

Griffith Family

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William Griffith, Sr
b abt 1638 Unknown
d aft 1710 Chatham, Massachusetts.
William is the first known Griffith in the New World. He was a constable in Chatham and also served as a Selectman.

Ch. GRIFFITH:
William Griffith, Jr.
b abt 1663 Chatham, Massachusetts
d abt July 1734 Chatham, Massachusetts
Chosen surveyor-fence viewer 1701 in Chatham, Massachusetts

Ch. GRIFFITH:
Samuel Griffith
b abt 1700
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 1848 Livermore
m. (His 2nd marriage)
Sabrina Gould
He served as a Sexton in Dixfield.

War of 1812

Ch. GRIFFITH:

Lamont Griffith

b. Mar 1842 Dixfield

d. 3 Sep 1910 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery)

m. 9 Sep 1865

Frances Olive Wright "Fannie"

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

b. 1844 Palmyra

d. 23 May 1893 Hartland (PG)

Lamont's father died when he was 8 years old and his mother when he was 14. Following their deaths, he lived with his half-brother Amos Griffith in Dixfield where he learned the trade of carriage making from him. He removed to Hartland after C/1860 working in the Linn Woolen Mill and was living there in C/1870. He removed to Corinna by 1875 and then back to Hartland by C/1880 where he remained. In 1883 he operated a carriage making business with Daniel Sawyer on Main Street on the lower side of the bridge. Fannie's brother, George E. Wright, was one of the 3 Georges which Georgetown was named after in the 1800s.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

I. Nellie M. Griffith

b. 7 Oct 1868 Hartland

d. 2 Sep 1946 Hartland

m. 25 Jun 1888 Hartland

Frank E. Wright

s/o Nathan S. Wright & Susan E. Hackett of Palmyra

b. 1863

d. 19 Nov 1931 Hartland

Nellie was a milliner (hat maker)

Ch. WRIGHT:

I. Gladys E. Wright

b. 1889 Hartland

d.

II. Frederick F. Wright

b. 6 Sep 1900 Hartland

d. 18 Dec 1956

2. Ida Maude Griffith

b. Jul 1875 Corinna

d. 25 Nov 1953 Augusta

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.

They had no children

3. Frank Lee Griffith

b. 13 Aug 1877 Corinna

d. 22 Jan 1937 Hartland (PG)

m. 8 Jun 1901 Hartland

Addie Mabel Pickard "Mabel"

d/o Dr Adoniram Judson Pickard of Hampden (Civil War) & Elizabeth Favourite of Pensacola, Florida. Addie was a stenographer. Her parents removed back to Hampden by C/1880.

b. 8 Sep 1876 Pensacola, Florida

d. 17 Jul 1961 Hartland (PG)

Named after his uncle, 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 sawmill. He took over the former blacksmith shop which had been there previously. He served as a Probate Officer. Years of work order journals from his business were donated to the Hartland Historical Society showing detailed orders for numerous local Hartland customers over the years.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

I. Elva Katharyn Griffith "Kay"

b. 16 Jan 1905 Hartland

d. 19 Oct 1984 Millinocket

m. 7 Sep 1927

Austin Geoffrey Baker "Geoff"

b. 25 Jul 1899 England

d. 23 Jan 1972 Millinocket

They removed to Millinocket where they remained.

Ch. BAKER:

a) Fannie Louise Baker

b. 1928 Millinocket

m. 1963

Larry Emmett Lancaster

b) Lawrence Baker "Larry"

b. 24 Nov 1929 Millinocket

d. 17 Aug 1985

He never married

c) Mary Katharyn Baker

b. 1935 Millinocket

m. 3 Sep 1955

Donald Francis McDonnell

II. Grace Louise Griffith

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

d. 22 Jul 2003 St Albans at 95 yrs

m. 7 Jun 1931 St Albans (*He married 1st to Jeanette Hallis on 3 Feb 1918*)

Harold Hiram Weymouth

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

b. 19 Feb 1899 St Albans

d. 15 Jun 1971 Dexter

Named after her paternal aunt, she was a school teacher and spent most of her teaching career in Dexter. She also taught in St Albans, Ripley & Cambridge. She was also a substitute teacher at the Ireland School in Hartland. She received the St Albans Boston Post Cane in 2001 at age 93.

Ch. WEYMOUTH:

a) Hiram Weymouth
b.

b) David Weymouth
b.

c) Richard Weymouth
b.

III. Fannie Elizabeth Griffith

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

d. 9 Oct 1993 Hartland (PG)

m1. 7 Dec 1929 (his 2nd marriage, he married 1st to Elizabeth Anna Clark; 2 children)

Justin Ossian Humphrey II

b. 26 Aug 1889 Pittsfield

d. 11 July 1964 Waterville

Fannie worked at H.C. Baxter Canning in Hartland as a forewoman and later at Snowflake Canning in Corinna.

Ch. HUMPHREY:

a) Justin Ossian Humphrey III

U. S. Air Force

b. 1 Jan 1930 Hartland

m. 13 Oct 1949 Hartland

Ernestine Garnett

m2. 2 Jun 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 Dyer

b. 1938

married

Graduated from Hartland Academy

c) James Dyer

b.

married

Graduated from Hartland Academy

IV. Unnamed Female Griffith

b. 11 Nov 1911 Hartland (*noted as the 4th child by Dr Charles Moulton*)

d. unknown but likely as an infant

V. Theodore Frank Griffith "Ted"

b. 15 Feb 1913 Hartland (*noted as the 5th child by Dr Charles Moulton*)

d. 31 Jan 1968 Hartland (PG)

m. 28 Sep 1935 Waterville

Evelyn Faye Hersey "Faye"

d/o Ivy Lawrence Hersey & Iva Myrtle Reid. They removed from Canada to Maine in 1921 and were living in Pittsfield by C/1930.

b. 7 Sep 1910 Three Brooks, New Brunswick, Canada

d. 26 Aug 1998 Hartland (PG)

Ted took over his father's sawmill following his death eventually selling it to Kenneth Bishop. He also operated a store for a time on Main previous to Lewis' Market. He also served as Town Manager.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

a) Constance Joan Griffith

b.

m. Peter Whitbeck

b) Keith Lorrain Griffith

b. 21 Jan 1938 Hartland

d. 31 Jul 1978 Hartland (PG)

m1. Mary Ellen Ferruci

m2. Barbara Ann Zimmerman

c) John Kermit Griffith

b.

m. Linda Grace Bishop

d) Susan Ellen Griffith

b.

m.

Edward Harvey

VI. Esther Elouise Griffith

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

d. 30 Jul 1980 Pittsfield

m. 1934

Howard James McConnell

b. 15 Oct 1903

d. 3 Dec 1981

Ch. MCCONNELL:

a) Frank McConnell

b.

b) Anita McConnell

b.

m. Herbert Whitley

VII. Clyde Lamont Griffith

WWII U. S. Army

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

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

m. 1946

Carolyn Rollins

d/o Harry & Sarah Rollins

b. 14 May 1924 Waterloo, Iowa

d. (her sister's 2012 obituary mentions her as a surviving sibling)

He studied law and became a lawyer in Washington D. C.

Ch. GRIFFITH:

a) Geoffrey Lamont Griffith

U. S. Army

b. 18 Jun 1947 Washington, D. C.

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

He never married

4. Grace Loletti Griffith

b. 19 May 1879 Corinna

d. 1 Nov 1958 Hartland

m. 1897

Frank Clarence McDougall

b. 1 Feb 1877 Boothbay Harbor

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

They had no children

5. Nettie Lena Griffith

b. 17 Mar 1881 Hartland

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

She was working as a fitter in C/1900 in a clothing factory in Hartland. She was about to be married before her sudden death.

6. Gertrude Lola Griffith "Lola"

b. 16 Dec 1882 Hartland

d. 3 Oct 1958 Sanford (PG)

m. 26 Nov 1902 Hartland

John Edward Little

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

b. 1876 Maynard, Massachusetts

d. 1924 (PG)

Ch. LITTLE:

I. Gertrude Griffith Little

b. 6 Sep 1903 Penobscot

d. Sanford

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

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 Madbury, New Hampshire
d. 25 Oct 2012 Lyman (Chadborne Cemetery, Lyman)
m. 27 Nov 1946 Massachusetts
Effie Penny

c) Paul G. Tibbetts
b. 7 Jun 1927 Madbury, New Hampshire
d. 4 Jul 2001 Sanford

II. Clyde M. Little
b. 21 Feb 1906
d. 4 May 1906 (PG) at 3 mos

III. Hallis A. Little
b. 19 Jan 1905
d. 26 Feb 1981 Newburyport, Massachusetts

7. Thyra Beatrice Griffith
b. 13 Aug 1884 Hartland
d. 7 Mar 1960 Hartland
m1. 17 Jun 1906 Hartland
Alton B. Joy
s/o Frederick Joy & Angie Bragg
b. 1883 China, Maine

m2. 4 May 1915 South Paris (*2nd marriage for both*)
James Stearns Dudley
s/o Smith Dudley & Lydia H. Stearns
b. 1862 Paris, Maine
They had no children

8. Fannie Velle Griffith "Velle"
b. 5 Aug 1886 Hartland
d. 3 Mar 1975 Hartland
m. 29 Oct 1930
Fred Pulsifer
b. 1870
d. 1940
They had no children

9. Clyde LeRoy Griffith
b. 14 Dec 1887 Hartland
d. 26 Oct 1965 Saco

m. 22 Dec 1913 Portland (*Clyde at 26 yrs old, Minnie at 39*)

Minnie Ellen (Purinton) Lord

He was a registered druggist and removed to Portland, Maine by C/1910. They moved to Saco.