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## Chapter 6

# Higginson; John and Mary Donaldson

### Higginson

I do not know who Edward Higginson's parents were. I only have that Edward was born in Down County, Ireland.

### John Donaldson and Mary Johnson

John Donaldson and Mary Johnson were my great great grandmother, Mary Donaldson Higginson Shattuck's parents. Family information from their granddaughter, Ida Emily Higginson Crabtree, says that John Donaldson died about 1844, and Mary Johnson, his wife, died about 1846.

John and Mary Donaldson had 10 children—five girls and five boys. I had some of the names from my grandma Myrtie who got them from her mother. Special thanks to Dorlene Tolle Higginson for the rest of the names and two of the spouses.

### Children of John and Mary Donaldson:

Margaret Donaldson married James Burns.

David Donaldson.

Robert Donaldson.

James Donaldson.

Sarah Donaldson married George Mc Cormick.

**Mary Donaldson** my great great grandmother, was born in Belfast, Ireland, and married Edward Higginson in 1854, in Canada. Edward Died of Civil War wounds in 1873. Mary married George Shattuck on December 14, 1890.

Isabella Donaldson.

John Donaldson.

William Donaldson.

Martha Donaldson. ❀



County Down, Ireland.

## Star of the County Down

*Near Banbridge town, in the County Down  
One morning in July,  
Down a breen green came a sweet colleen  
And she smiled as she passed me by.  
She looked so sweet from her two white feet  
To the sheen of her nut-brown hair  
Such a coaxing elf, I'd to shake myself  
To make sure I was standing there.  
From Bantry Bay up to Derry Quay  
And from Galway to Dublin town  
No maid I've seen like the sweet colleen  
That I met in the County Down.*

*As she onward sped I shook my head  
And I gazed with a feeling rare  
And I said, says I, to a passerby  
"Who's the maid with the nut-brown hair?"  
He smiled at me, and with pride says he,  
"That's the gem of Ireland's crown.  
She's young Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann  
She's the star of the County Down."  
From Bantry Bay up to Derry Quay  
And from Galway to Dublin town  
No maid I've seen like the sweet colleen  
That I met in the County Down. ❀*