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STOWELL BARNARD & MARY (POLLY) BURTON

From Lovina Syphus Whitney (wife of George Burton Whitney), we learn the following:

Your grandfather, George B. Whitney, was born March 9, 1846 in Troy, New York; but he was a delicate child and the doctors told his parents they could not raise him in the city. So they took him up in the Green Mountains, Bennington County, Vermont, to his grandparents, his mother's people, the Barnards. He got well; they, his parents the Whitneys, brought him home to the city. He grew weak and puny and they had to take him back to Vermont. They got him home again; but the third time his grandparents, the Barnards, told his parents the Whitneys they would not take him back unless they promised to leave him with them for good.

So there he went to school with their youngest son, Burton Barnard, who was seven years older than your Grandfather Whitney. He lived with them until he was seventeen-years old. His Grandfather Barnard died at that time. Then he went to Illinois with his grandmother Barnard to one of her daughters.



This picture may be Mary (Polly) Burton. However, this same picture is also labeled with the names of Lucy Wood and Mary Eveline Barnard. All of these women are our ancestors.

From the History of George Burton Whitney, we learn the following:

The Barnards were strict Methodists. His grandfather believed in the Bible especially Solomon's proverb that says, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Although they were strict and insisted on obedience, they were very kind and loving and gave him the same loving care they had given their own children. He soon became happy and contented in the home of his grandparents. George received the best education the country schools afforded at that time, and his religious training was far above average.



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It was probably more his religious training than his secular training that made him the scholar he was. He often said, both in his private conversation and public discourses that there was never a morning in the Barnard home when a Bible was not set at every place at the table as well as the plate. No matter how rushed the farm work or other things were, family prayers and Bible readings were never neglected. During

the winter when outside work couldn't be done, except the care for the animals, not only one chapter of the Bible was read, but many; and the Sabbath day was always religiously observed and church going was a part of the family life.

This training was a wonderful foundation for a man whose destiny it was to be a pillar of the Church in the communities in which he would live after the Gospel, as restored by our Heavenly Father through the Prophet Joseph Smith, should come into his life.

At the age of seventeen, his Grandfather Barnard died and the old home was broken up. He then, perhaps unconsciously, began to wend his way to the western shores of his native land.

As a young adult, George Burton went to work for Luke Syphus, Sr. (who later became his Father-in-law). On the first morning of his new job, the custom of the Bishop's family was to hold family prayer every morning before breakfast. The Bishop said, "Mr. Whitney, we always have family prayers. You can join with us or you may go out on the porch until we get through." He answered that it was always the custom in his home where he was raised. So George Burton Whitney knelt in prayer with the Syphus family, and that morning the two men began a discussion of religion. ■

Family Group Record for Stowell Barnard

Husband		Stowell Barnard		
<small>LDS Ordinance Data</small>				
Born	4 Apr 1789	Westminster, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA		B 11 Sep 1877
Christened				E 13 Sep 1877
Died	25 Jun 1865			
Buried				
Father	Benjamin Barnard (1750-1837)	Mother	Lucy Wood (1751-1847)	SP 20 Feb 1946
Marriage	10 Jun 1814			SS 24 Apr 1946
Wife		Mary Burton		
AKA	Polly			
Born	9 Jan 1799	Andover, Windsor, Vermont, USA		B 11 Jun 1901
Christened				E 27 Jun 1901
Died	26 Feb 1884			
Buried				
Father	Aaron Burton (1765-1799)		SP 15 Jun 1967	SGEOR
Mother	Mary (Polly) Dudley (1771-1852)			
Other Spouse	Edward Messenger (-)	1868	SS	
Children				
1	F	Mary Eveline Barnard		
Born	16 Oct 1816	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA		B 11 Jun 1901
Christened				E 13 Jun 1901
Died	31 Dec 1884	Glen Falls, Warren, New York, USA		SP 14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	George Sanders Whitney (1818-1863)	27 Jan 1845	SS 3 Jul 1901	SGEOR
2	F	Elenor Phebe Barnard		
Born	18 Nov 1818	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA		B 9 Nov 1938
Christened				E 16 Nov 1938
Died				SP 14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Edwin P. Gilson (-)	8 Mar 1838	SS	
3	F	Lydia Barnard		
Born	20 Oct 1821	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA		B 27 Jan 1902
Christened				E 28 Jan 1903
Died	11 Dec 1902			SP 14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Samuel Kelly (-)		SS 28 Jan 1903	
4	F	Abigail H. Barnard		
Born	9 Apr 1824	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA		B 9 Nov 1938
Christened				E 21 Dec 1938
Died				SP 14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Francis Perter Batchelder (-)	2 Jun 1842	SS	

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Children (cont.)				
5	F	Lucy W. Barnard		
Born	7 May 1825	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA	B	28 Jan 1902
Christened			E	11 Feb 1902
Died	1896		SP	14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Henry Haynes (-)		SS	
6	F	Barbara A. Barnard		
Born	10 Jul 1828	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA	B	Child
Christened			E	Child
Died	30 Apr 1829		SP	14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse			SS	
7	F	Emma H. Barnard		
Born	15 May 1829	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA	B	28 Jan 1902
Christened			E	7 Feb 1902
Died	1884		SP	14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Caydon Dutton (-)		SS	
8	M	Benjamin Stowell Barnard		
Born	21 Feb 1832	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA	B	10 Nov 1938
Christened			E	7 Mar 1939
Died			SP	14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Fanny Davis (-)		SS	
9	M	Aaron Burton Barnard		
Born	16 May 1839	Peru, Bennington, Vermont, USA	B	6 Mar 1943
Christened			E	8 Apr 1943
Died	5 Jan 1932		SP	14 May 1946
Buried				
Spouse	Mary F. Hawdkins (-)		SS	
General Notes (Husband)				
Susan WHipple source had death 25 JUN 1865				

Pedigree Chart for Mary (or Polly) Burton

