

Snow Family

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Silas Snow

Revolutionary War

s/o William Snow & Elizabeth Stephens/Stevens

b. 29 Nov 1732 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

d. 16 Sep 1807 Lunenburg, Massachusetts (North Cemetery. Lunenburg, MA) at 74yrs

m. 20 Nov 1760 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

Anna Farwell

b. 4 May 1742 Groton, Massachusetts

d. 10 Sep 1834 Lunenburg, Massachusetts (North Cemetery. Lunenburg, MA) at 92yrs

He served during the war as 2nd Lieutenant of the 5th Company in Captain Jonathan Wood's 8th Worcester County Militia Regiment. His birth date is noted as April 15, 1732 on his Great-Great-Grandson Charles T. Wallace's Sons of the American Revolution application in 1925. His February 17, 1802 Will included his wife Anna and named 11 surviving sons and daughters.

Ch. SNOW: (11 known)

Daniel Snow, Sr

War of 1812

b. 2 June 1771 Lunenburg, Massachusetts

d. 13 May 1854 Bloomfield/Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan w/Polly) at 82yrs

m1. 22 June 1791 Massachusetts

Sarah Pollard "Sally"

d/o Timothy Pollard & Sarah Whittemore (Old Village Cemetery, Canaan)

b. Feb 1771 Nottingham, New Hampshire (future Hudson, NH)

d. 11 May 1814 Bloomfield/Skowhegan (Bloomfield Weston Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 37yrs

They had 11 known children. (Their 1st child born in Brookfield, Massachusetts in 1795)

They were noted in Canaan in C/1800 & C/1810, portions of which were annexed to Bloomfield (future Skowhegan). Following Sally's death, he remarried to Polly and was noted in C/1820 in Bloomfield (possibly in the same house with new 1814 boundary) as Head of their 15 person household which likely included his surviving children and Polly's surviving children from her 1st marriage. They were still noted in Bloomfield in C/1830 & C/1840. He served briefly in the War of 1812 in a company raised by Captain Warren Ware under Lt-Col. Andrew Grant's Regiment to protect Hampden in September of 1814 from a suspected British invasion. Daniel later served as Captain, as noted on his gravestone, in the local Maine State Militia. Her father Timothy Pollard (1745-1822) served in the Revolutionary War enlisting in New Hampshire in Archelaus Towne's Company under Col. Bridge's Regiment and also moved to Canaan by 1800.

m2. 26 Jan 1815 Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Mary "Polly" Sawyer

d/o Joseph Sawyer & Mary Stewart/Steward (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

b. 28 Feb 1775 Fitchburg, Massachusetts

d. 30 Mar 1869 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 94yrs

They had 2 known children.

Daniel & Polly were living in the household of his son Daniel, Jr in Bloomfield in C/1850 (possibly the same house?) noted at 79yrs old & 76yrs old respectively and both born in Massachusetts. Polly married 1st to Kendall Boutelle, Jr on 1 Jan 1798 in Fitchburg; widowed 1813. "To this union were born seven Boutelle children: Ester, John, Joseph, Abigail, Philena, Susan, & Sarah Boutelle." Polly's sister Betsey Sawyer married Levi James Merrill whose granddaughter Eliza Merrill married William Henry Moore. (See Birney Moore Family)

Ch. SNOW w/Sarah:

1. Daniel Snow, Jr

b. 9 Mar 1801 Canaan

d. 7 Dec 1886 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 85yrs

m. by 1827 Bloomfield/Skowhegan (unconfirmed)

Abigail Boutelle

d/o Kendall Boutelle, Jr & Mary "Polly" Sawyer

b. 7 Feb 1806 Fitchburg, Massachusetts (Fitchburg Vital Records note 6 July 1805)

d. 20 Feb 1878 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 71yrs

His widowed father married her widowed mother in 1815 making them step-siblings.

They resided in Canaan/Bloomfield/Skowhegan their entire lives. His gravestone notes him as "Col. Daniel Snow" likely referring to his service in the local State Militia.

"Records copied from the Family Bible confirm that (Mary) Polly Sawyer and Kendall Boutelle (Jr) had a daughter named Abigail Boutelle born February 7, 1806. Your grandmother (Abigail) was the step-sister of your grandfather (Daniel) whom she married." ~ Excerpt of a letter dated July 25, 1954 in possession of his grandson Edward Nottey Snow.

Ch. SNOW: (8 known children)

A) Benjamin Kendall Snow

b. 28 Feb 1828 Skowhegan (their 1st child)

d. 25 May 1899 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

m. 29 Feb 1872 Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia

Harriet Thrower

d/o Robert Thrower & Mary Dawson of London, England

b. 1848 London, England

d. 23 Aug 1896 Skowhegan (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

He moved to Columbia, California in 1851 with several other men from the Skowhegan area where they mined for a few months out of nearby Shaw's Flat Mining Camp which was the center of one of the largest and most successful mining areas during the California Gold Rush. Benjamin and some of his other associates from Maine decided to seek more lucrative opportunities for gold in Australia and departed from San Francisco on June 20, 1852 aboard the ship 'Orpheus' arriving at Port Jackson in New South Wales on September 1, 1852.

(See below for a letter written to his sister in 1852)

He had several successful mining business ventures over the next 20 years and eventually met Harriet around 1871 before they married in 1872. She had moved with her parents as a child to Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia arriving on April 27, 1853 aboard the ship 'Java'. Following the birth of their 1st child, they returned to Skowhegan in July of 1874 as noted aboard the 'S.S. Macgregor'.

Ch. SNOW: (5 known children; the 4 youngest all born in Skowhegan)

I. Robert Kendall Snow

b. 20 Jan 1873 Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia

d. 28 Nov 1949 Hartland (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Palmyra) at 76yrs

m. 29 Aug 1899 Skowhegan

Calphurnia Rice **(See Rice Family)**

d/o Charles M. Rice & Hattie S. Keyes

b. 1883 Solon

d. 28 Sep 1925 Hartland (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Palmyra) at 41yrs
They were living in Skowhegan after they married in C/1900 & C/1910 before moving to Palmyra by C/1920. He moved to Hartland following her death in 1925 living with his son Mark in C/1930 and was living on his own in Hartland in C/1940.

Ch. SNOW: (2 known children)

a) Eva Lena Snow

b. 1 Aug 1903 Skowhegan

d. 31 May 1993 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery)

m. 20 Sep 1919 Pittsfield

Mark Perkins (See Perkins Family) **WWI U. S. Army**

s/o Benjamin Franklin Perkins & Sarah D. Reynolds

b. 16 Mar 1894 Burnham

d. 27 Apr 1980 Hartland (PG)

They were living with her parents in Palmyra in C/1920 before moving to Water Street in Hartland about 1922 living there in C/1930. They built a home in Palmyra by 1935 just over the Hartland/Palmyra town line on Outer Elm Street.

Ch. PERKINS:

1. Robert Howard Perkins

WWII U. S. Army

b. 22 Dec 1919 Palmyra

d. 9 Feb 2012 St Albans (PG)

m. 27 Apr 1940 Palmyra

Henrietta Grace Goforth (See Goforth Family)

d/o Robert Franklin Goforth Sr & Grace Bruerton

b. 27 Apr 1922 Weymouth, Massachusetts

d. 6 July 1995 St Albans (PG)

2. Linwood Boutelle Perkins

WWII U. S. Army

b. 28 Mar 1922 Hartland

d. 22 May 2008 Hartland (PG)

m. 23 Aug 1947 Palmyra (divorced 1963)

Barbara Ann Goforth (See Goforth Family)

d/o Robert Franklin Goforth Sr & Grace Bruerton

b. 3 Dec 1929 Weymouth, Massachusetts

d. 9 Nov 1999 Shawmut

b) Edward Boutelle Snow

b. 12 Jan 1906 Skowhegan (noted as 2nd child)

d. 15 July 1976 Milton, Massachusetts

m. 23 Dec 1931 Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Dorothy Ruth Hume

d/o William Everett Hume & Bessie May Eaton

b. 22 July 1911 Castle Hill

d. 10 July 2008 Milton, Massachusetts (Milton Cemetery, MA)

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1926.

Written by Benjamin K. Snow to his sister Mary just before leaving San Francisco for Australia¹

Originally transcribed by his son Edward N. Snow then digitally transcribed below by Andree Corriveau.

Dear Sis,

June 14, 1852²

It is Monday morning, the sun has advanced on his daily circuit pouring down upon man and beast his healthful and beneficial rays, diffusing warmth to the earth and as it appears giving life to all the universe. Not only is the sun performing the duties assigned to him by the great Creator and governor of the Creation, which by him was formed from naught at the beginning of time, --- also man is on the alert, transacting business, and performing duties resting upon him.

All nature appears alive, not only animal but also inanimates, for the flowers and bees are this morning speaking fourth joy and happiness. Such is the state of things while I am now within the walls of a narrow contracted bedroom writing.

Here I am surrounded by a few of my companions, one of whom is writing by my side, another is mending his pants (for of course we have to mend and polish here as well as at home), another seated at my back scratching his head, while the fourth is busily enjoyed in sleeping. Thus we are spending this pleasant morning here amid the noise and turmoil of this noted place on the Pacific Coast, San Francisco.

I arrived here on the morning of June 12th having left the mines at Shaws' Flat³ on the 8th at which place are some of the boys at the present time from Bloomfield, while others are at Columbia and Tanke Hills⁴. Most of the boys have been doing quite well for the past few months, but at the present time are rather dull on account of the failure of the water, but before long the water will be in again so that times will be as lively as ever.

-- is at present very healthy, very seldom hearing of any one being unwell, for those diseases which are prevalent here in some parts of the year (--) chills, fever and ague have on account of the fine weather long since taken their departure for other countries and climes, more congenial to their nature.

The farmer is now harvesting his grain which promises from present appearance to pay him bountifully for his labour and toil.

All those who left the states with the determination of coming to California for the purpose of making money, and after it is acquired of keeping it, have not I believe been entirely disappointed. Though they may not have been able from various causes to acquire the amount which they had pictured to themselves, yet I know of but one that came from Bloomfield here in the Sautern Mines⁵, but what has obtained⁶ some of the fruits of California and that one has not been well.

I suppose --- this you have heard of this country by those who have lately returned (as there are not a few) so therefore I need not write much about it. I am aware of the report which they have doubtless given of their land flowing with milk and honey, but as you are capable of judging for yourselves, do so if you please.

It has been almost ---⁷ months since I left home and to you it may appear long, very long but to me it has been short. When I look back to the morning of my departure from home, it seems but yesterday, true there are times when one is far from home and friends that appear long, time drags heavily, yet with me those periods have not been many, with a clear conscience I can say that for the first time I have regretted that I came to this country, but I have regretted that I did not come before.

I have not been sick a day since I left home, except a lame foot which has troubled me some, but now is well the climate agreeing with me and also being so well are the reasons why I like this country, for if friends were here I believe I would wish never to return to Maine unless to behold once more those places which are vivid in memory. But while I write I can but think of those who are in Maine and would like to see them very much but doubtless years will elapse before this privilege will be granted me.

I suppose you will wonder why I am here this fine weather and – when I can be doing as well in the mines. I will tell you and at the same time I wish you not to be surprised or faint. Tomorrow I expect to leave California for Australia, another land of gold on the Eastern Hemisphere. You may think this a rash imprudent step on my part and I know not but what it is, but time will tell.

There are seven of us from Maine going on this trip, A. R. Brainard, Joshua Bigelow and his brother Charles, Herman Spaulding, Thomas Rankin and Frank Allen of Norridgewock, on the ship Orpheus of Boston.

We expect our passage will be from 6-8 weeks on our journey. We shall touch at the Sandwich and also at the Friendly Islands. At which place I intend to write if an opportunity offers. But as you will not know where to direct a letter you had better withhold until you hear from me.

Give my love to all the family and hoping that after an absence of few years we shall behold each other. This gold dollar is for Sumner⁸.

From your brother,

Benj. K. Snow

Footnotes by Andree Corriveau:

1. Edward Snow transcribed the original letter and I have his handwritten work but have never seen the original letter.
2. This appears to be the correct date based on other letters; however, the 1860 census lists a Benjamin Snow as living in Skowhegan, Maine.
3. Shaw's Flat is located approx. 50 miles directly east of Stockton, became one of the most important mining camps during the California Goldrush. Shaw Flats was called Mother Lode Country. (E.N. Snow).
4. I am not sure if it is Tanke or Lanke Hills as I cannot make out the first letter in Edward's copy. In addition to this, Edward also has a footnote attached to his copy stating that he was unsure of the first letter in the original letter.
5. Footnote by Edward Snow: "Sautern Mines may be something else."
6. As best I can make out this is the correct word.
7. Edward's copy has a '----' instead of a number as he was apparently unable to make out the number.
8. Younger brother of Benjamin K. Snow who would have been about 5 years of age