

THE HULL FAMILY - and the Woodhull surname

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Some of John Hull's descendants, actors in the theater, took the "Woodhull" surname. Jacob and his brother John were Theater actors, and used 'Woodhull' as their stage name. After Jacob's death, his daughter Clara also pursued an acting career. The Hull family history can be traced back farther than we have gone. We have published this paper so the descendants can know the correct history of their surnames.

1. John Hull, m. Anna Wood, about 1781

2. Jacob Wood Hull, b. Jan. 1, 1789, d. Aug. 31, 1832 New York, New York.
3. Joseph Burling Hull, b. Sep. 17, 1790, d. Feb. 21, 1846
4. Elizabeth Hull, b. Mar. 22, 1793, d. Nov. 11, 1866
5. Phebe Anna Hull, b. Jan. 1, 1797, d. Mar. 8, 1859
6. John Hull, Jr., b. 1802, d. Aug. 4, 1803
7. John Wood Hull, b. Apr. 25, 1804, d. Jul. 15, 1838
8. Oliver C. Hull, b. Feb. 20, 1807, d. May 17, 1889
9. Edward Hull, b. Oct. 22, 1809, d. Jul. 30 1820, died young

2. JACOB WOOD HULL, aka WOODHULL, m. Harriet Willard, Sep. 12, 1811. Harriett was the daughter of Ephriam Willard and Hephzibah Bowman and was born _____. Ephriam served in the Revolutionary War one week and 5 days. He removed to New York. Jacob Wood Hull was born in the State of New York and descended from a Quaker family. In 1826, He made his first appearance on the stage as Jaffier, in "Venice Preserved," at the Park Theatre, New York. Jacob, out of deference to the views of his Quaker kinsmen, took the stage-name of "Woodhull", combining his middle name with his last name. A quote from a 'New York Clipper' article said: He was "an almost invaluable actor in every grade of serious character, and all kinds of genteel and light comedy and melodrama combined." Another article from 1879 said: "Though well liked as an actor, he never attained any very high distinction. He played old misers, young spendthrifts, gray beards, lovers, soldiers, sailors, Irishmen, Jews and Indian savages with great satisfaction". In 1832 he became manager of the Richmond Hill Theatre, New York. During the cholera epidemic, Jacob died of cholera on August 31, 1832. Most of his children took the "Woodhull" name as their surname.

10. Ann Eliza Woodhull, b. about 1814 NY, d. _____
11. Clara Woodhull, b. about 1818 NY, d. Oct. 15, 1837
12. Edward Woodhull, b. about 1820, d. Jul. 1897
13. Harriet Sophia Woodhull, b. abt 1822 NY, d. Feb. 8, 1848 NY
14. William Woodhull, b. Oct. 1827 NY, d. Apr. 6, 1908 in PA

3. JOSEPH BURLING HULL, m. Narcissa Malvina Foster, Dec. 26, 1811. Narcissa was born Nov. 8, 1795 at Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts and died Jan. 31, 1878 at Park Slope, Brooklyn, New York. Narcissa was the daughter of Rev. John Foster and Eunice Stearns of Massachusetts. Joseph, of the cities of New York and Brooklyn, was the second son of John and Anna "Wood" Hull.

- 15. John Foster Hull, b. Feb. 4, 1820, d. Jul. 23, 1860
- 16. Anna Wood Hull, b. May 17, 1822, d. Mar. 30, 1879
- 17. Augusta Foster Hull, b. Aug. 11, 1825, d. Oct. 15, 1895
- 18. Mary A. Hull, b. Mar. 21, 1828, d. Dec. 19, 1843
- 19. Elizabeth B. Hull, b. Feb. 28, 1830, d. Aug. 1881
- 20. Phebe A. Hull, b. Nov. 10, 1832, d. Jan. 1873
- 21. Thomas Burling Hull, b. Oct. 3, 1836, d. Nov. 18, 1913

4. ELIZABETH HULL, m. Thomas H. Burling, Oct. 2, 1811. Thomas was from New York City and was born about 1792 and died Apr. 13, 1866.

- (1) Thomas H. Burling Jr., b. 1812, d. 1833 aged 21 years
- (2) Anna Burling, b. 1815, d. _____, m. Nathaniel Hallock, son of James Hallock and Elizabeth Townsend
- (3) Henrietta Burling, b. 1821, d. _____, m. ____ Hallock?

5. PHEBE ANNA HULL, m. William J. Hallock, Oct. 14, 1818, New York. William was born Dec. 11, 1794 and died Aug. 13, 1859. William was the son of James Hallock and Elizabeth Townsend.

- (1) James Hallock, b. 1819
- (2) John Hallock, b. 1825
- (3) William Hallock, b. 1826
- (4) Catherine Hallock, b. 1832

6. JOHN HULL JR., died at one year, plus, _____ days old

7. JOHN HULL, aka WOODHULL, m. Susan Wetmore, 1828. John Hull was born in New York State. He was an actor, and made his first appearance on the stage in 1827, at the Park Theatre, New York. John, like his brother Jacob, went by the stage name of 'Woodhull'. "John was a tall-figured man, and was gifted with an excellent study". Susan Wetmore was born about 1813 in Milton, Ulster County, New York and died on Sep 8, 1848. Susan had brothers; William W. Wetmore, James Wetmore and Abraham Wetmore. Her residence at the time of her death was No. 190 Canal Street, New York. Susan was married to John Wood Hull of the Theater.

22. Ann Agnes Woodhull (or Agnes Ann)

8. OLIVER C. HULL, m. Phebe T. Barrett, Nov. 27, 1831. Phebe was the daughter of Absalom Barrett and Deborah Adams and was born Apr. 28, 1808 and died Aug. 1, 1885 at Ulster County, New York.

23. Cornelia Barrett Hull, b. 1833, d. _____

24. Emma T. Hull, b. Nov. 22, 1838, d. _____

9. EDWARD HULL, died at age 10 years

10. ANN ELIZA HULL, m. William S. Brown

11. CLARA WOODHULL, aka WOODHULL, m. Alexander L. Pickering Feb. 12, 1836, New York City, New York, at the Laight Street Presbyterian Church. Miss Clara, being the eldest, at age 14 or 15 years old when she decided to come before the public, with a strong desire to support her widowed mother and her orphaned brothers and sisters. She made her first appearance on stage at the Richmond theatre on Jan. 2, 1833. Clara went by her theater 'stage name' of Woodhull. Miss Woodhull was young and interesting, but not remarkable for any eminent ability. Clara, with her husband, sailed for New Orleans, in the fall of 1837, and soon after her arrival was seized with the yellow fever. Clara died at the age of 19 years of age on Oct. 15, 1937 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Alexander Pickering, some years later, led an unhappy life and it is not known positively where he died. It was probably in Canada.

12. EDWARD WOOD HULL, aka WOODHULL, m. Mahala Eliza Reed, about 1848, New York. Edward was born about 1821 NY and Mahala was born about 1822 in England. They removed to Minnesota about the year 1857 and took up residency in Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota. On the 1885 State Census, Edward and Mahala are living in their own home in Dakota County, Minnesota and on the 1895 census, Edward is living with the Judson family and is probably widowed.

25. Harriet Mahala Woodhull, b. Jan. 1849 NY, Jul. 1912

26. Clara L. Woodhull, b. Jul. 1855 NY, d. Aug. 9, 1924

27. Anna 'Ann' E. Woodhull, b. 1856 NY, d. Dec. 12, 1883

28. May E. Woodhull, b. abt. 1857 MN

13. HARRIET SOPHIA WOODHULL, m. George S. Drew, Apr. 27, 1844. Harriet was the daughter of **Jacob Woodhull** and was born about 1822 and died Feb. 8, 1848 in New York, N.Y. George Stott Drew was born about Oct. 1, 1822 in Scotland and died _____. George was listed as a plumber. George remarried after the death of Harriet to Cornelia Barrett Hull on Jul. 4, 1850 in New York. Cornelia was the daughter of Oliver C. Hull and Phebe Barrett and was born about Nov. 1832 and died Jun. 12, 1915 in Grantwood, New Jersey. Cornelia and George had 2 more children; Oliver Hull and George Stott Jr. Drew of N.J. Harriet was buried in the Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, Lot 2274, Sec. 90.

(1) Jacob W. Drew, b. abt. 1845 NY, d. **Jun. 17, 1874?**, may have died in Civil War

(2) Helen Willard Drew, b. 1846 NY, d. May 18, 1856

14. WILLIAM WOODHULL, m. 1st Mary Haws, 1850 census, Mary was born about 1831 in New York, and her mother is listed as Jane Haws. William and Mary were divorced and Mary remarried to James Davis Campbell. Mary and James had 5 or 6 children, James A., Elizabeth, Louise M., Charles W., and Edwin P. Campbell. James was born on Oct. 17, 1827 and died on Jun. 16, 1881. Mary died on Nov 1, 1911 at Philadelphia. Jane and James were both buried in the Woodlands Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. William was born 1827 and died Apr. 6, 1908 and is buried in the Mt. Peace Cemetery, 3111 West Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA

29. Harry Jacob Woodhull, b. Nov. 1850 PA, d. May 12, 1904 PA

m. 2nd Georgiana Welsh, Apr. 30, 1857. Georgiana was born abt. 1835 and died May 23, 1861 (Cause of death: Hemorrhage) and was buried in the LaFayette Cemetery in Philadelphia, PA. William was a garment cutter and his son, George, was a salesman tailor. William Beach and Mary June or Jane Haws were married the same day at the same time. William Beach was a witness to this marriage.

30. George Jacob Woodhull, b. May. 7, 1858 PA, d. Apr. 12, 1942

m. 3rd Sarah 'Sallie' Keyser, Apr. 19, 1868 Philadelphia, PA. William was born in NY, Sarah 'Sallie' was born Jul. 28, 1838 in Montgomery County, PA., and died Mar. 4, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sarah was buried in the Mount Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

15. JOHN FOSTER HULL, m. Georgiana Wishard, Apr. 26, 1846, New York. After the death of John in 1860, Georgiana remarried to William Tilden Lake.

31. Joseph T. Hull, b. Feb. 26, 1850

32. Frank P. Hull, b. Aug. 7, 1852

33. Eugene F. Hull, b. Jan. 4, 1855 died young

34. Richard W. Hull, b. Dec. 4, 1857

35. Sarah F. Hull, b. Mar. 2, 1860 died young

16. ANNA WOOD HULL, m. Joseph H. Sloan, Jul. 24, 1845, Manhattan, New York. Joseph was born about 1820 in Northern Ireland and died Nov. 9, 1868 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

(1) Mary Elizabeth Sloan, b. 1846

(2) Adrian H. Sloan, b. 1848

(3) Cora A. Sloan, b. 1854

(4) Emma Sloan, b. 1855

17. AUGUSTA FOSTER HULL, m. 1st William A. Fritz, May 23, 1844 at Manhattan, New York.
William was born Dec. 4, 1823 at Manhattan, New York and died Jul. 14, 1898 in Brooklyn, New York.
- (1) Imogene R. Fritz, b. 1844
 - (2) Ella Augusta Fritz, b. 1850
18. MARY A. HULL, Mary died at the age of 15 years.
19. ELIZABETH B. HULL, m. 2nd George W. Rogers, 1852. George was born about 1830 in Connecticut and died May 1875 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.
- (1) George W. Rogers, b. 1854
 - (2) Edward Rogers, b. 1859
20. PHEBE A. HULL, m. 1st James H. Rogers, Feb. 1, 1853.
21. THOMAS BURLING HULL, m. Elizabeth Varley, May 1, 1858, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Elizabeth was the daughter of John Varley and Elisabeth _____ and was born Nov. 1836 in Slaithwaite, Yorkshire, England and died Feb. 22, 1926 in Park Slope, Kings County, New York.
- 36. Annie E. Hull, b. May 11, 1861
 - 37. Cartwright R. Hull, b. Jul. 13, 1863
 - 38. **Randolph Foster Hull, b. Mar. 17, 1864?**
 - 39. John B. Hull, b. Apr. 2, 1866 yg
 - 40. Foster John Hull, b. Sep 7, 1867
 - 41. Josphe Varley Hull, b. May 22, 1870
 - 42. Mary Agnes Hull, b. Oct. 23, 1876
22. ANN AGNES WOODHULL
23. CORNELIA BARRETT HULL, m. George Stott Drew, Jul. 4, 1850, New York. George Stott Drew was born about Oct. 1, 1822 in Scotland and died _____. George was listed as a plumber. George married Cornelia Barrett Hull after the death of his first wife. Cornelia was the daughter of Oliver C. Hull and Phebe Barrett and was born about Nov. 1832 and died Jun. 12, 1915 in Grantwood, New Jersey.
- (1) Oliver Hull Drew, b. _____
 - (2) Cornelia F. Drew, b. _____
 - (3) George Stott Drew Jr., b. _____
24. EMMA T. HULL, m. Edward Smith, Oct. 5, 1859

- (1) Edward H. Smith
 (2) Cornelia J. Smith
25. HARRIET MAHALA WOODHULL, m. Roswell Carlton Judson, Roswell was a livestock dealer. Roswell was the son of Roswell Judson and Lucy Marie Babcock and was born about 1843 and died Sep. 23, 1905 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. Harriet and Roswell were buried in Corinthian Cemetery, Farmington (Empire), Dakota County, MN.
- (1) Harry C. Judson, b. Feb. 24, 1873 MN, d. _____, m. Margaret Cutts, 1901
 (2) Frank Woodhull Judson, b. Oct. 3, 1874 MN, d. Feb. 8, 1957 PA, m. Minnie Burton, 1898
26. CLARA L. WOODHULL, Clara was a school teacher and never married Clara died at age 69, and was buried in Corinthian Cemetery, Farmington (Empire), Dakota County, MN.
27. ANNA 'ANN' E. WOODHULL, m. Archibald Porter, Jul. 26, 1882, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Anna was married to Archibald Porter for about a year and a half, she died of 'consumption' in 1883 in Minneapolis. I do not believe they had any children. Archibald was born in Canada on June. 1846. He was married first to _____ and had a daughter named Anna Porter. Archibald died in Minneapolis on January 9, 1902 and was buried in the Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Plot: Section 12 Lot 571 Grave 2.
28. MAY E. WOODHULL, m. John Irving Wallace, Dec. 25, 1893, Boston MASS. John was the son of David J. Wallace and Margaret Caroline Sharon and was born Jul. 15, 1858 in Canada and died Feb. 20, 1895 at New York City, New York. Irving's parents reside in St. Thomas, Ontario. John was a photographer and Mary was a bookkeeper. J. Irving and Mary had no children. Mary probably remarried.
29. HARRY J. or B. WOODHULL, m. 1st Mary Ellen Newell, Mary was born about 1855 and died Jun. 11, 1888. Harry worked as a shipper and was buried, with Mary, in the Mt. Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA
43. Ellen 'Ella' Jane Woodhull, b. Feb. 3, 1876, d. Apr. 27, 1905 PA
 m. 2nd Elizabeth Rose, 1889, Philadelphia, PA.
 m. 3rd Mary R. Milton, 1894. Mary was born Mar. 14, 1866 in Maryland and died Sep. 21, 1941 in West Chester, PA. Mary was the daughter of John Milton and Mary Beck both of Maryland (they had 14 children). Mary was buried in the West Nottingham Presbyterian Cemetery, West Nottingham, Cecil County, Maryland, Plot: 2305.
30. GEORGE EMERY JACOB WOODHULL, m. 1st Emma Westcott, 1894. Emma was the daughter of William Westcott and Justina Hoover and was born about May 1865 and died Sep. 20, 1943. George's middle name was Jacob. George and Emma both died at the 'Philadelphia

State Hospital". And I believe they were both buried there due to no one to claim their bodies. This State Hospital became nationally infamous for patient abuse, warehousing of human beings, and extreme neglect exhibited towards its many residents. At its zenith in the late 1960's, it was the largest state hospital in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and held a clinical population of over seven thousand psychiatric patients. The hospital has since been demolished, and the land sold off to local redevelopers, who have transformed much of the campus into a residential community for seniors. Buried in the

m. 2nd Katharine Manson, Sep. 19, 1901, Manhattan, New York, New York. Katharine was the daughter of William Manson and Isabella Wilson and was born Aug. 2, 1861 Philadelphia, PA.?

m. 3rd Anna _____, PA. Anna was born about 1862 in PA., and is listed on the 1940 census with George.?

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36. ANNIE E HULL, b. May 11, 1861
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38. RANDOLPH FOSTER HULL, b. Mar. 17, 1864
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40. FOSTER JOHN HULL, b. Sep 7, 1867
41. JOSPEH VARLEY HULL, b. May 22, 1870
42. MARY AGNES HULL, b. Oct. 23, 1876
43. ELLEN 'ELLA' JANE WOODHULL, m. William Frederick Haas, May 23, 1894, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. William was born about 1873. Ella was buried at the Northwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.



This canvas painting, representing an Episode from the Dramatization of "THE SPY" by James Fenimore Cooper, depicting the original cast members. *Characters name* and *Actors name* from left to right are: Frances Wharton (Ellen Augusta Johnson), Sarah Wharton (Miss Jones), Caesar Thompson (unknown actor), Harry Wharton (Jacob Woodhull or Hull), Captain Lawton, (John Kent), Katey Haynes (Mrs. Battersby) and Mr. Wharton (unknown actor). It is believed the artist's father played the part of Mr. Wharton.
Signed 1823, On canvas: 27" x 22 inches

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