

Smith Family

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Joseph Smith

s/o Isaac Smith & Mary Hight

b. 1816 Athens

d. 1870 Harmony (Pine Grove Cemetery - Cenotaph) æ 54yrs

m. c1847 Harmony

Lupira Grant

d/o William Grant & Susan Blacktone formerly of Falmouth

b. 12 July 1827 Harmony

d. 12 Aug 1906 Hartland (PG) at 79yrs

Following Joseph's death, she remained in Harmony in C/1880 with her son Elmer then moved to Hartland with her son Willard in 1891 living with him in C/1900 where she remained until her death.

Ch. SMITH:

1. Elmer Judson Smith

b. 15 Dec 1848 Harmony

d. 16 June 1921 Skowhegan (Ireland Cemetery w/Florence) at 72yrs

m. 30 Nov 1884 Hartland

Florence Lancey Moor **(See Moor/Moore & Lancey Family)**

d/o Amasa J. Moor & Frances Lancey

b. 11 May 1858 Hartland

d. 29 Nov 1949 Hartland (IC) at 91yrs

They were living in Hartland in C/1900 and C/1910. Elmer was a Traveling Salesman and was living with his nephew Clyde H. Smith in Skowhegan in C/1920 while Florence and Helen were living in Portland later returning to Hartland living at her father's former home on North Street.

Ch. SMITH:

A) Helen Moor Smith

b. 23 June 1889 Hartland

d. 6 Oct 1983 Hartland (IC w/parents) at 93yrs - **Last Interment**

She never married.

After returning to Hartland with her mother in the early 1930s, she remained at her Grandfather Amasa Moor's former home on North Street until her death. She was buried about 50 years after the last person had been previously interred at Ireland Cemetery. She was buried at her request with her dog "Chummy".

2. Willard F. Smith

b. 27 Mar 1851 Harmony

d. 6 June 1919 Skowhegan (Pine Grove Cemetery w/both wives) at 68yrs

m1. 5 Apr 1875 Harmony

Angeta Bartlett "Angie"

d/o Henry Bartlett & Sarah Page

b. 1853 Harmony

d. Sep 1882 Harmony (PG-Cenotaph) æ 29yrs

Angeta is the sister of Henry W. Bartlett who married Willard's sister Clara Smith. Willard had been operating a general store in Harmony when he married Angie remaining there for a few years following her death with their 4 children. In 1888, Willard was working for his brother-in-law Henry W. Bartlett at his store in Athens and soon after remarried Albra Cook of Athens in

1889. Henry contracted Tuberculosis soon after and sold his store to Willard in November of 1890 who moved to Athens with Albra and his 4 children.

They had only been in Athens a few months when his other brother-in-law Arthur W. Bartlett, also a merchant in Harmony & Athens, purchased the former C. H. Skinner Store Block on Commercial Street in Hartland in April of 1891. A business partnership was formed between the two and Willard sold his store in Athens and moved to Hartland with Albra and his children along with his widowed mother Lupira (Grant) Smith. He and Arthur opened a dry goods & grocery store operating as Bartlett & Smith but by October Arthur was also stricken by Tuberculosis and returned to Harmony until his death that December at just 30yrs old.

Willard & Albra were living upstairs over the store in C/1900 along with his 4 children and his mother. He continued in business until about 1905 when illness forced him to retire. He was involved in town affairs while they lived in Hartland and had served as a Town Selectman in the late 1890s and Chairman of the Hartland Republican Committee. His son Myron took over the business for a couple of years before Willard sold out and moved to Skowhegan with Albra in 1909 joining his son Clyde however he never recovered from his lingering health issues.

Ch. SMITH:

A) Clyde Harold Smith

b. 9 June 1876 Harmony

d. 8 Apr 1940 Washington, D. C. (Pine Grove Cemetery w/parents) at 64yrs

m1. 17 Apr 1908 Portsmouth, New Hampshire (divorced)

Edna Catherine Page

d/o Edward Payson Page & Lizzie Randall

b. 16 Mar 1884 Skowhegan

d. 16 Nov 1972 North Anson (Sunset Cemetery, North Anson w/Fred)

They had no children.

Clyde came from Athens to Hartland with his father, step-mother and 3 siblings in 1891. He attended Hartland Academy (Class of 1893). Smith taught school briefly then was Superintendent of Schools of Hartland from 1899-1903 and served 2 terms in the Maine House of Representatives from 1899-1903. While in Hartland, he also operated a hardware store at the Latty Block on Main Street, a clothing store with his brother Myron on Commercial Street and a novelty wood item manufacturing business at the W. H. Moore Mill on Moore Street. He moved to Skowhegan in late 1904 having been elected Sheriff of Somerset County serving until 1909. He first married after moving to Skowhegan living there with Edna in C/1910. She remarried to Fred W. Bunker in 1915.

m2. 14 May 1930 Skowhegan

Margaret Madeline Chase

d/o George Emery Chase & Carrie Matilda Murray

b. 14 Dec 1897 Skowhegan

d. 29 May 1995 Skowhegan (Margaret C. Smith Library Grounds, Skowhegan) at 97yrs

They had no children.

"In Skowhegan, Clyde engaged in retail automobile sales, hardware and plumbing sales, and the newspaper publishing business. He later engaged in banking and real estate businesses and was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Skowhegan from 1914-1932. He served again in the Maine House of Representatives from 1919-1923 then the Maine State Senate from 1923-1929. He was Chairman of the State Highway Commission 1928-1932 and a member of the Governor's Council 1933-1937. He was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives as a Republican for the Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth

Congresses serving from January 3, 1937 until his death on April 8, 1940. He was succeeded in Congress by his second wife and future U. S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith."

"Clyde served in various local and state offices before winning election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1936. Smith soon fell ill and was unable to continue his congressional campaign for re-election to the 77th Congress (1941–1943). Clyde urged voters to support his wife to succeed him. Shortly before his death he told constituents, 'I know of no one else who has the full knowledge of my ideas and plans or is as well qualified as she is, to carry on these ideas or my unfinished work for the district.'"

"Smith died leaving his seat vacant in the 76th Congress (1939–1941). Margaret Chase Smith declared her candidacy for the special election to serve out his unexpired term. In the May 13, 1940 Republican Special Primary, Smith topped her challenger by a more than 10 to 1 margin, virtually assuring her election to the House in the heavily Republican District. Without a Democratic challenger, she then won the June 3, 1940 Special Election, becoming Maine's first woman member of Congress. On June 17, 1940, only a week after being seated in the House, Congresswoman Smith won the GOP primary for the full term in the 77th Congress, garnering more than 27,000 votes and amassing more than four times the total of her nearest competitor. After almost a decade in the House, she made history as the first woman Representative to win election to the U.S. Senate in 1949." – History, Art & Archives of the U. S. House of Representatives

Clyde Harold Smith (1876-1940)



B) Lena Mae Smith
b. July 1879 Harmony
d. 6 Oct 1906 Rumford Falls (PG w/Frank) at 28yrs
m. 5 Dec 1905 Hartland
Frank Israel Norton
s/o George Frank Norton & Mary Ann French
b. 5 Dec 1877 Stetson
d. 10 May 1911 Hartland (PG) at 33yrs
They had no children.
She was a Music Teacher at the time of her marriage.

C) Myron Elmer Smith
b. 6 Sep 1881 Harmony
d. 26 Sep 1942 Skowhegan (PG w/Frances) at 61yrs
m. 26 Dec 1906 Hartland
Frances Mae Hall
d/o John H. Hall & Rosilla Leavitt
b. Feb 1882 Shirley
d. 10 May 1940 Skowhegan (PG) at 58yrs
He & Clyde operated Smith Brothers Clothing on Commercial Street in Hartland in the early 1900s. Myron & Frances moved to Skowhegan by C/1910 where he operated movie theaters including the Star Theater and at the Skowhegan Opera House. In 1926, they purchased the former Benjamin Eaton House in Skowhegan at 218 Water Street from his widowed daughter Kathleen (Eaton) Oak. In the mid-1930s, Frances began operating Smith's Tourist Home at their house renting out rooms up until her death.

Ch. SMITH:

I. Norma Bartlett Smith
b. 11 Feb 1908 Hartland (noted as 1st child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)
d. 5 Feb 1949 Skowhegan (PG w/parents) at 41yrs
m. 15 Dec 1930 Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Wilbur Chase Corey
s/o George Franklin Corey & Helen Martin Alley
b. 6 Oct 1887 Boothbay Harbor
d. 1 Apr 1953

D) Dr. Kleber Willard Smith, DDS
b. 5 Sep 1882 Harmony
d. 20 Oct 1957 Freeport (Grove Cemetery, Freeport w/Irene) at 75yrs
m1. 8 Nov 1907 Dover, New Hampshire
Clara Ethel Goodrich
d/o Andrew J. Goodrich & Sarah Ann Goodrich
b. 1885 Canaan
d. 21 May 1938 Freeport (PG w/Smith Family) æ 53yrs
He attended Hartland Academy then graduated from Tufts University Dentistry School. He was living in Hartland when they married noting his occupation as a Dentist. They were living in Skowhegan by C/1910 where he had a dental practice. They moved to Freeport by 1915 where he continued his practice and she operated the Clark Hotel and Martha Jane Teahouse.

The parental circumstances are uncertain but in 1928 a child was born who would eventually be recognized as Kleber's daughter. The early years of her life are unknown but she was not listed in the household with Kleber & Clara in C/1930 nor mentioned as a surviving child in Clara's 1938 obituary. She was not listed in the household with Kleber & Irene in C/1940 and is first found referenced as his daughter, Maron B. Smith, in 1944 and was listed in her father's household as his daughter in Freeport in C/1950. She was noted in various newspaper articles after 1944 as the niece of Margaret Chase Smith, as a cousin of Helen Moor Smith and again as Kleber's daughter in his obituary.

Ch. SMITH:

I. Manon B. Smith

b. 26 June 1928 Maine

d.

She never married.

She graduated from Freeport High School Class of 1947 with her Aunt Margaret Chase Smith as their Guest Class Speaker. She graduated from Gorham State Teacher's College in 1952 and began teaching in Westbrook in 1953. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Boston University in 1958. She served as Director of Education for Mentally Challenged Children in the Maine Department of Education from 1957 until 1963 then resigned to take a teaching position at State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

m2. 25 June 1939 Freeport

Irene Floyd Wescott

d/o Fred G. Wescott & Cora A. Floyd

b. 29 Jan 1904 Ellsworth

d. 24 June 1992 Brunswick (Grove Cemetery, Freeport) at 88yrs

They had no children.

They remained in Freeport until Kleber's death. He has a grave stone with a birth year but no death year at Pine Grove Cemetery in Hartland in the Smith Family plot but was buried with Irene in Freeport.

m2. 23 Sep 1889 Harmony

Albra Cook

d/o Albert Franklin Cook & Phidelia Tucker

b. 24 May 1865 Athens

d. 15 Apr 1950 Skowhegan (Pine Grove Cemetery w/Willard) at 84yrs

They had no children.

Following Willard's death in 1919, Albra was living with her step-son Myron Smith in Skowhegan in C/1920 then with her other step-son Clyde Smith in Skowhegan in C/1930. She was living with her brother Nahum Cook in Skowhegan in C/1940 and still residing in Skowhegan in C/1950 just before her death. She was a school teacher in Athens as a young woman.

3. Clara Emma Smith

b. 12 Dec 1853 Harmony

d. 7 June 1921 Skowhegan (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens w/both husbands) at 67yrs

m1. c1876 Harmony

Henry Wilbur Bartlett

s/o Henry Bartlett & Sarah Page

b. 1852 Harmony

d. 7 Mar 1894 Athens (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) at 42yrs of Tuberculosis

Henry is the brother of Angeta Bartlett who married Clara's brother Willard Smith. Henry was operating a general store in Athens when he was stricken with Tuberculosis in 1890 and sold his store to his brother-in-law Willard Smith. He attempted to improve his health by moving to California and Colorado but to no avail and returned to Athens where he died in 1894.

Ch. BARTLETT: (C/1900 & C/1910 note 2 children born, 1 living)

A) Joseph Merle Bartlett

b. 4 July 1877 Harmony

d. 15 Sep 1920 Skowhegan (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) at 43yrs

B) Walter H. Bartlett

b. 1879 Harmony

d. 29 June 1885 Harmony (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) æ 16yrs

m2. 4 Mar 1907 Skowhegan

Walter W. DeWere

b. 1862 Kansas City, Missouri

d. 30 May 1916 Somerville, Massachusetts (Mt Rest Cemetery, Athens) æ 54yrs

They had no children.

They were living in Portland in C/1910 and had moved to Somerville, Massachusetts at the time of his death. She was living with her nephew Clyde H. Smith in Skowhegan in C/1920 noted as a Widow. Clara and her oldest brother Elmer were still living with Clyde when they both passed away within 10 days of each other in 1921.