

Hobbs Perkins Family

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Hobbs Perkins

s/o David Perkins & Sarah Hobbs of Wells

b. 29 Apr 1777 Wells (5th of 6 children)

d. 22 Sep 1859 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery - Missing Stone) at 82yrs

m. 3 Sep 1808 Fairfield

Lois Spencer

d/o Solomon Spencer & Mary Kimball

b. 8 Aug 1787 Fairfield

d. 23 Dec 1865 Hartland (IC w/Hobbs) at 78yrs

His birthplace was given as New Hampshire in C/1850 but his family had lived in the Wells area since the early 1700s. They first moved to Canaan by C/1810 then to Hartland by 1814, then known as Township No. 3, settling on what became known as Huff Hill. He signed the 1819 petition for Hartland to incorporate as a town. His gravestone was noted in a 1921 listing for Ireland Cemetery before it was apparently damaged and removed. Hobbs & Lois' birth dates as noted from Hartland Vital Records.

"Hobbs Perkins was an early settler on Huff Hill in Hartland, where he built a log house and, with the help of his sons, cleared a farm. His sons were Jotham, who lived to the age of 90 years in Harmony; Spencer; Erastus, d. in youth. The daughters were Anne, m. (1) Demons, (2) Rowell; Casandana, m. (1) Joseph Berry, (2) Obed Dore; Maria, m. Coffee; Beulah, m. Decker; Ruth, m. (1) Allen Berry, (2) Jesse Merrill. Casandana was born in a log house on what is now (1911) the town farm, and when she was a very small girl, her father moved to a new home. She recalled that there was barely space for the ox team between the door of the log house and the trees of the forest so closely did it surround the little dwelling."
- East Somerset County Register 1911-1912

Names & birth dates of children as noted from Hartland Vital Records however no birth locations were included. (See bottom for original).

Ch. PERKINS:

I. Jotham Perkins, Sr

b. 12 Sep 1811 Canaan

d. 2 Dec 1901 Harmony (Libby Cemetery, Harmony) at 90yrs

m. c1840

Nancy Brown

d/o John Brown & Nancy Hurd

b. 31 Oct 1816 Harmony

d. 1889 Harmony (Libby Cemetery, Harmony)

He was living with his daughter Eunice in Harmony in C/1900 noted at 89yrs old.

Ch. PERKINS:

I. Naomi Perkins

b. 14 Mar 1841 Harmony

d. 23 Apr 1890 Colfax, California (Colfax Cemetery, California)

m. Amos Stevens

II. Jotham Perkins, Jr

b. 1842 Harmony

d.

Civil War 2nd Maine Cavalry, Co. K

III. Jacob Perkins

b. 11 Dec 1845 Harmony

d. 1 July 1891 Harmony (Libby Cemetery, Harmony)

m. Hannah Beede

IV. John Perkins

b. 1848 Harmony

d.

V. Lois A Perkins

b. 1850 Athens

d.

VI. Eunice E. Perkins

b. Mar 1853 Athens

d. 1937 Harmony (Libby Cemetery, Harmony)

m. Wilbur Jacobs

VII. Sarah Perkins

b. July 1856 Athens

d. 1928 (Libby Cemetery, Harmony)

She never married.

2. Anna Perkins

b. 3 Feb 1814 Hartland

d. 24 June 1895 Old Town at 81yrs

m1. Old Town

Solomon Demmons

b. 1811

d. 1862 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town)

They were living in Old Town in C/1850.

m2. 4 Sep 1864 Old Town

John Rowell

b. 1803 Old Town

d. 17 Dec 1866 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town)

She was living in Old Town in C/1870 noted as a widow.

3. Beulah Perkins

b. 10 Jan 1818 Hartland

d. 1857 Lagrange (Hill Crest Cemetery, Lagrange) at 39yrs

m. 3 Dec 1856 Lagrange (his 2nd marriage)

Albert Moore Decker

b. 1820 Lagrange

d. 1903 Lagrange (Hill Crest Cemetery, Lagrange)

She was living with her sister Anna in Old Town in C/1850 before she married.

4. Spencer Perkins

b. 10 May 1820 Hartland

d. 14 Feb 1888 Derry, New Hampshire (Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry, NH) at 68yrs

m.

Martha S. Williams

b. Nov 1829 Augusta

d. 31 May 1902 Haverhill, Massachusetts (Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry, NH)

His gravestone notes his birth year as 1824 but Hartland Vital Records note as 1820.

Ch. PERKINS: (C/1900 notes 4 children born, 4 living)

I. Albert E. Perkins

b. 19 Apr 1850 Old Town

d. 24 Oct 1917 Haverhill, Massachusetts (Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, NH)

m. Annie Leighton

II. Helen A. Perkins

b. 7 Oct 1851 Old Town

d. 31 Dec 1918 Derry, New Hampshire (Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry, NH)

m. William D. Moores (divorced)

III. Lucy M. Perkins

b. 1852 Old Town

d. 1948 Massachusetts (Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry, NH)

She never married.

She was living in Haverhill, Massachusetts in C/1940 at 77yrs old.

IV. Laura Ann Perkins

b. 27 Oct 1854 Old Town

d. 30 June 1930 Concord, New Hampshire (Forest Hill Cemetery, Derry, NH)

m. James Pickens Darling

She was living in Lawrence, Massachusetts at the time of her death from a heart attack while she was visiting the New Hampshire State Hospital.

5. Erastus Perkins

b. 31 May 1822 Hartland

d. Hartland (Unknown Interment)

Name & birth noted in Hartland Vital Records. Died unknown year in childhood as noted above.

6. Cassandana Perkins

b. 31 Jan 1825 Hartland

d. 13 Oct 1906 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery w/Obed) at 81yrs

m1. 11 Nov 1848 Old Town (Intentions filed in Old Town 31 Oct 1848)

Joseph Berry

b. 1818 Old Town?

d.

She was noted as a resident of Hartland and he as a resident of Old Town when they married.

They were living with her parents in Hartland in C/1850 after they married. No further confirmed information concerning Joseph Berry after 1850 had been found.

Ch. BERRY: (C/1900 notes 7 total children born, 5 living)

I. Susan Maria Berry "Maria"

b. 1849 Hartland

d. 16 Aug 1876 Pittsfield (IC as Maria Chase) at 27yrs

m. c1874 (his 2nd marriage, her 1st)

Charles Chase

Civil War 6th Maine, Co. H

b. 12 July 1839 Dexter
d. 4 July 1909 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/4th wife Nancy Haskell)
Noted with her parents in C/1850 in Hartland as Susan M. Berry at 1yr old. Noted as Maria Berry in C/1860 & C/1870 living with her mother and step-father in Hartland. Charles remarried twice more and remained in Pittsfield.

II. Addie Ruth Berry
b. 1851 Hartland
d. 18 Jan 1878 Hartland (IC) at 27yrs

m2. 6 Nov 1853 Hartland
Obed Edward Dore
s/o John Dore & Sally Wing (his 1st wife)
b. 4 June 1828 Athens
d. 24 Dec 1898 Hartland (PG)
They lived on Huff Hill in C/1860 after they married where they remained until their deaths. His widowed father John Dore married 2nd to Elizabeth Stafford in 1831 and 3rd to Hannah Barnes by 1847. (See Stafford Family)

Ch. DORE:

III. George W. Dore
b. 4 Sep 1854 Hartland
d. 12 Nov 1939 Washington (Greenacres Park, Ferndale, Washington w/Emma)
m. Emma Gertrude Venno

IV. Lois Dore
b. 2 Apr 1856 Hartland
d. 9 Sep 1912 Hartland (PG w/Otis)
m. Otis H. Thompson

V. Olive L. Dore
b. 1862 Hartland
d. 1927 Skowhegan (PG w/Franklin)
m1. Franklin Nathan Wright
m2. William F. Wilson

VI. Charles Edward Dore
b. 19 July 1864 Hartland
d. 16 Feb 1941 Hartland (PG w/Maggie)
m.
Maggie Mary Cote
b. 1864 Isle Verte, Quebec
d. 1942 Hartland (PG)
She was born Aglaé Côté in Isle Verte and was baptized at St.-Eloi, Quebec. She later took the name of Maggie Mary Cote.

VII. Ernest A. Dore
b. 1871 Hartland
d. 1943 Olympia, Washington (Mt Carmel Cemetery, Everett, Washington w/Mary)
m. Mary Ann O'Brian

VIII. Nettie Dore
b. 1875 Hartland
d.

Last found listed with family in C/1880 in Hartland at 5yrs old noted as their daughter however she was not accounted for in her mother's C/1900 report of number of children born/living.

7. Maria Perkins
b. 13 Aug 1827 Hartland
d. 8 Feb 1904 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town) at 77yrs
m. c1848

Charles Michael Caufy

Civil War 30th Massachusetts, Co. G - DIS

b. 1826 Old Town
d. 18 Aug 1862 New Orleans (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town) Stone but no dates
The entire family was noted in C/1860 in Old Town where he was listed as Michael Caufy and noted as a Teamster. Maria was living in Old Town in C/1880 noted as a widow remaining there until her death. Listed as Maria Caufy on her death certificate noted as the widow of Charles M. Caufy with her parents' names. She is referred to as Mariah or Marice on different documents.

*He is noted as "Caufy, Charles M. (alias Caufy, Michael)" on the Civil War Death Pension filed 24 Jan 1863 by his widow Maria Caufy with his service noted as a Private with the 30th Massachusetts Infantry, Co. G. Transcribed online records note his occupation was a Teamster mustered into service 1 Dec 1861 giving his residence as Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was mustered out of service 18 Aug 1862 in New Orleans noting he did not survive the war and **Died in Service of disease**. Roll Call records for the Company do not list his home state. The 1890 Census Special Veterans Schedule lists Maria Caufy in Old Town as the widow of Charles Michael Caufy with his matching Massachusetts Regiment service details.*

Ch. CAUFY: (C/1900 notes 4 children born, 1 living)

I. Sarah Caufy

b. 1849 Old Town

d. 1877 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town) Possibly during childbirth

m. Joseph Koite

An unnamed infant child born & died in 1877 is buried with them. Their surviving children Katie and Edward Koite were living with her mother Maria in C/1880 in Old Town noted as her grandchildren. Katie died in 1891 and Edward was living with Maria in C/1900 noted as her grandson.

II. Mary Caufy

b. 1852 Old Town

d. 1929 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town)

m. James Elder

III. Elizabeth Caufy

b. 1854 Old Town

d. 1892 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town)

m. Daniel Preble

He was living with his mother-in-law Maria in Old Town in C/1900 with their children.

IV. Edward Caufy

b. 1857 Old Town

d. 1877 Old Town (Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town) at 20yrs

8. Ruth Perkins

b. 23 Nov 1830/1831 Hartland

d. 19 Mar 1934 Madison (Ireland Cemetery w/Allen) at 102yrs

m1. 11 July 1856 Pittsfield

Allen Berry

Civil War 3rd Maine, Co. B & 17th Maine, Co. A

s/o Cyrus Berry & Lydia Whitney of Pittsfield

b. 19 Aug 1831 Pittsfield

d. 7 Feb 1868 Hartland (IC) at 37yrs

They were living in Hartland with their 2 oldest children where he was drafted in June of 1863. He opted to pay the Draft Commutation Fee then enlisted in Augusta for 3 years as a Paid Substitute for Stephen Gardner of St George noted as a resident of Hartland but credited to Augusta's enlistment quota and was mustered into service August 18, 1863 with the 3rd Maine. He was listed absent due to sickness on the company roll call when the remainder of the 3rd Maine was transferred June 28, 1864 to the 17th Maine. He was a patient at Lincoln Hospital in Washington D.C. when the remainder of the 17th was transferred June 3, 1865 to 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, Co. A. He was discharged from service June 5, 1865 for a service related disability. In December of 1865, he applied for an invalid war pension.

Ruth applied for a widow's pension April 13, 1868 and was noted as his widow in the 1890 Census Special Veterans Schedule while living in Old Town with her widowed sister Maria Caufy. She was living in Old Town in C/1900 with Maria noted as a widow. She was living with her daughter Katherine in Fairfield in C/1910 until her death in 1914 then with her daughter Annie in Madison in C/1920. In C/1930, Ruth was still living with Annie in Madison noted at 98yrs old where she remained until her death. A headstone was set at Ireland Cemetery many years before her death inscribed only as "Ruth Merrill - Formerly Wife of Allen Berry". No dates were ever added following her death. Her obituary notes 1831 as her birth year but Hartland Vital Records note 1830.

Ch. BERRY: (C/1900 notes 6 total children born, 4 living)

I. Lauretta Berry "Laura"

b. 27 Nov 1856 Hartland

d. 4 Mar 1914 Hartland (PG w/Wesley) at 57yrs of Consumption/TB

m. 1885

Wesley C. Harvey (See Huff Family)

s/o William Harvey III & Lucinda Huff (Ireland Cemetery)

b. 4 Feb 1847 Hartland

d. 28 Mar 1912 Hartland (PG)

She was noted in C/1860 with her parents at 3yrs old and with her widowed mother in C/1870 then in C/1880 with her mother and step-father Jesse Merrill at 23yrs old. They resided in Harmony in C/1900 & C/1910 where Wesley worked as a Cook then a Steward at Castle Harmony for many years.

II. Erastus D. Berry

b. 28 May 1859 Hartland

d. 19 May 1940 Madison (Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison)

III. Lydia A. Berry

b. 1861 Hartland

d. 11 Mar 1880 Hartland (IC) at 18yrs

She never married.

IV. Annie Berry

b. 28 Mar 1863 Hartland

d. 7 Mar 1938 Madison (Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison)

m. Charles H. Dunlap

V. Ida M. Berry

b. 1867 Hartland

d. 12 Mar 1894 Hartland (IC) at 27yrs of Consumption/TB

She never married.

m2. 9 July 1870 Harmony

Jessie Merrill

b. 1812 Harmony

d. 11 May 1887 Harmony (Wormlight Cemetery, Harmony w/Julia)

He married 1st to Julia ____; widowed 1869.

Ch. MERRILL:

VI. Katherine Hallett Merrill "Katie"

b. 1871 Harmony

d. 13 Nov 1914 Fairfield (Maplewood Cemetery, Fairfield)

m. 2 Sep 1903 Waterville

Charles Fuller Kidder

b. 1874

d. 1932 Fairfield (Maplewood Cemetery, Fairfield)

She was a school teacher in Fairfield. She was likely named after her older half-sister from Jessie's 1st marriage who died in 1862 at 24yrs old. Her mother Ruth was living with them in C/1910.

Perkins Family Names & Birth Dates from Hartland Vital Records

Births

Hubbs Perkins Born April 29 1777
Lucas Perkins his wife Born August 8th 1787
Gotham Perkins son as above Born Sept 12th 1811
Anna Perkins Daughr as above Born Feb 3 1814
Beulah Perkins do as above Born Jan 10 1818
Spencer Perkins son as above Born May 10 1820
Erestus Perkins son as above Born May 31st 1822
Eadandana Perkins Daughr as above Born Jan 31st 1825
Meriah Perkins born Aug 13th 1827
Ruth Perkins born Nov. 23rd 1830