Hamilton Family
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Ralph Carlton Hamilton
s/o Carlton Leroy Hamilton & Mary Jane Gonier
b. 12 Sep 1882 Springvale
d. 1955 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 73 yrs
m1. 4 Oct 1910 Hartland
Gertrude Mae Patterson
d/o Alexander S. Patterson & Evelyn Sanford
b. 1877 Hartland
d. 1940 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 63 yrs
They had no children

m2. 16 Apr 1943 Hartland (both widowed, she married 1st to Murray Marsh)
Gertrude M. Pryor
d/o George W. Pryor & Elizabeth Corey
b. Sep 1889 Bridgewater
d.
They had no children

He was living with his parents at 17 yrs old in C/1900 in Sanford where he is noted as a “Salesman at Drug Store”. He moved to Hartland soon after where he first worked as a druggist for Albert W. Miller at his drug store. He purchased the Hartland Drug Store from Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard around 1906 which he operated for the next 45+ years. Ralph was staying at the Park House in C/1910 next door to his future wife. Following their marriage, they lived with her parents at their home on the corner of Main Street & Mill Street where they remained following her parents deaths.

In 1914, he and his business partner built the Hamilton & Young Shirt Factory on Mill Street (future Skating Rink). He was involved with town affairs serving as President of the Board of Trustees of Hartland Academy from 1925-1938, Town Treasurer from 1935-1952, and a Representative to the Maine State Legislature from 1941-1946 and again from 1951-1952. His store served as the location for the WWI & WWII Draft where he registered the young men of Hartland for the wars.
Ralph C. Hamilton, druggist, Hartland, Maine, was recently appointed a trustee of the Reformatory for Women.

Mr. Hamilton located in Hartland sixteen years ago. Besides giving personal attention to his drug business, he is president of the Hamilton & Young Company, which concern is said to be the largest exclusive manufacturer of men’s flannel shirts in the State. Mr. Hamilton is also active in politics, and has served on State and county committees. He is affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations.