

## Elberton Dyer Family

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Sumner Dyer

b.

d. 1881 Brighton

m.

Anna Holmes

### Ch. DYER:

1. Elberton P. Dyer

b. Jan 1869 Brighton

d. 6 June 1947 Danforth (Pine Grove Cemetery)

m. 14 July 1891

Georgia Ellen Annis **(See Annis Family & Woodbury Family)**

*d/o John Morrill Annis & Susan Woodbury*

b. 1870 Hartland

d. 1963 Hartland (PG)

*He first came from his native town of Brighton to Pittsfield to complete his education at MCI where he graduated in 1891. Later that year he married Georgia and the newly wedded couple moved to St Albans where he was a Teacher at the St Albans Common Schools until 1895 as well as serving as St Albans School Superintendent and Town Clerk.*

*Georgia is a sister of Wendell D. Annis who married Walter E. M. Seekins' daughter Edna Alice Seekins. Georgia is also a sister of Maude Annis who married Carl F. Randlett and a sister to Mary Annis who married John F. Connelly.*

*In 1895, he became Principal of Hartland Academy and also served as Superintendent of Hartland Schools in 1897. In 1900, they moved to Newport with their 2 children where he was Principal of Newport High School until health issues forced him to relinquish his teaching career in 1903.*

*He took a job as a traveling insurance salesman but after a weary year on the road, he and Georgia returned to Hartland with the children. In December of 1904, Elberton purchased the clothing stock and business of the Smith Brothers and opened "E. P. Dyer Clothing" in the building next to Walter E. M. Seekins' store. He continued selling fire insurance from his store and also served several years as Somerset County Treasurer.*

*On April 15, 1914 fire destroyed Elberton's clothing store. He renovated the building soon after and later reorganized the business with his son-in-law Ralph Edward Nutting as his partner and began operating as the Dyer Clothing Company which Ralph managed.*

*Soon after 1920, they purchased the former Dr. Lynne Blanchard residence on Blake Street where they were living in C/1930 until they sold it in 1940 to Dr. Paul Briggs.*

*In 1945, Elberton retired from his clothing business and went to work as Town Manager in Danforth traveling back and forth from Hartland and was working in Danforth when he died. Georgia sold the clothing store building in 1945 to sisters Geraldine (Knowles) Bishop and Meredith (Knowles) Hollister who opened "B & H Market". **(See Knowles Family)***

Ch. DYER:

A) Mervyn Esmond Dyer

b. 4 Sep 1892 St Albans (noted as 1st child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. Aug 1959 Bangor (Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hermon)

m1. 18 Oct 1916 Hartland (divorced)

Ellen Hayden Leavitt "Billie"

*d/o Frank Leavitt & Carrie Hayden of Athens*

b. 28 Apr 1894 Athens

d. 6 Mar 1978 Dexter (Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter w/Harold)

*They were living in Hartland on North Street in C/1920 where he was noted as a weaver at American Woolen Mill and she was a stitcher at Hamilton & Young Shirt Factory. She remarried to Harold Freemont Arey in 1937 and moved to Dexter.*

m2. 1 Sep 1930 Hartland

Pauline M. Cilly

*d/o George Emery Cilley & Florence Isabella Lea*

b. 23 Jan 1907 New Hampshire

d. 23 Feb 1998 Brewer (Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hermon w/Mervyn)

*They moved to Bangor after they married. She remarried Hazen Polk following Mervyn's death.*

Ch. DYER:

I. Marlene Dyer *\*twin\**

b. 7 Mar 1931 Bangor

m. Raymond S. Petterson

II. Pauline Dyer *\*twin\**

b. 7 Mar 1931 Bangor

m. Robert E. Bruns

B) Doris Ellen Dyer

b. 17 Jan 1895 St Albans

d. 13 Oct 1973 Pittsfield (PG)

m. 21 July 1915 Hartland

Ralph Edward Nutting

*s/o Oscar C. Nutting & Ivaletta J. Barrett*

b. 23 Feb 1891 Canaan

d. 22 Nov 1979 (PG)

*Doris was a school teacher. Ralph owned a clothing store in Hartland operating as R. E. Nutting Clothing but following a 1914 fire at his father-in-law's Commercial Street store, Ralph later became his business partner and they began operating as the Dyer Clothing Company which Ralph managed in the 1920s. He also served as Hartland Town Treasurer. They moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota about 1934 where his mother had been born and were living there in C/1940 before eventually returning to Maine.*

Ch. NUTTING:

I. Barbara Elaine Nutting

b. 29 July 1918 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 18 Apr 1990 Lewiston (Highland Cemetery, West Poland w/James)

m1. 30 Aug 1939 Minnesota (divorced)

Howard Marvin Harmon

b. 1915 Minnesota

d. 1992 Minnesota (Marshall Cemetery, Marshall, Minnesota)

*She was attending Hartland Academy with the Class of 1935 when her parents moved to Minnesota where she completed her Senior Year. She then graduated from the University of Minnesota and later returned to Maine where she taught English at New Gloucester, Greeley High School and Edward Little High School.*

m2. 18 Oct 1953 South Portland (2nd marriage for both)

James Bant Hanson

b. 17 Dec 1904 Bath

d. 3 Apr 1973 Lewiston (Highland Cemetery, West Poland)

*Jim was a well-known musician and played trumpet with several famous people including Rudy Valley, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Anita O'Day, Red Nichols and for many years with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians.*

m3. after 1973

Edward Allen

II. Phillip Edward Nutting

**WWII**

b. 16 July 1921 Hartland (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 3 Feb 2004 Revere, Massachusetts (PG)

m. May 1946 Massachusetts

Barbara Ann Grant

b. 2 Sep 1925 Massachusetts

d. 1 Feb 2006 Daytona Beach, Florida

*He registered for the Draft in Minneapolis at 20 years old while attending Colby College while his parents were still living in Minnesota and enlisted soon after.*

**Elberton P. Dyer at his Commercial Street Clothing Store**

