

44. HOLST

Carl Holst and his wife Wilhelmina Arndt migrated from Germany to Canada in 1856 and settled in the Erbsville-Heidelberg area of Waterloo County and that is where they are buried. They were of the Lutheran faith. We include them in this study of Amish Mennonite families because a number of third generation Holsts chose spouses from the Ontario Amish Mennonite churches before the Ontario Amish Mennonite Conference dropped the name Amish and called themselves the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference.

I. Carl Holst, b. 24 May 1819, Germany
d. 5 June 1882, bu. Erbsville/Heidelberg, Waterloo County
m.
Wilhelmina Arndt

II. Son George Holst, b. 8 Mar 1856
d. 19 May 1938, bu. Geiger/Wilmot Mennonite Cemetery
m. 11 Feb 1882
Louisa Hartung, dau. of Daniel Hartung and Margaret [Mogk?]
b. 31 Oct 1859, NorthEasthope Twp. Perth Co.
d. 12 May 1922, bu. Geiger/Wilmot Mennonite Cemetery
Children: (one source says 8 children)
1. Maryann Holst m. _____ Burchatzki
2. Jacob Holst (1881-1958) m. Louise Hartung
3. David Holst (1888-1955)
4. Eli Holst (1891-1941) m. Elsie _____
5. Elizabeth Holst (1895-1955) m. _____ Martin
6. George Holst



George Holst and Louise Hartung
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George and Louise Holst Family
Back L-R: Maryann (Holst) Burchatzki, Jacob Holst, Elizabeth (Holst) Martin
Front L-R; Eli Holst, George Holst, Louise (Hartung) Holst, David Holst

George and Louise Holst had joined the Geiger Mennonite Church in Wilmot Township, now known as the Wilmot Mennonite Church.
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III. Son **Jacob Holst**, son of George Holst and Louise Hartung

b. 13 Dec 1881

d. 8 Jan 1958, bu. Blenheim Mennonite Cemetery

m. 2 Sept 1914

Annie Holtzwarth, dau. of John and Lydia (Ringler) Holtzwarth

b. 29 Aug 1891

d. 25 Sept 1982, bu. Blenheim Mennonite Cemetery

Jacob and Annie Holst were members of the Blenheim Mennonite Church and a number of their children remained with that church until it joined the Biehn congregation to form the Nith Valley Mennonite Church. Jacob and Annie Holst are buried in the Blenheim Mennonite Cemetery near New Dundee, Ontario

Children of Jacob and Annie Holst:

- 1) Irene Marie Holst, b. 2 Apr 1916, Wilmot Township
d. June 2003, bu. Blenheim Mennonite Cemetery
Last residence: Nithview Home, New Hamburg, Ont.
- 2) Albert Holst, b. 1 May 1917, Wilmot Township
d. 31 Aug 2002, bu. Wilmot Centre Cemetery
m. 11 Oct 1952 by Moses Bauman at St. Agatha Amish
Mennonite Church
Ellen Irene Zehr, dau. of Eli and Sarah (Wagler) Zehr
b. 6 June 1931
Residence: New Hamburg, Ont.
- 3) Viola Elizabeth Holst, b. 11 Nov 1918, Wilmot Township
d.
Residence: Pinehaven Retirement Centre, Waterloo, Ont.
- 4) Margaret Holst, b. 9 Feb 1920
d. 10 Feb 1920, bu. near New Hamburg, Ont.
- 5) Harvey Holst, b. 4 Aug 1921, Wilmot Township
d. 29 Aug 2006, bu. St. Peter's Lutheran Cem., Kitchener
m. 14 June 1944 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Edith Sophia Herchenrader,
dau. of Jacob and Mrs. Herchenrader
b. 8 Aug 1923 Residence: Kitchener, Ont.
- 6) Delton Holst, b. 21 June 1924, Wilmot Township
d. 28 July 1996, Nith Valley Mennonite Cemetery
m. 24 May 1952 at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church
Joanna Sauder, dau. of Benjamin and Susanna (Martin) Sauder
b. 3 Aug 1929
Residence: Petersburg, Ont.
- 7) George Holst, b. 4 Dec 1925, Wilmot Township
d. 13 Jan. 2009, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. 2 June 1948
Grace Kathleen Jantzi, dau. of Allan and Fannie (Zehr) Jantzi
b. 4 Apr 1927, Wilmot Township
Residence: New Hamburg, Ont.



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- 8) Clarence Holst, b. 20 Jun 1927, Wilmot Township
d. 6 July 2005, b. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery
m. 6 Oct 1951 at St. Agatha A. M. Church
Victoria Mae Zehr, dau. of Eli and Sarah (Wagler) Zehr
b. 24 May 1933
Mae's Residence: New Hamburg, Ont.
- 9) Luella Mae Holst, b. 25 Dec 1928, Wilmot Township
d.
m. 25 Oct 1952 by Moses H. Roth at Bride's home
Wesley Sauder, son of Benjamin and Rosanne (Martin) Sauder
b. 22 Jan 1921
Residence: St. Jacobs, Ont.
- 10) John Holst, b. 1 May 1930, Wilmot Township
d.
m. 30 May 1953 at Steinmann Mennonite Church
Beatrice Marie Roth, dau. of John L. and Matilda (Schwartzentruber) Roth
b. 28 Apr 1932, Wilmot Township
d. 26 Oct 2003, bu. New Dundee Cemetery
Residence: New Dundee, Ont.
- 11) Walter Holst, b. 12 May 1932, Wilmot Township
d. 26 Apr 1973, bu. Blenheim Mennonite Cemetery
m. 28 Apr 1956
Susan Wilma Schwindt, dau. of George and Mary Ann (Miller) Schwindt
b. 15 Jun 1932
Residence: Waterloo, Ont.

Note: Family Photos available for:

- a. Daniel and Margaret Hartung family
- b. John and Lydia (Ringler) Holtzwarth family

Sources of Information:

- 1) Irene and Albert's notes from Ellen Holst
- 2) Karen Horst's *Jacob and Annie Holst Family Book, 1881-1996*
- 3) a few on-line searches

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