

Ireland Family

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Records for the family are scarce and early Census Reports contain little detail with regards to individual family members in the respective households noted below. Records from Canaan note Abraham Ireland (III) had been an early settler in Canaan a few years before it incorporated in 1788. At the time, Canaan included portions of Clinton, Norridgewock and Bloomfield, the latter becoming Skowhegan. Abraham was joined in Canaan by his brother John Ireland, Sr by the Census of 1790.

John Ireland, Sr

s/o Abraham Ireland II & Ann Bird (North Cemetery, Lunenburg, Massachusetts)

b. 25 Sep 1748 Needham, Massachusetts

d. 26 Dec 1805 Canaan (Unknown Burial Location)

m. 12 Jan 1767 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

Lydia Farwell

d/o Samuel Farwell & Elisabeth Moors

b. 4 Aug 1749 Groton, Massachusetts

d. 6 Jan 1840 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 90yrs

His father Abraham Ireland II was a Revolutionary War Veteran. John & Lydia were noted living in Canaan in C/1790 & C/1800. She appears to be living with her son Joseph in C/1830 in St Albans but is noted only as "1 Female Over 80-Under 90". She likely came to Hartland with Joseph where she died just before the 1840 Census was taken and was not noted with the family. Her gravestone notes, "Relief of John Ireland. At Her Death Her Descendants Numbered 330".

Ch. IRELAND: (Known)

1. Lydia Ireland

b. 1767 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

d. 1855 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

m. Benjamin Eaton, Jr

His father Benjamin Eaton, Sr was a Revolutionary War Veteran and is also interred at Southside Cemetery. Benjamin & Lydia settled in Bloomfield (Skowhegan) near what was then referred to as Mount Ireland and later became known as Eaton Mountain.

2. Deacon John Ireland, Jr

b. 1768 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

d. 1844 North Newport (North Newport Cemetery)

m. Sarah Hunt

He was living in Canaan in C/1790 & C/1800 noted as John Ireland, Jr before becoming one of the first permanent settlers in North Newport in 1807 where he remained until his death.

3. Eunice Ireland

b. 1769 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

d. 1847 St Albans

m. Amasa Steward

4. Mindwell Ireland

b. 1772 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

d. 1857 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

m. Levi Emery

5. Sarah Ireland
b. 1775 Lunenburg, Massachusetts
d. 1857 Skowhegan (Pooler Cemetery, Skowhegan)
m. Samuel Webb

6. Captain Joseph Ireland, Sr
b. 1776 Lunenburg, Massachusetts
d. 1851 Hartland

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b. 16 Nov 1776 Lunenburg, Massachusetts
d. 4 Apr 1851 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 74yrs
m. 9 Nov 1800 Norridgewock (unconfirmed)

Olive Moor (See Moor/Moore Family)

d/o Abraham Moor & Esther Walker (IC)

b. 18 Feb 1780 Goffstown, New Hampshire

d. 21 Nov 1861 Hartland (IC) at 80yrs

Olive is a sister of Sally Moor who married Hartland settler William Moor. Joseph may have moved to Canaan with his parents based on a notation from the John Ireland household listing in the 1790 Census of "1 Male - Under 16yrs old" and noted again in C/1800 as "1 Male - 16 to 25yrs old".

Based on an (undated) reference from Corinna, it also appears they may have lived for a brief time in North Newport before 1810 where his older brother John had been the first permanent settler in 1807.

"Following his 1804 purchase of Corinna, Dr. John Warren induced Captain Joseph Ireland of North Newport and his nephew Daniel Ireland (son of John) to erect a mill at what is now Corinna Village. After two years, the Irelands sold their rights to William Moor of Hartland." - A Brief History of Corinna, Maine 1804-1916

In C/1810, he was noted in Canaan as Head of Household and again in C/1820 before they moved to St Albans by C/1830. They moved to Hartland Village by C/1840 where he owned a large 90 acre homestead on Pleasant Street across from the cemetery known as the Ireland Farm.

They were still living there in C/1850 with their son Joseph and his wife Betsey also living with them. Joseph took over the homestead after his father's death and his brother Farwell Ireland lived on the lot next to the cemetery as noted on the 1860 Map of Hartland.

The entire 90 acre Ireland Farm Homestead was purchased by Greenville J. Shaw by 1883 and eventually a portion of it was purchased by H. C. Baxter & Brother Canning Company in 1913.

It remains unclear when or why the Village Cemetery on Pleasant Street was renamed as Ireland Cemetery. The original schoolhouse located on the Ireland Farm property also became known as the Ireland School although it was also built before Captain Joseph moved to Hartland.

No official birth records have yet been found for their known children although references in obituaries for some of them (made by family members) note birthplaces as Canaan or Bloomfield (Skowhegan), which portions of were originally part of Canaan. Based on their Joseph's residence at the time of the 1810 & 1820 Census Reports, Canaan is noted below as each of their presumed birth places.

Ch. IRELAND: (Known)

I. Joseph Ireland, Jr

b. 15 Apr 1801 Canaan

d. 8 Dec 1884 Hartland (IC) at 83yrs

m. 11 May 1830 Skowhegan

Elizabeth N. Butler/Young "Betsey"

b. 12 Oct 1808 New Hampshire

d. 3 Nov 1866 Hartland (IC) at 58yrs, 22days

They had no known children.

She is noted by some researchers as Elizabeth Noble Butler born in Nottingham, New Hampshire on October 12, 1808 to Henry Butler, Jr & Abigail Ford and suggested she may have married first to an unknown Mr. Young. She noted being born in New Hampshire in C/1850 & C/1860 while they were living in Hartland.

II. Benjamin Ireland

b. 7 Apr 1803 Canaan

d. 7 Sep 1875 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery)

m. 1823

Nancy Eaton

d/o Benjamin Eaton, Jr & Lydia Ireland (See above)

b. 10 May 1801 Ashby, Massachusetts

d. 12 Jan 1872 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery)

They had 6 known children.

First Cousins; Nancy is the daughter of his paternal Aunt Lydia (Ireland) Eaton.

III. Olive Ireland

b. 10 May 1805 Canaan

d. 20 Mar 1896 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery)

m. 12 Aug 1823

Phineas Randall Steward

s/o John Steward, Sr & Abigail Whitcomb

b. 9 Oct 1799 Rindge, New Hampshire

d. 3 May 1879 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery)

They had 9 known children.

Phineas is a brother of John Steward, Jr who married Olive's Aunt Nancy (Moor) Steward.

IV. Lydia Ireland

b. 1807 Canaan

d. 24 May 1882 Hartland (IC) at 75yrs

m. c1824

Thomas Stewart

s/o John Stewart & Abigail Whitcomb

b. 1797

d. 24 Aug 1880 Hartland (IC)

They resided in St Albans from C/1830 through C/1870 with their children before moving to Hartland by C/1880.

Ch. STEWART: (9 known)

A) Martha Stewart

b. 1829 St Albans

d. 4 Oct 1897 Hartland (IC)

m. 7 May 1849 Hartland
William Alden Stedman (See Stedman Family)
s/o Isaac Stedman II & Eunice Hammond (IC)
b. 1821 Sidney
d. 21 Dec 1901 Hartland (IC)

V. Isabella Ireland
b. 11 Oct 1811 Canaan
d. 5 June 1890 Cambridge, Massachusetts
m. 14 Oct 1832
Alonzo Stewart
s/o James Stewart & Abigail Smith
b. 31 Jan 1810 St Albans
d. 28 Apr 1896 Cambridge, Massachusetts
They had 9 known children.
They were living in St Albans before moving to Massachusetts around 1846.

VI. Farwell Ireland
b. 22 Sep 1816 Canaan
d. 5 Jan 1909 Wade, North Dakota (IC) at 92yrs
m. 30 Nov 1837 St Albans
Almyra L. Gordan
b. 1815
d. 25 Dec 1876 Hartland (IC) at 61yrs
They were living in St Albans in C/1840 after they married before moving to Hartland by C/1850 where they remained in C/1860 & C/1870. Following Almyra's death, he remained in Hartland in C/1880 but later that year moved to Granite Falls, Minnesota 1880 to live with his daughter Addie who died the following year. He moved in with his son Joseph who had also moved to Granite Falls. They moved to Minneapolis by C/1910 then to North Dakota where Farwell died. Following his death, his remains were returned to Hartland accompanied by his daughter-in-law Ella where he was interred with Almyra.

Ch. IRELAND: (Known)

A) Samantha E. Ireland
b. 1840 St Albans
d. 7 Jan 1859 Palmyra (IC) at 19yrs
m.

George W. Williams

Civil War 16th Maine, Co. E - DIS

s/o Wentworth & Lydia Williams

b. 1836 Palmyra
d. 17 Feb 1863 Falmouth, Virginia (IC) at 27yrs
Died in Service of disease. He enlisted for the war in Palmyra.

B) Mary Adalade Ireland "Addie"

b. 1843 St Albans (?)

d. 14 Sep 1881 Granite Falls, Minnesota (Granite Falls Cemetery, Minnesota)

m. 1866

Gorham Powers

Civil War 1st Maine Light Artillery, 4th Battery

b. 14 Sep 1840 Pittsfield

d. 15 Apr 1915 Granite Falls, Minnesota (Granite Falls Cemetery, Minnesota)

Her gravestone is inscribed, "Daughter of Deacon Farwell & Almira Ireland of Hartland, Me." He enlisted in 1862 with the 4th Maine Battery serving two and a half years before he was transferred to the 13th United States Colored Artillery serving as Second Lieutenant until October of 1865. He was wounded in action in 1863 and disabled for life. In 1866 he graduated from Albany Law School then practiced in Minneapolis for two years in company with Alonzo Plummer (of Hartland). He located to Yellow Medicine, Minnesota in 1868 where he was County Attorney for five years. He moved to Granite Falls, Minnesota in 1876 where he began private practice again under the firm name of Powers & Rathbone. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1878. He remarried in 1883 to Jeanette Sanford and remained in Granite Falls until his death and was interred with both his wives. ~ History of the Minnesota Valley - 1882

C) Augusta Almira Ireland
b. 1847 Hartland (?)
d. 1930 (Riverside Cemetery, Farmington)
m. 1876 Maine

Horace Wayland Tilden

Civil War 11th Maine, Co. K

b. 26 Dec 1841 Chesterville
d. 12 Oct 1916 Dillon, Montana (Riverside Cemetery, Farmington)

He was a Baptist Minister following the war. They moved to South Dakota by C/1910 and were living in Montana at the time of his death. She was living with her brother Joseph in North Dakota in C/1920 at 71yrs old.

D) Joseph F. Ireland
b. 1851 Hartland
d. after 1930
m. 1878 Hartland
Ella M. Rowell **(See Rowell Family)**
d/o David Rowell & Martha (IC)
b. 1852 Hartland
d. after 1930

They moved to Granite Falls, Minnesota soon after they married living there in C/1880 where he was a Druggist. They were joined by his father in 1881 following his sister Addie's death and moved to Minneapolis by C/1900. They moved to North Dakota soon after where his father died in 1909 and remained there in C/1910 & C/1920 until they moved to Millburn, New Jersey living with their son Roy Ireland and his wife in C/1930.

E) Albert Arnold Ireland
b. 20 Aug 1856 Hartland
d. 23 June 1911 Canyon City, Colorado (Silver Plume Cemetery, Colorado)
m. 1878

Ida May Robinson

b. 25 Feb 1858 Cornville
d. 13 Mar 1949 San Diego, California (Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, CA)

They moved to Colorado by 1880 where he was working as a Miner. She moved to San Diego following his death.

VII. Atlant Ireland
b. May 1820 Canaan
d. 9 Sep 1892 Caribou (Evergreen Cemetery Caribou)
m. 27 Aug 1838 St Albans

Joseph Parker Roberts

b. 11 June 1817 Pejepscot

d. 19 Nov 1901 Caribou (Evergreen Cemetery Caribou)

They had 12 known children.