

Finson Family

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Thomas Finson

b. 4 Mar 1755 Gloucester, Massachusetts

d. 1807 Pejoscot (Danville)

m. 7 Sep 1777 Rockport, Massachusetts

Mary Dresser (aka Molly)

b. 7 Dec 1755 Gloucester, Massachusetts

d. 1812 Pejoscot

They removed from Gloucester, Massachusetts to Pejoscot (now known as Danville) by C/1800.

Ch. FINSON:

1. John Dresser Finson

b. 7 May 1786 Gloucester, Massachusetts

d. 5 Sep 1851 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery aka Finson Burying Grounds)

2. Ambrose D. Finson

b. 1 Jun 1789 Gloucester, Massachusetts

d. 5 Jul 1857 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery)

m. 1 Mar 1809 Pejoscot (Danville)

Elizabeth Jordan

(See Jordan Family Bio)

d/o James Jordan Jr & Elizabeth McKinney of Pejoscot

b. 15 Apr 1788 Pejoscot (Danville)

d. 4 Aug 1858 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery)

They removed from Danville to Hartland soon after C/1810. He was a delegate to the Maine Constitutional Convention in 1819 and served as the first State Representative from Hartland in 1820. He signed the petition for Hartland to incorporate as a town in 1820 and was elected as the first Town Clerk as well as Town Selectman. The first several Town Meetings were held at his home in West Hartland. He also served as County Commissioner in 1842.

Ch. FINSON:

I. Elizabeth Jane Finson

b. 1812 Hartland

d. 1884 Niobrara, Nebraska (*at her daughter, Sarah's home*)

m. 1834 Hartland

Greenleaf Church I

(See Church Family Bio)

s/o Benjamin Church & Martha Nute (aka Patty)

b. 2 Apr 1807 Hallowell

d. 29 Dec 1885 Eureka, California (Myrtle Grove Memorial Cemetery, Eureka, CA)

Greenleaf operated the Hartland House in the early 1880s. By C/1880, they had removed to Hudson, he at 73 yrs old, she at 69 yrs old, with their children, Abbey & John. They headed West soon after and were in Niobrara, Nebraska at their daughter, Sarah's home when Elizabeth died. Greenleaf continued onto Eureka, California where his daughter Hannah was living.

Ch. CHURCH:

A) Hannah J. Church

b. Jan 1835 Hartland

b. 22 Feb 1914 Eureka, California (Myrtle Grove Memorial Cemetery, Eureka)

m. 1870 Eureka, California

George Kelton Henney

b. 1825 New Brunswick, Canada

d. 13 Nov 1887 Eureka, California (Myrtle Grove Memorial Cemetery, Eureka)

B) Ambrose Finson Church

b. 24 Oct 1836 Hartland

d. 19 Feb 1920 Rio de Janeiro

m. 12 Mar 1862

Nancy Ann Saunders

b. 18 Jan 1840 Sidney

d. 16 Feb 1915 Boston, Massachusetts

C) Sarah Jane Church (aka Jennie)

b. 1839 Hartland

d. 29 Dec 1929 Hot Springs, South Dakota (Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs)

m. 16 Oct 1869 Omaha, Nebraska

William Richard Cross

b. 1839 Bennington, Vermont

d. 23 Dec 1907 Hot Springs, South Dakota (Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs)

D) Elizabeth Ann Church

b. 1 Jul 1842 Hartland

d. 21 Dec 1898 Victoria, British Columbia, CA (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria)

m. 31 Oct 1868 Hartland

Thomas Gage Moody

(See Spearing Family Bio)

s/o Joshua Moody (Ross Bay Cemetery) & Amy Kendall Bowley (FC)

b. 11 Feb 1836 Hartland

d. 11 Apr 1913 Victoria, British Columbia, CA (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria)

E) Emeline Finson Church (aka Emma)

b. 1845 Hartland

d. 24 Oct 1926 Oakland, California

m.

James B. Cole

b. 1845 England

d. before C/1880 San Francisco, California

F) Abbey C. Church

b. 1848 Hartland

d.

G) John Alkana Church

b. 1851 Hartland

d.

II. Thomas M. Finson
b. 1816 Hartland
d. 17 Jul 1896 Central City, Iowa (Mount Clark Cemetery)
married Sarah _____ (Mount Clark Cemetery)

III. Emeline Finson
b. 3 Feb 1818 Hartland
d. 19 Feb 1903 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery) at 85 yrs
m. c. 1847 Hartland
Darius Rand **(See Rand Family Bio)**
s/o William Rand & Sally Pearson of Canaan
b. 1815 Canaan
d. 17 Dec 1889 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery) at 74 yrs old

Ch. RAND:

A) Henry Aprilian Rand
b. 1848 Hartland
d. 1935 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery) at 87 yrs

B) Mary Elizabeth Rand
b. 14 Apr 1850 Hartland
d.
married Frederick Fuller Davis

C) Thomas F. Rand
b. 1854 Hartland
d. 1938 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery) at 84 yrs
married 1894 to Viola A. Barrett

D) Frank Rand
b. 1856 Hartland
d.

E) William G. Rand
b. 1857 Hartland
d. 1917 Hartland (Nevens Cemetery) at 60 yrs

IV. James Jordan Finson
b. 25 Feb 1820 Hartland
d. 25 Apr 1895 Levant (South Branch Cemetery, Levant)
married Mary Esther Church

V. Henry Warren Finson
b. 1828 Hartland
d. 1912 Hollywood, California (Hollywood Forever Cemetery)
married 1st 1861 Massachusetts to Hattie _____
married 2nd Missouri to Mrs. Nancy Jasmer

VI. Amasa Bigelow Finson

Civil War

b. 1829 Hartland

d. 1888 Corry, Pennsylvania (Pine Grove Cemetery, Corry, PA)

married Anna T. Diamond

VII. John Finson

b. 1834 Hartland

d. 21 May 1909 St Albans