Descendants of Stewart Walker HARTSHORN

First Generation

1. **Stewart Walker** HARTSHORN was born on 28 Aug 1840 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee and died on 12 Jan 1937 in Short Hills, Essex, New Jersey. Stewart Hartshorn was born in Nashville, Tennessee but was taken to Boston by his parents in 1847. He received little formal education except for a brief study of art. He entered into business with his father at the age of 17 to begin manufacturing the spring shade roller which had been patented by his father, his uncle, John, and brother, Henry. The business was moved to New York City after the death of his father.

The death of his brother left Stewart in control of the company which he would head until his death 77 years later. There were many types of window shades on the market by the time of the civil war. Between 1822 and 1873 over 75 patents had been issued for window shades, rollers and other parts. Stewart Hartshorn worked to improve his father's crude spring roller, and in 1864 received patent number 44,624 for a design introducing the ratchet and gravity pawl. The design was in use until the recent advent of blinds. In 1872 the New York plant was moved to East Newark, N.J., the business growing until the Hartshorn shade crowded all others off the market, not because it was superior, but because of the maker's business initiative and advertising ability. The manufacturing facilities were increased with a new plant in Harrison, N.J. In 1939 operations were transferred to in Muskegon, Mich. where he had built another plant. In later years the business grew, adding plants in Oswego, N.Y. and Toronto, Ontario.
A beautiful marina was built at Muskegon, on Lake Michigan which was later donated to the city.

He gave up active control of the business in 1925 and turned over the reins of the business to his son, Stewart Henry Hartshorn.

Further business investments included a cotton mill in Goldville, S.C. and a real estate development in Short Hills, N.J. He acquired 1552 acres in Millburn Township and an additional 211 acres in Springfield Township resulting in a planned suburban community. His goal for a planned community was based on "a harmonious community for people who appreciate nature."

His plans included some of the first water and sewage systems in the state. Esthetics and planned development were the guiding principals of his ethic. He founded the Short Hills Water Co. which supplied the new community as well as Elizabeth, Springfield and part of Millburn. For some years he operated a quarry and a saw mill which supplied materials for the homes in the community. Civic and community minded, Stewart Hartshorn was a member of the Rotary Club, the Short Hills Club and the Balturol Golf Club of Short Hills. Always keeping abreast of world affairs, he was an avid fisherman and loved nature and art.

Stewart W[alker] HARTSHORN and Joanna RANDALL were married on 21 Nov 1865 in Stuyvesant-on-Hudson, Columbia, New York. Joanna RANDALL (daughter of Andrew RANDALL) was born on 11 Dec 1841. She died on 22 Dec 1921 in Short Hills, Essex, New Jersey. Stewart W[alker] HARTSHORN and Joanna RANDALL had the following children:

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   i.  Cora Louise HARTSHORN was born on 21 Mar 1873 in Short Hills, Essex, New Jersey. "Within the suburban residential neighborhood of Short Hills [NJ] lies a 16 acre preserve started in 1923 by Cora Louise Hartshorn, daughter of Stewart Hartshorn, the founder of the town. "Miss Cora" was an artist and naturalist, and upon her death in 1958 the arboretum bearing her name was bequeathed to Millburn Township, which maintains the preserve in conjunction with a volunteer-based association. Three miles of hiking trails traverse this glacial moraine. In Spring, mountain laurel, azaleas, and rhododendrons color the hillsides; in Fall, brilliant foliage illuminates the deciduous woodland oasis. Near Stone House, the visions center, a wildflower garden provides continuous bloom from Spring through the first frost." [*The Garden State (NJ) in Bloom*, pg. 84]

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   ii. Stewart Henry HARTSHORN III (born on 20 Apr 1876).

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   iii. Joanna Dixon HARTSHORN (born on 8 Nov 1879).
Second Generation

3. **Stewart Henry HARTSHORN III** (Stewart W[alker]-1) was born on 20 Apr 1876 in Short Hills, Essex, New Jersey. Stewart Hartshorn received his preparatory education at Blois and Paris, France, and was graduated from Harvard University with an A. B. degree in 1898. After leaving college he entered the employ of the Stewart Hartshorn Co., manufacturers of spring window shade rollers, of New York City, later becoming vice-president of the company. This enterprise was the outgrowth of a window shade business established in Boston, Mass., in 1848, by his grandfather, Jacob Hartshorn, who ten years later removed to New York City and there continued to manufacture window shades until his death in 1859. His son Stewart, who had become associated with him and had invented the automatic spring in 1855, continued the business, making important improvements in the roller, and incorporating the enterprise as the Stewart Hartshorn Co. in 1893.

To meet the increased demand for Hartshorn rollers, a branch plant had been erected in Muskegon, Mich., in 1885 and another at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in 1890. A marina was built in Muskegon which was later sold to the city. Stewart H. Hartshorn devoted his attention to the mechanical department of the business and perfected many inventions for improving the products of the company, including a spring winder, metering machines and other special machinery used in the manufacture of the spring shade roller. He also invented in 1918 a stream-line tie rod for bracings in airplanes. In addition to being the vice-president of the Stewart Hartshorn Company, he was a director of the Oswego (N.Y.) Shade Cloth Co., and Joanna Cotton Mills, of Goldville, S. C., both subsidiaries of the Stewart Hartshorn Company. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Masonic fraternity, Harvard Club of New York City and Balturol Golf Club of Short Hills, N.J. He had made extensive research in the genealogy of his and his wife's families and at the time of his death, was about to have a book published giving the results of his work. Hartshorn's strong will combined with a high sense of integrity developed an unusually fine character. The ability to carry is inventive genius to a logical and practical conclusion made him a valuable asset to his company. His generosity and keen sense of humor and his devotion to his family and friends were never eclipsed by his deep interest in the steady development of the family business. He was an Episcopalian and in politics was a Republican.
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Stewart Henry HARTSHORN III and Magdalene Emily SOUTHERN were married on 23 Jul 1900 in London, England. Magdalene Emily SOUTHERN (daughter of Henry F.W. SOUTHERN) died in 1910. She was born in poss. Richmond, Henrico, Virginia.

Stewart Henry HARTSHORN III and Jenette Cowles VORCE were married on 1 Jun 1915 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut. Jenette Cowles VORCE was born there on 29 Oct 1877, the daughter of Alice Dunning Vorce of New York City. Stewart Henry HARTSHORN III and Jenette Cowles VORCE had the following children:

+5  i.  Catherine Jennette HARTSHORN (born on 23 Jul 1916).
6  ii.  Stewart Henry HARTSHORN was born on 17 Aug 1917 in New York City, New York. He died in Oct 1975.

4. Joanna Dixon HARTSHORN (Stewart W[alker]-1) was born on 8 Nov 1879 in Short Hills, Essex, New Jersey.

Joanna Dixon HARTSHORN and Harold Wright HACK were married on 6 Jan 1902 in Taunton, Bristol, Massachusetts. Harold Wright HACK was born on 17 Aug 1877 in Taunton, Bristol, Massachusetts. Joanna Dixon HARTSHORN and Harold Wright HACK had the following children:

    7  i.  Stewart Henry HACK was born on 23 Aug 1903 in Taunton, Bristol, Massachusetts.

Third Generation

5. Catherine Jennette HARTSHORN (Stewart Henry-2, Stewart W[alker]-1) was born on 23 Jul 1916 in New York City, New York.

Catherine Jennette HARTSHORN and Crawford J. CAMPBELL (of Cooperstown, NY), were married by Henry J. Simpson of Flint, MI after 26 Jun 1939. (date of intentions)

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