, 30th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His service eventually led him through Georgia where he died in the hospital at Marietta on August 21, 1864. His name is inscribed on the Civil War Memorial in Van Buren County, while his remains lie in the Marietta and Atlanta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia. The month following Bowen's death, Juliet applied for and received a widow's pension based on Bowen's Civil War service.

Juliet remained a widow nearly four years before she remarried. The license to marry was secured in Van Buren County on April 18, 1868, allowing her marriage with John F. BEANS, which occurred on April 23rd. He was a fair amount older than Juliet, being born about 1811 in Virginia, while Juliet was born about 1832 in Illinois. John was a wagon maker and worked at a wagon shop in Birmingham. A year following their marriage, Juliet *Beans* applied for minor's pensions on behalf of her and Bowen Hurt's children. John and Juliet had a daughter, Callie E. BEANS, born in 1869.

Bowen Price HURT and Melissa Frances BRIDGEWATER had the following known child:

1. William Seaton HURT, b. May 28, 1848 in Kentucky, was a *Minister of Gospel*, living in Pleasant Twp., Appanoose Co., Iowa, in 1880, with his wife, Anna E, and daughters, Myrtle and Ada.

Bowen Price HURT and Juliet Gilmer had the following known children:

2. Sylvester Knight HURT, b. Jan. 17, 1855 in Iowa; worked on farms as a youngster. By 1880, he had left Birmingham and was working in Des Moines as a porter in Michael McAtee's hotel. His younger brother, Campbell, was the hotel's bartender.
3. Frances Helen HURT, b. Nov. 28, 1856 in Iowa; d. Aug. 7, 1880; m. A. M. Previtt, May 28, 1879, at New Sharon.
4. Ellen M. HURT, b. about 1859 in Iowa
5. Campbell G. HURT, b. Oct. 8, 1860 in Iowa; m. Ida M.

One of Bowen's sons was the mayor of Ft. Madison, Iowa, in 1907, according to his nephew, Rollin Hurt, who wrote a narrative in that year on the Hurt family in Kentucky.

Source Records

Captain George Elliott of the Virginia Navy, pp. 100-101
Bridgewater Family Note: Relationship ~ Melissa Frances Bridgewater is a first cousin of my great grandmother Dorothy Evelyn Bridgewater. Vern Paul

Adair Co., Kentucky, Marriage Records
Online index <http://www.rootsweb.com/~kyadair/wed17.htm>

1850 Census. *No family members found.*
1860 Census, Birmingham, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, p. 375
1860 Census, Washington Twp., Lee Co., Iowa, p. 626

Civil War Service Records:
Widow's Pension Application No. 65524 dated Sept. 19, 1864, Certificate No. 40055
Minor's Pension Application No. 177084 dated July 2, 1869, Certificate No. 132771
Roll of Honor: Civil War Union Soldiers, Vol. XXIII, p.89
Marietta and Atlanta National Cemetery, Section G, Grave No. 1233
Civil War Volunteer Roster, Van Buren Co., Iowa,
Extracted from 1878 History of Van Buren County, Iowa
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iavanbur/cwvolunteers.html>

Van Buren Co., Iowa, Marriage Records, Marriage Book D, p. 516. *J. F. Beans and Mrs. Juliet Hurt.*
Certificate not completed and actual date of marriage not ascertained.

1870 Census, Birmingham, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, p. 321
1880 Census, Birmingham, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, p. 377D
1880 Census, Pleasant, Appanoose Co., Iowa, p. 432A
1880 Census, Des Moines, Polk Co, Iowa, p. 214C
Sylvester and *Camel*, in the census record, indicated their mother was born in Iowa.
Rollin Hurt's Notebook, 1907, with Notes by Ruby Taylor

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1860 Census, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, p. 375

P. O. Birmingham, 26 June 1860

11	879-880 Bowen Hurt	34 M	Tinner	---	/ 75		Ky
12	880 Juliet		28 F				Ill
13	Wm		12 M				Ky School
14	Sylvester K		5 M				Iowa
15	Frances H		3 F				Do
16	Ellen M		1 F				Do

1870 Census, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, p. 321

P. O. Birmingham, 1 June 1870

22	14-14 Beans J F	59 M W	Works in Wagon Shop	700-200	Va
23	Juliet	38 F W	Keeping House	400-200	Ill
24	C. E.	1 F W			Iowa
25	Hurt S. K.	15 M W	Farm Laborer	---	100 Iowa
26	F. H.	13 F W	Attending School	---	100 Iowa
27	C. G.	9 M W	Attending School		Iowa

1880 Census, First Ward, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa, e. d. 160, p. 11 [214C]

17 June 1880

100-81-89	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplaces	
1. McAtee Michael	Self	M	S	W	24	IA IRE IRE	Proprietor-Hotel
2. ----- Ellen	Mother	F	W	W	65	IRE IRE IRE	At Home
3. ----- Elizabeth	Sister	F	S	W	27	IA IRE IRE	At Home
4. Urich Ambrose	Boarder	M	S	W	18	PA PA PA	Cigar Maker
5. O Connell John	Boarder	M	S	W	20	OH IRE IRE	Bank Clerk
6. Brockway George	Boarder	M	S	W	30	NJ HESSE HESSE	Marble Cutter
7. Philbrook Daniel W	Boarder	M	S	W	40	ME MA MA	Fireman R.R.
8. French Conrad	Boarder	M	S	W	24	MO PRUSSIA PRUSSIA	Cigar Maker
9. Miller John A	Boarder	M	S	W	26	IA SWITZ SWITZ	Cigar Store
10. Giesler Fred	Boarder	M	S	W	21	IL PRUSSIA PRUSSIA	Cigar Maker
11. Hitz Paul	Boarder	M	S	W	28	SWITZ SWITZ SWITZ	Fresco Painter
12. Kennedy Mike V	Boarder	M	S	W	27	IRE IRE IRE	Brick Mason
13. Breckenridge Chas D	Boarder	M	S	W	34	OH SCOT SCOT	Clerk in Hotel
14. Hurt Sylvester	Boarder	M	S	W	24	IA KY IA	Porter in Hotel
15. Hurt Camel	Boarder	M	S	W	19	IA KY IA	Bartender
16. Miller Manuel E	Boarder	M	S	W	19	IA PRUSSIA IA	Work in Tin Shop
17. Barry Mary E	Servant	F	S	W	24	NY IRE IRE	Waiter in Hotel
18. Byers Maggie	Servant	F	S	W	28	PA PA PA	Chamber Maid
19. Sweeny Sarah	Servant	F	S	W	15	OH IRE IRE	Servant
20. Simpson John	Servant	M	S	MU	31	LA PA LA	Cook in Hotel
21. Corcoran Samuel	Servant	M	S	MU	67	KY IRE KY	Cook in Hotel
22. Scott James	Servant	M	S	W	21	IL IRE IRE	Waiter in Hotel
23. Newlan Thomas W	Boarder	M	S	W	26	IL NY NY	Printer

1880 Census, Cincinnati Pleasant Twp., Appanoose Co., Iowa, e. d. 19, p.5 [532A]

21 June 1880

47-50	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplaces	
3. Hurt W. S	Self	M	M	W	32	KY KY KY	Minister of Gospel
4. Hurt Anna E	Wife	F	M	W	28	IL --- ---	Keeping House
5. Hurt Myrte	Dau	F	S	W	8	IA KY IL	
6. Hurt Ada	Dau	F	S	W	5	IA KY IL	
7. Baily Samuel	Boarder	M	S	W	21	IN OH OH	Works on R.R
8. May George	Boarder	M	S	W	20	MO IL NC	Works on R.R.
9. Leseney J. Volentine	Boarder	M	S	W	25	IA OH OH	Clerk in Store
10. Stevenson Blair	Boarder	M	S	W	19	OH PA OH	Teamster

1880 Census, Birmingham, Union Twp., Van Buren Co., Iowa, e. d. 26, p. 23 [377D]

16 June 1880

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		Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace	
32.	Beans John F	Self	M	M	W	69	VA VA VA	Wagon Maker
33.	----- Juliett	Wife	F	M	W	48	IL KY KY	Keeping House
34.	----- Calie E	Dau	F	S	W	11	IA VA IL	At School

1900 Census, 3rd Ward, Fort Madison, Madison Twp., Lee Co., Iowa, e.d. 71, sheet 1B-2A, p. 184-185

1 June 1900, owner of mortgaged 839 Front Street

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100. Hurt Campbell, Head, W M Oct 1869 39, m'd 10 yrs; b. IA; father b. KY; mother b. IL; Hotel Proprietor

1. Hurt Ida M, Wife, W F May 1868 32, married 13 yrs, 3 children born, 2 living; b. IA; parents b. OH

2. ----- Lucien H, Daughter, W F Jan 1890 10, single; b. IA; parents b. IA; At School

3. ----- Victor H, Son, W M May 1892 8, single; b. IA; parents b. IA; At School

Entries followed by long list of servants and boarders.

1900 Census, Pella City, Lake Prairie Twp., Marion Co., Iowa, e.d. 49, sheet 4A, p. 143

6 June 1900, owner of home free of mortgage

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26. VanderLinden John H, Head, W M Nov 1870 29, married 3 yrs; b. IA; parents b. Holland; Cashier Bank

27. ----- Ada L, Wife, W F Oct 1873 26, married 3 yrs; b. IA; parents b. KY

28. Hurt Anna W, M-in Law, W F Nov 1852 47, widowed, 3 children born, 3 living; b. KY; parents b. TN

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Beans, J. S. Hunt, Juliett 4/18/1868

Hunt, Julliett Benn, J. S. 4/18/1868

Fort Madison Biographies

Ehart thru Roberts

1879 Lee County History, Biographical Sketches

Fort Madison, City

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iale/bio2.html>

Gilmer, Will. S., grain dealer and loaning money; was born in Lee Co., Washington Twp., March 27, 1849; he was brought up and received his education in this county; since reaching manhood, he has been engaged in farming and in the grain business; his father, **Dr. Campbell Gilmer**, was the first practicing physician here, and one of the earliest settlers; he came here in 1835; died in 1865.

As always, additions and/or corrections appreciated.

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