

Hamilton Family

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Ralph Carlton Hamilton

s/o Carlton Leroy Hamilton & Mary Jane Gonier

b. 12 Sep 1882 Springvale

d. 24 Jan 1955 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 73yrs

m1. 4 Oct 1910 Hartland

Gertrude Mae Patterson

d/o Alexander S. Patterson & Eveline E. Sanford (Ireland Cemetery)

b. Apr 1877 Hartland

d. 1940 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 63yrs

They had no children.

Ralph was living with his parents in Sanford in C/1900 at 17yrs old noted as a "Salesman at Drug Store". He moved to Hartland soon after 1900 where he worked as a druggist for Albert W. Miller at his drug store before being hired by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard at the Hartland Drug Store. He purchased the Hartland Drug Store from Dr. Blanchard in 1906 which he operated for the next 45+ years.

Ralph was staying at the Park House in C/1910 next door to the house where his future wife lived. Following their marriage, they lived with her parents at the Patterson home on the corner of Main Street & Mill Street where they remained following her parents deaths. Ralph remarried after Gertrude's death and remained living at the house until his death.

In 1915, he partnered with James C. Young of Hartland and opened a skirt shop on Commercial Street before they incorporated as the Hamilton & Young Company and built a new skirt factory in 1916 on Mill Street (future Skating Rink) eventually manufacturing shirts by 1919 before closing in the mid-1920s.

He was involved with town affairs serving as President of the Board of Trustees of Hartland Academy from 1925-1938, Town Treasurer from 1935-1952 and a Representative to the Maine State Legislature from 1941-1946 and again from 1951-1952. His store served as the location for the WWI & WWII Draft where he registered the men and women of Hartland for possible duty.

m2. 16 Apr 1943 Hartland

Gertrude Mae Pryor "Bertie"

d/o George W. Pryor & Elizabeth Corey

b. 7 Sep 1888 Blaine

d. 13 Oct 1955 Hartland

They had no children.

She married 1st to Murray Marsh and later divorced. She had been living in Millinocket for some 15 years before moving to Hartland around 1943. Bertie took over the Hartland Drug Store following Ralph's death. She did extensive renovations and reopened the business in March of 1955 as the Hartland Variety Store but passed away just a few months later. Her half-sister Vita Crocker and husband Ernest A. Elliott of Portland took over the business until they sold it to Violet Bickford in August of 1958 who continued operations as the Hartland Variety Store.

Ralph C. Hamilton, druggist, Hartland, Maine, was recently appointed a trustee of the Reformatory for Women.

Mr. Hamilton located in Hartland sixteen years ago. Besides giving personal attention to his drug business, he is president of the



R. C. Hamilton.

Hamilton & Young Company, which concern is said to be the largest exclusive manufacturer of men's flannel shirts in the State. Mr. Hamilton is also active in politics, and has served on State and county committees. He is affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations.

