

Coston Family

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Samuel Coston

s/o Lemuel Coston & Patience Perkins

b. 1785 Lebanon, Maine

d. 28 Feb 1861 Athens (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) æ 76yrs

m. c1812

Mary Tuttle (See Tuttle Family)

d/o James Tuttle II & Mary Nute of Dover, New Hampshire & Athens

b. 1785 Dover, New Hampshire

d. 15 June 1838 Athens (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) æ 53yrs

Her gravestone inscription reads, "MARY COSTON died June 15, 1838 age 53 years, wife of Samuel Coston". Her Great-Great Grandfather John Tuttle arrived from England aboard the 'Angel Gabriel' which was destroyed off the coast of Pemaquid, Maine during the Great Hurricane of 1635. He made his way to Dover, New Hampshire where he became a large land owner. His great-great grandson James Tuttle II moved to Maine soon after 1800.

Ch. COSTON: (7 known children)

2. Dennis Coston

b. 1813 Athens (2nd of 7 children)

d. 6 Nov 1897 St Albans (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens w/both wives) æ 84yrs

m1. c1832

Lydia Coston

b. 1818

d. 28 June 1840 Athens (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) æ 22yrs

Ch. COSTON:

A) Joshua Coston

b. 15 Nov 1833 Athens

d. 26 Sep 1905 Palmyra (Pine Grove Cemetery w/Aurelia) at 72yrs

m. 6 July 1860

Aurelia Starbird (aka Aurilla) (See Starbird Family)

d/o David Starbird & Aphia Fogg (Starbird Cemetery)

b. 1841 Hartland

d. 30 July 1927 Palmyra (PG) æ 86yrs

They were living in Athens when he registered for the Civil War Draft in June of 1863 noted at 29yrs old and married. They moved to Hartland by C/1870 then to Palmyra by C/1880 living on the Warren Hill Road where their homestead was just past the current Davis Road on the right a couple of miles past the Hartland Town Line. She remained living there with her son Harry until her death. See bottom of page for photo of their Warren Hill Road homestead.

Ch. COSTON:

1. Abraham Lincoln Coston "Lincoln"

b. 26 Feb 1861 Athens

d. 1941 Hartland (PG w/Emma) æ 80yrs

m. 8 Feb 1883

Emma McFarland

d/o James William McFarland & Annie Catherine Valentine

b. 6 Aug 1865 Prince Edward Island, Canada

d. 1 Nov 1934 Hartland (PG)

Ch. COSTON:

I. Addie Mary Coston "Mary"

b. 22 July 1884 Putnam, Connecticut (her parents were living in Hartland)

d. 24 Sep 1971 Hartland (PG) at 87yrs

m. 6 Aug 1905 Hartland (divorced)

Harry Newton Smith

s/o Frank J. Smith & Annis L. Kistson, both originally from Canada

b. 1880 Hudson, Massachusetts

d. 9 Mar 1961 Bangor

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1902. Harry was a Barber and they were living in Hartland in C/1910. After they divorced she began working at the Hartland Public Library in 1916 becoming the Head Librarian in 1924 until her retirement in 1966. She was a pianist for the silent movies shown at the Opera House/Town Hall. She remained in Hartland her entire life and never remarried. Harry moved to Rockwood and married 2nd to Mabel (Brown) Dearborn on 26 Oct 1915 and they were living in Newport in C/1920 where she died soon after. He married 3rd to Ora E. Miller on 5 Dec 1921 in Old Town and they were living in Bangor C/1930 & C/1940. He remained there until his death.

Ch. SMITH:

a) Newton Earl Smith

WWII U. S. Army

b. 17 Apr 1906 Hartland (as noted by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 8 Apr 1993 Palmyra (St Albans Village Cemetery w/Ruth)

m1. 25 Nov 1925 Hartland (divorced)

Frances Viola Ingalls **(See Pennell Family)**

d/o John Ingalls & Abigail Linscott

b. 17 July 1904 Seal Harbor/Mt Desert

d. 19 Dec 1959 Bangor (PG w/Pennell Family)

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1924. She was taken in as a foster child by C/1920 and raised by George & Georgia Pennell in Hartland.

Ch. SMITH:

1. Delma Mae Smith

b. 8 Apr 1926 Hartland

d. 24 May 2019 Newport at 93yrs

m. 11 Oct 1954

Gerald Richard Corey, Sr

WWII U. S. Navy

s/o Richard Thomas Corey & Cecelia T. Haddad

b. 3 May 1914 Bangor

d. 26 July 1980 Newport (Mt Hope Cemetery, Bangor)

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1945.

Ch. COREY:

aa) Gerald Richard Corey, Jr

b. 1955 Newport

bb) John Corey

b. 1957 Newport

m2. 16 June 1947 (2nd marriage for both)

Ruth Marie Mower

d/o Charles Mower & Ada Libby

b. 15 Nov 1907 St Albans

d. 8 Nov 2012 St Albans (St Albans Village Cemetery) **at 104yrs**

She graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1926. She married 1st in 1927 to Thomas D. Mills (1909-1971); divorced. 2 children; Marilyn J. Mills (b. 1927, m. Roland MacLeod) and James W. Mills (1929-1953).

II. Earl Hutchinson Coston

b. 7 Oct 1886 Palmyra (noted as 2nd child)

d. 24 May 1955 Seal Harbor (Seal Harbor Cemetery w/Ina)

m. 25 Nov 1912 Seal Harbor

Ina Eddy

d/o George F. Eddy & Ada A. DeBeck

b. 23 Aug 1894 Franklin

d. 23 Nov 1991 Seal Harbor (Seal Harbor Cemetery)

Ch. COSTON:

a) Earl Eddy Coston

b. 24 Sep 1915 Seal Harbor

d. 13 June 1956 Seal Harbor (Seal Harbor Cemetery)

m. Margaret Liscomb

b) Charlotte Ann Coston

b. 25 Aug 1917 Seal Harbor

d. 20 June 1919 Seal Harbor (Seal Harbor Cemetery) at 1yr, 9mos

c) Paul Arnold Coston, Sr

b. 30 May 1920 Seal Harbor

d. 15 Jan 1994 Bangor (Seal Harbor Cemetery)

m. Barbara Ida Hamor

d) Meredith Ann Coston

b. 22 July 1923 Washburn

d. 17 May 2008 Bar Harbor (Seal Harbor Cemetery)

m. Merrill Kilburn Smith

e) Jeanne Ada Coston

b. 3 Oct 1930 Otter Creek

d. 26 Sep 2015 Williamsport, PA (Mountain View, Bar Harbor)

m1. Lester Huntington Joy

m2. Jack Elerie Hamblen

III. Effie Coston

b. 6 Aug 1890 Palmyra

d. 19 Sep 1982 Tampa, Florida (PG w/Wallace)

m. 20 Feb 1913 Palmyra

Wallace Percy Worth

s/o Amos Mills Worth (PG) & Florence Pinkham

b. 18 Mar 1891 Augusta

d. 30 Mar 1961 Portland (PG)

Ch. WORTH:

a) Phyllis Elise Worth

b. 14 June 1913 Malden, Massachusetts

d. 17 Mar 1977 Clearwater, Florida (Prospect Harbor Cemetery)

m. Dr. Charles Frederick Larrabee

2. Ellen White Coston

b. 16 May 1863 Athens

d. 29 Aug 1911 Auburn (Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston w/Abner) at 48yrs

m. 1881

Abner Linnell

b. 11 Apr 1859 Oxford

d. 10 Nov 1931 Auburn (Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston)

Ch. LINNELL:

I. Mary Evelyn Linnell

b. 29 June 1881 Lewiston

d. 1 June 1967 Auburn (Mount Auburn Cemetery)

m. Fred B. Cole

II. Edgar Linnell

b. 13 June 1886 Lewiston

d. 17 Apr 1982 Auburn (Mount Auburn Cemetery)

m. Hazel Catherine McCabe

3. Joshua Freemont Coston "Mont"

b. 1 Mar 1870 St Albans

d. 19 Sep 1952 Auburn (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn w/Melissa) at 82yrs

m. 23 Sep 1892 Palmyra

Melissa Clements

b. 5 June 1876 Palmyra

d. 1 Apr 1952 Auburn (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn)

They lived in Palmyra after they married before moving to Auburn around 1912.

Ch. COSTON:

I. Clara E. Coston

b. 21 May 1893 Palmyra (1st child as noted by Dr. Charles Moulton)

d. 6 Jan 1921 Auburn (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn w/parents)

She never married.

II. Anne Marion Coston

b. 14 June 1895 Palmyra (2nd child as noted by Dr. Charles Moulton)

d. 1945 Auburn (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn)

m. Charles Arthur Corey

III. Hazel D. Coston

b. 8 June 1902 Palmyra

d. 15 July 1998 Auburn (Highland Cemetery, West Poland)

m. Harold L. Corey

IV. Myrtle Mabel Coston

b. 4 May 1903 Palmyra (4th child as noted by Dr. Charles Moulton)
d. 25 Aug 1998 Auburn (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn)
m. Walter E. Corey

V. Agnes Melissa Coston

b. 10 Nov 1904 Palmyra (5th child as noted by Dr. Charles Moulton)
d. 13 May 1984 North Dighton, Massachusetts
m. Theodore Merrill Small

VI. Forrest F. Coston

WWII U. S. Army

b. 13 Apr 1910 Palmyra (6th child as noted by Dr. Charles Moulton)
d. 22 Feb 1981 Lewiston (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn)
He never married.

VII. Etta Bernice Coston *twin*

b. 9 Jan 1914 Auburn
d. 10 Nov 1990 Lewiston (Mt Auburn Cemetery, Auburn)
m. Lee Standish Sedgley

VIII. Zetta B. Coston *twin*

b. 9 Jan 1914 Auburn
d. 8 May 1984 Lewiston (Gracelawn Memorial Park, Auburn)
m. Kenneth L. Johnson

4. Harry Howard Coston

b. 26 Dec 1875 St Albans
d. 11 June 1960 Hartland (PG w/Sada) at 84yrs
m. 21 June 1906 Hartland

Sada B. Foss

d/o John Carr Foss & Cleantha "Cannie" Carle

b. 10 Apr 1877 Weston
d. 5 June 1940 Hartland (PG) at 63yrs

He took over the family homestead in Palmyra following his father's death. They moved to Hartland in 1939 living on Pleasant Street. "He had been a resident of Hartland since 1939 and had previously been a farmer at Palmyra. He was a Past-Master of the Corinthian Lodge, AF & AM, a Past-Patron of Eastern Star Chapter 189, OES, a Seventh Degree Member of the Hartland Grange and a Member of the Modern Woodsmen of America." Sada graduated from Farmington State Normal School and taught school in Hartland Common Schools for a few years after they married. She was a past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star Chapter 189 of Hartland.

Ch. COSTON: (adopted)

I. Francis Lucian Coston

b. 28 Nov 1914 Fairfield
d. 7 June 1995 Salem, Massachusetts (PG w/Ardis) at 80yrs
m1. 23 July 1932 Newport (divorced)
Elsie Marie Ludden

d/o Charles Ludden & Florence Gifford (Sawyer Cemetery)

b. 1 Oct 1913 Lee
d. 30 Jan 2005 Derry, New Hampshire (Sawyer Cemetery, Plymouth w/parents)

He was born Merle Henderson and legally adopted on February 15, 1917 at 14 months old by Harry & Sada who changed his name to Francis Lucian Coston and raised him as their son. Elsie graduated from Newport High School Class of 1932. She remarried in 1942 to Luther Eugene Nichols, Sr; 3 children Luther, Beverly & Dwinal Nichols. They divorced and she moved to Derry, New Hampshire in 1962 and married William James Lobdell in 1963; they had no children.

Ch. COSTON:

a) Francis Larry Coston "Larry"

Korea U. S. Army

b. 1 Feb 1933 Palmyra

d. 19 Jan 2009 Hartland (PG w/Janice) at 75yrs

m. 5 July 1952 Pittsfield

Janice Estelle Wyman

d/o Franklin Wyman & Mildred Pierce

b. 30 Dec 1935 Pittsfield

d. 27 Feb 2013 Hartland (PG) at 77yrs

They took over his grandfather Harry's home on Pleasant Street where he also operated Coston's Garage. He was a fan favorite at Unity Raceway winning many trophies with his "Flying Zero" stock car.

Ch. COSTON:

1. Estelle Arlene Coston

b.

m.

Harvey D. Johnston

s/o Ronald Dwayne Johnston & Jacquelyn D. Cool (PG)

b. 1954

d. 2018 (PG)

2. Larry Francis Coston

b. 5 Sep 1961 Hartland

d. 4 June 2014 Hartland

m. Linda Soucy

3. Sara Jane Coston

b.

m. Benjamin Ayer

b) Donald Vaughn Coston

b. 6 Dec 1935 Palmyra

d. 4 Nov 2023 VA Togus (PG) at 87yrs

m. Sonya Davis

c) Roger Merrill Coston

b. 22 Jan 1938 Palmyra

d. 5 July 1965 Rowley, MA (Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, MA) at 27yrs

m.

Jacquelyn J. Enquist

b. 7 Feb 1939 Lynn, MA

d. 21 Oct 2024 Salem, MA (Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, MA)

They were residing in Salem, Massachusetts at the time of his death from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Rowley.

m2. 20 Feb 1943 Hartland
Ardis I. MacPherson
d/o Alton MacPherson & Celia Salisbury (PG)
b. 12 Feb 1925 Hartland
d. 8 Feb 2018 Danvers, Massachusetts (PG w/Francis) at 92yrs

Ch. COSTON:
d) Berry D. Coston
b. 1944 Maine

m2. after 1840
Malora Ann Stewart/Steward
b. 20 Mar 1815 Canaan
d. 21 June 1889 Athens (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens)
In his Will written on September 13, 1897, Dennis left all of his estate & personal property to be divided equally between 4 of his 5 surviving children named as Henry C. Coston, Mary E. Kimball, Deborah A. Flanders & Martha S. Mason with the latter named Executor of his Will. No mention of his son Joshua.

Ch. COSTON:
B) Nathaniel W. Coston **Civil War 16th Maine, Co. A - DIS**
b. 1842 Athens
d. 27 May 1864 Georgetown, District of Columbia (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) æ 21yrs
Died at a Military Hospital from gunshot wound at The Battle of the Wilderness on May 5, 1864.

C) Henry C. Coston **Civil War 13th Maine, Co. F & 30th Maine, Co. B**
b. 1844 Athens
d. 1904 (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens)
m. Mary L. Jefferson

D) Lydia Corson
b. 1846 Athens
d. 1891 (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens w/Benjamin)
m. Benjamin L. Flanders
He remarried her younger sister Deborah Coston in 1892.

E) Mary E. Coston
b. 1849 Athens
d. 2 May 1909 Athens (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens w/parents)
m. Clarence A. Kimball

F) Martha S. Coston
b. 1852 Athens
d. 1930 Hartland (PG w/Charles)
m. Charles F. Mason (as his 2nd wife)

G) Deborah A. Coston
b. 1856 Athens
d. 1921 (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens w/Benjamin)

m1. 1880 (divorced)
Elias H. Jackson

m2. 1892
Benjamin L. Flanders
Her older sister Lydia's widower. Both are interred with Benjamin at Mt Rest Cemetery.

Joshua & Aurelia (Starbird) Coston at their Palmyra Homestead - c1900
(See detailed description below)



Description of photo added years later by Hazel (Coston) Corey; d/o Freemont Coston

Joshua and Auriela (Starbird) Coston at their home in Palmyra, Maine. The dog's name was "Prince". These people were Hazel Coston Corey's paternal grandparents. The horse's name was "Dandy". The Costons were engaged in farming. He died quite young, perhaps due to an unpleasant personality.

Their children were Lincoln (married an Emma from Prince Edward Island); Ellen (married Abner Linnell); Joshua Freemont (father of Hazel, wife of Melissa); Harry (married Lada Free).