

Spearin Family

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Information for much of the lineage of John Spearin I has been difficult to find due to the lack of details on the early Census Reports of 1790 through 1840 and a general lack of other typical sources such as birth, death and marriage certificates. More details will hopefully be added when they become available.

John Spearin II Revolutionary War

s/o John Spearin I & Sarah Call

b. 4 Mar 1764 Pownalborough (Wiscassett)
d. 9 Nov 1830 Hartland (Fullers Corner Cemetery) at 67 yrs
m. 9 Nov 1784

Mary Kendall

d/o Uzziah Kendall & Elizabeth Pierce

b. 17 Apr 1764 Pownalborough (Wiscassett)
d. 20 Feb 1852 Hartland (Fullers Corner Cemetery) at 87 yrs

He enlisted for the war in Beverly, Massachusetts. They removed to Clinton by C/1790 and to West Hartland (referred to as T3-R4) by C/1810. He signed the petition for Hartland's incorporation in 1820.

Ch. SPEARIN:

1. Sarah Spearin

b. 2 June 1785
d. before May 1794 Clinton

It appears she died young as another child born in 1794 is named Sarah.

2. Lydia Spearin

b. 1786
d. 31 Aug 1873 Hartland (FC) at 88 yrs
m. c1806 Hartland

Joseph Bowley (See Bowley Family)

s/o Gideon Bowley & Hannah Strout

b. Oct 1772 Old Falmouth (Portland)
d. 11 Jul 1843 Hartland (FC) at 70 yrs 9 mos

Joseph was an early settler of Hartland living there by C/1810 and signing the petition for Hartland's incorporation in 1820.

Ch. BOWLEY:

I. Francis Bowley "Fanny"

b. 30 Nov 1807 Hartland
d. 28 Apr 1893 Hartland (FC)
m. 30 Nov 1826 St Albans

Hanson Church (See Church Family)

s/o Benjamin Church & Martha Nute

b. 1797 Hallowell
d. 1884 Hartland (FC)

They lived in West Hartland where his father had lived.

Ch. CHURCH:

A) Joseph B. Church

b. 9 Sep 1827 Hartland

d. 31 Jan 1916 Hartland (FC) at 89 yrs

m. 1875

Mary Bickford

b. 1834

d. 31 Jul 1906 Hartland (FC)

They married older and never had children.

B) Lydia A. Church

b. 1831 Hartland

d. 16 Feb 1867 Nevada County, California

C) Mary Church

b. 1831 Hartland

d. 24 June 1914 West Minster, British Columbia, Canada

m. 24 June 1859 Illinois

William P. Larrabee

(See Larrabee Family)

s/o William Larrabee & Sarah Plummer

b. 21 Mar 1825 Hartland

d. 23 Oct 1904 Auburn, Illinois (West Grove Cemetery, Thayer, IL)

She removed to Auburn, Illinois where she married her Hartland childhood neighbor, William.

D) Martha A. Church

b. 1838 Hartland

d. 19 Apr 1871 Corinna (FC)

m. 26 Aug 1869 Troy (He married 1st Adeline Stone)

Benjamin Bartlett Vickery

b. 20 Sep 1817 Troy

d. (Pond Cemetery 1, Unity)

E) Silas B. Church

b. 1 Jun 1840 Hartland

d. 12 Feb 1870 Hartland (FC) at 30 yrs of Consumption

F) John A. Church

b. 23 Jun 1842 Hartland

d. 21 Feb 1921 Berkeley, California

m. 1873 Nevada City, California

Martha Jane Cook "Jennie"

d/o William & Martha Cook of Hartland

b. 5 Jan 1852 Waterville

d. 28 Oct 1945 Berkeley, California (while living with her daughter, Clara)

He moved from Hartland to Nevada City, California with his brother, Calvin after C/1860. They are living together there in C/1870 where they are "wood choppers". He marries soon after and remains there in C/1880 through C/1900 with his wife and children. They remove to Hoquiam, Washington State by C/1910 near their daughter, Clara, and her family. They are living with Clara in Berkeley, California in C/1920, he at 77 yrs old and Martha at 66 yrs old.

G) Calvin Blake Church

b. 1845 Hartland

d. 10 Dec 1916 San Francisco, California (Pine Grove Cemetery, Nevada City, CA)

He removed to Nevada City, California with his brother, John, after C/1860 and they are living together there in C/1870 where they are "Wood Choppers".

Living in Blue Tent, California in C/1880 where he is listed as a "Teamster". He is living in San Francisco in C/1910 where he died. He was buried back in Nevada City. He is likely named for Dr. Calvin Blake of Hartland.

H) Winfield Scott Church

b. 15 Jan 1849 Hartland

d. 12 Oct 1930 Palmyra (FC)

He never married and lived with his parents throughout most of his life.

Following his parents deaths, he stays at their house in C/1900 then lives with his brother Joseph in C/1910. He is a boarder in the Davis Household in Palmyra in C/1930 at 81 yrs old.

I) Francis E. Church "Frankie"

b. 1852 Hartland

d. 13 Mar 1879 Hartland (FC) at 27 yrs

II. Mary S. Bowley "Polly"

b. 1809 Hartland

d. 22 Dec 1892 Hartland (FC) at 83 yrs

m. 1849 Hartland (his 2nd marriage)

Charles Littlefield, Sr (See Littlefield Family)

b 1799 Kennebunkport

d 29 Nov 1881 Hartland (Black Stream Cemetery) at 82 yrs

Ch. LITTLEFIELD: (10th child of Charles, her only child with him)

J) Sewell M. Littlefield

b. 1857 Hartland

d.

m1. (widowed)

Etta W. _____

m2. 25 Feb 1901 Hartland (divorced)

Ella M. Litchfield

m3. 8 Oct 1904 Hartland

Nellie Reed

III. Amy Kendall Bowley

b. 5 Feb 1813 Hartland

d. 26 May 1865 Hartland (FC) at 52 yrs 10 mos

m. 4 Jul 1829 Hartland

Joshua Moody, Jr

s/o Joshua Moody, Sr & Lucy Stevens

b. 5 May 1808 Salisbury, Massachusetts

d. 3 Jan 1894 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, BC)

Joshua moved from Hartland to Victoria in December of 1865 after Amy's death with his surviving daughters, Sarah and Mary. They traveled via the Isthmus of Panama to join his sons, Sewell Prescott Moody and Thomas Gage Moody.

The Daily Colonist - Jan 4, 1894; "Still another familiar face will be missed from the little band of hardy pioneers whose ranks daily grow smaller and more scattered. Joshua Moody died at his home on Pandora Avenue at a late hour last night, after an illness of several weeks duration. The deceased was a native of Massachusetts, coming from Newburyport, and was in his 86th year, the greater portion of his busy life being spent in Victoria, where he accumulated considerable property interests, and where he leaves a numerous family, the majority of whom have grown up and taken their places as the heads of families in the city of their birth."

Joshua Moody, Jr



Ch. MOODY:

A) Hannah Moody

b. 1831 Hartland

d. 10 Oct 1847 Hartland (FC) at 16 yrs 7 mos

B) Sewell Prescott Moody, Sr

b. 1834 Hartland

d. 5 Nov 1875 Cape Flattery, Washington (Ross Bay Cemetery) Lost at Sea

m. c1870 Victoria, Canada

Janet McAuslyn Watson

b. 19 Apr 1849 Greenock, Scotland

d. 10 Sep 1901 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 51 yrs

“The death occurred yesterday evening of Mrs. Moody, relict of the late Sewell P. Moody, who was interested in the Moodyville Sawmill and who was one of the victims of the Pacific disaster. The deceased lady was a native of Greenock, Scotland, but came to British Columbia in the very early days with her parents. Two children, Mrs. B.S. Oddy and Mr. S.P. Moody survive her.”

Sewell moved to Vancouver in the late 1850s with his brother, Thomas Gage Moody who was also a lumber merchant. (See below)

"Sew" Moody founded Moodyville in British Columbia (eventually becoming North Vancouver) and was the principle owner of the Moodyville Sawmill Company. He went down with the 'S.S. Pacific' off the coast of Cape Flattery in Washington in 1875.

“On the morning of November 4, 1875, “Sew” Prescott boarded the S.S. Pacific along with some 275 other passengers and freight in Victoria, British Columbia for the regular run to San Francisco steered by Captain Jefferson Howell. Loaded to the gunwales and listing badly, efforts to right the ship included filling lifeboats with water to bring her to trim, and then doing the same with the lifeboats on the other side to re-compensate when the vessel began to list too heavily in the opposite direction.

Around 8pm that evening, 12 miles off the coast of Washington State near Cape Flattery, the S.S. Pacific and the S.S. Orpheus collided. Both vessels continued on their course and the captain of the Orpheus later testified he was unaware of the collision. With only a few lifeboats usable, some crew joined what women had managed to get into one. None of the lifeboat parties survived, and went down soon after many of the 300-odd people struggling in the cold water went down, the women first among them because of the heavy, elaborate clothing then in fashion. An estimated 20 survived the sinking and managed to survive a while by clinging to large pieces of wreckage, and all but two of these eventually succumbed to hypothermia, as did one of the remaining pair, leaving Henry Jelley as the only one of two survivors, the other survivor was a crewman, Neil Henley.

No lifeboat drills were held, and at a subsequent inquest it was revealed that even if the lifeboats had been available for use, only 145 passengers could have been saved, with at least another 155 left on board to go down with the ship (the official estimate of the number of passengers was 275 but didn't include children or additional passengers picked up later). In terms of fatalities, the foundering of the S. S. Pacific is among the worst maritime calamities ever recorded on the Pacific Coast.

In addition to Captain Howell, who had been a Confederate Naval officer as well as the brother-in-law of the Confederacy's President, Jefferson Davis, there were several notable persons in British Columbia history among the casualties. Along with Sewell Moody were Captain Otis Parsons who had just sold off his fleet of Fraser River steamers, and J. H. Sullivan who had been Gold Commissioner of the Cassiar Mining District. Most of the freight was coal and potatoes.

Among the floating wreckage was found this inscription on a broken post:

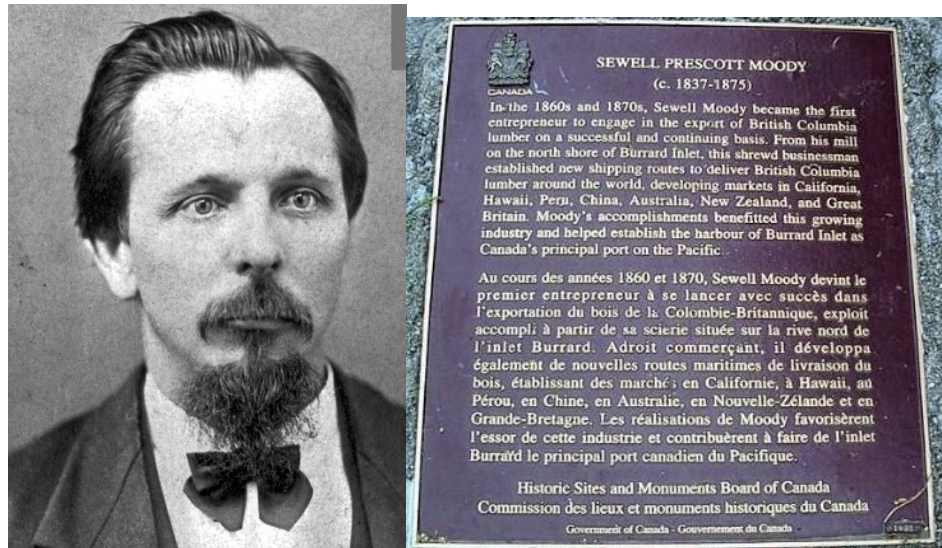
"S. P. MOODY. ALL LOST"

The handwriting was identified as that of Sewell Prescott Moody. It is supposed that when he found the ship going down and no hope remained of saving his life, Mr. Moody wrote this "message from the sea" on the stanchion on the faint hope that it might someday be picked up, and his fate known. His body was never recovered. The in-scripted post was later donated by the Moody Family to the British Columbia Maritime Museum where is on display."

Sewell Prescott Moody was designated a person of National Historical Significance by the Canadian Federal Government in 2002. The plaque below was dedicated in his honor and reads:

“In the 1860s & 1870s, Sewell Moody became the first entrepreneur to engage in the export of British Columbia lumber on a successful and continuing basis. From his mill on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet, this shrewd businessman established new shipping routes to deliver British Columbia lumber around the world, developing markets in California, Hawaii, Peru, China, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain. Moody's accomplishments benefited this growing industry and helped establish the Harbour of Burrard Inlet as Canada's principle port on the Pacific.”

Sewell Prescott Moody & Dedication Plaque



Ch. MOODY:

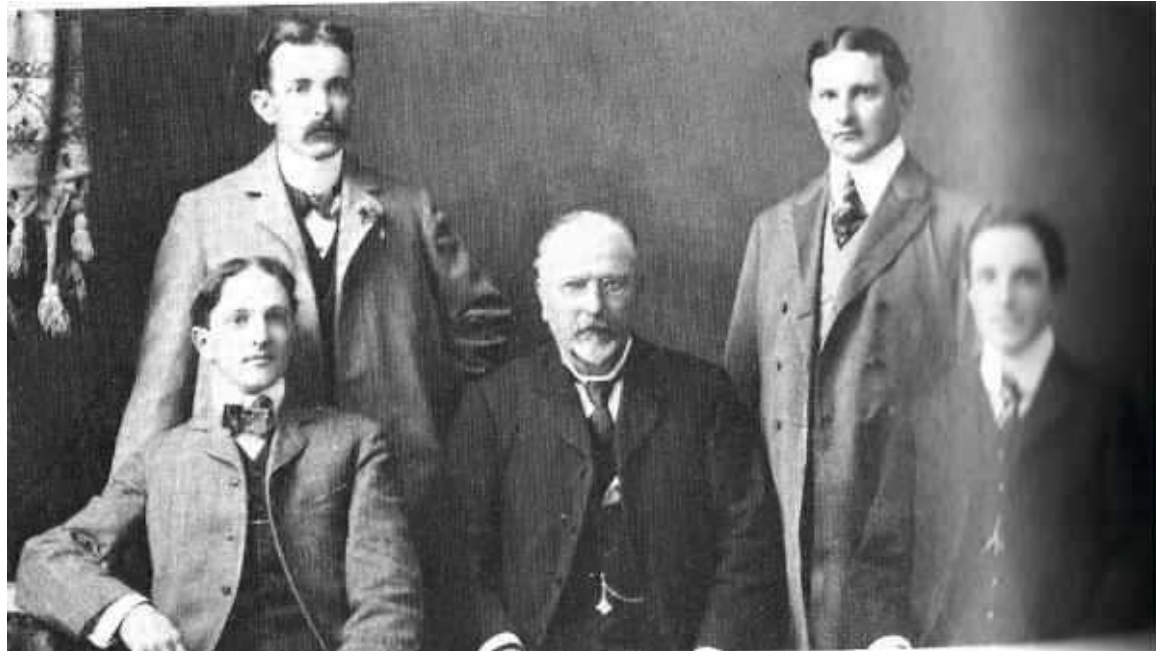
1. Florence Watson Moody
- b. 8 May 1872 Victoria, Canada
- d.
- married 1st Edward Booth Tuohy
- married 2nd Benjamin Scarfe Oddy

2. Sewell Prescott Moody, Jr
b. 28 May 1874 Victoria, Canada
d. 28 Oct 1949 Brentwood Bay, B. C.
married Matilda Susanne Gooch

C) Thomas Gage Moody, Sr
b. 11 Feb 1836 Hartland
d. 11 Apr 1913 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
m. 31 Oct 1868 Hartland
Elizabeth Ann Church **(See Church & Finson Family)**
d/o Greenleaf Church & Elizabeth Jane Finson

b. 1 Jul 1842 Hartland
d. 21 Dec 1898 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
Thomas first sailed from New York in 1858 on the 'SS Northern Light' arriving in Victoria in January of 1859. He returned to Hartland shortly after and is noted living there in C/1860. He moved back to Victoria soon after he married rejoining his brother, Sewell, where they were successful lumber merchants.

Thomas Gage Moody, Sr. with his sons (standing) Frank Moody and Harrison Moody. Sitting with him are sons William Moody and Thomas Moody, Jr. All 4 sons became Dentists.



Ch. MOODY:

1. William D. Moody
b. Sep 1869 Victoria, Canada
d. 19 Jan 1871 Victoria (Quadra Street Cemetery, Victoria) at 1yr 4mths

2. Dr. Frank Gage Moody DDS
b. 19 Dec 1870 Victoria, Canada
d. 25 Jul 1938 Victoria (Ross Bay Cemetery)
married Mary Wheeler Stooke

3. Dr. Harrison Pushaw Moody DDS
b. 28 Jan 1873 Victoria, Canada
d. 4 Nov 1939 Burnaby, Canada
married Minnie Luella McLean

4. Dr. Thomas Gage Moody, Jr DDS
b. 28 Oct 1875 Victoria, Canada
d. 3 Oct 1931 Vancouver, Canada (Mountain View Cemetery,
Vancouver)
married Ethel _____

5. Minnie Edna Moody
b. Apr 1877 Victoria, Canada
d. 1877 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) in infancy

6. Dr. William H. Moody DDS
b. 17 Mar 1881 Victoria, Canada
d. 7 Sep 1912 Vancouver, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)

7. Minnie A. Moody
b. 5 Apr 1894 Victoria, Canada
d. 16 Feb 1974 San Diego, California

D) Sarah Jane Robinson Moody "Jennie"

b. 1839 Hartland

d. 6 Mar 1886 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)

m. 6 Apr 1868 Victoria, Canada

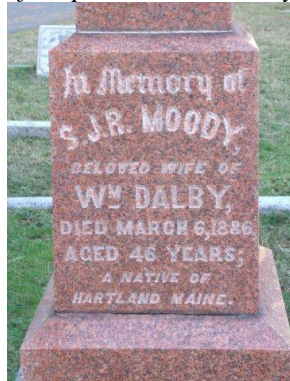
William Dalby

b. 28 Jan 1839 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada

d. 22 Jan 1916 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)

He came to Victoria in 1862 and became the 9th Mayor of the City of Victoria in 1873. He was once Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, A.F. & A.M., and in 1887 was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada as Representative of their Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Daily Colonist - March 10, 1886; *"No death has occurred in Victoria for a long time that has created so deep and painful a feeling of regret as that of Mrs. Dalby. The flag at City Hall was displayed at half-mast during the day as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased".*



Ch. DALBY:

1. Sewell Robert Dalby
b. 9 Dec 1869 Victoria, Canada
d. 26 Jan 1875 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 5 yrs of Croup

2. Dr. William Sylvester Dalby D.D.S.
b. 23 May 1871 Victoria, Canada
d. 30 Jan 1940 Vancouver, Canada (Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver)
married Martha Mary Tierney

3. Frank Joshua Dalby
b. 29 Jan 1873 Victoria, Canada
d. 18 Oct 1939 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery)
married Kathleen Selina Walker

4. John A. Valentine Dalby "Val"
b. 14 Feb 1879 Victoria, Canada
d. 15 Aug 1969 Hoquiam, WA (Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, WA)
married Grace Jane Furness

5. Sewell Moody Dalby
b. 9 Feb 1880 Victoria, Canada
d. 25 Oct 1918 Juneau, Alaska (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 35 yrs
He never married.
He died with the sinking of the 'Princess Sophia' while on his way back to Victoria from Ruby, Alaska.

"On October 25, 1918 the 'S.S. Princess Sophia' sank with the loss of all aboard after grounding on Vanderbilt Reef in Lynn Canal near Juneau, Alaska. With 343 or more people dying in the incident, the wreck of the Sophia was the worst maritime accident in the history of British Columbia and Alaska. The circumstances of the wreck were controversial, as some felt that all aboard could have been saved."

6. Victor Dalby
b. 4 Mar 1882 Victoria, Canada
d. 2 Oct 1882 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 7 mths

E) Mary Helen Moody
b. 1843 Hartland
d. 16 Jan 1900 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 57 yrs
m1.
Dr. Thomas Mills Bowden D.D.S.
b. 1848 Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada
d. 23 Apr 1874 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) 26 yrs of Consumption
He was an early dentist in Victoria

Ch. BOWDEN:

1. Amy Mills Bowden
b. Feb 1872 Victoria, Canada
d. 21 Feb 1888 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 16 yrs of Consumption

m2. (2nd marriage for both)
Charles Frederick Beaven
b. 12 Jan 1845 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada
d. 2 June 1926 Victoria, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery) at 82 yrs
They had no children

3. John Spearin III
b. 9 Sep 1788 Fairfield
d.
m. 6 Jan 1811 Clinton
Elizabeth Pratt "Betsey" (unconfirmed)
b. 28 Aug 1791 Clinton
d. 31 Mar 1868 Hartland (FC as Betsey Spearin) at 77 yrs 6 mos
She was living in Canaan at the time of her death.

Note: It is unclear whether the person interred at Fullers Corner Cemetery noted only as "Betsey Spearin" is the above noted wife of John Spearin III OR a daughter of John Spearin II.

4. Uriah Spearin **War of 1812**
b. 11 Apr 1792 Clinton
d. 6 Feb 1865 Hartland (FC) at 72 yrs
m.

Margaret Pushor
b. 1797
d. 9 Dec 1865 Hartland (FC) at 68 yrs
He came to Hartland by C/1810 with his parents. They are living in Hartland in C/1820 then move to Frankfort by C/1830 and return to Hartland by C/1840 where they remained. He served as a Private with Captain Drew's U.S. Infantry in the War of 1812.

Ch. SPEARIN:

I. Joseph Spearin
b. 1817 Hartland
d.

II. David Spearin
b. 1820 Hartland
d.
m.
Rebecca Downs
They had 8 known children and moved to Plymouth by C/1870 then to Detroit by C/1880

III. Waldo Spearin
b. 1821 Hartland
d.

IV. Elizabeth Spearin
b. 1822 Hartland
d. 13 Aug 1846 Hartland (FC) at 24 yrs 4 mos

V. Priscilla Spearin
b. 1825 Hartland
d.

VI. John Spearin
b. 1829 Hartland
d.

VII. Rachel Spearin
b. 1832 Hartland
d.

VIII. Lucy Spearin
b. 1839 Hartland
d.

5. Sarah Spearin (unconfirmed)
b. 17 May 1794 Fairfield
d.

6. William Kendall Spearin
b. 8 Jan 1798 Clinton
d. 13 Feb 1825 South Carolina (unconfirmed)

7. Melinda Spearin
b. 21 Apr 1800 Clinton
d. Oct 1879 Hartland
m.

Moses Nelson

War of 1812

b. 1795

d. before C/1870 Frankfort

*He served as a Private with Captain Dunn's 33rd Company, U.S. Infantry in the War of 1812.
They were living in Frankfort in C/1860.*

Ch. NELSON:

I. Maria Nelson

b. 1830

d.

II. Moses J. Nelson

b. 1836

d.

III. Elbridge G. Nelson

b. 1841

d.

8. Rhoda Spearin (unconfirmed)
b. 11 Dec 1802 Clinton
d.

9. Mary Spearin (unconfirmed)
b. 21 Mar 1805 Clinton
d.

10. Warren Spearin, Sr
b. 1806 Clinton
d.
m1.
Lacitne Lowe
b. 1805 Clinton
d. 22 Mar 1848 Hartland (FC) at 43 yrs

m2. By C/1850
Rebecca _____
b. 1815
d.

It appears he remarried and is living in Palmyra in C/1850 with his 2nd wife Rebecca and children from his 1st marriage including Alonzo, Henry, Charles and Abby.

Ch. SPEARIN:

I. Alonzo Spearin
b. 1825
d.

Living with Warren & Rebecca in Palmyra in C/1850

II. Warren Spearin, Jr
b. 1827 Hartland
d. 31 Aug 1846 Hartland (FC) at 19 yrs

III. Mary Jane Spearin
b. 1831 Clinton
d. 7 Feb 1904 Pittsfield (*per her death certificate*)
m.
David S. Bates

IV. Lacitne B. Spearin
b. 1832 Clinton
d. 1 May 1895 Pittsfield (*per her death certificate*)
m.
_____ Pushor

V. Henry Spearin
b. 1836
d.
Living with Warren & Rebecca in Palmyra in C/1850

VI. Charles Spearin

b. 1838

d.

Living with Warren & Rebecca in Palmyra in C/1850

VII. Abby Spearin

b. 1845

d.

Living with Warren & Rebecca in Palmyra in C/1850

11. Reuben Spearin (unconfirmed)

b. 22 Jan 1808 Clinton

d.