

Greenville Shaw Family

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Sylvanus Shaw

s/o Ebenezer Shaw & Anne Colson

b. 28 May 1765 Abington, Massachusetts

d. 18 Jan 1852 Cummington, Massachusetts (West Cummington Cemetery)

m. 15 Nov 1792 Hingham

Persis Wilder Stodder

d/o Laban Stodder & Persis Wilder

b. 30 June 1773 Hingham, Massachusetts

d. 11 Aug 1852 Cummington, Massachusetts (West Cummington Cemetery)

Ch. SHAW:

1. Sylvanus Shaw, b. 21 Mar 1793

2. Ebenezer Shaw, b. 19 Oct 1794, d. 1878

3. Brackley Shaw, b. 1 June 1796, d. 1848

4. Bela Shaw, b. 21 Nov 1798

5. Lora Shaw, b. 28 Feb 1801

6. Clarissa Shaw, b. 28 Sep 1802

7. Caleb Thaxter Shaw, b. 12 Sep 1804

8. Persis Shaw, b. 19 June 1806

9. Spencer Shaw, b. 31 Jan 1808

10. Loisa Shaw, b. 19 June 1810

11. Charles Colson Shaw, b. 1 Mar 1811, d. 10 Apr 1893

12. Mary Ann Shaw, b. 30 July 1813, d. 6 Aug 1817

13. Alonzo Cushing Shaw, b. 8 May 1816, d. 13 June 1817

11. Charles Colson Shaw

b. 1 Mar 1811 Cummington, Massachusetts

d. 10 Apr 1893 Dexter

m1. 1 May 1838 Hingham, Massachusetts

Jane P. Whiting

b. 6 May 1813 Hingham, Massachusetts

d. between 1850 & 1857 Cummington, Massachusetts

Following Jane's death, he remarried to Betsey and moved to Dexter living there by C/1860. He and his son, Greenville, purchased the former Isaac Billings Tannery at the Upper Dam in Hartland in 1867 along with tanneries in Burnham, Plymouth and Detroit.

Ch. SHAW:

1. Florian Thorning Shaw

b. 17 Feb 1839 Cummington, Massachusetts

d. 15 Aug 1866 Dexter (Elmwood Cemetery, Dexter)

m. 4 Oct 1862 Dexter (her 1st marriage, his 2nd)

Shepard Parkman

b. 20 June 1838 Dexter

d. 28 May 1897 Dexter (Elmwood Cemetery, Dexter)

He remarried for a 3rd time to Mary Eliza Parkman. All 3 of his wives are buried with him. They were living in Hartland in C/1870 where he is noted as a Superintendent at a tannery; likely at his in-laws' business.

Ch. PARKMAN:

I. Flora Shaw Parkman
b. 11 Jan 1864 Dover-Foxcroft
d. 24 Feb 1952 Dexter (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter)
married Arthur Preston Abbott

2. Charles Ballou Shaw
b. 7 June 1840 Cummington, Massachusetts
d. 25 Sep 1840 Cummington, Massachusetts (West Cummington Cemetery) at 3 mths

3. Hellen Frances Shaw
b. 29 June 1842 Cummington, Massachusetts
d. 8 Oct 1842 Cummington, Massachusetts (West Cummington Cemetery) at 3 mths, 9 days

4. Greenville Jefferson Shaw

b. 1843 Cummington, Massachusetts
d. 1903 Dexter

5. Mellissa Jane Shaw
b. June 1845 Cummington, Massachusetts
d. 23 Dec 1846 Cummington, Massachusetts (West Cummington Cemetery) at 1 yr, 4 mths

6. Willis J. Shaw
b. 6 Aug 1849 Cummington, Massachusetts
d.

m2.

Elizabeth Gorman Roberts "Betsey"
b. 1830
d.

Ch. SHAW:

6. Elizabeth Gorman Shaw "Lizzie"
b. 1858 Dexter
d.

7. Charles Orlando Shaw
b. 9 Nov 1859 Dexter
d. 3 Dec 1942 Huntsville, Ontario, Canada
m. 28 Oct 1886 Boston
Jennie Lavinia Abbott
b. June 1863 Dexter
d. 1928 Huntsville, Ontario, Canada
They moved to Huntsville in 1898. Shaw was owner of Anglo-Canadian Leather Company, referred to as "The Tannery" in Huntsville.

Ch. SHAW:

Amanda Shaw
1882–

Charles G Shaw
1886–

Pauline Lavinia Shaw
b. 28 July 1888
d.

Charles Shard
1895–1961

8. Walter B. Shaw
b. 1868 Dexter
d. 1928 (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter)
He lived in New York City where he was a dentist in C/1910.

4. Greenville Jefferson Shaw

- b. 19 Sep 1843 Cummington, Massachusetts
d. 13 Nov 1903 Bath (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter) at 60 yrs of pneumonia
m. 17 Dec 1864
Jennie Maria Luce
b. 1845 Dexter
d. 1919 (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter)

He owned and operated the Shaw & Son Tannery in Hartland from 1867 to about 1887 and lived in the Century House on Commercial Street. He was the executor of Archibald Linn's will in 1889 and oversaw the Linn Woolen Mill operations by the heirs. He was a breeder of champion race horses.

From the book, History of Penobscot County, Maine, 1882

“Greenville J. Shaw was born in the State of Massachusetts in 1843. When he was eight years of age he came to Penobscot County and settled at Dexter, where he received a common school education. He also attended the Maine State Seminary at Lewiston for three terms, and is a graduate of Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York. At the age of twenty he took charge of the tannery at Vernon, New York where he had charge of eighteen men, and in 1866 he purchased one half interest in the business. In 1867 he purchased the tannery in Hartland (formerly the Isaac Billings Tannery on the upper dam off Billings/North Street) in company with his father (Charles Shaw) and in the winter of 1868 and 1869, in company with his father, he purchased the tanneries at Detroit and Plymouth, which made four tanneries and eighty men under his immediate charge at one time. In 1878, during the scarcity of bark, he was obliged to close three of his tanneries, and at present (1882) operates only the one at Hartland, where he has fifteen men engaged.”

“In 1880 Greenville J. Shaw purchased Cream Brook Farm in Stetson which was first owned by Major Stetson, the original proprietor of the town of Stetson. It contains 640 acres of good land, well watered, and is peculiarly adapted to grazing. In 1826 the Major made a present of the whole tract of land to Amasa Stetson, who improved it and remained in possession of the farm until about 1860, when he sold out to M. L. Rice, of Bangor, who was the first to convert it into a dairy farm. Rice kept from fifty to seventy-five cows. He was the first to develop the farm into a butter producing farm; the butter manufactured by him gained the best reputation, perhaps, of any butter produced in the State. In 1870

Rice sold the farm to Charles Collins, of Aroostook County, who remained in possession of it until he sold out to the present owner, Mr Shaw, who gave the farm its present appropriate name.”

From The Eastern Gazette, November 19, 1903

“Mr. Greenville J. Shaw of Bath died last Friday (November 13, 1903) from pneumonia, aged 60 years. Mr. Shaw was the son of Mr & Mrs. Charles Shaw of this town. He was reared in Dexter and at the age of 21 years went into the tannery business with his father. After a number of years he went to Burnham, from there to Detroit and later settled in Hartland, following the tannery business in each town. After a few years of successful business in Hartland, Mr. Shaw purchased a large farm in Stetson and devoted his time and money to raising fancy horses and also was a successful breeder of Jersey stock. The farm was widely known as the Cream Brook Farm. In 1900 Mr. Shaw moved to Bath where he has since conducted a large insurance business. A widow and four children survive him: Alice, Grace, Frank and Henry. The remains were brought to this village last Monday night. At the station was a body of Masons and Odd Fellows who escorted the remains to the Universalist Church and remained with them through the night. The funeral was held in the church Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. W. H. Gould officiating. Several of the relatives came to town with the body. The interment was in Mt. Pleasant.”

Ch. SHAW:

I. Frederick Ellsworth Shaw

b. 24 Oct 1866 Vernon, New York

d. 1868 Vernon, New York at 2 yrs

II. Frank Irving Shaw

b. 12 Oct 1868 Burnham

d. 14 Jan 1920 Fairfield (*Central Maine Sanitarium of Tuberculosis*) (Ireland Cemetery)

m. 28 May 1892 Bangor

Cora Adele Webb

(**See Moor/Moore Family Bio**)

d/o Nathan M. Webb & Almeda Moor of Hartland

b. 8 Aug 1869 Hartland

d. 11 Jul 1917 Woolrich (Ireland Cemetery) (*died from injuries sustained in an auto accident*)

They had no children

They removed from Hartland to Pittsfield by C/1900 and to Woolrich by C/1910

*“Opening in 1904, The Maine Sanatorium was the state's first facility for the treatment of tuberculosis. The sanatorium was privately owned until 1915 when it was taken over by the state, along with Chase Memorial Sanatorium in Fairfield. The facilities were renamed the Western Maine Sanatorium and **Central Maine Sanatorium** respectively. People with the best chance of recovery were sent to the Western Maine Sanatorium. Those who were not expected to recover were sent to the Central Maine Sanatorium. Practicing an open air policy, patients slept on porches or in rooms that were open the outdoors. It was believed that fresh air, rest and a proper diet would help aid recovery. Dairy cows, a corn silo, creamery and large farm supplied the food for the facility. The sanatorium was also known for its Fourth of July parades, with floats and participants dressed in a variety of costumes. Games were held and the activities were open to participants who were in good health. The sanatorium was closed in July of 1959.”*

III. Rosa Towle Shaw

b. 31 Mar 1872

d. 20 Aug 1921 (Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter)

She removed to Boston, Massachusetts

IV. Alice Jane Shaw
b. 26 Apr 1877 Detroit
d.

V. Henry Greenville Shaw
b. 26 Jan 1879 Detroit
d.
m. 8 Dec 1909 Bath
Sarah A. Harriman
d/o William E. Harriman & Eliza E. Magwood
b. 1881 Bath
d. 17 Mar 1967 Bath