

Blake Family

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Dr. Calvin Blake, M.D.

s/o Caleb Blake & Betsey Briggs

b. 5 Sep 1798 Turner

d. 8 Oct 1870 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 72 yrs

m. 24 Jan 1826 Hartland (intentions filed 26 Nov 1825 in New Gloucester)

Louisa Haskell (See Haskell Family Bio)

d/o Eliphalet Haskell & Mary Woodman

b. 18 Apr 1800 New Gloucester

d. 26 Sep 1882 Hartland (IC) at 82 yrs

He removed from Turner to Hartland in December of 1825 where he commenced his medical practice and remained in active practice for forty-two years. He was greatly involved with town politics. He owned a large area of land which became known as Blake Street. He was on the original board for Hartland Academy. He eventually built a house on the corner of Academy Street and Main Street which still stands today. See Biographical Sketch below.

Ch. BLAKE:

1. Elizabeth Ann Blake

b. 28 Jan 1827 Hartland

d. 15 Apr 1911 Springfield

m. 1 Jan 1852 St Albans

Dr. Phillip Calvin Jones, M.D.

s/o Dr. Asa Jones & Stella Blake

b. 25 Apr 1825 Turner

d. 19 May 1889 Springfield

He was a physician in St Albans before they removed to Springfield soon after C/1860 where they remained until their deaths. The family had 4 successive generations of physicians.

Ch. JONES:

A) Dr. Pitt Harold Jones, M.D.

b. 1862 Springfield

d. 17 Oct 1917 Springfield

m.

Nellie Phobe Johnson

Ch. JONES:

I. Dr. Richard Jones, M.D.

b.

2. Harriet Ellen Blake (aka Hattie)

b. 1828 Hartland

d. 1920 Hartland (IC)

She never married

Living with her sister-in-law, Jeanette (Turner) Blake, in Hartland in C/1910

3. Mary Louisa Blake
b. 1830 Hartland
d. 1846 Hartland (IC) at 16 yrs old

4. Frances C. Blake
b. 1832 Hartland
d. 1882 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery)
m. abt 1856

George Lancey, Jr **(See Lancey Family Bio)**

s/o Samuel De Lancey & Elizabeth Pierce

b. 7 Sept 1828 Palmyra
d. 3 May 1895 Hartland (PG)

Ch. LANCEY:

A) Blake Lancey
b. 12 Jul 1858 Hartland
d. Canada
m. 10 May 1887 Petrolia, Ontario, Canada
Sarah Evelyn Nappen

B) Willard H. Lancey
b. May 1859 Hartland
d. 1941 Lowell, Massachusetts
m. 1878 Hartland
Alice B_____

C) George Merrill Lancey (aka G.M Lancey)
b. 18 Nov 1861 Hartland
d. 8 Jul 1942 Hartland (PG) (at Camp DeLancey on Moose Pond, now Baird Camp)
m. 1885

Anna Clapperton Linn (aka Annie) **(See Linn Family Bio)**

d/o of William & Elizabeth Linn, brother of Archibald Linn

b. 30 Nov 1861 Galashields, Scotland
d. 8 Dec 1948 Hartland (PG)

Ch. LANCEY:

I. Frances Linn Lancey
b. 5 Nov 1887 Hartland
d. 8 Feb 1936 Belfast (PG)
m. 26 June 1918
Norman Sylvester Donahue
b. 1886
d. 1967 (PG)

Ch. DONAHUE:

1. Merrill L. Donahue
b. 7 May 1921
d. 4 Sep 2003 (PG)

WWII U. S. Navy

II. Ardis Elizabeth Lancey
b. 15 Apr 1900 Hartland
d. 3 June 1983 Hartland (PG)
m. 8 Sep 1936 (divorced)
George A. Moore
b. 4 Feb 1889 Pittsfield
d. May 1970 Pittsfield (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

D) Harry William Lancey
b. 7 Mar 1870 Hartland
d. 25 Apr 1892 Hartland (PG) at 22 yrs old
He never married

5. John Xavier Blake
b. 22 May 1835 Hartland
d. 8 Feb 1924 Los Angeles, California (Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles)
m.
Almyra _____ (aka Myra)
b. 1839 New York
d. 1897 Los Angeles, California (Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles)
At some point before C/1860 they are living in Wisconsin when Estelle is born but are back in Hartland by C/1860. They moved to Bangor after C/1870 then remove from Bangor to California following C/1880 where he registers to vote in 1888.

Ch. BLAKE:

A) Estelle Blake (aka Stella)
b. 1859 Wisconsin
d.

Living with her parents in Bangor in C/1880. She is a school teacher. She is living with her father in California in C/1910 & C/1920.

B) Clarence Blake
b. 1862 Hartland
d.

C) Harriet Blake (aka Hattie)
b. 1863 Hartland
d. 1864 Hartland (IC) at 1 yr old

6. Calvin Blake, Jr
b. 14 Mar 1837 Hartland
d. 26 Jun 1905 Hartland (IC)
m. 16 Dec 1868 Auburn
Jeanette H. Turner
d/o Hannibal Turner & Anna Knight of Gorham
b. Feb 1838
d. 1915 Hartland (IC)
As noted in C/1900, they had 0 children born, 0 children living.
They lived in the house his father built on Academy Street. Following his death, his nephew, George Merrill Lancey, moved into the house. It was sold to Lewis H. Barden after his death in

1942. He was active in town affairs serving as Town Treasurer, Town Constable and Town Selectman. He operated a store on Main Street in 1860 at the future Randlett-Tapley store location.

7. Silas Blake

b. 18 Jan 1838 Hartland

d. 29 Sep 1920 Potter Valley, California (Potter Valley Cemetery)

m. 22 Apr 1866 Mendocino, California

Catherine Lucretia Hayden (aka Kate)

b. 4 Apr 1847 Lindley, Missouri

d. 2 May 1925 Potter Valley, California (Potter Valley Cemetery)

He removed to California by C/1860, married and raised his family there until his death.

Ch. BLAKE:

A) Harriet Ellen Blake

b. 1867 Potter Valley, CA

d. 1943

B) Louisa P. Blake

b. 1869 Potter Valley, CA

d.

C) Daisy Blake

b. 19 Oct 1871 Potter Valley, CA

d. 13 Feb 1938 California (Potter Valley Cemetery)

D) Hugh Blake

b. 26 Mar 1874 Potter Valley, CA

d. 25 Nov 1941 California (Potter Valley Cemetery)

E) Ethel Artie Blake

b. 1879 Potter Valley, CA

d. 1952

F) Wilmot Francis Blake (aka Wilma)

b. 1890 Potter Valley, CA

d.

8. Persis Blake

b. 1840 Hartland

d.

m.

William Young

Living with her parents in Hartland in C/1840, C/1850 and C/1860 at 20 years old. She resided in Auburn following her marriage.

**Biographical Sketch by Dr. Harris H. Pushor of Hartland
from Transactions of the Maine Medical Association, Volume 4**

Dr. Calvin Blake was born in Turner, Maine on September 5, 1798. He was one of the numerous self-made men of the community, who, without a liberal education, have arisen by their own energy and exertions, to positions of wide influence and usefulness; and by his skill, ability and benevolence, he secured the confidence, respect and love of a large circle of friends.

He received the rudiments of his early education at the district schools at Turner, and was engaged in the usual labors of a farm during his boyhood. He afterwards taught school to defray the expenses incurred while preparing for his chosen profession. He commenced the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. Silas Blake, of Harrison, Maine, where he remained the first eighteen months of his studies; attended his first course of medical lectures at Dartmouth; returned home and became the pupil of the late Dr. Timothy Little, then an active practitioner at New Gloucester, Maine; graduated at the Medical School of Maine, in November 1824, and commenced practice at Hartland, Maine, in December the following year, where he remained in active practice for forty-two years, with an energy and success which few have equaled.

In January 1826, he married Miss Louisa Haskell, of New Gloucester, Maine, a woman of intellect and strength of character, who lived to cheer him in the performance of his varied duties and nurse him in his last sickness. He lay in a helpless condition from the fall of 1866, at which time he was stricken down with an attack of paralysis, till October 8, 1870, and fell asleep to wake no more on earth, but passed, we trust, to a merciful God and a glorious immortality.

During the four years he lay sick and palsied, no man could be more patient. He became a firm believer in the Christian religion, asking praying men to pray with him, and when his speech became so impaired that he could talk no more, he would point to the Bible, and by signs get them to read and pray, that he might listen to the promise of God to the humble and penitent sinner.

He was most assuredly a good and practical physician, possessing an active mind, disciplined by study and an extensive practice; quick in his decisions; promptly resorting to bold and heroic treatment when necessity required prompt measures to be taken. As an obstetrician none excelled him. In consultation he was honorable and gentlemanly, seeking to promote the welfare of both patient and physician. Though stern and decided in his deportment, he possessed a heart as tender as a child. The cheat, the impostor and quack, he hated with bitter hatred. In his death the community feels that they have met with an irreparable loss.