

Currie Family

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Clair Isaac Currie

s/o James Kevlie Currie & Elizabeth Eleanor Gallagher

b. 22 Sep 1888 Lee (4th of 7 children)

d. 7 Apr 1962 Hartland (Gray Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft) at 73yrs

m. 19 Oct 1913 Lee

Maude Rebecca Bishop

d/o Featherson Hough Bishop & Eva Frances King

b. 11 June 1893 Carroll

d. 7 Sep 1959 Hartland (Gray Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft) at 66yrs

They were living in Drew in C/1920 where he was Post Master in 1918. They moved to Hartland in 1921 where he purchased the former A. H. Buck Stove Shop on Commercial Street and opened "C. I. Currie General Store" which he operated until his retirement in 1957.

They sold the store in January of 1959 to Claude & Elizabeth (Hart) Fisher. They had moved to Pittsfield living with their youngest daughter Charlotte and her family when Maude passed away later that year at Scott-Webb Hospital following a long illness. Clair remained in Pittsfield with Charlotte until his death at Scott-Webb Hospital.

Drew was organized in 1856 as Drew Plantation; organization legalized in 1868. Land was set off to Prentiss Township (then the town of Prentiss) in 1869. More land was set off to Reed (now Reed Plantation) in 1889, and part of that plantation was annexed in 1903. It incorporated in 1921 as the Town of Drew; organization surrendered in 1934 and it reorganized that same year as Drew Plantation.

Ch. CURRIE:

1. Darrel Bishop Currie

b. 9 May 1914 Drew

d. 29 June 2000 Pinellas Park, Florida (Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor) at 86yrs

m. 16 Aug 1941 Belmont, Massachusetts

Charlotte Irene Chisholm

d/o Henry Chisholm & Lily Ruth Crawford

b. 23 July 1918 East Boston, Massachusetts

d. 18 Apr 2006 Seminole, Florida (Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor) at 87yrs

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1932 then University of Maine at Orono in 1936. They moved to Brewer where he was a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Bangor from 1945-1953 before moving to Belmont, Massachusetts and transferring to the Boston Office of the FBI until his retirement from the bureau in 1967. He then worked as Assistant Director of Security for Raytheon in Lexington, Massachusetts until his final retirement in 1977. They resided in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts after his retirement before moving to Florida for good in 1995 where they had wintered since 1979. The Darrel B. Currie Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at the University of Maine in 2000 with a gift from his wife Charlotte.

Ch. CURRIE:

I. Barbara Lee Currie

b. c1945 Bangor

m. Hugh MacKenzie

II. Dr. Allan Drew Currie
b. 13 Apr 1947 Bangor

2. Eleanor Frances Currie
b. 22 June 1915 Drew
d. 28 May 2008 Gloucester, Massachusetts at 92yrs
m. 28 Oct 1938 Waterville

Albert Story Parsons, Jr
s/o Albert Story Parsons, Sr & Pauline Wass

b. 16 Nov 1915 Rockport, Massachusetts
d. 7 Mar 1999 Rockport, Massachusetts

He graduated from MCI Class of 1935 and was residing in St Albans when they married. Eleanor graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1932 then from Farmington State Normal School and transferred to the University of Maine where she graduated in 1939 with her sister Charlotte. She had been a teacher in Maine and moved to Rockport after she married by 1940 where she also taught school. She and Albert owned & operated the Story Guest House in Rockport.

“After retiring from teaching, Mrs. Parsons served on the Rockport School Board and pursued her interest in writing. She wrote and published 10 books of Cape Ann history, including “Thachers Island of the Twin Lights”, “Hannah and the Hatchet Gang”, “Bearskin Neck Rockport”, and “Harbormasters Dedicated and Seaworthy”. She was a member of the National League of American Pen Women, the Sandy Bay Historical Society and the Thacher Island Association.”

She also wrote of her childhood in Drew and Hartland in, “A Town Called Drew and Beyond”.

Her obituary also noted, “Mrs. Parsons is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Lesch and her husband, Roger Lesch, of Rockport; one grandson, Story Raymond Reed of Rockport; Sharon Chace, who Mr. and Mrs. Parsons raised from the age of 4, and her husband, Ernest Chace of Rockport and their daughter, Amy Chace of New York City; a sister, Charlotte Stafford of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one niece; four nephews; and several cousins. She was predeceased by a brother, Darrel Bishop Currie and his wife, Charlotte; and a brother-in-law, Lawrence Stafford.”

Ch. PARSONS:

I. Rosemary Parsons
b. c1949 Massachusetts
m1. 1970 Rockport, Massachusetts
Bruce Reed

m2.
Roger Lesch

3. Charlotte Hope Currie
b. 31 July 1917 Drew
d. 25 Mar 2010 St Petersburg, Florida at 92yrs
m. 20 Sep 1941 Hartland
Lawrence Herbert Stafford “Larry”
s/o Ira Horne Stafford & Marie Antoinette Bunker
b. 28 Oct 1917 Mainstream (Harmony)
d. 23 Aug 2004 St Petersburg, Florida

WWII U. S. Army Air Force

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1934 then attended the University of Maine where she graduated with her sister Eleanor in 1939. He graduated from MCI. They resided in Pittsfield after they married where she taught school and he worked for Cianbro then as Branch Manager of the First National Bank of Pittsfield until they moved to St Petersburg in 1964.

Ch. STAFFORD:

I. Currie King Stafford

b. c1944 Pittsfield

II. Todd B. Stafford

b. c1946 Pittsfield

III. Lane L. Stafford

b. c1949 Pittsfield