

Briggs Family

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Robert Phoenix Briggs
b. 16 Apr 1868 Boston, Massachusetts
d. 18 Dec 1926 Quincy, Massachusetts
m. 28 Dec 1891 Medford, Massachusetts
Catherine Blanche Raymond
b. 10 June 1871 Boston
d. 17 Jan 1958 Hartland

Ch. BRIGGS:

1. Raymond Rice Briggs
b. 2 Oct 1892 Medford, Massachusetts
d. June 1951 Boston
m. 2 Oct 1932 Keene, New Hampshire
Sara Wright Gosselin

2. William Robert Briggs
b. 1 June 1894 Medford, Massachusetts
d. 12 Oct 1957 Cranston, Rhode Island
m. 17 Jan 1917 Bellows Falls, Vermont
Charlotte Hannah Clark

3. Katherine Emma Briggs
b. 10 May 1896 Medford, Massachusetts
d. 8 Feb 1988 Hartland

4. Esther Bell Briggs
b. 13 Nov 1897 Medford, Massachusetts
d. 21 Feb 1984 Norwell, Massachusetts

5. Marion Louise Briggs
b. 27 May 1899 Medford, Massachusetts
d. 7 Mar 1997 Hartford, Connecticut

6. Nelson Snyder Briggs
b. 24 Sep 1901 Medford, Massachusetts
d. 25 July 1970 Arlington, Massachusetts (Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, MA)
m. 2 Apr 1926 New York City
Flora Evalena Marple "Evalena"

7. Dr. Paul Revere Briggs

b. 1904 Ashland, Massachusetts
d. 1985 Hartland

8. Jeannette Mildred Briggs
b. 4 May 1909 Ashland, Massachusetts
d. Sep 1981 Hingham, Massachusetts

7. Dr. Paul Revere Briggs

b. 12 July 1904 Ashland, Massachusetts

d. 20 Apr 1985 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 80yrs

m1. 28 Feb 1931 Portsmouth, New Hampshire (divorced)

Sarah Alice Smith

d/o John W. Smith & Mary A. Beverly

b. 16 Oct 1906 Lawrence, Massachusetts

d. 12 Dec 1984 Methuen, Massachusetts

He graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1931 and joined the Scott-Webb Memorial Hospital Staff in 1935. He and Ada were living on Elm Street in C/1940 just before purchasing Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard's former Blake Street residence from Elberton & Georgia Dyer later that year. Following the death of Dr. Charles A. Moulton in 1946, he became Chief Hospital Administrator and Resident Surgeon at Scott-Webb until it closed in 1970. (See Obituary below)

Ch. BRIGGS:

I. Beverly Alice Briggs

b. 25 Jan 1933 Bridgeport, Connecticut

d. 15 Apr 2002 Methuen, Massachusetts

m. J. E. Hardacre

m2. 1938 Hingham, Massachusetts

Marian Ada Estes "Ada"

d/o George Estes & Nettie McCrillis

b. 13 Apr 1919 Palmyra (noted as 7th Child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 12 Oct 1943 Hartland (PG w/Paul) at 24yrs

She graduated from MCI Class of 1937.

Ch. BRIGGS:

II. Dorcas Briggs

b. 1 Oct 1940 Hartland

m. Charles Kenneth Miller

m3. 10 Aug 1944 (divorced)

Arlene Naomi Tibbetts

d/o William Raymond Tibbetts & Annie Bixby Hayden

b. 13 July 1918 Skowhegan

d. 9 July 2013 East Boothbay (Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery w/Benson) at 94yrs

She remarried to Benson Turner McFarland in 1960, a U. S. Army Veteran of WWII.

Ch. BRIGGS:

III. Jennifer Briggs

b.

m. John Hargreaves

m4. 11 July 1953 Hartland

Ida Fox **(See Fox Family)**

WWII U. S. Naval Nurse Corps & Army Nurse Corps

d/o Elmer Eugene Fox & Ethel Clara Webster

b. 13 Apr 1919 Lovell

d. 23 Oct 2015 Manchester, Connecticut (PG w/Paul) at 96yrs

She married 1st to Everett Randolph Buck in 1943. Ida graduated from Harmony High School Class of 1936, Ring School of Psychiatric Nursing in Arlington, Massachusetts Class of 1938, Symmes Arlington

Hospital with affiliations at Boston Lying In Hospital for Obstetrics in Boston, Charles Chaplin Hospital for Contagious Diseases in Providence, Rhode Island, Boston Floating Hospital for Pediatrics in Boston (1938-1941) and received her Nursing Degree in 1941. She served as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Nurse Corps from 1942-43 and as a 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps from 1943-1944. She was Superintendent of Nursing and Assistant Hospital Administrator and Office Nurse at Scott-Webb Memorial Hospital in Hartland from 1947-1970.

Ch. BRIGGS:

IV. Rev. Paul Revere Briggs II

b.

m. Barbara _____

See Below

Dr. Paul R. Briggs

medical administrator

HARTLAND — Dr. Paul Revere Briggs, M.D., died Saturday at a Skowhegan Hospital following a long illness. He was born in Ashland, Mass., July 12, 1904.

He graduated from Medford (Mass.) High School and Colby Academy, New London, N.H. He received a master of science degree from Tufts University, followed by his graduation from that university's medical school, where he earned his doctor of medicine degree. He did post-graduate work at the following hospitals: Bridgeport, Conn.; Boston City, Massachusetts General and Beth Israel, Boston, Mass.; St. Vincent's, Florida; Wesson Memorial, Springfield, Mass.; New York Polyclinic; Cook County, Illinois; Presbyterian and Mt. Sinai in New York and Veterans Hospital.

He was a qualified Fellow and vice-regent of the International College of Surgeons and a diplomat of the International Board of Surgery, U.S. section. Dr. Briggs wrote many medical and scientific articles for publication, and was a member of the American Medical Writers Association.

In addition to his 35 years as medical administrator of Scott-Webb Memorial Hospital in Hartland, he found time to write a newspaper column, teach, visit many colleges, and serve as Medical Director of Industries in his adopted state of Maine.

Dr. Briggs was a Fellow of the American College of Angiology; the American Medical Authors, Inc.; and the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons.

He was a member of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, the New England Academy of Science, the American Medical Association, the Maine Medical Association and the Somerset County Medical Association.

He served as medical advisor to the Somerset County Selective Service, and was involved in Radioactive Testing for Civilian Defense. He is

listed in "Leaders of Medical Science."

Dr. Briggs did research in cancer, relating to plastics, under a grant from the American Medical Association and with the help of the Department of the Interior and various commercial organizations.

He was a member of the Corinthian Lodge No. 95, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, past member of the Hartland-St. Albans Lions Club, and a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Palmyra.

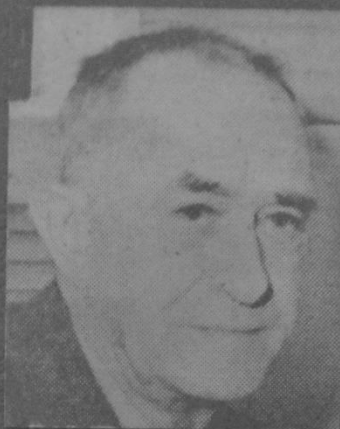
He was offered many positions out of state, including medical school professorships, but he felt that he owed the community his loyalty and refused all proposals. His devotion to the hospital he built up from a one-bed unit in 1935 to a 60-bed facility at the time of his death, is only one example of his love for a community he came to call home.

He is survived by his wife, Ida of Hartland; four children, Mrs. J. Edward (Beverly) Hardaire, Mrs. Kenneth (Dorcas) Miller, Mrs. John (Jennifer) Hargreaves and the Rev. Paul R. Briggs II; two stepdaughters, Mrs. John (Candy) Cooper and Cynthia B. (Sherry) Herbst; two sisters, Marion Gill of Hartford, Conn. and Katherine Briggs of Hartland; 10 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters and three brothers predeceased him.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Martin's Church, Palmyra. At the family's request, there will be no public visiting hours. Arrangements are by the Crosby Funeral Home, Newport.

BRIGGS, Dr. Paul R. — In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Palmyra, c/o Frank Quercia, 24 Water St., Newport, Maine 04953; or to a scholarship in his name at Nokomis Regional High School, Newport for students wishing to study medical science.



This plaque is gratefully dedicated to
PAUL REVERE BRIGGS, M.D.

**BY THE PEOPLE OF HARTLAND FOR HIS FORTY-EIGHT YEARS
OF SKILL, COMPASSION, AND GENEROSITY HE SO WILLINGLY
GAVE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. WE
WERE FORTUNATE HE CHOSE TO SPEND HIS LIFE WITH US.**