

## Bowley Family

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Gideon Bowley, Sr

*s/o Oliver Bowley & Anne Weed*

b. 23 Oct 1748 Newbury, Massachusetts

d. 1821 Falmouth (Portland)

m. 22 Dec 1767 Cape Elizabeth

Hannah Strout

b.

d.

*By 1630, Falmouth's boundaries encompassed the present day cities of Portland, South Portland, Westbrook and Cape Elizabeth. In 1765, Cape Elizabeth (then including South Portland) was set off. In 1786, Portland broke away followed in 1814 by Westbrook.*

*It appears Gideon first came to Cape Elizabeth where he married then moved to Bristol by 1779. By C/1790, he was living in Sandy River Plantation later known as Unity Plantation then incorporated as New Sharon. In C/1800 he still lived in New Sharon but according to "Early Settlers of Weld" by E. J. Foster, soon after he followed his sons William and Oliver to Weld who had moved there in 1803. Gideon was soon joined in Weld by his other sons John, Benjamin, and Isaac. They erected a saw mill and a grist mill at the foot of Webb's Pond the next year living near the mills. It was around this same time his other son Joseph Bowley moved to Hartland.*

*According to Foster, some of the Bowley sons (unnamed in the reference) moved to Ohio following the Mormans in 1840 but the information is unconfirmed.*

Ch. BOWLEY: (Known children. Birth locations are presumed and unconfirmed)

1. Gideon Bowley, Jr

b. 1769 Cape Elizabeth

d. 11 Dec 1848 New Sharon

**2. Joseph Bowley**

b. 1772 Cape Elizabeth

d. 1843 Hartland

3. Patience Bowley

b. 1776 Cape Elizabeth

d. 6 Oct 1846 New Sharon

4. William Bowley

b. 28 Oct 1779 Bristol

d. 25 May 1856 Weld (Center Hill Cemetery, Weld)

5. John Bowley

b. 1778 Bristol

d. 1849 New Sharon

6. Oliver Bowley

b. 1780 Bristol

d. after 1840 New Sharon

7. Isaac Bowley  
b. c1782 Bristol  
d.

8. Benjamin S. Bowley  
b. Nov 1784 Bristol  
d. 17 May 1853 New Sharon

## **2. Joseph Bowley**

b. Oct 1772 Falmouth (Cape Elizabeth)  
d. 11 July 1843 Hartland (Fullers Corner Cemetery) at 70yrs  
m. c1806 Hartland

Lydia Spearin **(See Spearin Family)**

*d/o John Spearin, Jr & Mary Kendall*

b. 1786

d. 31 Aug 1873 Hartland (FC) at 88yrs

*Joseph was an early settler of West Hartland living there by C/1810 and signing the 1819 petition for Hartland's incorporation in 1820.*

### Ch. BOWLEY:

I. Francis Bowley "Fannie"

b. 30 Nov 1807 Hartland

d. 28 Apr 1893 Hartland (FC)

m. 30 Nov 1826 St Albans

Hanson Church **(See Church Family)**

*s/o Benjamin Church & Martha Nute*

b. 1797 Hallowell

d. 1884 Hartland (FC)

*They remained in West Hartland in the house his father had built at Church's Corner.*

### Ch. CHURCH:

A) Joseph B. Church

b. 9 Sep 1827 Hartland

d. 31 Jan 1916 Hartland (FC) at 89yrs

m. 1875

Mary Bickford

b. 1834

d. 31 July 1906 Hartland (FC)

B) Lydia Ann Church

b. 6 Apr 1831 Hartland

d. 16 Feb 1867 Nevada City, California (Pine Grove Cemetery, Nevada City, CA)

m. 1865

John Alloway Calbick

b. 18 Aug 1837 Brantford, Ontario, Canada

d. 11 July 1918 Canada (Fraser Cemetery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

*Her gravestone reads "Daughter of Hanson & Fannie Church of Hartland, Maine". John remarried and in 1896 built the historic Calbick House in the Queen's Park neighborhood of New Westminster, Vancouver, British Columbia.*

C) Mary Church  
b. 1831 Hartland  
d. 24 June 1914 Westminster, British Columbia, Canada  
m. 24 June 1859 Illinois  
William P. Larrabee (See Larrabee Family)  
*s/o William Larrabee & Sarah Plummer*  
b. 21 Mar 1825 Hartland  
d. 23 Oct 1904 Auburn, Illinois (West Grove Cemetery, Thayer, IL)  
*She moved to Auburn, Illinois where she married her Hartland childhood neighbor William Larrabee.*

D) Martha A. Church  
b. 1838 Hartland  
d. 19 Apr 1871 Corinna (FC)  
m. 26 Aug 1869 Troy  
Benjamin Bartlett Vickery  
b. 20 Sep 1817 Troy  
d. (Pond Cemetery 1, Unity)

E) Silas B. Church  
b. 1 June 1840 Hartland  
d. 12 Feb 1870 Hartland (FC) at 30yrs of Consumption (TB)

F) John Albert Church  
b. 23 June 1843 Hartland  
d. 21 Feb 1921 Berkeley, California (Pine Grove Cemetery, Nevada City, CA)  
m. 1873 Nevada City, California  
Martha Jane Cook "Jennie"  
*d/o William & Martha Cook of Hartland*  
b. 5 Jan 1852 Waterville  
d. 28 Oct 1945 Berkeley, California (Pine Grove Cemetery, Nevada City, CA)  
*He moved from Hartland to Nevada City, California with his brother Calvin in 1863 where they were living together in C/1870 noted as "wood choppers". He married soon after living in Scott's Flats in C/1880 through C/1900 with his wife and children. They moved to Hoquiam, Washington State by C/1910 near their daughter Clara and her family. They were living with Clara in Berkeley, California in C/1920, he at 77yrs old and Martha at 66yrs old where they remained until their deaths.*

G) Calvin Blake Church  
b. 20 Oct 1846 Hartland  
d. 10 Dec 1916 San Francisco, California (Pine Grove Cemetery, Nevada City, CA)  
*Likely named for Dr. Calvin Blake of Hartland. He moved to Nevada City, California with his brother John in 1863 where they were living together in C/1870 noted as "wood choppers". He purchased a farm in Scott's Flats, California living there in C/1880 listed as a "teamster". He moved to San Francisco soon after where he worked as a Janitor for the California Bank for 30 years. In his 1913 Will, he left most of his estate of some \$35,000 to his 4 living siblings however at the time of his death only his brothers John & Winfield were alive to inherit it.*

H) Winfield Scott Church  
b. 15 Jan 1849 Hartland  
d. 12 Oct 1930 Palmyra (FC)

*He lived with his parents throughout most of his life. Following his parents deaths, he remained at their house in C/1900 then lived with his brother Joseph in C/1910. He was a boarder in the Davis Household in Palmyra in C/1930 at 81yrs old.*

I) Francis E. Church "Frankie"  
b. 1852 Hartland  
d. 13 Mar 1879 Hartland (FC) at 27yrs

II. Mary S. Bowley "Polly"  
b. 1809 Hartland  
d. 22 Dec 1892 Hartland (FC) at 83yrs  
m. 1849 Hartland (his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage)  
Charles Littlefield, Sr (See Littlefield Family)  
b 1799 Kennebunkport  
d. 29 Nov 1881 Hartland (Black Stream Cemetery) at 82yrs

Ch. LITTLEFIELD: (Her 1<sup>st</sup> child, his 10<sup>th</sup> child)

A) Sewell M. Littlefield  
b. 1852 Hartland  
d. 1920 Harmony (Libby Cemetery, Harmony w/Etta)  
m1. (widowed)  
Etta W. Soule  
b. 1858  
d. 1899 Harmony (Libby Cemetery, Harmony)

Ch. LITTLEFIELD:

a) Unnamed Son Littlefield  
b. 27 Apr 1893 Harmony  
d. 29 Apr 1893 Harmony at 2 days

m2. 25 Feb 1901 Hartland (divorced)  
Ella M. Litchfield  
b.  
d.

m3. 8 Oct 1904 Hartland  
Nellie M. Reed  
*d/o Marlin V. Reed & Bertha Johnson*

III. Amy Kendall Bowley  
b. 5 Feb 1813 Hartland  
d. 26 May 1865 Hartland (FC) at 52yrs  
m. 4 July 1829 Hartland  
Joshua Moody, Jr  
*s/o Joshua Moody, Sr & Lucy Stevens*  
b. 5 May 1808 Salisbury, Massachusetts  
d. 3 Jan 1894 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, BC)

*Joshua moved from Hartland to Victoria in December of 1865 after Amy's death with his surviving daughters Sarah and Mary. They traveled via the Isthmus of Panama to join his sons Sewell Prescott Moody and Thomas Gage Moody.*

*“Still another familiar face will be missed from the little band of hardy pioneers whose ranks daily grow smaller and more scattered. Joshua Moody died at his home on Pandora Avenue at a late hour last night, after an illness of several weeks duration. The deceased was a native of Massachusetts, coming from Newburyport, and was in his 86th year, the greater portion of his busy life being spent in Victoria, where he accumulated considerable property interests, and where he leaves a numerous family, the majority of whom have grown up and taken their places as the heads of families in the city of their birth.” ~ The Daily Colonist - January 4, 1894*

**Joshua Moody, Jr (1808-1894)**



Ch. MOODY:

- A) Hannah Moody
- b. 1831 Hartland
- d. 10 Oct 1847 Hartland (FC) at 16yrs

B) Sewell Prescott Moody, Sr

b. 1834 Hartland

d. 5 Nov 1875 Cape Flattery, Washington (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 41yrs Lost at Sea  
m. c1870 Victoria, Canada

Janet McAuslyn Watson

b. 19 Apr 1849 Greenock, Scotland

d. 10 Sep 1901 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 51yrs

*Sewell moved to Vancouver in the late 1850s with his brother Thomas Gage Moody who was also a lumber merchant. "Sew" Moody founded Moodyville in British Columbia (eventually becoming North Vancouver) and was the principle owner of the Moodyville Sawmill Company. He went down with the 'S.S. Pacific' off the coast of Cape Flattery in Washington in 1875.*

*"On the morning of November 4, 1875, "Sew" Moody boarded the S.S. Pacific along with some 275 other passengers and freight in Victoria, British Columbia for the regular run to San Francisco steered by Captain Jefferson Howell. Loaded to the gunwales and listing badly, efforts to right the ship included filling lifeboats with water to bring her to trim, and then doing the same with the lifeboats on the other side to re-compensate when the vessel began to list too heavily in the opposite direction.*

*Around 8pm that evening, 12 miles off the coast of Washington State near Cape Flattery, the S.S. Pacific and the S.S. Orpheus collided. Both vessels continued on their course and the captain of the Orpheus later testified he was unaware of the collision. With only a few lifeboats usable, some crew joined what women had managed to get into one. None of the lifeboat parties survived, and went down soon after many of the 300-odd people struggling in the cold water went down, the women first among them because of the heavy, elaborate clothing then in fashion. An estimated 20 survived the sinking and managed to survive a while by clinging to large pieces of wreckage, and all but two of these eventually succumbed to hypothermia, as did one of the remaining pair, leaving Henry Jelley as the only one of two survivors, the other survivor was a crewman, Neil Henley.*

*No lifeboat drills were held, and at a subsequent inquest it was revealed that even if the lifeboats had been available for use, only 145 passengers could have been saved, with at least another 155 left on board to go down with the ship (the official estimate of the number of passengers was 275 but didn't include children or additional passengers picked up later). In terms of fatalities, the foundering of the S. S. Pacific is among the worst maritime calamities ever recorded on the Pacific Coast.*

*In addition to Captain Howell, who had been a Confederate Naval officer as well as the brother-in-law of the Confederacy's President, Jefferson Davis, there were several notable persons in British Columbia history among the casualties. Along with Sewell Moody were Captain Otis Parsons who had just sold off his fleet of Fraser River steamers, and J. H. Sullivan who had been Gold Commissioner of the Cassiar Mining District. Most of the freight was coal and potatoes.*

*Among the floating wreckage was a broken post with this inscription:*

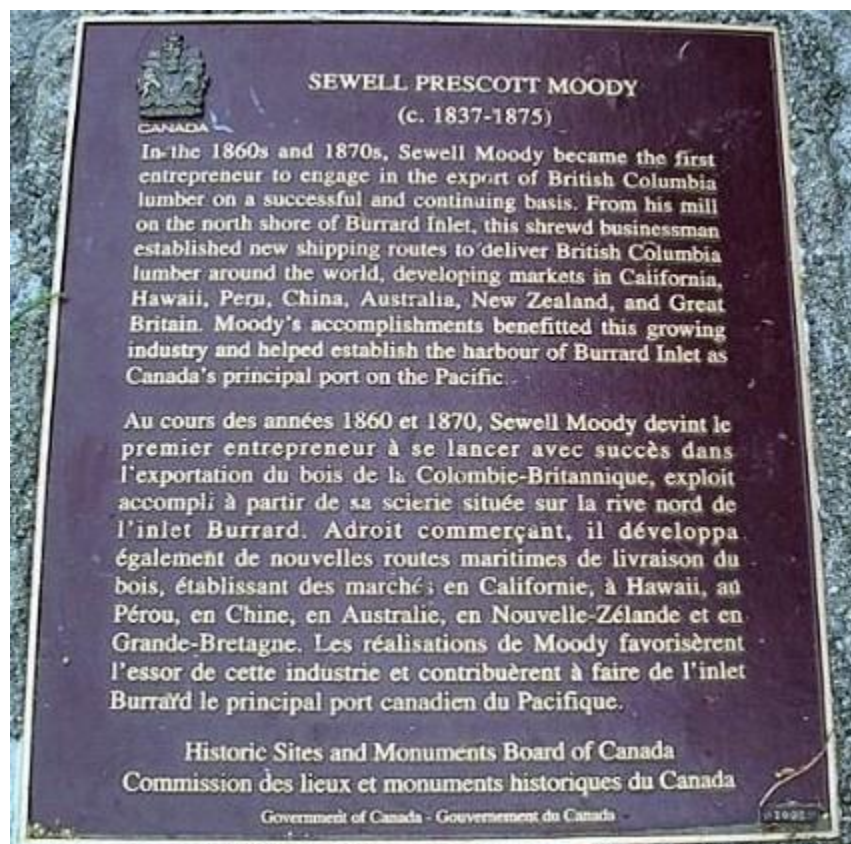
"S. P. MOODY. ALL LOST"

*The handwriting was identified as that of Sewell Prescott Moody. It is supposed that when he found the ship going down and no hope remained of saving his life, Mr. Moody wrote this "message from the sea" on the stanchion on the faint hope that it might someday be picked up, and his fate known. His body was never recovered. The inscribed post was later donated by the Moody Family to the British Columbia Maritime Museum where is on display."*

*"The death occurred yesterday evening of Mrs. Moody, relict of the late Sewell P. Moody, who was interested in the Moodyville Sawmill and who was one of the victims of the Pacific disaster. The deceased lady was a native of Greenock, Scotland, but came to British Columbia in the very early days with her parents. Two children, Mrs. B.S. Oddy and Mr. S.P. Moody survive her."*

*Sewell Prescott Moody was designated a person of National Historical Significance by the Canadian Federal Government in 2002. The plaque below was dedicated in his honor which reads:*

*"In the 1860s & 1870s, Sewell Moody became the first entrepreneur to engage in the export of British Columbia lumber on a successful and continuing basis. From his mill on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet, this shrewd businessman established new shipping routes to deliver British Columbia lumber around the world, developing markets in California, Hawaii, Peru, China, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain. Moody's accomplishments benefited this growing industry and helped establish the Harbour of Burrard Inlet as Canada's principle port on the Pacific."*



Ch. MOODY:

a) Florence Watson Moody  
b. 8 May 1872 Victoria, Canada  
d.  
m1. Edward Booth Tuohy

m2. Benjamin Scarfe Oddy

b) Sewell Prescott Moody, Jr  
b. 28 May 1874 Victoria, Canada  
d. 28 Oct 1949 Brentwood Bay, B. C.  
m. Matilda Susanne Gooch

C) Thomas Gage Moody, Sr  
b. 11 Feb 1836 Hartland  
d. 11 Apr 1913 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)  
m. 31 Oct 1868 Hartland

Elizabeth Ann Church (See Church & Finson Family)

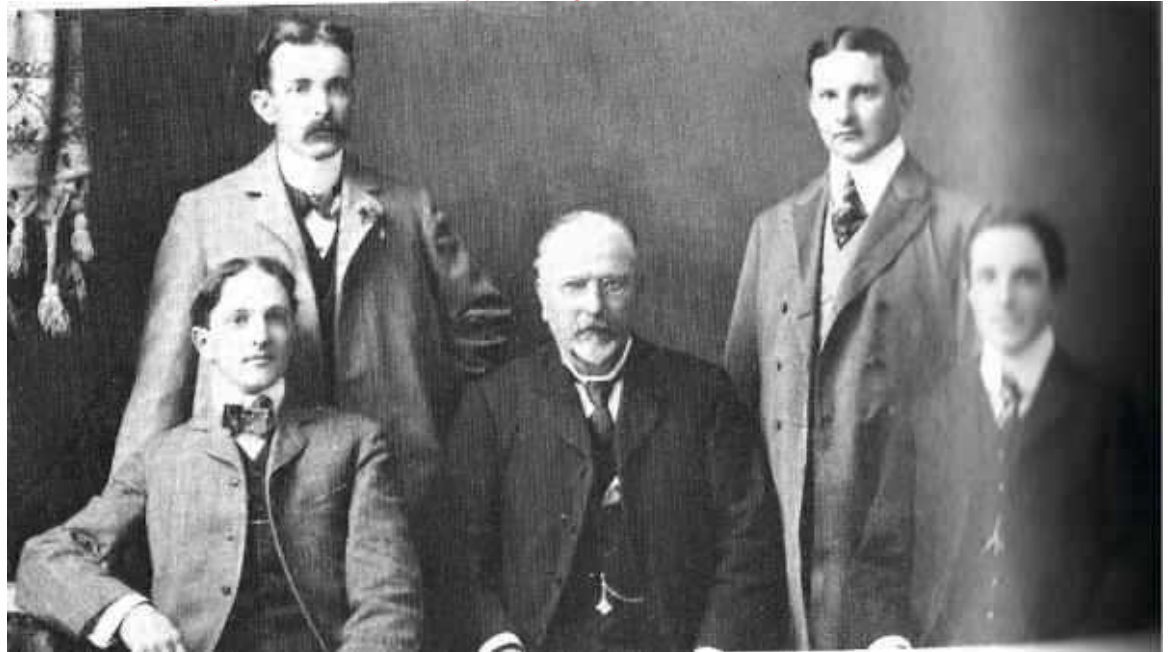
*d/o Greenleaf Church I & Elizabeth Jane Finson*

b. 1 July 1842 Hartland

d. 21 Dec 1898 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)

*Thomas first sailed from New York in 1858 on the 'S.S. Northern Light' arriving in Victoria in January of 1859. He returned to Hartland shortly after and was noted living there in C/1860. He moved back to Victoria soon after he married rejoining his brother Sewell where they established sawmills and were successful lumber merchants.*

**Thomas Moody, Sr sitting with his sons William Moody and Thomas Moody, Jr with sons Frank Moody and Harrison Moody standing. All 4 sons became Dentists.**





Ch. MOODY:

a) William D. Moody  
b. Sep 1869 Victoria, Canada  
d. 19 Jan 1871 Victoria (Quadra Street Cemetery, Victoria) at 1yr 4mths

b) Dr. Frank Gage Moody - D.D.S.  
b. 19 Dec 1870 Victoria, Canada  
d. 25 July 1938 Victoria (Ross Bay Cemetery)  
m. Mary Wheeler Stooke

c) Dr. Harrison Pushaw Moody - D.D.S.  
b. 28 Jan 1873 Victoria, Canada  
d. 4 Nov 1939 Burnaby, Canada  
m. Minnie Luella McLean

d) Dr. Thomas Gage Moody, Jr - D.D.S.  
b. 28 Oct 1875 Victoria, Canada  
d. 3 Oct 1931 Vancouver, Canada (Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver)  
m1. Katheryn Alice Mitchell  
m2. Ethel May Stapledon

e) Minnie Edna Moody  
b. Apr 1877 Victoria, Canada  
d. Apr 1877 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) in infancy

f) Dr. William H. Moody - D.D.S.  
b. 17 Mar 1881 Victoria, Canada  
d. 7 Sep 1912 Vancouver, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)

g) Minnie A. Moody  
b. 5 Apr 1894 Victoria, Canada  
d. 16 Feb 1974 San Diego, California

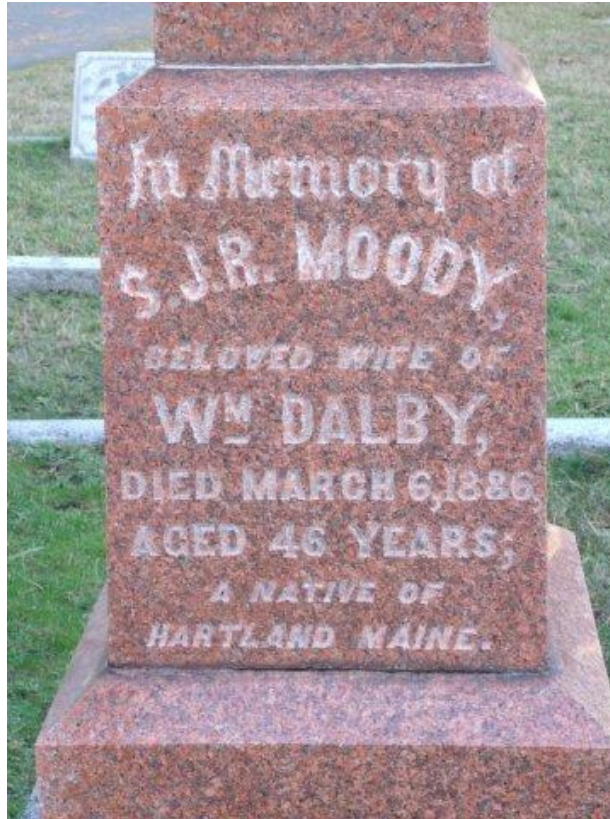
D) Sarah Jane Robinson Moody "Jennie"  
b. 1839 Hartland  
d. 6 Mar 1886 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)  
m. 6 Apr 1868 Victoria, Canada

William Dalby

b. 28 Jan 1839 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada  
d. 22 Jan 1916 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)

*He came to Victoria in 1862 and became the 9th Mayor of the City of Victoria in 1873. He was once Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, A.F. & A.M., and in 1887 was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada as Representative of their Grand Lodge of British Columbia.*

*"No death has occurred in Victoria for a long time that has created so deep and painful a feeling of regret as that of Mrs. Dalby. The flag at City Hall was displayed at half-mast during the day as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased". ~ The Daily Colonist - March 10, 1886*



Ch. DALBY:

- a) Sewell Robert Dalby
  - b. 9 Dec 1869 Victoria, Canada
  - d. 26 Jan 1875 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 5yrs of Croup
  
- b) Dr. William Sylvester Dalby - D.D.S.
  - b. 23 May 1871 Victoria, Canada
  - d. 30 Jan 1940 Vancouver, Canada (Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver)
  - m. Martha Mary Tierney
  
- c) Frank Joshua Dalby
  - b. 29 Jan 1873 Victoria, Canada
  - d. 18 Oct 1939 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
  - m. Kathleen Selina Walker
  
- d) John A. Valentine Dalby "Val"
  - b. 14 Feb 1879 Victoria, Canada
  - d. 15 Aug 1969 Hoquiam, Washington (Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, WA)
  - m. Grace Jane Furness
  
- e) Sewell Moody Dalby
  - b. 9 Feb 1880 Victoria, Canada
  - d. 25 Oct 1918 near Juneau, Alaska (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 35yrs Lost at Sea

He never married.

*He died with the sinking of the 'Princess Sophia' while on his way back to Victoria from Ruby, Alaska.*

*"On October 25, 1918 the 'S.S. Princess Sophia' sank with the loss of all aboard after grounding on Vanderbilt Reef in Lynn Canal near Juneau, Alaska. With 343 or more people dying in the incident, the wreck of the Sophia was the worst maritime accident in the history of British Columbia and Alaska. The circumstances of the wreck were controversial as some felt that all aboard could have been saved."*

- f) Victor Dalby
- b. 4 Mar 1882 Victoria, Canada
- d. 2 Oct 1882 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 7mths

- E) Mary Helen Moody
- b. 1843 Hartland
- d. 16 Jan 1900 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 57yrs
- m1.
- Dr. Thomas Mills Bowden - D.D.S.
- b. 1848 Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada
- d. 23 Apr 1874 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) 26yrs of Consumption/TB
- He was one for the first dentists in Victoria.*

Ch. BOWDEN:

- a) Amy Mills Bowden
- b. Feb 1872 Victoria, Canada
- d. 21 Feb 1888 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 16yrs of Consumption
- m2. (2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for both)
- Charles Frederick Beaven
- b. 12 Jan 1845 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada
- d. 2 June 1926 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 82yrs