

From: Ruth M Brandon [aremb@mac.com](mailto:aremb@mac.com)  
Subject: Re: your ancient political connection  
Date: 16 August 2021 at 04:42:02  
To: Samuel Minter [abulsme@mac.com](mailto:abulsme@mac.com)



I knew mother's Wright uncles: My Great Uncle Elmer Langdon Wright was married to Nellie Wooster and managed an apple orchard in Middlebury, VT; Great Uncle George Samuel Wright was a school superintendant in Chelmsford, MA and his wife was Stella Lula Elmer whose name I have no memory of but find in my papers. We went there in my childhood for Thanksgiving; in St. Albans, Vt, Great Uncle Howard Jewett Wright and his wife Ethel Tucker raised chinchillas and chickens and she was a fine cook. Elmer and Nellie had no children. The other two did and I have had names and addresses of most of them but am not currently in touch with them. I have folders with genealogical material etc for Jewetts and Elmers both of which were intertwined with Wrights through the ages

Hurlburts were mother's relatives on her father's side and yes, Hiram Harvey Hurlburt was her other grandfather mainly based in Bennington, VT and he married twice - first to Sarah Bullard and they had 4 daughters but two died in infancy. the other two were Weltha Ellen (called Nellie) and Kate Luella (I never heard about these ) The second wife was Helen Maria Herendeen (Smith) a widowed teacher who taught in the south at the time of the civil war and you have seen her diary I presume. Their three sons were; mother's father: Donald Paul Hurlburt, a pastor of the Christian church before it was Congregational Christian, his brother Earl Benjamin Hurlburt, a church organist in northern Ohio - maybe Toledo, and his brother Carl Guy Hurlburt, who lived near Buffalo, NY. Great Uncle Earl and Aunt Jessie, his wife never failed to send me Christmas and birthday money in my childhood that I saved first for a bicycle and then toward college. Carl and family I met a couple times because they lived between my Ohio college and Vermont home and I passed nearby.

On Aug 15, 2021, at 7:21 PM, Samuel Minter <[abulsme@mac.com](mailto:abulsme@mac.com)> wrote:

Crucy was definitely your mother's grandmother.

Her mother Sara O had three brothers, but no sisters. (Unless it there was an Aunt by marriage also named Crucy, I don't have names for wives for any of her three uncles.

Her father Donald did have one sister and four half-sisters. Doesn't look like any of them were named Crucy though. One of his sisters I don't have a name for, but there is a note that they "died young". I presume that means in childhood or maybe even as an infant. So probably not someone your mother would have spoken about often. This is one of HHH Jr's kids, so the answer to what happened to that daughter may be in his diary. I have now transcribed up through the first part of Chapter 18, but he hasn't had his first child yet by that chapter, and the daughter who died young was the 7th. (Your mother's father was his 8th.)

[http://wiki.abulsme.com/Diary\\_of\\_Hiram\\_Harvey\\_Hurlburt\\_Jr](http://wiki.abulsme.com/Diary_of_Hiram_Harvey_Hurlburt_Jr)

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On 14 Aug 2021, at 03:13:05, Ruth M Brandon <[aremb@mac.com](mailto:aremb@mac.com)> wrote:

thanks - I was about to hunt this up on the web when your email popped up! - I must already have some of this somewhere besides the funeral notice but my box of family data is only vaguely organized - Yes the Ekmers were also big in the family - I have not studied the connections as you have though - mother spoke often of Crucy but I thought it was an aunt not her grandmother???? Maybe both somehow???

In the cemetery emails I have the photo of the gravestone of Sarah O. Wright beside that of my mother - you can see it again there if you scroll down :- ) - nevermind - here it is:  
<[image001.jpg](#)>

On Aug 13, 2021, at 6:52 PM, Samuel Minter <[abulsme@mac.com](mailto:abulsme@mac.com)> wrote:

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Here is the direct chain from us to the Governor:

Samuel Antonio Minter (1971-) whose mother is  
Ruth Marilyn Brandon (1942-) whose mother was  
Marilyn Vera Hurlburt (1903-2003) whose mother was  
Olive Sarah Wright (1879-1917) whose mother was  
Crucy Eliza Elmer (1851-????) whose father was  
Silas Wright Elmer (1827-1907) whose mother was  
Lucretia Wright (1790-1843) whose father was  
Silas Wright whose (1760-1843) SON was  
Silas Wright Jr (1795-1833) who was the Governor of and Senator from New York

So son of Silas and brother of Lucretia.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silas\\_Wright](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silas_Wright)

Link above if you do want to know what kind of politician he was. :-)

You could also get there another way I think...

Silas Wright Elmer's father was Chester Elmer, whose mother was Mercy Goodale whose father was Isaac Goodale IV whose daughter was Eleanor Goodale whose son was Silas Wright, whose son was Silas Wright Jr.

This because Lucretia Wright and her husband Chester Elmer were 1st cousins. But you get to Silas Wright Jr faster through Lucretia than through Chester.

I imagine you can also find a route though Olive Sara Wright's father George Henry Wright and grandfather Nehemiah Wright, but I haven't gotten information further up that route yet...

The Wrights and Elmers seem to have been closely intertwined for a few generations...

Oh, and on Olive Sarah Wright vs Sarah Olive Wright, since I am sure you will think of mentioning it, I have these notes:

- The one online source I have been able to find (the Creitz site) lists the name as O. Sarah Wright. However Ruth Marilyn Brandon initially insisted that she has always heard Sarah Olive Wright and not Olive Sarah Wright and all family documents bear that out. So I went with that for awhile. But a more recent email uncovers more evidence for the Olive Sarah order, so I have switched the name to reflect that.
- Copy of gravestone sent by Scott Brandon gives 1878 (rather than 1879) as birth year, and has the "Sarah O. Wright" version of the name... leading weight again to Sarah Olive rather than Olive Sarah. There are sources that use both. One of the emails from Ruth Marilyn Brandon forwarding a picture labeled by D. David Brandon using "Olive Sarah" tipped me previously to use Olive Sarah, but I have several pictures of the gravestone showing "Sarah Olive". Should the gravestone be considered the most accurate source and the name flipped again? I won't yet, but will consider it again.

Either way, the "Olive" part clearly comes from her father George's mother whose name was Olive Bliss.

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On 12 Aug 2021, at 16:45:27, Ruth M Brandon <[aremb@mac.com](mailto:aremb@mac.com)> wrote:

Just copied you on an email to the town clerk of Weybridge, VT.

However I cannot remember if I have pointed out to you what it said in the Rutland Herald in August 3 or 4, 1917 (or soon after as announcement of the car hitting her was August 2 and she died in hospital) as part of the obituary for my mother's mother who was fatally injured when a car hit her (my mother was 13 at the time). My mother's mother was Sarah O. Wright (Hurlburt) and the paper said: Mrs. Hurlburt (the Sarah just named) "**was a great grand-niece of Silas Wright, a former governor of New York State and United States Senator from New York.**" I am 2 and you are 3 generations down from Sarah but somehow also related I guess :-). Does that make you a great great great great grandnephew of the honorable Silas???? :-). I wonder what kind of man and politician he was - but maybe I don't want to know!

