

# Brick Wall Breakthroughs: The Case of Adeline Hartman

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## Brick Wall Info

Need birth record and proof of parentage for Adeline (Hartman)

**Ancestor:** Adeline (Hartman) Borcholt b. 20 Jan 1851; m. 10 Nov 1869; d. 28 Aug 1958

**Spouse:** Theodore Borcholt; b. abt 1846, Hamburg, Germany; d. 16 Jan 1903

**Parents:** Gottlieb Hartman and Farina Roi

**Sibling:** Emma (Bessie) Borcholt

**Locales:** New York City; New Britain, CT;

**Other Info:** Need a birth or baptism record for Adeline Hartman, possibly born in New York City in 1851. On her death certificate her birth is recorded as 20 Jan 1851 in New York City. Informant was her grandson. Parents were Gottlieb Hartman and Veronica ? She is not included with Gottlieb Hartman family in 1860 census in New Britain, Connecticut. Gottlieb m. Farina Roi in New Britain on 3 May 1852 (Marr. Cert.) after Adeline's supposed birth. She married Theodore Borcholt in New Britain, Connecticut on 10 Nov 1869. (Marriage Certificate) Age about 19 in 1870 census, born in Connecticut. Said married in August 1869! In 1900 census birth was Jan 1851 in New York. A 1979 birth records check in New Britain was negative. New York City birth records for 1851 limited at best. Church records? School records??

## Prove birth of HARTMAN Adeline b1851

- **1860 United States Federal Census:** No listing for HARTMANN Adeline b1851.
  1. If Adeline was born in 1851, why isn't she listed in the census?
  2. Birthplace for Gottlieb is Switzerland
  3. Wife listed as Fereni, English equivalent might be "Frances" born in Switzerland
  4. Children Charles (age 7), Albert (age 5) and William (age 1) listed on next page, all born in Connecticut
  5. Is Albert actually Adeline?
- **1870 United States Federal Census – HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828:** No listing for HARTMANN Adeline b1851.
  1. If Adeline was born in 1851, why isn't she listed in the census?
  2. Birthplace for Gottlieb is Switzerland
  3. Wife listed as Ferena, possibly Fereni? English equivalent would be "Frances" born in Switzerland
  4. Children Charles (age 17), William (age 11), and Caroline (age 3) all born in Connecticut
  5. What happened to child Albert from 1860 census? Could this be Adeline and

entered in error? Makes sense since, if she married in 1869, she would not be in the HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 household.

6. Both Gottlieb and son Charles work at hardware store.

- **1870 United States Federal Census – HARTMAN Adeline b1851:**  
HARTMANN Addie b1851 aged 19 living with husband BORCHOLT Theodore b1846
  1. No children listed in 1870
  2. BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 listed as born in Hamburg
  3. Married in August 1869 (col 14)
- **1880 United States Federal Census:** MISSING
- **1890 United States Federal Census:** DOES NOT EXIST
- **1900 United States Federal Census:** HARTMANN Addie b1851 aged 49 living with daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 and boarder WADLEIGH William b1865
  1. Living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, listed as widow
  2. Living with daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 and boarder WADLEIGH William b1865
  3. Listed in New York with parents born in Switzerland
- **1910 United States Federal Census:** Age listed as 69 and birth location as New York for HARTMAN Adeline b1851
  1. Given name listed as Addie
  2. Birth year for HARTMAN Adeline b1851 not consistent with previous records
  3. Living in household of son-in-law WADLEIGH William b1865 and daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872
  4. Listed as born in New York and birthplace of mother and father as Swiss-German
  4. Children of WADLEIGH William b1865 and daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 listed as William (age 8), Ralph (age 5) and Agnes (age 3), all born in Massachusetts
- **1920 United States Federal Census:** Age listed as 67 and inferred birth year is 1853, not 1851 for HARTMAN Adeline b1851
  1. Birth year for HARTMAN Adeline b1853 not consistent with previous records
  2. Living in household of son-in-law WADLEIGH William b1865 and daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872
  3. Listed as born in New York and birthplace of mother and father as Switzerland
  4. Children of WADLEIGH William b1865 and daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 listed as William (age 18), Ralph (age 15) and Agnes (age 13), all born in Massachusetts
- **1930 United States Federal Census:** Aged 79 with birth year abt 1851 birth location New York.
  1. Living with daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 and grandson WADLEIGH Ralph b1895\ born in Massachusetts
  2. BORCHOLT Emma b1872 listed as married; born in Massachusetts -

separated or divorced from spouse?

3. HARTMAN Adeline b1851 listed as widow; born in New York

- **1940 United States Federal Census:** Aged 89 with birth year abt 1851 birth location New York.
  1. Living with daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872
  2. BORCHOLT Emma b1872 listed as widow; born in Massachusetts
  3. HARTMAN Adeline b1851 listed as widow; born in New York

#### **Prove marriage of HARTMAN Adeline b1851**

- **Massachusetts, U.S., Marriage Records, 1840-1915:** Proves marriage date of WADLEIGH William b1865 and BORCHOLT Emma b1872 as 31 Oct 1901 at Boston, Massachusetts; and mother listed as Addie Hartman and father as Theodore Borcholt
  1. If daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 married in 1910, why isn't BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 in the US 1900 Census or City Directories?
  2. Check death date for BORCHOLT Theodore b1846
- **U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995:** HARTMAN Adeline b1851 listed as widow of BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 in the 1900 New London, Connecticut directory.

#### **Prove death of HARTMAN Adeline b1851**

- **U.S., Find a Grave Index, 1600s-Current:** Proves birth and death date of Adeline Borcholt. No indication of parents or spouse.
  1. No indication of spouse.
  2. Buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Connecticut
  3. Buried near daughter BORCHOLT Emma b1872 in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Connecticut
- **Connecticut Death Records, 1897-1968:** Death date for HARTMAN Adeline b1851 listed as 28 August 1948 at New London, Connecticut

#### **Prove birth of BORCHOLT Emma b1872**

- **Massachusetts, U.S., Birth Records, 1840-1915:** BORCHOLT Emma b1872 born on 7 December 1872 at Wrentham, Mass
  1. BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 birthplace listed as Hamburg, Germany
  2. HARTMAN Adeline b1851 birthplace listed as New York City

#### **Prove marriage of BORCHOLT Emma b1872**

- **Massachusetts, U.S., Marriage Records, 1840-1915:** Proves marriage date of WADLEIGH William b1865 and BORCHOLT Emma b1872 as 31 Oct 1901 at Boston, Massachusetts; and mother listed as Addie Hartman and father as

#### **Prove death of BORCHOLT Emma b1872**

- **U.S., Find a Grave Index, 1600s-Current:** Proves birth year of Adeline Borcholt as 1872 and death date of 1960. No indication of parents or spouse.

1. No indication of spouse.
2. Buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Connecticut
3. Buried near mother HARTMAN Adeline b1851 in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Connecticut

### **Prove death of BORCHOLT Theodore b1846**

- **U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995:** Why isn't BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 listed in City Directory?
  1. Listed as Mrs. Addie h 144 Antrim Cambridge Mass - not listed as widow (other entries listed as widow)
  2. Daughter Bessie listed as dressmaker also at 144 Antrim Cambridge Mass
- **New York City Death Index, 1862-1948:** BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 died on 16 Jan 1903 at Manhattan, New York
  1. This record was first found on MyHeritage - previous wildcard searches on Ancestry failed to locate this record.
  2. New York Count Death Certificate 1903 Number 1919
- **New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949:** BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 died on 16 Jan 1903 at Manhattan, New York
  1. Again, this record could not be found on Ancestry previous wildcard searches failed to locate this record.
  2. Residence listed as 156 E 10th Street, Manhattan, New York - was he living with HARTMANN Adeline b1851? She was living in Cambridge, Mass as of 1 June 1900.
- **"Dead Besides Sleeping Wife":** Daily People newspaper article:
 

When Mrs. Theodore Borcholt, of No. 156 East 102nd street, awoke yesterday morning she found he husband dead in bed beside her. Thursday Borcholt took a bottle of laudanum down from a medicine shelf in their house and, saying that he was tired of life, started to drink it. He was prevented, and a physician was called in, who said that Borcholt was suffering some nervous trouble. Borchold was disappointed in an amount of a legacy he received recently, and in expectation of which he had thrown up his job, and he has been very despondent ever since. The police believe Borcholt got hold of some poison after his wife was asleep and committed suicide.

  1. BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 committed suicide.
  2. BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 and wife HARTMANN Amelia b1851 living in Manhattan at 156 East 102nd Street.
- **"Faith in Telepathy Much Strengthened":** Salt Lake Telegram article:
 

Woman Dreamed That Her Husband Would Kill Himself, and Found Him Dead New York, Jan. 21 - Mrs. Theodore Borcholt has always believed in telepathy as taught by Hyslop, and her faith is now stronger than ever. She awoke early in the morning after a restless night, during which she dreamed her husband had taken his life. Excited by the realism of the dream, she shook her husband, who until recently was a bookkeeper for the General Electric company. He did not respond, and she arose and lighted the gas. A doctor was

called, who said Borcholt had been dead several hours, and that he had died from laudanum poisoning.

Borcholt, who was 57 years old, resigned his position some time ago, expecting every day to receive from Europe several thousand dollars as his inheritance from the estate of a rich relative who had recently died. He and his wife had planned to establish themselves in some kind of small business with the money. The remittance was delayed repeatedly, and Borcholt spent his savings for living expenses.

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### **Prove birth of HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828**

- **U.S., Find a Grave Index, 1600s-Current:** HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 died on 27 April 1902; burial at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain, Hartford, Connecticut
  1. Is HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828 buried alone?
- **Connecticut, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1650-1934:** HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 died on 27 April 1902; burial at New Britain, Hartford, Connecticut
  1. Birth year can be calculated as abt 1828 based on age at death.

### **Prove immigration of HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828**

- **Connecticut Naturalization Records, 1795-1942:** HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 filed a declaration of intent on 21 March 1854 at Hartford, Connecticut
  1. When did HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828 arrive?
  2. Can we assume that HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828 and HARTMAN Ferenc are already married and living in the US since HARTMAN Adeline b1851 would already have been born?
- **New Orleans, Passenger List Quarterly Abstracts, 1820-1875:** Is this our HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828? Why would he sail into New Orleans?
  1. Arrived 1 December 1849 in New Orleans
  2. Traveling with HARTMAN Philip (age 29) and HARTMAN Francis (age 10) - brothers?
  3. Why would he travel to US arriving in New Orleans?
  4. Possible presence in Cincinnati with other Swiss Germans and then move over to Connecticut
- **New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957:** Is this our HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828? Birthdate does not line up.
  1. HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 listed as born in 1831 - within range?
  2. Doesn't it make more sense that if HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 settled in Connecticut, that he would arrive in New York and NOT New Orleans?

### **Prove military service of HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828**

- **Prove military service of HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828:** HARTMANN Gottlieb b1828 enlisted in the Union Army during the US Civil War on 28 August 1861,

mustered on 4 September 1861 and mustered out on 3 September 1864.

1. No age or place of origin listed.
2. Residence is listed as New Britain, Connecticut

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### Name Variations

Given	Variation	Surname	Variation
Gottlieb	Goteleib	Hartman	--
Gottlieb	--	Hartman	Hartmann
Gottlieb	--	Hartman	Herdman
Gottlieb	Gottlief	Hartman	--
Gottlieb	Gotlip	Hartman	--
Ferina	Ferenc	?	--
Ferina	Farina	?	--
Ferina	Veronica	?	--
Adeline	Addie	Hartman	--
Adeline	--	Hartman	Borcholt
Adeline	--	Hartman	Borchold
Adeline	--	Hartman	Borcheld
Adeline	--	Hartman	Borsholt
Emma	Bessie	Hartman	--
Emma	--	Hartman	Wadleigh
Theodore	--	Borcholt	Barchalt
Theodore	--	Borcholt	Borsholt

### Next Steps

- Locate 1880 US Census for HARTMAN Adeline b1851 as well as HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828.
- Is there a Civil War pension for HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828? Hire a genealogy research specializing in NARA pension files. File could contain vital information including affidavits and interviews of family members.
- When did HARTMAN Gottlieb b1828 arrive in the US? Did he come through New Orleans or New York? New York makes more sense since most of his life is spent in the Connecticut area.

- Is there a marriage certificate for HARTMAN Adeline b1851 and BORCHOLT Theodore b1846?
- It is possible that HARTMAN Adeline b1851 and BORCHOLT Theodore b1846 were separated. They are living apart according to the 1900 census. Was Theodore living in New York City when he died? Why is Theodore listed in several 1880s and 1890s city directories in Massachusetts, New York, and other places?
- Given the suicide of BORCHOLT Theodore b1846, was there a history of mental illness that force HARTMAN Adeline b1851 and BORCHOLT Emma b1872 to live separately?
- Finally, there just may not be a document for the birth of HARTMAN Adeline b1851. Proof will have to be made through the series of documents above.