

Towle Family

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Phinehas Towle

Revolutionary War

s/o Anthony & Sarah Towle

b. 5 April 1742 Chester, New Hampshire

d. 12 Sep 1819 Buxton (South Buxton Cemetery) at 77yrs

m. 1778 Buxton

Sarah Leavitt

b.

d. 1826 Buxton (South Buxton Cemetery)

He was a Sergeant and one of about 20 men from Buxton who enlisted with the Biddeford Company under Captain Jeremiah Hill in the 30th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. James Scammon.

Ch. TOWLE:

John Towle

b. 1789 Buxton

d. 20 Sep 1858 Palmyra (Smith Cemetery, Palmyra) at 68 yrs

m.

Sarah Brown "Sally"

b. 17 Oct 1793

d. 30 Jan 1883 Palmyra (Smith Cemetery, Palmyra) at 89 yrs

They moved with their children from Buxton to St Albans by C/1840 then to Palmyra by C/1850.

Ch. TOWLE:

John Brackett Towle

b. 22 Sep 1828 Buxton

d. 25 May 1919 Somerville, Massachusetts (Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, MA) at 90yrs

m. 15 Feb 1855 Detroit

Mary Jane Philbrick

d/o Michael Philbrick born in Livermore & Jane W. Snow born in Sharon, MA

b. 22 Oct 1836 Sharon, Massachusetts

d. 3 Dec 1913 Somerville, Massachusetts (Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, MA) at 77yrs

They moved the family to Massachusetts by C/1870. She notes 4 children born, 4 children living in C/1900 when they returned to Palmyra living with their son, Frank. Her mother Jane is also living with them at 85 yrs old.

Ch. TOWLE:

1. Walter Henry Towle, Sr

b. Oct 1856 Palmyra

d. 1924 Palmyra

2. Ella Jane Towle

b. Sep 1859 Palmyra

d. 1948 Somerville, MA (Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, MA) at 88yrs

m. 6 Jun 1900 Somerville, Massachusetts

Frederick Haskell Prescott **(See Prescott Family)**

s/o Gorham Prescott & Mary Moor

b. 25 Feb 1846 Hartland

d. 4 Mar 1925 Somerville, MA (Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, MA) at 79yrs

They had no children

He is a twin brother of Frank Prescott. He was a lawyer for the firm I. H. Ballou & Company of Boston for 40 years. They lived in Somerville following their marriage.

3. Clara Belle Towle

b. 1861 Palmyra

d. 9 Aug 1913 Boston (Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, MA) at 51yrs

m. 10 Oct 1883 Boston

Henry B. White

s/o Calvin & Ann White

b. 1857 Roxbury, Massachusetts

d. 7 Dec 1916 Boston (Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, MA) at 58yrs

They had no children

4. Frank Philbrick Towle

b. 21 May 1872 Boston

d. 1933 Somerville, Massachusetts at 61yrs

He never married.

In C/1930 he is living with his widowed sister Ella in Somerville working as a glass cutter in a glove factory at 57yrs old and single.

1. Walter Henry Towle, Sr

b. Oct 1856 Palmyra

d. 1924 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 68yrs

m. 1883

Mary E. Lang

d/o Peter Lang & Nancy Farnham (Spring Hill Cemetery, Palmyra)

b. 1862 Palmyra

d. 1938 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 76yrs

In the 1900 Census, she notes 5 children born, 4 living. The original 1802 Lang Homestead was located across from the Palmyra Golf Course on the Lang Road. Following a fire, the 2nd floor was dropped down and redone as the 1st floor. Kaven & Joyce (Nutter) Philbrick live there currently.

Ch. TOWLE: (5 total, 1 unknown who likely died as an infant)

I. Howard B. Towle

b. June 1885 Palmyra

d. 1948 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 63yrs

m. 17 Nov 1910 Palmyra

Harriet A. Halway "Hattie"

d/o Charles F. Holway & Ella M. Berry

b. 13 July 1886 Palmyra

d. 12 Dec 1915 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 29yrs (Consumption)

They had no children

She was a Telephone Operator at the time of their marriage.

m2. 11 June 1919 Newport (his 2nd marriage, her 1st)

Lena Mae Emery

d/o Guy W. Emery & Mae Willey

b. 1900

d. 1982 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 82yrs

Ch. TOWLE:

A) Margie Towle
b. 15 Nov 1921 Pittsfield
d. 25 Feb 2010 Levant
m. 24 Dec 1940
Lloyd H. Randall

B) Wendall Howard Towle **WWII U. S. Army Air Forces**
b. 23 Jan 1925
d. 4 Apr 1999 Sun City Center, Florida (Penacook Calvary Cemetery) at 74yrs
m. 23 June 1946
Phyllis Zaida Amazeen
d/o Alton & Alice Amazeen
b. 1 July 1924 Skowhegan
d. 16 Mar 2013 Concord, New Hampshire (Penacook Calvary Cemetery) at 88yrs

C) John Samuel Towle
b. 19 Apr 1930 Palmyra
d. 12 Mar 2002 Wolcott, CT (Edgewood Cemetery, Wolcott, CT) at 72yrs
m. 19 Feb 1949
Barbara G. Bickford
b. 1929 Detroit
d. 2002 Wolcott, CT (Edgewood Cemetery, Wolcott, CT) at 72yrs

II. Walter Henry Towle, Jr
b. 18 July 1888 St Albans
d. 10 Aug 1929 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 41yrs
m. 24 June 1914 Pittsfield
Lillian Harding Robinson
d/o Willis Robinson & Lourisa Harding
b. 22 Apr 1891 Palmyra
d. 11 July 1984 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 93yrs

Ch. TOWLE:

A) Richard Henry Towle, Sr
b. 27 Feb 1916 Palmyra (*noted as the 1st child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton*)
d. 7 Apr 2010 Lewiston (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 94yrs
m. 21 Sep 1937 Palmyra
Marian Annie Rudman
d/o Alfred Walter Rudman & Vera Mae Hodgkins
b. 27 Aug 1917 Pittsfield
d. 14 Apr 2005 Bath (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 87yrs
He grew up in Palmyra and graduated from Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. After high school he worked for Cushman's Bakery for several years. Following their marriage, they moved to Bath to raise their family. Richard went to work for Oakhurst Dairy in Bath as a delivery driver retiring in 1981. He was also a member of the Mason Polar Lodge #114. Richard was an avid golfer, enjoyed woodworking, ceramics and square dancing with his wife.

Ch. TOWLE:

1. Richard Henry Towle, Jr

b.

2. Robert Towle

b.

3. Kathie Towle

b.

B) John Walter Towle

b. 9 Nov 1918 Palmyra

d. 14 Oct 1919 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 11mths (Epilepsy)

C) Eleanor Harding Towle

b. 1 Feb 1921 Palmyra (*noted at the 3rd child on her birth certificate*)

d. 2 Jan 1995 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 73yrs

m. 5 Aug 1939

Donald K. Hollister **(See Hollister Family)**

s/o Frank Luthur Hollister Sr & Alice Estelle McKenney

b. 2 Oct 1919 St Albans (*noted as the 3rd child by Dr. Charles Moulton*)

d. 30 June 2005 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 85yrs

She graduated Hartland Academy Class of 1939.

Ch. HOLLISTER:

A) Jane Elyse Hollister

b. 5 Dec 1945 Waterville

d. 14 Aug 1996 St Albans (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans) at 50yrs

m1. 1 Jan 1964

Michael L. Cully

s/o Alver Albert Cully & Peggy Violet Roy

b. 4 July 1946 Hartland

d. 3 Nov 2017 Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

m2.

Phillip Russell

s/o Evan Clair Russell & Winnefred _____

B) Peter Frank Hollister

b. 18 Apr 1949 Hartland

d. 19 July 2011 Hartland (PG)

“He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1967 and attended Husson College. He lived for more than 30 years in California and only recently returned to his beloved state of Maine.”

D) Clarence Edward Towle

b. 20 Dec 1925 Palmyra

d. 26 Sep 1956 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 30yrs

m. 21 Sep 1946 Bangor

Rae Jean Randlett **(See Randlett & Hanson Family)**

d/o Rae Fuller Randlett & Gwendolyn F. Hanson

b. 5 Jan 1928 Hartland

WWII U. S. Navy

Clarence was intentionally shot and killed while working on the roof of his farm by a deranged young local kid.

Ch. TOWLE:

1. Ginger G. Towle
- b. 7 Apr 1950 Belfast
- m. 20 Dec 1970
- Randall McPherson
- b. 3 Jan 1948

E) Frederick Prescott Towle "Fred"

U. S. Army

- b. 28 Oct 1928 Palmyra
- d. 13 Jan 2017 Bristol, Connecticut (Peacedale Cemetery, Bristol, CT) at 88yrs
- m. 19 Aug 1950 Belfast

Laura Mae Gilman

d/o Edwin Gilman & Ruth Farrand

- b. 22 Mar 1929 Norridgewock

d. 12 Jan 2017 Bristol, Connecticut (Peacedale Cemetery, Bristol, CT) at 87yrs

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1947. They moved to Connecticut shortly after their son Daniel was born. They passed away within a day of each other.

"Fred and Laura loved the out of doors, especially time spent at the family camps on a lake in Hartland, Maine. Sitting around the campfire, fishing, boating, listening to the loons and bullfrogs, and playing horseshoes created many special memories for them and their family. Laura and Fred could often be seen cruising Great Moose Lake in their beloved pontoon boat with Fred at the helm and Laura, dubbed the "Queen Mum" of the Lake seated at his side."

Ch. TOWLE:

1. Daniel Towle
- b.
- m.
- Veronica _____

2. Patricia Towle

- b.
- m. 1974
- Dana Jandreau

3. James Towle

- b.
- m1.
- Annette McNichol (See Southard Family)
- d/o Steve McNichol & Sandra Southard*

m2.

Karen _____

4. Lisa Towle

- b.
- m.
- _____ Weed

III. Andrew Jackson Towle

b. Sep 1890 St Albans

d. 1970 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 80yrs

m. 18 Sep 1914 Newport

Lettie Victoria Adams

b. 1894 Limestone

d. 1975 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 80yrs

Ch. TOWLE:

A) Elwood Webster Towle

b. 20 Sep 1916 Newport

d. 17 July 1965 (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 48yrs

m.

Doris Currier

b. 28 Apr 1917

d. 18 May 1994 (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

B) Ervin L. Towle

b. 1919 Newport

d. 1936 (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 16yrs

C) Inez A. Towle

b. 25 Jan 1926 Newport

d. 7 July 1973 (Riverside Cemetery, Newport) at 47yrs

m. 4 Oct 1943

Arthur E. Witham

b. 16 Dec 1920

d. 18 Dec 1998 (Riverside Cemetery, Newport) at 78yrs

IV. Elise Towle

b. 14 Aug 1895 St Albans (*noted as the 4th child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton*)

d. 2 Nov 1970 (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 75yrs

m. 16 Jun 1915

Arthur Dewey Magnus

b. 27 May 1898 Chelsea, Massachusetts

d. 2 July 1955 (Palmyra Village Cemetery) at 57yrs

WWI 20th Maine Engineers

Ch. MAGNUS:

A) Dorothy May Magnus

b. 4 Feb 1916 Palmyra

d. 29 June 2002 Roswell, Georgia (Greenlawn Cemetery, Roswell, GA) at 86yrs

m. 7 July 1936 Maine (divorced)

Henry Samuel Mantell

b. 6 May 1913 Troy, New York

d. 15 Jan 2010 Boca Raton, Florida (Saint Mary's Cemetery, Troy, New York) at 96yrs

B) Virginia Towle Magnus

b. 12 Mar 1918 Palmyra

d. 5 Aug 2006 Marion, Iowa

m1. James Connington, Sr

Ch. CONNINGTON:

1. James Connington, Jr
b. 7 Jan 1942 Worcester, Massachusetts

m2. _____ Hadad

m3. _____ Claney

C) Andrew Edward Magnus

WWII U. S. Air Force

b. 12 Apr 1921 (*noted as the 3rd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton*)

d. 6 Nov 1994 Wetumpka, Alabama (Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery, AL) at 73yrs

m. 2 Jan 1945

Pola G. Henderson

d/o Watson & Goldie Henderson

b. 26 Aug 1923 Corinna

d. 14 May 2018 Wetumpka, Alabama (Greenwood Cemetery) at 73yrs

Pola graduated from Corinna Union Academy and went on to become a cosmetologist.

Andrew was a career military person. They, along with their 3 children, traveled arriving in Montgomery in 1965. After 27 years of military duty they retired.

Ch. MAGNUS:

1. Steve Magnus

b.

d. 2005

m. Doris _____

2. Andy Magnus

b.

m. Teresa _____

3. Suzan Magnus

b.

D) Unnamed Infant Daughter Magnus

b. 1926 Palmyra

d. 1926 Palmyra (Palmyra Village Cemetery)

E) Halvor Arthur Magnus

WWII & Korea U. S. Army Air Corps

b. 1 July 1928 Palmyra

d. 12 Dec 1991 (Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Colleyville, Texas) at 63yrs

m1. 12 Aug 1949 Maine

Colleen G. Mcleggan

m2. 5 Sep 1984 Tarrant, Texas

Irene Elizabeth Pfenning

d/o Daniel Pfenning & Leah Geis

b. 25 July 1915 Hobart Kiowa, Oklahoma

d. 31 Mar 2004 Fort Worth, Texas (Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, TX) at 88yrs

They had no children