

Hanson Family

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George W. Hanson
s/o Moses Hanson & Lucinda Bunker
b. 11 Feb 1840 Hollis
d. 30 Nov 1916 Newport (Palmyra Village Cemetery)
m. 1873
Anna Eunice Davis
d/o George Davis & Hannah Hodgden
b. 17 Oct 1846 Palmyra
d. 18 Sep 1917 Newport (Palmyra Village Cemetery)

Ch. HANSON: (C/1910 notes 4 children born, 3 living)

2. Perley Moses Hanson

b. 9 June 1877 Palmyra (2nd of 4 children)

d. 5 Jan 1958 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery w/Bertie) at 80yrs

m. 8 Dec 1901 Palmyra

Alberta Wilkins "Bertie"

d/o Francis Marion Wilkins & Emily Gardiner Knight (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans)

b. Jan 1874 St Albans

d. 7 Jan 1960 Hartland (PG) at 85yrs

Bertie was a teacher in St Albans when they married. They were living with his parents with their 2 children in Palmyra in C/1910. Soon after, they moved to Hartland where Bertie opened a millinery & clothing business on Commercial Street located at the former Linn Block next to the Hartland Drug Store in the same building as the Post Office at the time while the family resided further up Commercial Street.

In September of 1920 they purchased G. M. Lancey's Dry Goods & Groceries Store Block and moved in upstairs while George M. Lancey and his wife moved to his late Uncle Calvin Blake's house on Academy Street. Bertie continued selling dry goods at the store until she focused mostly on clothing & footwear and changed the business name to B. W. Hanson Clothing Store.

Bertie had a brother Maurice M. Wilkins who drowned in Big Indian Pond in 1896 at 25yrs old. Her father Francis, a Civil War Veteran, is a brother to Walter D. Wilkins who married Mary Ellen Wing. Their daughter Mary Lois Wilkins married Dana Worthen; parents of Mary Ellen (Worthen) Cooper. (See Worthen/Worthing Family)

Ch. HANSON: (C/1910 notes 2 children born, 2 living)

A) Maurice Wilkins Hanson

b. 4 Nov 1902 Palmyra (noted as 1st child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 17 July 1973 Hartland (PG w/Lucille) at 70yrs

m. 25 Mar 1932

Lucille Vivian Braley

d/o David Atwell Braley & Margaret Eleanor

b. 7 Oct 1908 St Albans

d. 8 Oct 1971 Hartland (PG) at 63yrs

After 1930, Maurice became co-owner with his mother and the store eventually became B. W. Hanson & Son Clothing Store. He took over the business following his mother's

death and hired his niece-in-law Joan (Levasseur) Randlett to manage the store. Joan continued as manager when Maurice retired and Gary took over the family business.

Ch. HANSON:

I. Gary Wilkins Hanson
b. 23 July 1943 Hartland
m. 26 Aug 1961 Pittsfield
Judith Diane Frederick
They both graduated from MCI.

B) Gwendolyn F. Hanson "Gwen"
b. 22 Nov 1904 St Albans (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)
d. 6 Dec 1938 Hartland (PG w/Rae) at 34yrs
m. 17 Oct 1927 North Conway, New Hampshire
Rae Fuller Randlett I (**See Randlett & Fuller Family**)
s/o Thomas Fuller Randlett & Margaret McRae
b. 8 Sep 1904 Norwood, Massachusetts
d. 24 Oct 1984 Hartland (PG) at
Gwen graduated from MCI Class of 1922. Rae remarried to Leitha Small in 1941 then to Meredith (Knowles) Hollister in 1950. (See Knowles Family)

Ch. RANDLETT:

I. Rae Jean Randlett
b. 5 Jan 1928 Hartland
d. 7 Mar 2021 Marco Island, Florida
m1. 21 Sep 1946 Bangor
Clarence Edward Towle (**See Towle Family**) **WWII U. S. Navy**
s/o Walter Henry Towle, Jr & Lillian Harding Robinson
b. 20 Dec 1925 Palmyra
d. 26 Sep 1956 Hartland (PG)
He was intentionally shot and killed while working on the roof of his farm by a deranged local youth. Until she remarried, Rae Jean became the Director of the Hartland School Lunch Program as well as the summer cook for the Commodore Club and later Camp Dexter and Wild Goose Camp for Boys. She also served as hostess at the Lancey House in Pittsfield.

Ch. TOWLE:

a) Ginger Gwendolyn Towle
b. 7 Apr 1950 Belfast
m1. 19 Dec 1971 Pittsfield (widowed)
Randall Lee McPherson
s/o Sherman McPherson & Shirley Lawler
b. 3 Jan 1948 Pittsfield
d. 14 June 1997 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

m2.
Charles Russell

m2. 18 June 1960 Dryden
Robert Elwood Knowles "Bob" (**See Knowles Family**)
s/o Guy Edward Knowles & Marian Audette

b. 15 Apr 1934 Winslow

d. 11 Jan 2025 Unity

They had no children.

Bob & Rae Jean owned and operated several successful businesses including Unity Raceway which he took over from his father in 1960 and operated into the late 1970s. In 1971 they founded Maine X-Ray.

II. Rogen Haven Randlett

U. S. Army

b. 24 Oct 1933 Hartland

d. 3 July 1966 Unity (PG)

m. 1 Dec 1959 Hartland

Joan Alice LeVasseur

d/o Ernest Joseph LeVasseur & Mary Olive Warner

b. 24 Mar 1940 Presque Isle

He was a mechanic and had a garage at his father's store on Commercial Street.

He was accidentally killed when he was struck by a race car on the track while working as a Flag Man at Unity Raceway. Joan remarried John Connelly. (See

Annis Family)

Ch. RANDLETT:

a) Tammy Lee Randlett

b. 21 May 1960 Hartland

m. 2 Aug 1980 (divorced)

Richard Stanley Higgins, Jr

s/o Richard Stanley Higgins, Sr & Sandra _____

1910 Census: Palmyra

George Hanson, 70, Head of Household, farmer

Anna Hanson, 70, wife

Perley Hanson, 33, son, works on family farm

Alberta Hanson, 35, daughter-in-law, milliner

Maurice Hanson, 7, grandson

Gwendolyn Hanson, 5, granddaughter

1920 Census: (taken January 7th) Upper Commercial Street - Hartland

Perley Hanson, 43, Head of Household, machinist at American Woolen Mill

Bertie Hanson, 45, wife, Manager, dry goods store (G. M. Lancey's Store)

Maurice Hanson, 17, son, student

Gwendolyn Hanson, 15, daughter, student

In September they purchased and moved into the former G. M. Lancey Store Block.

1930 Census: Commercial Street - Hartland (former G.M. Lancey Block)

Perley Hanson, 53, Head of Household, carpenter, self employed

Bertie Hanson, 55, wife, merchant, dry goods store

Maurice Hanson, 27, son, salesman, dry goods store

Gwendolyn was now married to Rae and living on Pittsfield Avenue with 2yr old Rae Jean.

1940 Census: Commercial Street - Hartland (former G.M. Lancey Block)

Perley Hanson, 63, Head of Household, mechanic, tannery

Bertie Hanson, 65, wife, owner, clothing store

Maurice Hanson, 37, son, owner, clothing store

Lucille Hanson, 30, daughter-in-law, nurse, hospital

Also living there are 3 boarders including 70 year old William Wilkins, a widower born in Massachusetts. He was living there in 1935 and is a mechanic at Baxter Canning Co. Perhaps this is Bertie's Uncle?