Barden Family

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Charles H. Barden

s/o Levi Barden & Ellen Nye Gustin

b. 21 Feb 1852 Etna

d. 3 Sep 1929 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

m. 1871

Ida S. Downs

d/o William H. Downs & Laura Wood

b. 17 June 1854 Levant

d. 16 Nov 1915 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

Ch. BARDEN:

1. Lewis Henry Barden, Sr

b. 8 June 1876 East Newport

d. 3 Dec 1960 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 84yrs

m1. 18 Aug 1897 (divorced)

Annie Florence Varney

d/o George & Etta Varney of Pittsfield

b. 25 Dec 1880 Pittsfield

d.

Lewis moved with his family from Etna to Pittsfield and was living with Annie and her parents in Pittsfield in C/1900. They moved to Providence, Rhode Island by C/1910 where he was employed as a loom repairman. They divorced soon after and Annie remained in Rhode Island where she was living as late as C/1940. Lewis returned to Maine, remarried in 1914 and was living his 2nd wife Eda in Palmyra in C/1920 working for the American Woolen Mill in Hartland.

Ch. BARDEN:

I. Clyde Lewis Barden, Sr

b. 4 Sep 1901 Pittsfield

d. 29 Aug 1975 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

m.. 15 Jan 1920 Rhode Island

Grace Brayton

d/o Stephen Brayton & Lydia Cook of Rhode Island

b. 25 Jan 1900 Fall River, Massachusetts

d. 8 Feb 1990 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

He operated a shellfish store in Warren, Rhode Island in the 1930s before becoming a car inspector for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. They returned to Maine in 1969 following his retirement.

Ch. BARDEN:

- a) Frances L. Barden
- b. 24 July 1920 Providence, Rhode Island
- d. 14 Feb 2014 Warren, Rhode Island (South Burial Ground, Warren, RI)
- m. Paul Sumner Ramsden
- b) Constance M. Barden
- b. 1925 Maine
- d. 2018 Rhode Island (South Burial Ground, Warren, RI)
- m. Roy H. Stanley

- c) Clyde Lewis Barden, Jr
- b. 27 June 1927 Maine
- d. 20 Nov 2017 Durham, North Carolina (Lowes Grove Cemetery, Durham, NC)
- m. Phyllis Miriam Zendzian

m2. 14 Mar 1914 Hartland

Eda B. Stafford-Holt

d/o George W. Stafford & Eliza Ann Gould

b. 24 July 1894 Cambridge

d. 15 Oct 1972 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

Her parents divorced soon after her birth and she was adopted and raised in Pittsfield by George G. Holt & Adella E. Spaulding (PG). She was listed in the Holt household as Isabel Holt in C/1900 and as Eda B. Holt in C/1910 and noted both times as their adopted daughter. She gave her birth parents' names on her marriage certificate to Lewis.

He and Eda opened their first store in Hartland in 1921 operating as "Barden's Cash Variety Store" at the former A. W. Miller Drug Store location on Main Street. In 1930, he leased the Sterns Department Store from Harry Stearns located at the former Walter E. M. Seekins Block on Commercial Street before purchasing it in 1932 operating as "L. H. Barden's IGA Economy Store".

He began sponsoring the L. H. Barden Speaking Contest at Hartland Academy in the 1930s which continued until the Academy closed in 1968. In 1942, Lewis & Eda purchased the former Blake-Lancey house on Academy Street following the death of George Merrill Lancey.

Lewis purchased the Davis & Webber Block at Warren Square in 1944 but remained at his Commercial Street location until he retired in 1949 following his son Lewis Jr's death, selling the business and building that same year to Fred & Ellen Cooper.

In 1951, he came out of retirement to open a new store at the Davis & Webber Block. His wife Eda and daughter Laura began operating the store just before Laura married Donald Crummett later that year. They then carried on managing the store with her father's assistance right up until his death in 1960.

Ch. BARDEN:

II. Lewis Henry Barden, Jr

b. 10 May 1925 Palmyra

d. 27 June 1949 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 24yrs

m. 28 Nov 1947

Mary Keith Harwood

b.

d.

They had no children.

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1943. He had been groomed to take over his father's business and had just become the store manager in January of 1949 when he became seriously ill. He passed away after spending several weeks at Scott-Webb Hospital.

III. Laura Savilla Barden

b. 23 Dec 1928 Palmyra

d. 14 Jan 2008 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

m. 10 Nov 1951 Hartland

Donald Raymond Crummett

s/o Frank Crummett & Hazel Young of Fairfield

b. 30 June 1930 Fairfield

d. 16 Jan 1999 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

WWII U. S. Air Force

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She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1947. Following their marriage, she and Donald operated her father's store at Warren Square for the next 14 years until 1966. They took over her parents' house on Academy Street following his death.

Ch. CRUMMETT:

a) Savilla Crummett

b.

m.

Dana Morgan (See Morgan Family)

s/o Thirnwood Deering, Sr & Lenora M. Brooks

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b) Julie Crummett

b.

m.

Larry Matthews

- 2. Albert Stillman Barden
- b. 30 Oct 1877 Etna
- d. Oct 1925 Portland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 47yrs

m. 1 July 1895 Pittsfield (divorced)

Myrtle Alice Bean "Mertie"

d/o Charles Bean &

b. 21 June 1879 Pittsfield

d. 18 Oct 1955 Lynn, Massachusetts

She moved to Massachusetts with the children by C/1920 and remarried in 1922 to Walter James DeEll.

Ch. BARDEN:

- I. Evelyn Mae Barden
- b. 20 Feb 1897 Pittsfield (noted as 1st child)
- d. 23 May 1981 Lynn, Massachusetts
- m. Merle Emery Henderson
- II. Lynwood Claire Barden
- b. 28 May 1906 Pittsfield (noted as 3rd child?)
- d. 1956
- m. 4 Jan 1933 Hartland (divorced)

Jennie Mae Pelkie (See Pelkie Family)

d/o Emerson Randolph Pelkie & Iva Pearl Dickinson

- b. 10 May 1916 Hartland
- d. 9 Dec 2002 New Britain, Connecticut (Evergreen Cemetery, Moosup, CT w/Jack)

She married 2nd to Jack Howard.

- 3. Laura E. Barden
- b. 1 Feb 1889 Etna
- d. 20 Mar 1984 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 95yrs

m. 19 Sep 1904 Pittsfield

Charles Watts Salisbury

s/o Nathan Young Salisbury & Francella Jane Watts of Otis

- b. 20 July 1884 Otis
- d. 3 Feb 1962 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 77yrs

They settled on the Bean's Corner Road in West Hartland in 1904.

Ch. SALISBURY:

- I. Lewis Albert Salisbury
- b. 8 May 1905 Pittsfield (noted as 1st child)
- d. 21 Nov 1927 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 21yrs Hunting Accident

m. 27 Jan 1925

Elizabeth M. Walker

b.

d.

Ch. SALISBURY:

- a) Donald Olin Salisbury
- b. 19 Aug 1925 Pittsfield
- d. 16 Nov 2001 Pittsfield
- II. Olin Barden Salisbury, Sr
- b. 14 Feb 1907 Pittsfield
- d. 18 Oct 1969 Hartland (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 62yrs

m

Veva Dayel Crocker

d/o Alfred I. Crocker & Mildred F. Inman

- b. 25 Apr 1910 Hartland
- d. 24 Nov 2001 Newport (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

Ch. SALISBURY:

- a) Virginia Gladys Salisbury "Ginny"
- b. 10 Aug 1931 Everett, Massachusetts
- d. 2 Sep 2020 Newport (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 89yrs

m. 10 Apr 1953 Newport

Ralph Foss Tucker

s/o Howard A. Tucker & Beatrice Hinckley

b. 9 Apr 1931 Milbridge

d. 22 Aug 2000 Newport (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 69yrs

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1949.

Ch. TUCKER:

- 1. Cathy Jo Tucker
- b. 20 Mar 1961
- m. 21 Aug 1982 Newport

Lewis Harry Elliott (See Elliott Family)

s/o Lewis P. Elliott & Arlene M. Monroe

b. 25 Apr 1960 Hartland

2. Randy Holmes Tucker

b.

m. April Ann Cooley

- b) Olin Barden Salisbury, Jr
- b. 8 Sep 1932
- d. 28 Aug 1982 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 49yrs

m. 1955 (divorced)

Eleanor B. Allen

d/o Lee Alfred Allen & Bessie Mae Philbrick

b. 1927

WWII U.S. Navy

Korea U. S. Air Force

d. 2010 St Albans (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans w/Jack)

They had no children.

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1950. He built and operated Hy-Way Superette in Newport until 1968 when he moved back to Hartland. Eleanor married 1st to Chester H. Kniffin in 1944; married 3rd to Jack F. Woodbury in 1980.

III. Gladys Ida Salisbury

b. 26 Nov 1915 Hartland (noted as 3rd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 9 Mar 1994 Corinna (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/Earl) at 78yrs

m1. 24 Feb 1951 Bangor

Earle Foster Holmes

s/o Harry S. Holmes & Isabel Williams

b. 29 Apr 1908 Winthrop

d. 15 Nov 1963 Clinton (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

They had no children.

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1934. She operated the canteen at Baxter Canning in Hartland then Snowflake Canning in Corinna for several years.

m2.

Kenneth Wesley Kerr "Shorty"

b. 25 Nov 1910 Katahdin Iron Works

d. 7 Mar 1994 Corinna (Sebec Corner Cemetery w/Charlene)

They had no children.

He passed away 2 days before Gladys. He married 1st to Charlene E. Taylor; widowed 1971.