

Augustus Bowman Family

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Reverend Augustus Thomas Bowman, Sr

s/o Thomas Bowman, Jr & Nancy Cottle of Hallowell/Sidney

b. 23 Feb 1823 Hallowell

d. 3 June 1880 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 57yrs of Pneumonia

m. 25 Nov 1846 Waterville

Rhoda B. Lowe

b. Feb 1826

d. 6 Apr 1905 Hartland (IC) at 80yrs

He was raised in Sidney. He and Rhoda moved to the Waterville/Fairfield area living in Somerset Mills by C/1860 with their family before moving to Hartland by 1865 where he became the first Pastor of the Free Baptists which formally organized in Hartland on February 25, 1868. He began operating a dry goods & groceries store next to the former Peleg C. Haskell house on Commercial Street by 1870. Soon after 1876, they purchased the Haskell house living there in C/1880 just before his death. They had taken in their 2 granddaughters Idell & Iola Merrow following their daughter Fanny's death in 1872 and raised them in Hartland. Rhoda was noted on the 1883 Map of Hartland Village at the same house and was living there with her granddaughter Iola (Merrow) Hatch and her husband in C/1900 until her death.

Ch. BOWMAN: (C/1900 notes 10 children born, 3 living)

1. Fanny L. Bowman

b. 20 June 1847 Waterville

d. 20 July 1872 Smithfield (Smithfield Village Cemetery) at 25yrs

m. c1868

John Hartwell Merrow

s/o John Merrow & Abigail Ellis

b. 28 Nov 1839 Smithfield

d.

Fanny is presumed to be the same person noted as "Anna" in C/1860 as their daughter at 13yrs old. She is noted as mother of Idell & Iola on several documents as Fannie or Fanny Bowman as is their father John. She was noted in C/1870 in Smithfield as Fannie Merrow with her 2 daughters listed but not her husband John. Her gravestone notes she is the wife of John H. Merrow and she is buried in the same cemetery as his parents. Her death coincides with the birth of their son Frankie and may have been from complications of the birth. John remarried to Delana Ellis by C/1880 and remained in Smithfield while their daughters Idell & Iola were living with her parents in Hartland in C/1880 and were raised by their grandmother Rhoda Bowman.

Ch. MERROW:

A) Idell Fanny Merrow

b. 1867 Smithfield

d. 21 Apr 1892 Worcester, Massachusetts (Hope Cemetery, Worcester) at 24yrs

m. 8 May 1886 Worcester, Massachusetts

Orlando Ephraim Frost

s/o Jacob E. Frost & Sarah E. Doe

b. 14 Dec 1864 St Albans

d. 30 July 1951 Belfast (Grove Cemetery, Belfast) at 86yrs

She died of Consumption/Tuberculosis. He remarried and moved to Belfast.

B) Iola Elizabeth Merrow
b. 7 Aug 1868 Smithfield
d. 2 Aug 1933 Long Beach, California (Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Long Beach) 64yrs
m. 22 June 1896 Hartland
Ira Selden Hatch
s/o Stedman Hatch & Julia Macomber
b. 4 Apr 1869 Harmony
d. 11 Feb 1940 Riverside, California
They remained living with her grandmother Rhoda Bowman after they married on Commercial Street in C/1900 where he was a Train Station Agent in Hartland for the Seaboard & Moosehead Railroad in the late 1890s. He left the railroad in 1902 and they opened a store at Reverend Bowman's former store location for a couple of years. Following Rhoda's death, they sold the house and store in November of 1905 and moved to Long Beach, California and were still living there in C/1920 & C/1930.

C) Frank Merrow "Frankie"
b. July 1872 Smithfield
d. 9 Oct 1872 Smithfield (Smithfield Village Cemetery) at 2 months
His gravestone notes him as the "Son of John H. & Fanny L. Merrow"

2. Dr. Ivory Lowe Bowman, D.D.S.
b. Sep 1848 Waterville
d. 24 Apr 1934 Long Beach, California (Sunnyside Cemetery, Long Beach, CA) at 85yrs
m. 1880 Maine
Leane C. _____
b. Jan 1859 Maine
d. Sep 1934 Long Beach, California (Sunnyside Cemetery, Long Beach, CA) at 75yrs
They had no children. (C/1900 & C/1910 note 0 children born)
They moved to Nevada City, California by C/1900 where he was a Dentist before moving to Long Beach, California by C/1910.

3. Elizabeth Bowman "Lizzie"
b. 1850 Waterville
d. 31 May 1870 Hartland (IC w/parents) at 20yrs of Consumption/TB
She was working at the Linn Woolen Mill at the time of her death as noted on the 1870 Census Mortality Addendum. Her gravestone inscription notes her as "Lizzie Bowman".

4. Charlotte Bowman
b. 1852 Waterville
d. 5 Feb 1881 Smithfield (Dunsmoor Cemetery, Smithfield) at 28yrs
m. c1870
Greenlief E. Decker **Civil War 14th Maine, Co. E**
b. 29 Apr 1842 Maine
d. 15 Feb 1899 Smithfield (Dunsmoor Cemetery, Smithfield) at 56yrs
She was noted with her parents in Waterville in C/1860 at 8yrs old. They moved to Smithfield following their marriage.

Ch. DECKER:

A) Elizabeth W. Decker "Lizzie"
b. 18 Dec 1870 Smithfield
d. 1925 Skowhegan (East Mercer Cemetery) at 54yrs

m. 1886
Alfred Watson

B) Gertrude E. Decker
b. 1871 Smithfield
d. after C/1940 Canaan
m. 2 Apr 1900 Smithfield
George W. Bailey

5. Augustus Thomas Bowman, Jr "Augusta"

b. 1853 Waterville

d. 14 Feb 1875 Hartland (IC) at 22yrs

He appears to be the same unnamed person from an 1870 newspaper article about a fire on July 25th at Robinson's Saw Mill on Indian Stream in St. Albans which noted, "During the excitement, a son of A. Bowman was badly injured by being run over by a person on horseback who was riding around giving the alarm." His mother's obituary also notes, "One of her sons met with a sad accident that disabled him for 2 years and she tenderly cared for him day & night."

6. Wesley Martin Bowman

b. 14 Oct 1855 Waterville

d. 26 Jan 1899 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 43yrs of Influenza/La Grippe

m1. (divorced March 1890)

Cora G. Whittier

m2. 1890

Mae Ella Copp

d/o Benjamin Copp & Sophronia Hall

b. 22 Aug 1868 Penobscot

d. 31 July 1921 Orono (PG) at 52yrs

Wesley's death was reported by his brother Dr. Arthur Bowman who had come from Lewiston to attend to his failing health. Following his death, Mae remained at their Academy Street home in C/1900 noted as a Widow with her 3 daughters. She remained in Hartland in C/1910 with her 3 daughters. Also living in the household with her were Birney Moore and his sister Mary Moore noted as boarders. She and Crystal moved in with her daughter Freda and her family in Augusta by C/1920 then moved with Freda and the family to Orono soon after where she died.

Ch. BOWMAN: (C/1900 notes 3 children born, 3 living)

A) Crystal Pearl Bowman

b. 29 Nov 1891 Hartland

d. 26 Mar 1991 Orono (Riverside Cemetery, Orono) at 99yrs

m. 15 June 1926 Orono (He married 1st to her sister Freda)

Arthur Lowell Deering

s/o Arthur Myron Deering & Mary Smith Lowell

b. 13 Jan 1888 Denmark, Maine

d. 28 May 1965 Orono (Riverside Cemetery, Orono) at 77yrs

Following her sister Freda's death in 1924, she married Arthur and raised Freda's 4 children. Both are interred with Arthur.

B) Freda Lowe Bowman

b. 3 Feb 1893 Hartland (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Edwin A. Bean)

d. 13 Feb 1924 Orono (Riverside Cemetery, Orono) at 31yrs

m. 30 June 1915 Hartland

Arthur Lowell Deering

s/o Arthur Myron Deering & Mary Smith Lowell

b. 13 Jan 1888 Denmark, Maine

d. 28 May 1965 Orono (Riverside Cemetery, Orono) at 77yrs

According to his granddaughter, Arthur was teaching at Hartland Academy when he met the 2 elder Bowman Sisters. Freda served as Town Librarian from 1911-1913 before they married. He went on to become a nationally known educator and expert in Maine agriculture and agricultural education at the University of Maine at Orono including his service as Director of Extension, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Deering Hall at UMO was named for him shortly after his retirement.

Ch. DEERING:

I. Mary Lowell Deering

b. 12 Apr 1916 Augusta

d. 25 Apr 2012 Falmouth (Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery) at 96yrs

m. 20 July 1941 New York

Roland Maurice Wirths

WWII U. S. Army

II. Marjorie Bowman Deering "Marnie"

b. 14 Nov 1917 Augusta

d. 16 Mar 2005 Alfred (Evergreen Cemetery, Alfred) at 88yrs

m. 11 May 1940

Malcolm Woodbury Roberts

III. Robert Bowman Deering

WWII U. S. Navy

b. 25 July 1920 Augusta

d. 1 Dec 2010 Davis, California (Deering Cemetery, Denmark) at 90yrs

m. 12 June 1948 Ithaca, New York

Alice Mae Dake

IV. Helen Marion Deering

b. 30 Apr 1922 Bangor

d. 24 June 2016 Damariscotta (Riverside Cemetery, Orono) at 96yrs

m. 22 Nov 1944 Maine

Edward Herschel Piper

WWII U. S. Army

C) Marion Hall Bowman

b. 3 May 1898 Hartland

d. 1 Aug 1912 Hartland (PG w/parents) at 14yrs of Tuberculosis

7. Wynona Bowman

b. 1857 Waterville

d. 16 Feb 1878 Hartland (IC) at 21yrs

m. 8 Nov 1877 Hartland

Hiram B. Pushor

s/o Bryant & Hannah Pushor (Tilton's Corner Cemetery, West Pittsfield)

b. 9 June 1853 Pittsfield

d. 22 July 1925 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/Augusta) at 72yrs

They had no known children.

He remarried to Augusta L. Badger on 14 Dec 1878 and named one of their daughters Wynona.

8. Dr. Alton J. Bowman, D.D.S.

b. 1858 Waterville

d. 25 Feb 1934 Long Beach, California at 75yrs

m. 7 Nov 1912 Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada

Ethel M. Haskell

d/o George B. Haskell & Mary M. Marston

b. 12 May 1877 Lewiston

d. 19 Oct 1964 Seal Beach, California at 86yrs

He was noted as a Dentist in Hartland throughout the 1890s before moving to Lewiston by 1905.

Following their marriage, they moved to Long Beach, California by 1914 and were living there in

C/1920 & C/1930. Ethel was living with her daughter Mary in Long Beach in C/1940 noted as a Widow.

Ch. BOWMAN:

A) Mary H. Bowman

b. 21 Oct 1913 Long Beach, California

d. 9 Jan 1973 Long Beach, California (Forest Lawn Cemetery, Cypress, CA) at 60yrs

m. 12 June 1933 Los Angeles, California

Henry Clark Wilson

9. Rhoda G. Bowman

b. 1859 Waterville

d. before 1900 (as one of her mother's reported 7 deceased children in C/1900)

She was listed with the family in Waterville in C/1860 and in Hartland in C/1870. She is last found in Hartland in C/1880 at 20yrs old, single, living with her parents noted as a Teacher.

10. Dr. Arthur D. Bowman, M.D.

b. 24 Feb 1861 Waterville

d. 7 Sep 1947 Riverside, California (Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, CA) at 86yrs

m. after C/1910 California

Anne L. Volkmar

b. 1 May 1867 Massachusetts

d. 3 July 1950 Riverside, California

They had no known children.

He became a Physician and moved to Lewiston by C/1900 then to Long Beach, California by

C/1910 where he later married Anne. They were living in Long Beach in C/1920 before moving to Riverside, California by C/1930 and were still living there in C/1940.