

## Augustus Bowman Family

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Reverend Augustus Thomas Bowman

*s/o Thomas Bowman, Jr. & Nancy Cottle of Hallowell/Sidney*

b. 23 Feb 1823 Hallowell

d. 3 June 1880 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 57 yrs

m. 25 Nov 1846 Waterville

Rhoda B. Lowe

b. Feb 1826

d. 5 Apr 1905 Hartland (Ireland Cemetery) at 80 yrs

*He was raised in Sidney. He moved to Waterville living there in C/1860 with his wife and family before coming to Hartland by 1865 where he was a Reverend at the Free Baptist Church and operated a dry goods & groceries store. They lived at the former Peleg C. Haskell house on Commercial Street by C/1870. Rhoda is living at the house with her granddaughter Iola (Merrow) Hatch in C/1900 in Hartland.*

### Ch. BOWMAN:

1. Fanny L. Bowman

b. 20 June 1847 Waterville

d. 20 July 1872 Smithfield (Smithfield Village Cemetery) at 25 yrs

m. c1868

John Hartwell Merrow

*s/o John Merrow & Abigail Ellis*

b. 28 Nov 1839 Smithfield

d.

*Fanny is presumed to be the same person who is noted as Anna in the Bowman family in C/1860 as their daughter at 13 yrs old. She is noted as the mother of Idell & Iola on several documents as Fannie or Fanny Bowman as is their father, John. She is noted in C/1870 in Smithfield as Fannie Merrow with her 2 daughters listed but not her husband, John. Her gravestone notes she is the wife of John H. Merrow and she is buried in the same cemetery as his parents. Her death coincides with the birth of their son Frankie and may have been from complications of the birth. Their daughters, Idell & Iola Merrow, are living with her parents in Hartland in C/1880. John remarried to Delana Ellis by C/1880 and remained living in Smithfield.*

### Ch. MERROW:

A) Idell Fannie Merrow

b. 1867 Smithfield

d. 21 Apr 1892 Worcester, Massachusetts at 24 yrs (Tuberculosis)

m. 8 May 1886 Worcester, Massachusetts

Orlando Ephraim Frost

*s/o Jacob E. Frost & Sarah E. Doe*

b. 14 Dec 1864 St Albans

d. 30 July 1951 Belfast (Grove Cemetery, Belfast) at 86 yrs

B) Iola Elizabeth Merrow

b. 7 Aug 1868 Smithfield

d. 2 Aug 1933 Long Beach, California (Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Long Beach) 64 yrs

m. 22 June 1896 Hartland

Ira S. Hatch

*s/o Stedman Hatch & Julia Macomber*

b. 1867 Harmony

d.

*They moved to Long Beach around 1906.*

C) Frank Merrow "Frankie"

b. July 1872 Smithfield

d. 9 Oct 1872 Smithfield (Smithfield Village Cemetery) at 2 mths

*His gravestone notes he is the son of John H. & Fanny L. Merrow*

2. Dr. Ivory Lowe Bowman, DDS

b. Sep 1848 Waterville

d. 24 Apr 1934 Long Beach, California (Sunnyside Cemetery, Long Beach, CA) at 85 yrs

m. 1880

Lenora C. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jan 1859 Maine

d. Sep 1934 Long Beach, California (Sunnyside Cemetery, Long Beach, CA) at 75 yrs

*He was a Dentist in Nevada City in C/1900 before they moved to Long Beach, California.*

3. Elizabeth Bowman "Lizzie"

b. 1850 Waterville

d. 31 May 1870 Hartland (IC) at 20 yrs (Consumption)

*She was working at the Linn Woolen Mill at the time of her death as noted on the 1870 Census Mortality Addendum. She is buried as "Lizzie Bowman" with her parents.*

4. Charlotte Bowman

b. 1852 Waterville

d. 5 Feb 1881 Smithfield (Dunsmoor Cemetery, Smithfield) at 28 yrs

m. c1870

Greenlief E. Decker

**Civil War 14<sup>th</sup> Maine, Company E**

b. 29 Apr 1842 Maine

d. 15 Feb 1899 Smithfield (Dunsmoor Cemetery, Smithfield) at 56 yrs

*She is noted with the family in Waterville in C/1860 at 8 yrs old. They moved to Smithfield following their marriage.*

Ch. DECKER:

A) Elizabeth W. Decker "Lizzie"

b. 18 Dec 1870 Smithfield

d. 1925 Skowhegan (East Mercer Cemetery) at 54 yrs

m. 1886

Alfred Watson

B) Gertrude E. Decker

b. 1871 Smithfield

d. after C/1940 Canaan

m. 2 Apr 1900 Smithfield

George W. Bailey

5. Augustus Bowman "Augusta"

b. 1853 Waterville

d. 14 Feb 1875 Hartland (IC) at 22 yrs

6. Wesley Martin Bowman  
b. 14 Oct 1855 Waterville  
d. 26 Jan 1899 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 43 yrs  
m. c1890

Mae Ella Copp

*d/o Benjamin Copp & Sophronia Hall*

b. 22 Aug 1868 Penobscot  
d. 31 July 1921 Orono (PG) at 52 yrs

*Mae is living in Hartland in C/1900, widowed, with her 3 daughters. She remains in Hartland in C/1910 with her 3 daughters. She then lives with her married daughter Freda and her family in C/1920 in Augusta along with her surviving daughter, Crystal. She moves with the family to Orono soon after where she died in 1921.*

Ch. BOWMAN:

A) Crystal Pearl Bowman

b. 29 Nov 1891 Hartland

d. 26 Mar 1991 (PG) at 99 yrs

m. 15 June 1926 Hartland (he married 1<sup>st</sup> to her sister, Freda)

Arthur Lowell Deering

*s/o Arthur Myron Deering & Mary Smith Lowell*

b. 13 Jan 1888 Denmark

d. 28 May 1965 Orono

*Following her sister Freda's death in 1924, she married Arthur and raised their 4 children.*

B) Freda Lowe Bowman

b. Feb 1893 Hartland

d. 1924 Orono at 31 yrs

m. 30 June 1915

Arthur Lowell Deering

*s/o Arthur Myron Deering & Mary Smith Lowell*

b. 13 Jan 1888 Denmark, Maine

d. 28 May 1965 Orono at 77 yrs

*According to his granddaughter, he was teaching at Hartland Academy when he met the 2 elder Bowman sisters. He went on to become a nationally known educator and expert in Maine agriculture and agricultural education at the University of Maine at Orono including his service as Director of Extension, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Deering Hall at UMO was named for him shortly after his retirement.*

Ch. DEERING:

I. Mary Lowell Deering

b. 12 Apr 1916 Augusta

d. 25 Apr 2012 Falmouth at 96 yrs

m. 20 July 1941

Roland Maurice Wirths

II. Marjorie Bowman Deering "Marnie"

b. 14 Nov 1917 Augusta

d. 16 Mar 2005 Alfred at 88 yrs

m. 11 May 1940

Malcolm W. Roberts

III. Robert Bowman Deering

b. 25 July 1920 Augusta

d. 1 Dec 2010 Davis, California at 90 yrs

m.

Alice Dake

IV. Helen Marion Deering

b. 30 Apr 1922 Bangor

d. 24 June 2016 Damariscotta (Riverside Cemetery, Orono) at 96 yrs

m. 22 Nov 1944 Maine

Edward Herschel Piper

C) Marion Hall Bowman

b. 3 May 1898 Hartland

d. 1 Aug 1912 Hartland (PG) at 14 yrs old

7. Wynona Bowman

b. 1857 Waterville

d. 16 Feb 1878 Hartland (IC) at 21 yrs

m. 8 Nov 1877 Hartland

Hiram B. Pushor

*s/o Bryant & Hannah Pushor*

b. 9 June 1853 Pittsfield

d. 22 July 1925 Pittsfield (Pittsfield village Cemetery) at 72 yrs

*He remarried to Augusta L. Badger on 14 Dec 1878. They named one of their daughters Wynona.*

8. Dr. Alton J. Bowman, DDS

b. 1858 Waterville

d. 25 Feb 1934 Long Beach, California at 75 yrs

m. 7 Nov 1912 Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada

Ethel Haskell

*d/o George B. Haskell & Mary M. Marston*

b. 1878

d. 1964 Long Beach, California at 86 yrs

*He was a Dentist in Long Beach, California. She is living with Mary in C/1940 in Long Beach.*

Ch. BOWMAN:

Mary H. Bowman

b. 21 Oct 1913 Long Beach, California

d. 1973 Long Beach, California at 60 yrs

m. 12 June 1933 Los Angeles, California

Henry C. Wilson

9. Rhoda G. Bowman

b. 1859 Waterville

d.

*She is last found noted in C/1870 living with her parents as a teacher.*

10. Dr. Arthur D. Bowman, MD

b. 24 Feb 1861 Waterville

d. 7 Sep 1947 Riverside, California at 86 yrs

m. after C/1910

Anne L. \_\_\_\_\_

*He became a physician and moved to California by C/1910.*