

Bowley Family

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Gideon Bowley, Sr

s/o Oliver Bowley & Anne Weed

b. 23 Oct 1748 Newbury, Massachusetts

d. 1821 Falmouth (Portland)

m. 22 Dec 1767 Cape Elizabeth

Hannah Strout

b.

d.

By 1630, Falmouth's boundaries encompassed the present day cities of Portland, South Portland, Westbrook and Cape Elizabeth. In 1765, Cape Elizabeth (then including South Portland) was set off. In 1786, Portland broke away, followed in 1814 by Westbrook. It appears Gideon first came to Cape Elizabeth where he married then removed to Bristol by 1779. By C/1790, he was living in Sandy River Plantation later known as Unity Plantation then incorporated as New Sharon. In C/1800 he still lives in New Sharon but according to "Early Settlers of Weld" by E. J. Foster, apparently soon after he followed his sons William and Oliver to Weld who had moved there in 1803. Gideon was soon joined in Weld by his other sons John, Benjamin, and Isaac. They erected a saw mill and a grist mill at the foot of Webb's Pond the next year living near the mills. It is also around this time that his other son, Joseph Bowley, moved to Hartland. According to Foster, some of the Bowley sons (unnamed in the reference) moved to Ohio following the Mormans in 1840 but the information is unconfirmed

Ch. BOWLEY: *(birth locations are presumed and unconfirmed)*

1. Gideon Bowley, Jr

b. 1769 Cape Elizabeth

d. 11 Dec 1848 New Sharon

2. Joseph Bowley

b. 1772 Cape Elizabeth

d. 1843 Hartland

3. Patience Bowley

b. 1776 Cape Elizabeth

d. 6 Oct 1846 New Sharon

4. William Bowley

b. 28 Oct 1779 Bristol

d. 25 May 1856 Weld (Center Hill Cemetery, Weld)

5. John Bowley

b. 1778 Bristol

d. 1849 New Sharon

6. Oliver Bowley
b. 1780 Bristol
d. after 1840 New Sharon

7. Isaac Bowley
b. c1782 Bristol
d.

8. Benjamin S. Bowley
b. Nov 1784 Bristol
d. 17 May 1853 New Sharon

2. Joseph Bowley

b. Oct 1772 Falmouth (Cape Elizabeth)
d. 11 Jul 1843 Hartland (Fullers Corner Cemetery) at 70 yrs 9 mos
m. c1806 Hartland

Lydia Spearin **(See Spearin Family)**

d/o John Spearin, Jr & Mary Kendall

b. 1786

d. 31 Aug 1873 Hartland (FC) at 88 yrs

Joseph was an early settler of Hartland living there by C/1810 and signing the 1819 petition for Hartland's incorporation in 1820.

Ch. BOWLEY:

I. Francis Bowley “Fanny”

b. 30 Nov 1807 Hartland

d. 28 Apr 1893 Hartland (FC)

m. 30 Nov 1826 St Albans

Hanson Church **(See Church Family)**

s/o Benjamin Church & Martha Nute

b. 1797 Hallowell

d. 1884 Hartland (FC)

They lived in West Hartland where his father had lived.

Ch. CHURCH:

A) Joseph B. Church

b. 9 Sep 1827 Hartland

d. 31 Jan 1916 Hartland (FC) at 89 yrs

m. 1875

Mary Bickford

b. 1834

d. 31 Jul 1906 Hartland (FC)

They married older and never had children.

B) Lydia A. Church
b. 1831 Hartland
d. 16 Feb 1867 Nevada County, California

C) Mary Church
b. 1831 Hartland
d. 24 June 1914 West Minster, British Columbia, Canada
m. 24 June 1859 Illinois
William P. Larrabee **(See Larrabee Family)**
s/o William Larrabee & Sarah Plummer
b. 21 Mar 1825 Hartland
d. 23 Oct 1904 Auburn, Illinois (West Grove Cemetery, Thayer, IL)
She moved to Auburn, Illinois where she married her Hartland childhood neighbor, William.

D) Martha A. Church
b. 1838 Hartland
d. 19 Apr 1871 Corinna (FC)
m. 26 Aug 1869 Troy (He married 1st Adeline Stone)
Benjamin Bartlett Vickery
b. 20 Sep 1817 Troy
d. Unknown (Pond Cemetery 1, Unity)

E) Silas B. Church
b. 1 Jun 1840 Hartland
d. 12 Feb 1870 Hartland (FC) at 30 yrs of Consumption

F) John A. Church
b. 23 Jun 1842 Hartland
d. 21 Feb 1921 Berkeley, California
m. 1873 Nevada City, California
Martha Jane Cook "Jennie"
d/o William & Martha Cook of Hartland
b. 5 Jan 1852 Waterville
d. 28 Oct 1945 Berkeley, California (living with her daughter, Clara)

G) Calvin Blake Church
b. 1845 Hartland
d. 10 Dec 1916 San Francisco, California (Pine Grove Cemetery, Nevada City, CA)
He moved to Nevada City, California with his brother, John, after C/1860 and they are living together there in C/1870 where they are "wood choppers". Living in Blue Tent, California in C/1880 where he is listed as a "teamster". He is living in San Francisco in C/1910 where he died. He was buried back in Nevada City. Named for Dr. Calvin Blake of Hartland.

H) Winfield Scott Church
b. 15 Jan 1849 Hartland
d. 12 Oct 1930 Palmyra (FC)
He never married and lived with his parents throughout most of his life. Following his parents deaths, he stays at their house in C/1900 then lives with his brother Joseph in C/1910. He is a boarder in the Davis Household in Palmyra in C/1930 at 81 yrs old.

I) Francis E. Church "Frankie"
b. 1852 Hartland
d. 13 Mar 1879 Hartland (FC) at 27 yrs

II. Mary S. Bowley "Polly"
b. 1809 Hartland
d. 22 Dec 1892 Hartland (FC) at 83 yrs
m. 1849 Hartland (his 2nd marriage)
Charles Littlefield, Sr (See **Littlefield Family**)
b 1799 Kennebunkport
d. 29 Nov 1881 Hartland (Black Stream Cemetery) at 82 yrs

Ch. LITTLEFIELD:

10. Sewell M. Littlefield (*Her 1st child, his 10th child*)

b. 1857 Hartland

d.

m1. (widowed)

Etta W. _____

m2. 25 Feb 1901 Hartland (divorced)

Ella M. Litchfield

m3. 8 Oct 1904 Hartland

Nellie Reed

III. Amy Kendall Bowley
b. 5 Feb 1813 Hartland
d. 26 May 1865 Hartland (FC) at 52 yrs 10 mos
m. 4 Jul 1829 Hartland
Joshua Moody, Jr
s/o Joshua Moody, Sr & Lucy Stevens
b. 5 May 1808 Salisbury, Massachusetts
d. 3 Jan 1894 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, BC)
*Joshua moved from Hartland to Victoria in December of 1865 after Amy's death with his surviving daughters, Sarah and Mary. They traveled via the Isthmus of Panama to join his sons, Sewell Prescott Moody and Thomas Gage Moody. (See **Spearin Family for further details**)*

Ch. MOODY:

A) Hannah Moody

b. 1831 Hartland

d. 10 Oct 1847 Hartland (FC) at 16 yrs 7 mos

B) Sewell Prescott Moody, Sr

b. 1834 Hartland

d. 5 Nov 1875 Cape Flattery, Washington (Ross Bay Cemetery) Lost at Sea

m. c1870 Victoria, Canada
Janet McAuslyn Watson
b. 19 Apr 1849 Greenock, Scotland
d. 10 Sep 1901 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 51 yrs
He went down with the S.S. Pacific off Cape Flattery. (See Spearin Family for details)

C) Thomas Gage Moody
b. 11 Feb 1836 Hartland
d. 11 Apr 1913 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
m. 31 Oct 1868 Hartland
Elizabeth Ann Church **(See Church & Finson Family)**
d/o Greenleaf Church I & Elizabeth Jane Finson
b. 1 Jul 1842 Hartland
d. 21 Dec 1898 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
Thomas was a lumber merchant. They removed to Victoria, B.C. soon after they married with his brother, Sewell Prescott Moody, in the late 1850s and established sawmills there. (See Spearin Family for details)

D) Sarah Jane Robinson Moody "Jennie"
b. 1839 Hartland
d. 6 Mar 1886 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
m. 6 Apr 1868 Victoria, Canada
William Dalby
b. 28 Jan 1839 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada
d. 22 Jan 1916 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
(See Spearin Family for details)

E) Mary Helen Moody
b. 1843 Hartland
d. 16 Jan 1900 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 57 yrs
m1.
Dr. Thomas Mills Bowden D.D.S.
b. 1848 Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada
d. 23 Apr 1874 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) 26 yrs of Consumption
He was an early dentist in Victoria

m2. (2nd marriage for both)
Charles Frederick Beaven
b. 12 Jan 1845 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada
d. 2 June 1926 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 82 yrs