



# Ira & Mintia Hartley's Family

2014 edition

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Welcome to the *Ira and Mintia Hartley Family Book—2014 Version*. My cousin and co-editor, Barbara (Hartley) Wilbert, have been working on the book for over a year, and we hope it is a work that will serve the Hartley family for years to come.

With Grandpa and Grandma Hartley, and three of their four children now deceased, this book strives to provide present and future generations with a little history of the family and a memorial to all the loved ones who have passed on before us.

In recent months, innumerable conversations have gone on among all the surviving grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Thus, the book has served to help us reconnect with each other. We hope more conversations will carry on for months and years to come as a way to keep our family together.

Grandpa and Grandma Hartley had twenty grandchildren. As I write this comment in October 2014, six of them have already passed away. So we've tried to (1) honor those six who have passed on, and (2) provide the living a chance to document their memories and to tell about their lives, their children and grandchildren.

Barbara and I have worked very hard to (1) ensure everyone has had a chance to tell his/her story, and to (2) respect everyone's wishes as to how their story should be told and what should be included in it. We had some personal challenges in our efforts to please everyone but I feel, personally, like we did our best.

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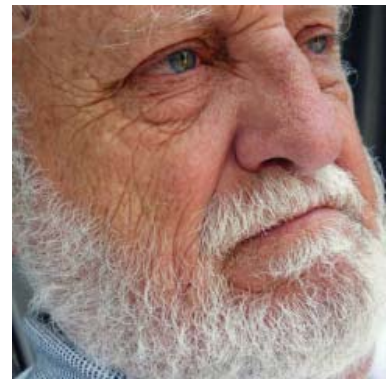
I was proud to be asked to be a co-editor on this book with my cousin, Kenneth. I came onto this project later after Kenneth had done a lot of research and interviews over the years. I think I was able to light a fire under a few of the family members here in Wichita and bring this project to the end.

Along the way I gained far more than I ever thought I would. I have gotten to know my cousin, Kenneth, so much better, and he has shared so much history with me and made me far more interested in genealogy and preserving family pictures. There were many emails back and forth, lots of phone calls and even a visit from Kenneth to Wichita to get this book done.

I have had lots of family conversations with my brothers, sister and cousins about events and time lines in our history. I have learned so much more about my grandparents and their early years in Missouri. It has been an act of love, and I hope generations to come will enjoy this and realize we came from a long line of hard working Missouri folks. Enjoy! Oh, yes, and please remember to label your pictures for future generations.

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