

Griffith Family

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William Griffith, Sr

b. c1638 Unknown

d. c1710 Chatham, Massachusetts

The first known Griffith of this lineage in the New World. He was a Constable in Chatham and also served as a Town Selectman.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

William Griffith, Jr

b. c1663 Chatham, Massachusetts

d. July 1734 Chatham, Massachusetts

Chosen Surveyor-Fence Viewer in Chatham, Massachusetts in 1701.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

Samuel Griffith

b. c1700

d. after 1770 Rochester, Massachusetts

Served as a Selectman of Rochester.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

Ephraim Griffith

b. 25 July 1733 Rochester, Massachusetts

d. Dec 1823 Carver, Massachusetts

Ch. GRIFFITH:

John Griffith, Sr

b. 4 June 1763 Rochester, Massachusetts

d. 8 Feb 1840 Livermore

Ch. GRIFFITH:

John Griffith, Jr

b. 11 Oct 1787 Putney, Vermont

d. c1849 Livermore

m. (his 2nd marriage)

Sabrina Gould

He served as Sexton in Dixfield.

War of 1812

Ch. GRIFFITH:

Lamont Griffith

b. Mar 1842 Dixfield

d. 3 Sep 1910 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery w/Fannie) at 68yrs

m. 9 Sep 1865

Frances Olive Wright "Fannie"

d/o George P. Wright & Olive R. Gray of Harmony (Ireland Cemetery)

b. 1844 Palmyra

d. 23 May 1893 Hartland (PG) at 48yrs

Lamont's father died when he was about 8yrs old followed by his mother when he was 14. Following their deaths, he lived with his half-brother Amos Griffith in Dixfield in C/1860 where he had learned from him the trade of carriage making. He moved to Hartland by 1865 where he married Fannie. They were living in Hartland in C/1870 with their oldest child Nellie while he was working at the Linn Woolen Mill. They moved to Corinna by 1875 but came back to Hartland shortly after where he operated a carriage making business with David Sawyer on Main Street on the lower side of the bridge until around 1885 when he went into business for himself at another location in Hartland. Following Frannie's death, he remained in Hartland in C/1900 with all his then unmarried children living in his household except his oldest daughter Nellie who had since married. At the time of his death, he was living in the household of his son Frank in Hartland. Fannie's brother, George E. Wright, was one of the 3 Georges whom Georgetown (Water Street) was nicknamed after in the 1880s.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

I. Nellie Mae Griffith
b. 7 Oct 1868 Hartland
d. 2 Sep 1946 Hartland (PG w/Frank) at 77yrs
m. 25 June 1888 Hartland
Frank E. Wright
s/o Nathan S. Wright & Susan E. Hackett of Palmyra
b. 18 Sep 1863
d. 19 Nov 1931 Hartland (PG)
They were living in Penobscot in C/1900 before returning to Hartland around 1908 where they remained until their deaths.

Ch. WRIGHT:

I. Gladys E. Wright
b. 23 Jan 1889 Hartland
d. 30 Jan 1916 (St Albans Village Cemetery) of Pneumonia
m. 26 Apr 1911 Hartland
Selden Edward Libby

II. Frederic Frank Wright
b. 6 Sep 1900 Penobscot
d. 18 Dec 1956 Hartland (PG)
He never married.

2. Ida Maude Griffith "Maude"
b. 13 July 1875 Corinna
d. 25 Nov 1953 Mechanic Falls (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanics Falls w/Wade) at 78yrs
m. 26 Nov 1901 Hartland
Wade Chase Trask
s/o Oscar F. Trask & Jane E. Edmunds of Dixfield
b. 26 Jan 1873 Mexico, Maine
d. 26 Apr 1956 Lewiston (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanics Falls)
They had no known children.
She graduated from Hartland Academy and was working as a Milliner when they married. They moved to Mechanics Falls after they married where he served as Selectman for several years.

3. Frank Lee Griffith
b. 13 Aug 1877 Corinna
d. 22 Jan 1937 Hartland (PG w/Mabel) at 59yrs

m. 8 June 1901 Hartland

Addie Mabel Pickard "Mabel"

d/o Dr. Adoniram Judson Pickard of Hampden & Elizabeth Favourite of Pensacola, Florida

b. 8 Sep 1876 Pensacola, Florida

d. 17 July 1961 Hartland (PG)

Dr. Pickard served in the Civil War. Addie was a stenographer. Her parents moved back to Hampden by C/1880. In the early 1900s, Frank bought and moved the former James W. Moor Furniture & Casket Mill building from Moore Street to Mill Street next to the bridge where he operated a wood working mill. He also purchased the former blacksmith shop which had been there previously. He served as a Probate Officer and Town Clerk of Hartland. Several work order journals from his business were donated to the Hartland Historical Society by the Griffith Family showing detailed orders for numerous local Hartland customers over the years.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

I. Elva Katharyn Griffith "Kay"

b. 16 Jan 1905 Pittsfield

d. 19 Oct 1984 Millinocket (Millinocket Cemetery) at 79yrs

m. 7 Sep 1927

Austin Geoffrey Baker "Geoff"

s/o Austin Baker & Ada Highman

b. 25 July 1899 Semly, England

d. 23 Jan 1972 Millinocket (Millinocket Cemetery)

She graduated from Roxbury High School in Boston Class of 1922 then Eastern State Normal School in Castine in 1924 as a certified school teacher. She taught school in Sebec and Newport before moving to Millinocket. He began working for Great Northern Paper in 1915 where he was employed for 50 years before his retirement in 1965.

Ch. BAKER:

a) Fannie Louise Baker

b. 1928 Millinocket

m. 19 Jan 1963 Winn

Larry Emmett Lancaster

b) Lawrence Austin Baker "Larry"

Korea U. S. Army

b. 24 Nov 1929 Millinocket

d. 17 Aug 1985 Millinocket (Millinocket Cemetery) Auto Accident

He never married.

c) Mary Katharyn Baker

b. 1935 Millinocket

m. 3 Sep 1955 Millinocket

Donald Francis McDonnell

II. Grace Louise Griffith

b. 9 Nov 1908 Hartland (noted as 2nd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 22 July 2003 St Albans (Crocker Cemetery, St Albans) at 94yrs

m. 7 June 1931 St Albans (his 2nd marriage)

Harold Hiram Weymouth

s/o Guy C. Weymouth & Etta M. Cole of St Albans

b. 19 Feb 1899 St Albans

d. 15 June 1971 Dexter (Crocker Cemetery, St Albans)

Named after her paternal aunt, she was a school teacher for over 40 years and spent most of her teaching career in Dexter. She also taught in St Albans, Ripley & Cambridge and was a substitute teacher at the Pleasant Street School in Hartland. She received the St Albans Boston Post Cane in 2001 at age 93. He married 1st to Jeanette Hallis on 3 Feb 1918; divorced.

Ch. WEYMOUTH:

a) Hiram Bates Weymouth
b. 1944 St Albans
m. Glenda Lee McCann

b) David Carleton Weymouth
b. 1945 St Albans
m. Catherine Lynn Mc Mann

c) Richard Lee Weymouth
b. 12 Sep 1946 Hartland
d. 24 Aug 2023 St Albans (Crocker Cemetery, St Albans)

Vietnam U. S. Marines

III. Fannie Elizabeth Griffith

b. 24 Oct 1909 Hartland (noted as 3rd child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 9 Oct 1993 Hartland (PG) at 83yrs

m1. 7 Dec 1929 (his 2nd marriage)

Justin Ossian Humphrey, Sr

s/o Jefferson Chase Humphrey & Helena H. Merriman

b. 26 Aug 1889 Pittsfield

d. 11 July 1964 Waterville (Mt Hope Cemetery, Augusta)

Fannie worked at H.C. Baxter Canning in Hartland as a Forewoman and later at Snowflake Canning in Corinna. He married 1st to Elizabeth Anna Clark; 2 children.

Ch. HUMPHREY:

a) Justin Ossian Humphrey, Jr

WWII U. S. Army Air Force

b. 1 Jan 1930 Hartland

d. 22 Feb 2018 St Albans (Crocker Cemetery, St Albans)

m1. 13 Oct 1949 Hartland (divorced)

Ernestine Frances Garnett

b. 18 June 1932 Harrington

d. 18 Jan 2019 Plymouth (Pittsfield Village Cemetery w/parents)

m2.

Shizuko Humphrey "Susie"

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1948.

m2. 2 June 1934

Vincent Chase Dyer

s/o Earl Harold Dyer & Vera May Applebee of Palmyra

b. 24 Nov 1912 Palmyra

d. 18 Aug 1964 Hartland (PG)

Ch. DYER:

b) Jack Weston Dyer

U. S. Army Reserves

b. 27 Nov 1937 Hartland
d. 7 Dec 2020 Palmyra (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans)
m. 8 Aug 1959
Mary Agatha Denbow
d/o Eugene Denbow & Agatha Blanchard
b. 1 Apr 1940
d. 29 Apr 1996 Palmyra (Maloon Cemetery, St Albans)
He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1956.

c) James Dyer
b. 1941
m.
Barbara _____
He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1960.

IV. Unnamed Female Griffith
b. 11 Nov 1911 Hartland (noted as 4th child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)
d. Unknown but likely as an infant

V. Theodore Frank Griffith "Ted"
b. 15 Feb 1913 Hartland (noted as 5th child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)
d. 31 Jan 1968 Hartland (PG) at 54yrs
m. 28 Sep 1935 Waterville
Evelyn Faye Hersey "Faye"
d/o Ivy Lawrence Hersey & Iva Myrtle Reid
b. 7 Sep 1910 Three Brooks, New Brunswick, Canada
d. 26 Aug 1998 Hartland (PG)
Faye's family moved from Canada to Maine in 1921 and were living in Pittsfield by C/1930. Ted took over his father's wood working mill following his death and built a sawmill on the location eventually selling it to Kenneth Bishop. He also operated a store for a time on Main Street previous to Lewis' Market. He also served as Town Manager.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

a) Constance Joan Griffith
b. 1936
m. Peter Whitbeck

b) Keith Lorrain Griffith
b. 21 Jan 1938 Hartland
d. 31 July 1978 Hartland (PG)
m1. Mary Ellen Ferrucci
m2. Barbara Ann Zimmerman

c) John Kermit Griffith
b. 8 Jan 1941 Hartland
d. 18 Mar 2023 Hartland (PG)
m. Linda Grace Bishop

d) Susan Ellen Griffith
b. 1944
m. Edward Harvey

VI. Esther Elouise Griffith

b. 10 Sep 1914 Hartland (noted as 6th child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 30 July 1980 Hartland (PG) at 65yrs

m. 8 June 1935 Hartland

Howard James McConnell

WWII U. S. Army

s/o George McConnell & Marion Kitchell

b. 15 Oct 1903 Manchester, New Hampshire

d. 3 Dec 1981 Palmyra (PG)

They moved to Pittsfield by C/1940 where they raised their family. She was a patient at a nursing home in Hartland at the time of her death following a long illness.

Ch. McCONNELL:

a) Frank H. McConnell

U. S. Navy

b. 14 Dec 1936 Hartland

d. 12 June 2014 Poland (PG)

m. Reta J. Wiers

b) Anita McConnell

b. 1939 Hartland

m. Herbert Whitley

c) James Alan McConnell

b. 1948 Pittsfield

m. Deanna C. Hall

d) Scott McConnell

b.

m. Marsha Graves

d/o Herbert & Delana Graves of Etna

VII. Clyde Lamont Griffith

WWII U. S. Marines; U. S. Army

b. 16 Dec 1917 Hartland (noted at the 7th child by Dr. Charles A. Moulton)

d. 18 Sep 1990 Washington D. C. (Arlington National Cemetery) at 72yrs

m. 12 June 1945 Washington D. C.

Carolyn Avis Rollins

d/o Harry Gilbert Rollins, Sr & Sarah A. Neith

b. 14 May 1924 Waterloo, Iowa

d. 17 Sep 2018 Washington D. C. (Arlington National Cemetery w/Clyde)

He graduated from Hartland Academy as Valedictorian of the Class of 1935. He graduated from Boston University then Boston University School of Law before enlisting on 14 Jan 1942 for WWII. Carolyn was working for the FBI in Washington, D. C. when they met and married while Clyde was still serving in D. C. as a Staff Sergeant with the Marines until 18 Feb 1946. He was a lawyer in Washington D. C. when he re-enlisted with the Army on 20 Sep 1950 retiring as a Colonel on 31 Mar 1971.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

b) Geoffrey Lamont Griffith

b. 18 June 1947 Washington D. C.

d. 11 Jan 2004 Punta Gorda, Florida (Arlington National Cemetery) at 56yrs

He never married.

"Interred at Arlington as a dependent; son of Col. Clyde Lamont Griffith"

4. Grace Loletti Griffith

b. 19 May 1879 Corinna

d. 1 Nov 1958 Hartland (Ocean View Cemetery, Boothbay Harbor w/Frank) at 79yrs

m. 20 May 1911 Lowell, Massachusetts

Frank Clarence MacDougall

s/o James MacDougall & Clara Elizabeth Dolloff

b. 1 Feb 1877 Boothbay Harbor

d. 27 July 1933 Boston (Ocean View Cemetery, Boothbay Harbor)

They had no known children.

She opened a dress shop in Boston soon after 1900 while she was still single. She and Frank remained there for most of their married life. Frank's parents were originally from Boothbay Harbor and had moved to Boston by 1900 where Frank worked for a spice factory. She returned to Hartland following Frank's death living with her nephew Frederick Wright until her death.

5. Nettie Lena Griffith "Lena"

b. 17 Mar 1881 Corinna

d. 12 Aug 1902 Hartland (PG w/parents) at 21yrs

She was working as a fitter in C/1900 in an unnamed clothing factory in Hartland while living with her widowed father and siblings. She was engaged to be married before her sudden death.

6. Gertrude Lola Griffith "Lola"

b. 16 Dec 1882 Hartland

d. 3 Oct 1958 Sanford (PG w/John) at 75yrs

m. 26 Nov 1902 Hartland

John Edward Little

s/o James H. Little & Nellie O. Annis

b. 19 Jan 1876 Maynard, Massachusetts

d. 13 Sep 1924 Pittsfield (PG)

They resided in Penobscot after they married before returning briefly to Hartland then moving to Pittsfield by C/1910 and living there in C/1920. She moved to Sanford following John's death.

Ch. LITTLE:

I. Gertrude Griffith Little

b. 6 Sep 1903 Penobscot

d. 17 July 1969 Lyman (Chadbourne Cemetery, Lyman)

m. 27 Aug 1922 Lyman

Louis Elmore Tibbetts, Sr

WWI U. S. Navy

s/o George Tibbetts & Marcia Moulton of Cambridge, Massachusetts

b. 1 Dec 1894 Cambridge, Massachusetts

d. 31 Oct 1981 Alfred (Chadbourne Cemetery, Lyman)

Ch. TIBBETTS:

a) Louis Elmore Tibbetts, Jr

WWII U. S. Army

b. 2 Feb 1924 Yarmouth, Massachusetts

d. 8 Apr 2011 Weymouth, Massachusetts (Old North Cemetery, N. Weymouth)

m. 1946 Weymouth, Massachusetts

Ethel Boyton

b) John Warren Tibbetts

WWII U. S. Army

b. 18 Apr 1926 Dover, New Hampshire

d. 25 Oct 2012 Lyman (Chadbourne Cemetery, Lyman)

c) Paul Garth Tibbetts **WWII U. S. Navy & Korea U. S. Marines**
b. 7 June 1927 Dover, New Hampshire
d. 4 July 2001 Sanford (Chadbourne Cemetery, Lyman)

III. Clyde M. Little
b. 21 Feb 1906 Hartland (noted as 3rd child by Dr. Jennie Fuller)
d. 4 May 1906 Hartland (PG w/parents) at 3mos

Ch. JOY:

m2. 4 May 1915 South Paris (2nd marriage for both)
James Stearns Dudley
s/o Smith Dudley & Lydia H. Stearns
b. 1862 South Paris
d. 1941 South Paris (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanics Falls)
They had no children.
Following her marriage to James, they resided in South Paris. She moved to Mechanics Falls after his death and had returned to Hartland in 1959 just before her death.

8. Fannie Velle Griffith "Velle"
b. 5 Aug 1886 Hartland
d. 3 Mar 1975 Hartland (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanics Falls w/Fred) at 88yrs
m. 29 Oct 1930 (his 2nd marriage)
Fred P. Pulsifer
s/o Cushman R. Pulsifer & Hannah Abbie Davis
b. 19 July 1870 Mechanics Falls
d. 17 Feb 1940 Mechanics Falls (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanics Falls)
They had no children.
He married 1st to Grace L. Gee; widowed 1918. In C/1930, Velle was a Teacher at the State School for Girls in Hallowell where she was living on campus just before she married. She

returned to Hartland in 1945 following Fred's death living with her sister Grace before returning to Mechanic Falls by C/1950 living with her sister Maud and family. She was living in Hartland at the time of her death and was the last surviving sibling of the family.

9. Clyde LeRoy Griffith

b. 14 Dec 1887 Hartland

d. 26 Oct 1965 Saco (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanic Falls w/Minnie) at 78yrs

m. 22 Dec 1913 Portland (her 2nd marriage)

Mrs. Minnie Ellen (Purinton) Lord

d/o Amos & Ellen Purinton

b. 1874 Gorham

d. 25 June 1953 Saco (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanic Falls) at 79yrs

They had no children.

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1906. He moved to Portland by C/1910 where he was a registered Pharmacist. They moved to Saco after C/1920 where he operated a Drug Store on Main Street until his retirement in 1953.