

## **Baird Family**

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Thomas E. Baird

**Civil War 1st & 2nd Vermont Light Artillery Battery**

*s/o David Baird & Hannah Keeler*

b. 17 Feb 1828 Pittsford, Vermont

d. 20 Oct 1894 Chittenden, Vermont (Horton Cemetery, Chittenden, VT)

m. 6 Oct 1847 Crown Point, New York

Eliza Jane Durkee

*d/o Nathan Durkee & Mary Polly Bigelow of New York*

b. 1 Oct 1833 Crown Point, New York

d. 18 June 1913 Chittenden, Vermont (Horton Cemetery, Chittenden, VT)

*His parents moved from Massachusetts to Vermont by 1800.*

**Thomas E. Baird (1828-1894)**



Ch. BAIRD: (11 Known Total)

4. Alfred Durkee Baird

b. 21 Dec 1859 Chittenden, Vermont (4th of 11 children)

d. 18 Dec 1927 (Pine Grove Cemetery)

m. 3 Sep 1885 Boston

Harriet Eudora Stinchfield **(See Moor/Moore Family)**

*d/o Alfonso Stinchfield & Harriet Jane Briggs (Ireland Cemetery)*

b. 17 Apr 1862 St Albans

d. 6 Nov 1934 St Albans (PG w/Alfred)

*At the time of their marriage in 1885, they were both living in Boston where he was employed as an Expressman. They moved to St Albans by C/1900. (An Expressman refers to anyone who has the duty of packing, managing, and ensuring the delivery of any cargo. During the 19th century, an Expressman was someone whose responsibility it was to ensure the safe delivery of train's gold or currency which was secured in the 'Express Car'. The job included guarding safes or other strongboxes or coffers against outlaws and memorizing the safe's combination until delivery.)*

**Harriet Eudora (Stinchfield) Baird**



Ch. BAIRD:

**1. Harold Ernest Baird; b. 1886 Boston, d. 1953 Hartland**

2. Marion Myrtle Baird; b. 1888, d. 1968 (PG) She never married

3. Arthur Alfonzo Baird; b. 1890, d. 1956 (PG) m. Alice Beatrice Carey in 1913

4. Ethel Mae Baird; b. 1891, d. 1919 (PG) m. Harold R. Bell (divorced)

5. Frederick Thomas Baird; b. 1893, d. 1984

6. Elmer Lawrence Baird; b. 1895, d. 1956 (PG) m. Mildred Webb

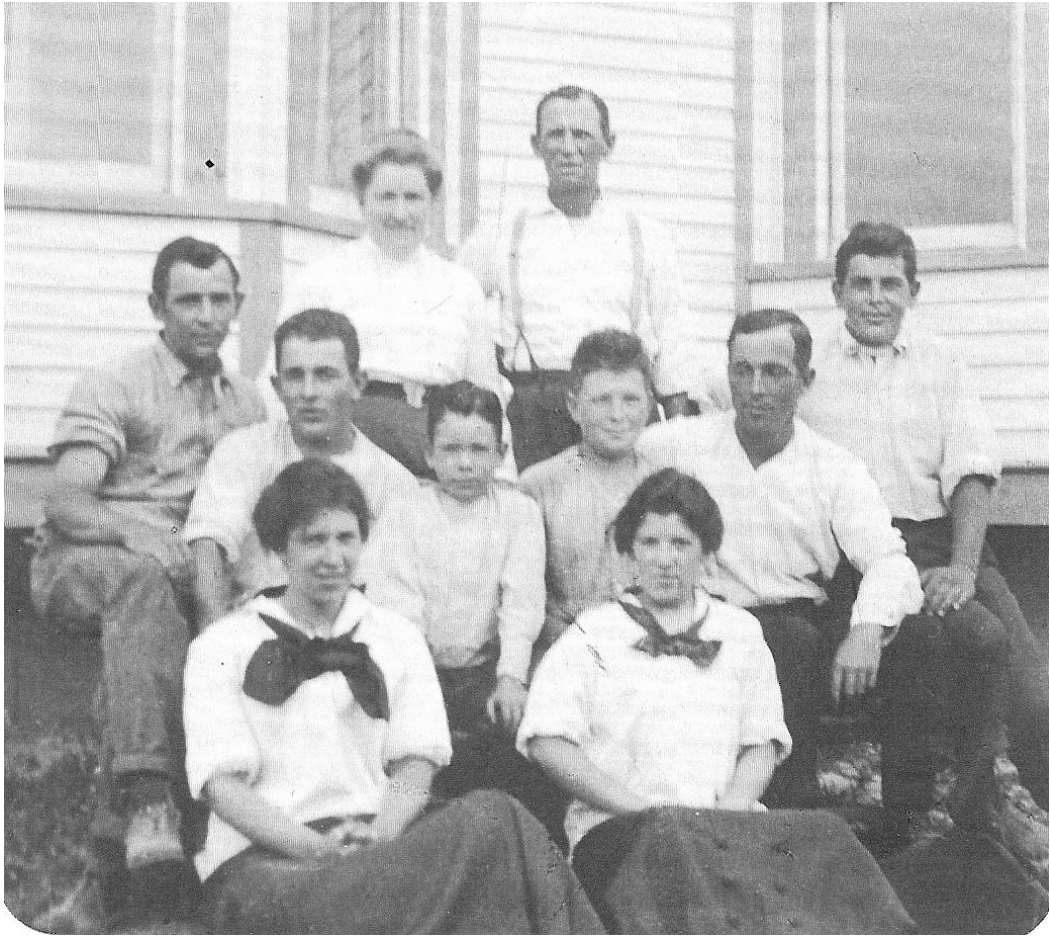
7. Unnamed Infant Son Baird; b. 7 Sep 1896, d. 7 Sep 1896 (PG)

8. Carl Alfred Baird; b. 1899, d. 1983 (Hartland Academy Class of 1917)

9. Stuart Stinchfield Baird; b. 1901, d. 1987 Hartland (PG) m. Addie Emily Chapoutot

10. Unnamed Infant Son Baird; b. 13 June 1903, d. 13 June 1903 (PG)

Alfred & Harriet Baird with their surviving children; Carl, Arthur, Frederick, Stuart, Harold, Elmer, Marion and Ethel about 1910 in St. Albans.



**1. Harold Ernest Baird**

b. 20 Dec 1886 Boston

d. July 1953 Hartland (PG) at 66yrs

m. 28 Nov 1912 St Albans

Etta Florena Bennett

*d/o Sander L. Bennett & Sabiah McGray of Fort Fairfield*

b. 9 Sep 1891 Fort Fairfield

d. 27 Aug 1967 Hartland (PG) at 75yrs

*Etta's mother Sabiah moved to the Hartland area sometime after she and Sander divorced in 1900 possibly living with her sister Nellie McGray who had married Fred Palmer in 1901 and had moved to St Albans at the future Gee Farm. Although it is still unclear where Sabiah was living in C/1900, she died in Hartland at 34yrs old on 21 Mar 1904 of cancer and is interred at Pine Grove Cemetery with Nellie & Fred and her mother Emily (Lewis) McGray. Emily is a sister of George W. Lewis; father of Preston Lewis. (See Lewis Family)*

*Etta had remained in Fort Fairfield in C/1900 living with her paternal grandparents, Ruel & Julia (Sawyer) Bennett, at 8yrs old. She was living in the home of Stuart & Myra Goodwin in St Albans at 18yrs old in C/1910 noted as a "Hired Girl" and was also noted as a resident of St Albans when she married Harold in 1912. It is also unclear where her sister Elsie was living in C/1900 but she was living with her Uncle Frank & Aunt Nellie (McGray) Palmer in St Albans in C/1910 until she married Frank McCormack in 1919. (See McCormack Family)*

*Harold & Etta resided in St Albans after they married then moved to Wellington by 1919 living there in C/1920. They moved back to Hartland by 1924 where they first lived on Hubbard Avenue and eventually moved to Pleasant Street by C/1930. Harold operated a Fire Wood business and later was a fur dealer.*

Ch. BAIRD:

I. Helen Marie Baird

b. 7 June 1913 St Albans (noted as 1<sup>st</sup> child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 7 Oct 2008 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) at 95yrs

m. 29 Nov 1931 Hartland

Harry Amasa Finson, Sr   **(See Finson Family)**

*s/o Fred Finson & Medora Fistina "Dora" Chase*

b. 9 May 1904 St Albans

d. Aug 1967 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) at 63yrs

*She was educated in Hartland schools. For many years she was the Hot Lunch Supervisor and Cook at St Albans Elementary School.*

Ch. FINSON:

A) Mary Kathleen Finson

b. 1932 St Albans

d. 1932 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) died in infancy

B) Harry Amasa Finson, Jr

b. 1939 St Albans

d. 1939 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) died in infancy

C) Ronnie F. Finson

b.

m. Alane \_\_\_\_\_

II. Elsie Lucille Baird

b. 9 June 1915 St Albans (noted as 2<sup>nd</sup> child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 16 Feb 2000 Newport (PG w/Lyndon) at 84yrs

m1. 27 Dec 1930 (divorced)

Nathaniel H. Vining

b. 2 Mar 1909 St Albans

d. 16 June 1971 St Albans

Ch. VINING:

A) Anna Patricia Vining

b. 16 June 1931 St Albans

d. 20 Feb 2007 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery)

m. 24 Dec 1947

Clayton G. Merrill

B) Jacquelyn Marie Vining "Jackie"

b. 1934 St Albans

m1. 14 Mar 1954 St Albans

Raymond C. Morrison

m2. 1 Feb 1963

Paul J. McCourtney

C) Helen Nathalie Vining  
b. 4 May 1935 Hartland  
d. 23 Sep 2021 Sanford (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans)  
m. 7 June 1953 St Albans  
Laurence C. Springer, Sr   **(See Stephen Seekins Family)**  
*s/o Delmont W. Springer & Jennie A. Seekins*

D) Clifford Harold Vining  
b. 1937 St Albans  
d. 2018 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)  
m. 5 Jan 1957 Pittsfield  
Thelma June Sennett

m2. 5 Mar 1960 Deep River, Connecticut (2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for both)

Lyndon Ellis Kinney

b. 29 Feb 1920 Danforth

d. 8 Apr 1993 Zephyrhills, Florida (PG)

*Elsie went to work at the Wild Goose Camp for Boys at Castle Harmony on Great Moose Lake as their Cook soon after it opened in 1956. Lyndon was a Chef in Ellsworth where he grew up and after they married, they continued as the Camp's Cooks for another 30 years.*

III. Howard Bennett Baird

**WWII U. S. Army**

b. 13 Aug 1917 St Albans (noted as 3<sup>rd</sup> child by Dr. Charles Moulton)

d. 8 Jan 1990 Sebec at 72yrs

m. 10 Mar 1948 Hartland (his 1st, her 2nd marriage)

Edna Mae Reynolds

*d/o Leonard W. Reynolds & Martha P. Chadbourne*

b. 15 Apr 1924 Milo

d. 20 Aug 2002 Dover-Foxcroft

*His parents were noted as residents of Wellington at the time of his birth. He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1935 and worked as a welder for B & A Railroad. She married 1<sup>st</sup> to Alvin Carle on August 31, 1945.*

Ch. BAIRD: (Unknown order)

A) Barry Baird

b.

B) Bruce Baird

b.

C) Harold Baird

b.

D) Roger Baird

b.

E) Kurt Baird

b.

F) Carol Baird

b.

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Courier

G) Carla Baird  
b.  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ Bragdon

H) Linda Baird  
b.

I) Elaine Baird  
b.  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ Staks

IV. Kenneth Harold Baird

**WWII U. S. Air Force**

b. 5 Sep 1919 Wellington (noted as 4<sup>th</sup> child)  
d. 7 Apr 2009 Tooele, Utah at 89yrs  
m. 21 Aug 1947 Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania  
Anabell Lee Deibler

*d/o Harry Deibler & Anna May Loyer*

b. 13 May 1923 Pennsylvania  
d. 3 Jan 2005 Brigham City, Utah

*Kenneth graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1938. "After high school, Kenneth attended Lincoln flying school in Lincoln Nebraska where he received an FAA flying license. After school he went to work for Pan Am Airways flying out of Honolulu, Hawaii. After a short stay with Pan Am he went to work for Glen L Martin in Maryland as a flight line mechanic on the B-26 Bombers. In 1940 Kenneth went to work at Olmsted Air Force Base in Middleton, Pennsylvania as an aircraft mechanic. He worked there till the bombing of Pearl Harbor, when he transferred to Hickam Air Field in Honolulu. After a stay at Hickam he returned to the states and joined the US Air Force. He was assigned to the 15th Air Force Squadron on B-24 bombers. He was stationed in Italy where he flew several missions over Europe as a flight engineer and gunner. After his return from the Air Force, Kenneth went back to work at Olmstead Air Force Base until 1965 when he moved to Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah where he worked until his retirement in 1980 with 40 years of service."*

Ch. BAIRD:

A) Brian Kenneth Baird  
b.

V. Nellie Vivian Baird

b. 15 Nov 1922 Hartland (noted as 5<sup>th</sup> child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)  
d. 29 July 1998 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 75yrs  
m. 6 Dec 1942

Frank Elmer Pooler

*s/o Harris Pooler & Ina P. Dyer*

b. 5 Feb 1919 Pittsfield  
d. 6 Aug 1996 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 77yrs  
*She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1940.*

Ch. POOLER:

A) Sandra J. Pooler  
b. 15 Apr 1943 Pittsfield  
d. 25 Jan 2001 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery) at 57yrs

VI. Herbert James Baird

**WWII U. S. Army Air Corps**

b. 2 May 1924 Hartland  
d. 10 Aug 1997 St Albans (PG) at 73yrs



m. 30 Mar 1946 Hartland

Eva V. Cully

*d/o Albert Cully & Viola Spencer*

b. 27 Apr 1924 Bradley

d. 24 May 2019 Sanford, Florida (PG) at 95yrs

*They both graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1942. "She grew up in Hartland graduating from Hartland Academy. After high school she attended secretarial college in Cambridge, MA, where she waited tables during the day and took classes at night. At the end of WWII, her high school classmate, 1st Lt. Herbert Baird, returned from England and asked her to marry him in 1946. They remained married for 51 years and had one child, Pam. Eva and Herbert lived in Caribou, Maine, for the majority of their years together where she worked as a bookkeeper for several businesses, including The Aroostook Republican and Solomon Distributors. She and Herbert retired to St. Albans, and she spent the last years of her life at the Atria Assisted Living Facility in Sanford, Florida, to be near her daughter." Eva is a younger sister of Alver Cully.*

Ch. BAIRD:

A) Pam Baird

b.

m. Kenneth Bloom

VII. Webster Baird

b. 29 Jan 1933 Hartland

d. 13 Sep 1989 Hartland (PG) at 56yrs

m. 6 June 1954 Hartland

Lillian Ruth Watson "Ruth"

*d/o Clyde Watson & Edna Chapman*

b. 6 June 1932 Cambridge

d. 15 May 2018 Hartland (PG) at 85yrs

*Webster graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1951. "Ruth started her education in Cambridge then went on to graduate from Hartland Academy Class of 1951 where she met the love of her life, Webster Baird. Over the years, Ruth had many jobs from working at Baxter Cannery and Norwoc Shoe to waitressing. Ruth was a faithful, kind and caring person who found joy in helping others. This led her to work at the hospital, nursing home and then later with some of our littlest people at Jack-in-the-Box Nursery School during her retirement. Back in the day, Ruth loved playing cards with the girls, going to ceramics classes and enjoyed doing word-search puzzles. Ruth loved to just sit on the camp porch and watch the sunset."*

Ch. BAIRD:

A) Harold Webster Baird

b. 20 June 1956 Hartland

B) Timothy Jay Baird

b. 6 Apr 1959 Hartland

d. 3 July 2023 St Albans (PG) at the Baird Family Camp on Great Moose Lake

m. Cindy Dunivan

*d/o Berl M. Dunivan & Shirley McAtee of Plymouth*