

Nevens Family

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John Nevens, Sr

s/o William Nevens & _____

b. 19 July 1780 Pejepscot (Danville)

d. after 1850 Hartland? (Unknown Death or Burial Location)

m. May 1804

Mary Ray "Polly"

b. 3 Dec 1783

d. after 1850 Hartland? (Unknown Death or Burial Location)

John Nevens came from Danville when this part of the country was almost an unbroken wilderness, traveling part of the way by means of a spotted line through the woods. He settled on Herrin Hill then within the town limits of (West) Hartland with his wife Mary Ray where four more known children were born to them; Charles (m. Roxena Wheeler), David (m. Susannah Finson), John Jr (m. Nancy Washburn) and Julia (m. William Rines) - Compiled from 1911-1912 East Somerset County Registry

His father William Nevens moved from New Gloucester and was an early settler at Pejepscot in 1780 remaining there until his death on July 23, 1800. John was his only surviving son. John & Polly moved to West Hartland after C/1810 and were first noted there in C/1820 and remained living there as noted in C/1830 & C/1840. They are last found noted in C/1850 living next to their son David Nevens in West Hartland at 69yrs old & 66yrs old respectively with their son John Nevens, Jr living with them.

The biography of the family in the 1911-1912 East Somerset County Registry notes John & Polly "had several other older children all born in Danville" before they moved to West Hartland but no further details were given.

Ch. NEVENS: (of those known children born after they moved to Hartland)

1. Charles Nevens

b. 6 Feb 1817 Hartland

d. 18 Oct 1889 Canaan (Nevens Cemetery) at 72yrs

m. c1844

Roxena Wheeler (See Wheeler Family)

d/o Jonas Wheeler, Jr & Eunice Brown (Nevens Cemetery)

b. 8 Sep 1817 Canaan (listed as "Rocksena" in Canaan Vital Records)

d. 8 July 1896 Canaan (NC w/Charles)

They resided in the section of West Hartland near Herrin/Chase Hill which became part of Canaan in 1849 where they were noted in C/1850 with their 3 oldest children and remained there in C/1860 & C/1870. They lived briefly in Hartland in C/1880 before moving in with their son Freeman in Canaan where they both passed away as reported in their respective death notices.

Ch. NEVENS:

A) Melissa A. Nevens

b. 1845 Hartland (future Canaan)

d. 12 Mar 1873 (NC) at 27yrs

m.

George F. Douglass

s/o Alexander Douglass

b. 1841 Hallowell

d. 1915 California (Olivet Memorial Park, Colma, California)

Civil War 1st Maine Cavalry, Co. H

He was living in Hartland when he enlisted for the war. His father also served in the war enlisting in Hartland as did his younger brother John W. Douglass who died from disease in Virginia at 18yrs old. George moved to California following Melissa's death.

B) Christiana M. Nevens
b. 1847 Hartland (future Canaan)
d. 1924 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery)
m. 1873 Hartland

Charles H. Springer

Civil War 11th Maine, Co. E

s/o Joshua Springer & Mary Jane Bean

b. 1 Dec 1842 Lowell, Massachusetts

d. 25 Feb 1915 Hartland (PG)

"He moved to Hartland at an early age and was educated in the public schools of that town. He commenced work in the woolen mill for Linn and Harper in Dexter in 1859 where he worked until 1862. He then enlisted (July 17, 1862) with the 11th Maine Infantry Regiment, Company E and served his country until the end of the war (June 12, 1865). Returning to Hartland he entered the employ of Archibald Linn who had moved from Dexter to Hartland and started a woolen mill in the absence of Mr. Springer."

Ch. SPRINGER: (C/1900 & C/1910 note 1 child born, 1 living)

I. Harry A. Springer

b. 24 Jan 1874 Hartland

d. 21 Jan 1942 Hartland (PG)

m. 15 June 1897 Palmyra

Emma E. Welch

d/o Charles O. Welch & Mary E. Gerald

b. 1873 Canaan

d. 1940 Hartland (PG)

C) Charles Fairfield Nevens "Fairfield"

b. 1850 Canaan (formerly Hartland)

d. 1925 Hartland (PG w/Laura)

m. 1875 Hartland

Laura E. Cook **(See Cook Family)**

d/o George Cook & Christiana Otis (Ireland Cemetery)

b. 1856 Hartland

d. 1928 Hartland (PG)

Ch. NEVENS:

I. Frank Elmer Nevens

b. 12 July 1875 Hartland

d. 1953 Hartland (PG)

m. 3 Dec 1898 Hartland

Isabelle Dore "Lizzie" **(See Hobbs Perkins Family)**

d/o Charles Dore & Maggie Cote (PG)

b. 8 Jan 1883 Grand Falls, New Brunswick

d. 21 Aug 1960 Hartland (PG)

Ch. NEVENS:

a) Harold Elmer Nevens

b. 17 Dec 1899 Hartland

d. 12 Aug 1974 Dexter (PG w/parents)

b) Doris Nevens

b. 19 July 1902 Hartland

d. 29 Nov 1902 Hartland (PG w/parents) at 4mos

c) Laurice Irene Nevens

b. 11 May 1904 Hartland

d. 3 May 1972 Hartland (PG w/Frank)

m. 9 June 1926 Hartland

Frank A. Fisher **(See Hart Family)**

s/o Robert A. Fisher & Gladys Dickinson

b. 9 Mar 1904 Blaine

d. 16 June 1954 Hartland (PG)

Frank is a brother of Claude Fisher.

d) Marie Avis Nevens

b. 1911 Hartland

d. 8 Feb 1914 Hartland (PG w/parents) at 2yrs 9mos

D) David Winfield Nevens

b. 1851 Canaan (formerly Hartland)

d. 13 June 1878 Hartland (NC) at 26yrs

m. 18 Nov 1874 Canaan

Ella Furbush

d/o Henry D. Furbush & Sarah P. Littlefield

b. 3 Sep 1851 Skowhegan

d. 4 Nov 1936 Manchester, New Hampshire

They had no known children.

She remarried twice following David's death.

E) Freeman W. Nevens

b. 1855 Canaan (formerly Hartland)

d. 24 June 1914 Canaan (NC) at 60yrs

m. 28 Aug 1876

Sarah White

b. Aug 1847 Hartland

d. 1925 Canaan (NC)

Ch. NEVENS: (C/1910 notes 1 child born, 0 living)

I. James Nevens

b.

d. 4 Sep 1882 (NC)

Likely died in infancy as he was not listed with the family in C/1880.

F) Areannah Nevens

b. 1857 Canaan (formerly Hartland)

d. 12 Sept 1861 Canaan (NC) at 3yrs, 11mos

G) Nathan Nevens

b. Feb 1863 Canaan (formerly Hartland)

d. 15 Feb 1863 Canaan (NC) at 2wks, 3dys

2. David M. Nevens

b. 7 Nov 1819 Hartland

d. 20 Apr 1878 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery) at 58yrs

m.

Susannah Finson

b. 1819

d. 26 Dec 1893 Hartland (NC w/David)

Ch. NEVENS:

A) Mary Jane Nevens

b. 1839 Hartland

d. 17 Dec 1906 Hartland (NC)

m. 26 Mar 1862 Hartland

Isaiah Woodbury III (**See Woodbury & Cook Family**) **Civil War 22nd Maine, Co. K**
s/o Isaiah Woodbury II & Mary Polly Cook (Ireland Cemetery)

b. 16 May 1841 Hartland

d. 16 Feb 1878 Hartland (NC)

He was killed in an accident while working at the Linn Woolen Mill.

Ch. WOODBURY:

I. Alva Anna Woodbury

b. May 1862 Hartland

d. 29 Aug 1866 Hartland (NC) at 4yrs

II. Athelene Woodbury **twin**

b. June 1864 Hartland

d. 19 Dec 1870 Hartland (NC) at 6yrs

III. Adeline Woodbury **twin**

b. June 1864 Hartland

d. 1929 Hartland (PG)

m. 1886 Hartland

Allen Richard Burton (**See Burton Family**)

s/o John Burton, Sr & Nancy Wright

b. Apr 1865 Hartland

d. 1932 Hartland (PG)

Allen is a brother of Willard Burton who married her sister Nellie Woodbury.

IV. Nellie A. Woodbury

b. Sep 1867 Hartland

d. 1927 Hartland (PG)

m.

Willard Burton (**See Burton Family**)

s/o John Burton, Sr & Nancy Wright

b. May 1863 Hartland

d. 1951 Hartland (PG)

Willard is a brother of Allen Burton who married her sister Adeline Woodbury.

B) John Dane Nevens

b. 1844 Hartland

d. 24 May 1933 Hartland (NC) at 89yrs

m. 1870

Annie May Sturtevant

d/o Ichabod Sturtevant & Louisana Kinny

b. 1852

d. 1902 Hartland (NC)

She noted she had 4 living children in C/1900 taken on June 21st in Hartland just 2 weeks before the death of her daughter Edith (Nevens) Cole.

Ch. NEVENS: (C/1900 notes 5 children born, 4 living)

I. Addie M. Nevens

b. 10 June 1872 Hartland

d. 29 Feb 1916 Skowhegan (NC)

m. 1890 Skowhegan (divorced)

Frank Roy Dore, Sr

b. 1868 Skowhegan

d. 1934 Skowhegan (Calvary Cemetery, Skowhegan)

Ch. DORE:

a) Izetta Pearl Dore "Pearl"

b. 4 Feb 1893 Skowhegan

d. 21 June 1936 Skowhegan (NC)

m. 14 May 1911 Skowhegan (divorced)

Alton Loomis Whittemore "Chuck" (**See Whittemore & Ford Family**)

s/o Joseph P. Whittemore & Flora E. Loomis

b. 15 Nov 1883 Skowhegan

d. 4 Sep 1965 Moscow (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan)

b) Ethel Dore

b. 14 Aug 1895 Skowhegan

d. 25 Sept 1895 Skowhegan (Calvary Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 1 month

c) Sylvia May Dore

b. 24 June 1897 Skowhegan

d. 3 Nov 1897 Skowhegan (Calvary Cemetery, Skowhegan) at 3mos

d) Chester Horace Dore **twin**

WWII U. S. Army

b. 8 Mar 1899 Skowhegan

d. 9 Sep 1971 Fairfield (Calvary Cemetery, Skowhegan)

m. 1954

Olevine Thibault

e) Lester Freeman Dore **twin**

b. 8 Mar 1899 Skowhegan

d. 1 July 1979 Skowhegan (East Skowhegan Cemetery)

m.

Susan (Wyman) Tuttle

f) Frank Roy Dore, Jr
b. 4 Mar 1901 Skowhegan
d. 11 Aug 1972 Skowhegan (Calvary Cemetery, Skowhegan)
m. 1921
Kate Miller

II. Edith G. Nevens
b. 3 Dec 1876 Hartland
d. 11 July 1900 Hartland (NC) at 24yrs of Tuberculosis
m. 22 Oct 1894 Skowhegan
Oscar Bertrand Cole
b. 25 Apr 1873 Palmyra
d. 23 Sep 1947 Skowhegan (Spring Hill Cemetery, Palmyra)
He remarried to Lillian Thompson in 1903.

Ch. COLE:

a) Mazie Cole
b. 8 May 1895 Hartland
d. 17 Apr 1913 (Spring Hill Cemetery, Palmyra) at 17yrs

III. Myra Agnes Nevens
b. 15 May 1879 Hartland
d. 31 Dec 1901 Hartland (NC) at 22yrs
m. 27 Nov 1898
Roy E. Moore

IV. David M. Nevens
b. 10 June 1887 Hartland
d. 30 Aug 1965 Skowhegan (NC)
He never married.

V. Hazel V. Nevens
b. 1892 Hartland
d. 1911 Hartland (NC) at 18yrs

C) Hugh Anderson Nevens
b. 1845 Hartland
d. 27 Aug 1920 Ferndale, California
m. 15 July 1896 Eureka, California (her 2nd marriage, his 1st)
Lolita May McCammant
b. 1872 California
d. 11 Sep 1915 Tacoma, Washington (Ferndale Cemetery, California)
They had no known children.
He moved from Hartland after C/1860 and was living in Yager Creek, California by C/1870. He was living in Ferndale, California in C/1920 noted as a Widower. She married 1st to Charles B. Hammack; 1 child, William Charles Hammack, b.1890 who lived with them in C/1900 & C/1910.

D) Ephraim T. Nevens
b. 12 Aug 1846 Hartland
d. 6 June 1918 Bangor (PG)

m. 1883 Hartland

Geneva F. Pratt

d/o Walter Pratt & Angie Smith

b. 1859 Bangor

d. 13 May 1922 Bangor (PG)

They resided in Hartland after they married until they moved to Bangor about 1915 to live with their daughter and son-in-law. She remained with her daughter in Bangor noted there in C/1920. His stone notes 1846 as birth year but death certificate notes 1844.

Ch. NEVENS:

I. Susannah Gertrude Nevens "Susie"

b. 1884 Hartland

d. 4 June 1954 Bangor (PG)

m. 19 Aug 1901 Hartland

Henry Ovando Baker

s/o Joseph Henry Baker & Delia Reynolds

b. 1 May 1877 Palmyra

d. 24 Jan 1960 Brewer (Stone w/Susannah at PG w/no death date)

They resided in Bangor after they married.

E) Marcia A. Nevens

b. 10 May 1850 Hartland

d. 23 Jan 1920 Hartland (NC as Marcia Chase)

m. 1870 (divorced 1891)

Albert R. Chase **(See Chase Family)**

s/o Ripley Chase & Fidelia Merrifield

b. 18 June 1849 Canaan

d. 25 Apr 1926 Canaan (Slab City Cemetery, Canaan)

He remarried 2nd to Nellie M. Leighton in 1908 and 3rd to Rosie Briggs in 1922.

Ch. CHASE: (C/1900 notes 8 children born, 8 living. 1 missing?)

I. Alvia T. Chase

b. 1872 Canaan

d. 1925 (Fairview Cemetery, Canaan)

m. Oren M. Gower

II. Prince Albert Chase

b. 29 Sep 1872 Canaan

d. 11 Oct 1922 Bangor at 50yrs

He never married.

III. Harry Lamont Chase

b. 1875 Canaan

d. 9 Feb 1965 Hartland (NC w/Phyllis)

m1. 1897 Etta Cookson

m2. 1902 Annie Cookson

m3. 1937 Phyllis Boyd **(See Elliot Family)**

IV. Arthur D. Chase

b. 16 Feb 1879 Canaan

d. 24 May 1957 Hartland (PG)

m. Lillia Litchfield

V. Norris Chase
b. Feb 1884 Canaan
d. 1931 (PG)
m. Annie Creighton

VI. Elmer Chase **WWI U. S. Army**
b. 27 Sep 1888 Canaan
d. 26 Aug 1918 Leicester, Massachusetts (NC) at 29yrs
He was serving as a Private with the 73rd Regiment when he committed suicide.

VII. Geneva Mae Chase
b. 1890 Canaan
d. 1932 (Southside Cemetery, Skowhegan w/Arthur)
m1. Joseph Foss
m2. Arthur R. Gower

F) Adelaide Nevens "Addie"
b. 1852 Hartland
d. 6 May 1895 Skowhegan
m. 1885
Isaiah W. Green
b. 1860 Fairfield
d. 1940 Norridgewock (Riverview Cemetery, Norridgewock w/Elvira)
He remarried to Mrs. Elvira (Boston) Huff in 1900.

Ch. GREEN:

I. Lucy Susan Green
b. Mar 1887 Hartland
d. 6 Sep 1918 Lynn, Massachusetts (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)
m1. 1902 Perley Nelson Rogers (divorced)
m2. 1914 Albert Miles Flower

G) Abigail Nevens "Abbie"
b. Oct 1855 Hartland
d. Jan 1946 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/Charles)
m1.
Cushman Hodgdon
She was living with her parents in Hartland in C/1880 listed as Abbie Hodgdon noted as their daughter with her 2 children.

Ch. HODGDON:

I. Nancy Maude Hodgdon
b. 12 May 1875
d. 4 Apr 1950 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/Lucien)
m. 1897 Lucien Henry Goodwin

II. Lillian Hodgdon "Nettie"
b. 1876
d. 21 Sep 1960 Biddeford (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

m2. 1894
Charles F. Cook
b. 1856
d. 1930 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

H) Cora Nevens *twin*
b. 1858 Hartland
d.
She was listed with the family in C/1860 and C/1870.

I) Aura E. Nevens *twin*
b. 1858 Hartland
d. 3 Aug 1904 Brockton, Massachusetts
m. 16 Nov 1876 Skowhegan
Henry F. Bradbury
b. 1856 Skowhegan
d. 11 Aug 1920 Brockton, Massachusetts
She was listed with the family as Ora in C/1860 and C/1870. They moved to Muscatine, Iowa by C/1880 where he was working in a candy factory before moving to Brockton.

Ch. BRADBURY:

I. Charles H. Bradbury
b. 1877 Skowhegan
d. 12 Dec 1919 Brockton, Massachusetts (Calvary Cemetery, Brockton, MA)
m. 22 Nov 1904 Brockton, Massachusetts
Mary E. Lucy

3. John Nevens, Jr
b. 30 Sep 1821 Hartland
d. 26 Nov 1870 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 49yrs
m.
Nancy B. Washburn
b. 1830
d. 3 May 1883 (IC w/John)
They were living in Hartland in C/1870 taken on July 9th when he was noted working at an unnamed tannery. He committed suicide by hanging later that year as noted on his death certificate and reported in a local newspaper article "due to overwhelming pecuniary issues".

Ch. NEVENS:

A) Aurilla Nevens
b. 25 Aug 1861 Hartland
d. 25 Oct 1901 Hartland (PG w/Herbert)
m. 1880
Herbert Chester Lewis **(See Lewis Family)**
s/o George Washington Lewis & Devina P. Flagg
b. 17 May 1859
d. 4 Aug 1932 Hartland (PG)
He remarried to Lettie Dore in 1903 and had more children.

Ch. LEWIS:

I. Willie C. Lewis

- b. 1882 Hartland
- d. 1884 Hartland (IC) at 2yrs

- II. George Lewis
- b. 1885 Hartland
- d.

B) Ida May Nevens

- b. Aug 1864 Hartland
- d. 27 Feb 1927 (Unconfirmed) (Unknown Burial Location)
- m. 9 Aug 1885 Palmyra (his 2nd marriage, widowed)
- Charles F. Baker, Sr
- s/o Oliver C. Baker & Mary J. Temple (Warren Hill Cemetery)*
- b. July 1860 Palmyra
- d. 17 Apr 1912 Hartland (Unknown Burial Location)
- Ida is last found living with her daughter Florence Wyman & family in C/1920 in Hartland listed as Ida M. Baker at 54yrs old. She was not listed in the household in C/1930. Her death date is noted in a couple Ancestry Family Trees but undocumented.*

A March 18, 1899 Lewiston Journal article noted 2 unnamed children of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baker died the previous week of Scarlet Fever in St Albans and 2 of their other unnamed children were also ill at the time with the same disease. Only Oliver & Florence were listed in their parents' household in C/1900 so it appears a 3rd child also died in 1899 as referenced in 1900 & 1910 Census.

Ch. BAKER: (C/1900 & C/1910 note 5 children born, 2 living)

- I. Oliver Cromwell Baker
- b. 16 Mar 1886 Palmyra
- d. 7 Dec 1960 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)
- m. 5 May 1917 Pittsfield (her 2nd marriage)
- Florice E. Dunton
- d/o William & Ella Dunton*
- b. 3 May 1891 Burnham
- d. 30 May 1926 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 35yrs

Ch. BAKER:

- a) Dorothy E. Baker
- b. 13 Apr 1918 Pittsfield
- d. 22 Oct 1999 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 81yrs
- m. Hollis W. Seames

b) Florice M. Baker **twin**

- b. 23 Dec 1919 Pittsfield (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Lynne Blanchard)
- d. 28 Dec 2014 Bangor (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 95yrs
- m. Robert N. Hubbard

c) Phyllis Ella Dunton **twin**

- b. 23 Dec 1919 Pittsfield (noted as 3rd child by Dr. Lynne Blanchard)
- d. 3 Nov 2007 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 87yrs
- m. Clifford L. Wright

d) Charles Willis Baker "Bill"

WWII U. S. Navy

b. 22 June 1925 Pittsfield

d. 29 Nov 2008 MVH Augusta (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 83yrs

II. Florence E. Baker

b. 5 Mar 1888 Palmyra

d. 16 June 1949 Hartland (PG)

m. 12 Aug 1904 Hartland

Alton George Wyman **(See Wyman Family)**

s/o Charles Gilman Wyman & Emma Ann Allen

b. 16 Oct 1883 Winslow

d. 29 June 1958 Hartland (PG)

Ch. WYMAN:

a) Unnamed Son Wyman

b. 13 Jan 1905 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Lynne Blanchard)

d. 7 Feb 1905 Hartland (PG) at 3 weeks, 5 days of Pneumonia

b) Harold C. Wyman

b. 21 Apr 1911 Hartland

d. 11 Sep 1972 Hartland (Riverside Cemetery, Newport w/Irene)

m1. 2 Aug 1909 (divorced)

Frances C. Mcleod

b. 1911 Pittsfield

d. 2002 Auburn

m2. 5 June 1932 Hartland

Irene Grace Hanson

d/o Freeman Hanson & Grace Spaulding

b. 23 May 1914 Newport

d. 27 Oct 1996 Hartland (Riverside Cemetery, Newport)

III. Charles F. Baker, Jr

b. 1891 Palmyra

d. 12 Mar 1899 St Albans at 8yrs of Scarlet Fever

As noted on death certificate by Dr. Charles A. Moulton.

IV. Freemont Baker

b. 1895 Palmyra

d. 11 Mar 1899 St Albans at 3yrs 7mos of Scarlet Fever

As noted on death certificate by Dr. Charles A. Moulton.

V. Unknown Baker Child

b.

d. 1899 St Albans of Scarlet Fever as noted above

C) Ara A. Nevens

b. 1866 Hartland

d.

She was listed in C/1870 in Hartland with her parents & siblings, female at 5yrs old.

4. Julia Nevens
b. 29 Oct 1826 Hartland
d.
m.

William Rines
b. 1814 Maine
d.

They were living next to her brother Charles Nevens in C/1850 after they married in the part of Canaan that was formerly West Hartland until 1849. Julia is last found living in the household of her brother David Nevens in West Hartland in C/1860 listed as Julia Rines along with her 3 children but not William.

Ch. RINES:

A) Albert Rines *twin*
b. 1852 Canaan
d.

B) Almond Rines *twin*
b. 1852 Canaan
d.

C) Lydia A. Rines
b. 1856 Canaan
d.