

Emma (or Emily) Kidwell Hutts (1854-1909)

Husband: John Henry Hutts (1846-1930)

Among the “orphan stones” in the Old Berlin Cemetery is a base with the name “HUTTS” inscribed on it. Although this was a large family, only the mother was buried in the Old Berlin Cemetery. Several others, including her husband, are buried in the Park Heights Cemetery, since the OBC was essentially full when they died later.

Emma (or Emily) Kidwell was born in 1854, the second child of **Hezekiah** and **Cecelia Kidwell** (who are also buried in the OBC). It appears that they were living with Hezekiah’s parents in Loudoun County VA at the time. In 1860, the family was living in nearby Harpers Ferry.

In 1870, 18-year old Emma was found in Bloomington, IL, married to 23-year old Lewis C. Gaver from Burkittsville. They had an infant daughter Winona, and Emma’s father Hezekiah Kidwell was also living with them. No indication where the rest of the Kidwell family was that year.

Shortly thereafter, Emma and the baby moved back to Maryland with her father. It is assumed that she and Lewis divorced, as Lewis stayed behind and a few years later married Amanda, a girl from Canada. In the 1880 census, they had two children (3 years old and 5 months old) and he was working as a shoemaker, a trade he had learned from his father who was still back in Burkittsville.

Emma started a new life, marrying John Henry Hutts in Washington County in 1873. Her marriage certificate lists her as “Emily J. Garner.” John Hutts was born in 1848 in Frederick to a German father who married a girl from Maryland.

In 1880, John (32) and Emily (26) were living in Berlin. They had three small children ages 1-6, along with Emily’s daughter Winona (now 9 years old). John was working on the B&O railroad.

In 1900, John was working as a teamster. They were still living in Berlin (now renamed Brunswick), in Ward 3 (the west end of town). By this time, Emily had given birth to 9 children, 8 of whom were living at that time. Their son Charles, now married and with a 5-month old child, lived next door. He was a brakeman on the railroad. Two years earlier, Winona had married the widower George Forrest, and her step-sister Cora was boarding with their family.

Emma Hutts died at her home on Bridge Street [present-day Virginia Avenue] in 1909. She was survived by her husband and 7 children. She was buried in “the old burying ground” in town. As mentioned earlier, only the base of her tombstone, which has been dislocated from its original place, remains.

In 1910, John was living with their 18-year old daughter Martha and her 1-year old son Howard. His last days were spent in the Montevue Home in Frederick, where he died in 1930. There

being no burial space beside his wife in the Old Berlin Cemetery, he was buried in the newer Park Height Cemetery in Brunswick.

Posterity: John and Emma Hutts had 9 children:

- Winona Gaver (1871-1918) married George Hanson Forrest (1855-1928) in 1898. He had previously been married to Sarah Koontz (1867-1896) in 1880. Sarah had 4 children. Winona had 5 children. She died 15 Mar 1918. George died 10 years later
- Florence C. Hutts (1874-1941). Married #1 John E Little, & #2 Percy Henry Miller. Lived in Hagerstown, buried in Rose Hill Cemetery there.
- Charles W. Hutts (1877-1943). Married Emma E. Simons (1886-1973). 6 children. Sons Charles W. (1900-1966) and Raymond N (1907-1962) are buried with them at PHC.
- Cora V. Hutts (1879-?). Married CCW Kidwell in 1897.
- Carrie Agnes Hutts (1884-1957). Married Roy Grams. → Della Grams → Norman Lee Dawson → Tom Dawson.
- Ella (or Ellen) Hutts (1886-?). Married Lawrence E. Deck in 1907. He was killed in a train accident in 1916.
- Grace Hutts (1888-1929). Married Henry Haines/Hanes.
- Martha Hutts (1893-1924). Son Walter Howard Hutts (later Minnick) b. 1909. Married Walter Harry Minnick (1889-1949), and they had 3 more children.
- There was also one more child unaccounted for, who may have died in childhood.



