

Goforth Family

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James Franklin Goforth

s/o David Isaac Goforth & Mary Ann Condra

b. 7 Feb 1873 Boonville, Missouri

d. 1 Sep 1942 Richland, Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 69yrs

m. 7 Feb 1893 Missouri

Frances Charlotte Gardner "Fannie"

d/o Felix Bond Gardner & Sarah Ellen Hume

b. 14 Mar 1872 Iberia, Missouri

d. 23 Mar 1941 Richland, Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 69yrs

James' father David Goforth served in the Civil War with the 1st Missouri Cavalry, Company H.

Children of James & Fannie Goforth

Front Row (L-R): Della, David, Paul

Back Row: Vincent, Zella, Robert, George

Taken in Missouri c1909



Ch. GOFORTH:

- 1. Zella Goforth
 - b. 25 Feb 1894 Iberia, Missouri
 - d. 7 Jan 1972 Lebanon, Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 77yrs
 - m. 3 Sep 1914 Springfield, Missouri
- Floyd L. Evans
 - b. 29 Feb 1892
 - d. 3 Sep 1979 Lebanon, Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 87yrs

- 2. Robert Franklin Goforth, Sr **WWI U. S. Army Signal Corps**
 - b. 20 Jan 1896 Iberia, Missouri
 - d. 20 Jan 1964 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery w/Grace) at 68yrs
 - m. 27 Apr 1918 Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Grace Coffin Bruerton
 - d/o Arthur James Bruerton & Charlotte Howard Coffin*
 - b. 11 Feb 1898 Malden, Massachusetts
 - d. 18 Aug 1977 Hartland (PG) at 79yrs
 - They were living in Weymouth, Massachusetts in C/1920 where he worked for the phone company and in C/1930 where he worked as a Lineman. By 1939, they moved to Palmyra noting in the 1940 Census they were living in Weymouth in 1935. He worked for many years for the Hartland & St Albans Telephone Company.*

Ch. GOFORTH:

- I. Charlotte Frances Goforth
 - b. 23 Mar 1919 Boston
 - d. 27 Nov 2012 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) at 93yrs
 - m. 2 Apr 1939 South Weymouth, Massachusetts
- Reginald Joseph Phillips **WWII U. S. Army**
 - b. 2 Mar 1913 Boston
 - d. Sep 1982 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) at 68yrs

Ch. PHILLIPS:

- A) Deborah Louise Phillips
 - b. 1 Apr 1939 South Weymouth, Massachusetts
 - m1. Myron Hart
 - m2. Carroll Ellis
 - m3. William Stinchfield
 - m4. Arthur Berce
- B) Rebecca Grace Phillips "Becky"
 - b. 15 July 1941 Hartland
 - d. 14 Jan 2012 Old Orchard Beach (St Albans Village Cemetery) at 70yrs
 - m. Sherman Laughton (divorced)

- II. Gertrude Goforth
 - b. 9 June 1920 Weymouth, Massachusetts
 - d. Aug 1923 Weymouth, Massachusetts at 3yrs

- III. Marjorie Goforth
 - b. 23 Mar 1921 Weymouth, Massachusetts
 - d. 24 Mar 1921 Weymouth, Massachusetts at 1 day

IV. Henrietta Grace Goforth

b. 27 Apr 1922 Weymouth, Massachusetts

d. 6 July 1995 St Albans (PG) at 73yrs

m. 27 Apr 1940 Palmyra

Robert Howard Perkins (See Perkins & Snow Family)

WWII U. S. Army

s/o Mark Perkins & Eva Lena Snow

b. 22 Dec 1919 Palmyra

d. 9 Feb 2012 St Albans (PG)

Her sister Barbara Goforth married his brother Linwood Perkins.

Ch. PERKINS:

A) Winthrop Paul Perkins "Winky"

b. 12 Aug 1942 Hartland

d. 11 Jan 2015 Palmyra (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans)

m. Donna A. Knight

B) George Howard Perkins

Vietnam U. S. Army

b. 18 Oct 1946 Hartland

d. 1 July 2020 Palmyra (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans)

m1. Janet Brooks

m2. Barbara _____

C) Edward K. Perkins

Vietnam U. S. Army

b. 14 July 1949 Hartland

d. 10 Oct 2016 St Albans (PG)

D) Charlene Etta Perkins

b. 22 Apr 1952 Hartland

m. Duane Leighton

V. Robert Franklin Goforth, Jr

WWII U. S. Army

b. 22 May 1923 Weymouth, Massachusetts

d. 28 May 1994 Hartland (PG) at 71yrs

m. 30 Mar 1946

Hilda Alma Fenderson

d/o Chester James Fenderson & Mable Edith Hartford (PG)

b. 23 Feb 1930 Lewiston

d. 28 Feb 1998 Hartland (PG)

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1942. Hilda's mother Mable remarried to Howard O. Davis in 1941 following Chester's death on September 4, 1929.

Ch. GOFORTH:

A) Lester Howard Goforth

b. 3 Apr 1953 Hartland

m1. Irene Susan Wyman "Susan" (See Wyman Family)

d/o Richard Earl Wyman, Sr & Shizuko Matsumoto

m2. Stephanie A. Ballard (See Stephen Seekins Family)

d/o Bruce Byron Ballard & Rosemary Brooks

m3. Jennifer Jordan

VI. Emily Wing Goforth
b. 6 July 1924 Weymouth, Massachusetts
d. 31 Jan 1987 Madison, Ohio (PG w/parents)
m. 15 Jan 1946 Cumberland, Maryland
Arthur Clinton Hedrick
b. 18 Mar 1923 Cumberland, Maryland
d. 26 Mar 1972 Madison, Ohio
She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1942.

Ch. HEDRICK:

A) Grace Pearl Hedrick
b. 15 Aug 1944 Hartland
m. Dennis Charles Markgraf

B) David Arthur Hedrick
b. 1 Oct 1948 Cumberland, Maryland
d. 6 Feb 1995
m. Deborah Dallas

C) Katherine Jane Hedrick
b. 18 Dec 1955 Geneva, Ohio
m1. Gary Csepegi
m2. Charles First

D) Clinton Lee Hedrick
b. 2 Sep 1962 Madison, Ohio
m. Norma Anderson Judd

VII. George Harley Goforth
b. 13 Oct 1928 Weymouth, Massachusetts
d. 1 Jan 2023 Scarborough (Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco) at 94yrs
m. 3 Sep 1949 Turner
Ruth Priscilla Gibbs
d/o Charles H. Gibbs & Dorothea M. Rand
b. 11 Nov 1927 Livermore
d. 14 Mar 2018 Scarborough (Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco) at 90yrs
He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1946. They attended Farmington State Teachers College together; Ruth graduated in 1949 & George in 1950.

Ch. GOFORTH:

A) Patricia Leanne Goforth
b. 19 June 1952 Farmington
m. William Cosgrove

B) Gregory Wayne Goforth
b. 4 Jan 1954 Farmington
m. Suzanne Morin

C) Linda Jane Goforth
b. 20 Sep 1956 Waterville
m. Douglas Kanora

D) Brenda Joyce Goforth
b. 20 Feb 1962 Waterville
m. Scott Martel

VIII. Barbara Ann Goforth

b. 3 Dec 1929 Weymouth, Massachusetts
d. 9 Nov 1999 Shawmut (Maplewood Cemetery, Fairfield w/Wayne) at 69yrs
m1. 23 Aug 1947 Palmyra (divorced 1963)
Linwood Boutelle Perkins **(See Perkins & Snow Family)** **WWII U. S. Army**
s/o Mark Perkins & Eva Lena Snow
b. 28 Mar 1922 Palmyra
d. 22 May 2008 Hartland (PG)
Her sister Henrietta Goforth married his brother Robert Perkins.

Ch. PERKINS:

A) Dana Mark Perkins
b. 2 June 1948 Hartland
m1. Linda Harris
m2. Dorothy P. Lavoie
m3. Dena M. Lifland

B) Catherine Ruth Perkins "Cathy"
b. 11 July 1950 Hartland
m1. Benjamin Bernard
m2. Douglas Wiley (PG)
m3. Charles H. Buker

C) Richard Dane Perkins
b. 7 July 1952 Hartland
m. Lillian Dodge

D) Alan Wayne Perkins
b. 27 May 1954 Hartland
d. 5 Nov 2006 Owensboro, Kentucky (PG)
m1. Diana Nichols
m2. Judi Abrams

m2. 1 Oct 1964
Wayne L. Crummett
s/o Frank Crummett & Hazel Young
b. 2 Nov 1935 Fairfield
d. 12 Jan 2020 Shawmut (Maplewood Cemetery, Fairfield)

IX. James Howard Goforth, Sr

Korea U. S. Army
b. 21 Nov 1932 Weymouth, Massachusetts
d. 6 May 2002 Norway (Lakeview Cemetery, Norway) at 69yrs
m1. 19 June 1954 South Paris (divorced 1979)
Marguerite G. Tracy
d/o Rupert R. Tracy & Martha E. Barrows
b. 13 Nov 1930 South Paris
d. 10 Oct 2019 Norway (Norway Pine Grove Cemetery, Paris w/Charles)

She remarried to Charles Johnson in 1984.

Ch. GOFORTH:

A) Charles Goforth "Chuck"
b. 22 May 1955 Hartland
m. Susan _____

B) James Howard Goforth, Jr "Jay"
b. 4 Aug 1956 Hartland
m. Kathy Wyman

C) Bruce Alan Goforth
b. 17 Mar 1957 Hartland
d. 11 Oct 1957 St Albans at 6mths

m2. 28 April 1989 Portland
Sharon Huotari Kahkonen

X. Vincent Coffin Goforth **U. S. Army**
b. 7 July 1938 Palmyra
d. 30 July 1997 North Yarmouth (Pine Grove Cemetery, North Yarmouth) at 59yrs
m1. 20 June 1959 (divorced)
Roseline Reynolds

Ch. GOFORTH:

A) Bernadette Marie Goforth
b. 17 Dec 1959 Hartland
m. William M. O'Brian

B) Vincent Robert Goforth "Buddy"
b. 10 Feb 1961 Hartland
d. 20 Oct 2023 Lowell, Massachusetts
m. Sandra L. Sargent (divorced)

C) John Joseph Goforth
b. 17 Mar 1962 Hartland
m. Kathy Reynolds

m2. 7 Sep 1965 (divorced)
Joan Carol Whittemore **(See Whittemore Family)**
d/o Aubrey Edwin Whittemore & Caroline Dorothy Randall
b. 7 Sep 1943 Hartland

D) Pam Goforth
b. 27 Oct 1963 Hartland
m. Kevin Napolitano

E) Wanda Goforth
b. 4 June 1964 Hartland
m. Larry Estabrook

3. Vincent Clay Goforth

WWI U. S. Army

b. 24 July 1898 Richwoods, Missouri

d. 12 Apr 1977 St Petersburg, Florida (PG w/Chrystal) at 78yrs

m1. 2 Dec 1919 Lebanon, Missouri

Lina A. Vance

d/o Daniel Vance & Angie Humphries

b. 11 Apr 1903 Laclede County, Missouri

d. 10 Feb 1921 Lebanon, Missouri (Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Lebanon, Missouri) at 18yrs

Ch. GOFORTH:

I. James Franklin Goforth

b. 10 Feb 1921 Lebanon, Missouri

d. 10 Feb 1921 (Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Lebanon, Missouri w/Lina)

m2. 15 Sep 1923 St Albans

Chrystal McPheters **twin**

d/o Mark Edward McPheters & Myrtle (Russell) McPheters-Blake

b. 7 July 1901 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 27 Nov 1989 Hartland (PG) at 88yrs

Vincent was the 1st of 3 Goforth Brothers to move to Maine followed later by Robert & George. He was living with his 1st wife Lena in Springfield, Missouri in C/1920 noted as an Undertaker. Shortly after Lena and their infant son's death in 1921, he moved to Portland where he continued in the undertaking business. Chrystal was also living in Portland at the time working as a Registered Nurse at Maine General Hospital. They married in 1923 at her mother and step-father Millard Blake's new home on the Hartland Road in St Albans. They returned to Portland for about a year before moving to St Albans where he was admitted into the Maine Undertakers Association on August 27, 1925.

They moved to Hartland in 1926 residing first on Academy Street where he, with Chrystal's assistance, soon opened his first funeral parlor in town at a currently unknown location. By C/1930, they had moved to Elm Street and in 1932 purchased the former James Fuller, Jr residence up the street where they moved their family and their Goforth's Funeral Parlor business. He also had an ambulance & hearse service for the business which his brother George came from Missouri in 1934 to help him operate. In October of 1932, Chrystal became the first Registered Nurse to work at the newly opened Scott-Webb Memorial Hospital in Hartland.

By 1937, they had purchased her step-father's original homestead on the Webb Ridge Road in St Albans and moved their family there while Vincent continued operating the funeral parlor business in Hartland for a few more years. They were still living on the Webb Ridge Road in C/1940 and operating the funeral parlor before they sold the Elm Street location to Dr. Charles Norcross by 1942. In 1944, they moved with their daughters to St Petersburg, Florida living there until Vincent's death in 1977. Chrystal returned to Hartland where she passed away in 1989 at Sanfield Nursing Home which had replaced Scott-Webb Memorial Hospital.

Among several of the local organizations in Hartland they were members, Vincent was a Charter Member of Hartland American Legion Post #141 organized in 1930 while Chrystal was one of 15 Charter Members and first elected President of the Hartland American Legion Post #141 Women's Auxiliary organized in 1937. Chrystal is the twin sister of Carroll Milford McPheters.

Ch. GOFORTH:

II. Marjorie Pearl Goforth "Marge"

U. S. Army Women's Army Corps

b. 5 July 1924 Hartland (at Tibbetts Hospital)

d. 23 Nov 2010 Barium Springs, North Carolina (Levy County w/John) at 86yrs

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1942 before moving to Florida.

m1. 15 Aug 1945 New York

Adolphe Richard Dietz, Jr

m2. 23 Nov 1947 Florida

Harold Lamar Cason

m3.

Kirk Slack

m4. Apr 1962 Florida

Joseph Sanders Monfort

m5. by 1977

John Hugh Hoolihan (St Alban's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden, Levy County, FL)

III. Hazel Marie Goforth

b. 30 May 1931 Hartland

d. 9 Mar 1993 St Albans (PG) at 61yrs

m1. 29 Apr 1950 Florida

Robert Crawford Murray, Jr

m2. 1 Sep 1960 Maine

Carroll Leroy Hughes

s/o Harvey Josiah Hughes & Annie Mae Potter (See McDougal Family)

b. 11 May 1927 Burnham

d. 19 Apr 1976 St Petersburg, Florida (PG) at 48yrs

4. George Washington Goforth

b. 1 Aug 1900 Iberia, Missouri

d. 4 June 1953 Palmyra (PG w/Edna) at 52yrs

m. 8 Aug 1935 Hartland

Edna Mae Salley

d/o Samuel Stewart Salley, Sr & Edna M. Morrison

b. 23 Apr 1910 Palmyra (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 29 Apr 1992 Hartland (PG) at 82yrs

George was living in Liberty, Missouri with his parents in C/1930 and first arrived in Hartland to live with his brother Vincent in August of 1934 as noted in a local newspaper article where he worked for a short time at the Goforth Funeral Home driving the hearse and ambulance. He & Edna moved to Palmyra after they married living there by C/1940. He later worked as a hospital engineer at Scott-Webb Memorial Hospital until his death. Edna's sister Annie Salley married Willard A. Vanadestine. (See Joseph Emery Family)

Ch. GOFORTH:

I. Frances Irene Goforth

b. 24 Jan 1936 Palmyra

d. 23 Sep 2002 Clark, Nevada (Palm Memorial Park, Las Vegas, Nevada) at 66yrs

m1. 23 Dec 1954 Hartland (divorced)
Robert Kent McNeill

U. S. Air Force

m2. 18 Apr 1982 Nevada
Jerome Baum
b. 16 May 1916
d. 29 Dec 2015 Nevada (Palm Memorial Park, Las Vegas, Nevada)

II. Donna Mae Goforth
b. 13 Jan 1938 Palmyra

U. S. Army Air Corps

d. 26 Oct 1999 Fairfax, Virginia (Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia) at 61yrs

m. 15 June 1956 Maine

Maj. Erik John Lindquist, Jr

U. S. Air Force

b. 19 Dec 1934 Howland

d. 29 Aug 2001 Fairfax, Virginia (Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia)

He served in the Air Force from 1954-1981.

III. Darrell George Goforth

b. 25 Sep 1942 Hartland

d. 16 Nov 2014 Newport (PG w/parents) at 72yrs

m1. 1 July 1960

Evelyn M. Curtis

m2. 8 July 1978

Lucille Marion Johnson

5. Della Goforth "Dellie"

b. 6 Dec 1902 Iberia, Missouri

d. 9 Jan 1981 Santa Barbara, California (Santa Barbara Cemetery, CA) at 78yrs

m1. 21 Feb 1925 Lebanon, Missouri

Garland Homer Hooker

m2.

Donald Bruce Winniford

b. 2 Oct 1903 Illinois

d. 10 June 1998 Santa Barbara, California (Santa Barbara Cemetery, CA) at 94yrs

6. Charles Paul Goforth "Paul"

b. 19 June 1905 Greene, Missouri

d. 22 Sep 1986 Linn Creek, Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 81yrs

m.

Mary Edith Holdren

b. 28 Nov 1905 Missouri

d. 30 Apr 1985 Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 84yrs

7. David Felix Goforth

WWII U. S. Army

b. 23 Feb 1908 Iberia, Missouri

d. 29 Mar 1998 Missouri (Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri) at 90yrs

He was awarded the Bronze Star & Purple Heart.

Goforth Brothers at Robert's residence on the Warren Hill Road in Palmyra. c1940



George Vincent Robert