

Family Histories

In the following pages are some family histories of descendants of early settlers of Etna.

There are a few histories of people who came in the 1930's - 1940's, who have added to Etna's growth as a town.

There are more, I am sure that some have been left out. Please excuse any errors I might have made.

The first Elston to settle in Etna was William T. Elston who was born in Limestone, December 14, 1844. At the age of one and a half he moved, with his parents, to St. John, New Brunswick where his father was in charge of a lumbering operation on the St. John River. He left home when he was young, went to England and enlisted in the Army during the Canadian Indian War, and was sent west during an Indian uprising. After this was over, he came to Bangor and for twenty-five years as a stevedore. Bangor, at that time, led the nation in the exportation of lumber. When the work played out, he bought a farm in West Etna, in 1883. He married Linnie B. Cockran from Etna. They had five children; Emma, Frank, Fred A., Marion and William, who are all deceased.

Their third child, Fred was born in 1887. He married Grace Buzzell in 1910. They both resided in Etna all their lives. He worked many years for the Maine Central Railroad until his retirement in 1949.

They had eight children. Their first child, Hazel was born in 1911. She married Frederick Young and they had one son, Frederick Jr. They lived in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Hazel and Fred are both deceased.

Geneva was born in 1912. She lived in Massachusetts for many years before returning to Maine. She was a cook at Gardner General Hospital until her retirement. She now lives with her niece, Lucille Damon.

Agnes was born in 1914. She married Clifford Hand, and was a school teacher for many years in Etna and Carmel until her death in 1949.

Annie was born in 1915. She married Kenneth S. Philbrook and they have seven children; Lucille, Kenneth C., Marlene, Ralph, Robert, Don and Forest. Kenneth served in the Navy during World War II. They made their home in Etna and spend the winter in Florida.

Their fifth child, Edna, died shortly after birth.

Myrtle was born in 1918. She married Winifred Hartford and they moved to Fitchburg Massachusetts. They have three children; Carmen, Gene and Pam. Winifred is deceased. Myrtle still lives in Fitchburg and goes to Florida in the winter with her sister, Annie.

Freda was born in 1919. She married Clifford Chase and they have four children; Charlotte, Edward and Duane. Clifford served in the Army during World War II. He is now deceased. Freda makes her home with her oldest daughter, Charlotte Leavitt in Dexter.

Their eighth child, Fred H., better known as Bob, was born in 1923. He served three years and three months in the U.S. Air Corp during World War II. He went to Aircraft Mechanic school at Long Beach, California. He served in China, Burma and India for 13 months as an aircraft mechanic and flight engineer. He married Doris Kimball in 1948.

They have two children; Grace born in 1950. She is married to Steve Hall and they have two children; Cory and Kimberly. They reside in Newport.

Lee was born in 1957. He married Lillian Miller and they have two children; Travis and Tracy. They live in Glenburn.

Fred worked for the State Highway Dept. and retired from Bantons Mill in Newport, after working there 23 years.

Doris worked at C.M.Almy Inc. for twenty-seven and one half years, retiring in 1993.

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The Charles Johnson Shaw Family

1915-1995

Charles Johnson Shaw, son of Charles and Bessey (Ham) Shaw, grandson, of John Shaw, great-grandson of John Shaw, was born in Etna in 1915. He had six brothers and three sisters; Donald, Lauris, Harold, Warren, Quentin, Kenneth, Nora, Lela and Virginia.

Donald married and had two girls; Sonna who married Dirwood Hillman (they had two boys) and Sandra who married Reggie Strout. (one boy) Both families in Newport.

Lauris was in service. He died at 33.

Harold married Rita (last name unknown) They live in Etna and have three children; Jimmy, who married, lives in Plymouth and has one child, Darren married and lives in Newport and Teresa is married and also lives in Newport.

Warren married, lives in Etna and had five children; Warren Jr. lives in Etna and is not married, Tammy is married and lives in Bangor(has two boys), Tiffany married someone from Presque Isle and lives in Bangor, Billy lives in Corinna and is not married and Debbie ia married and lives in Palmyra. (Has 5 girls)

Quentin lives in Etna and never married.

Kenneth married and divorced. (Had 2 children)

Nora married and had two children. She died in 1958.

Lela never married and lives in Bangor or Orono.

Virginia (widow) had two children(a boy and a girl).

Charles married Dorothy Smith from Carmel. She died in 1991. They had two children; Louise married a Haynes (had 2 girls) and Nancy married and had 2 children.

Charles remembers the celebration of 1920.

Leighton and Daisy Shaw Family

1915 - 1995 (children)

Leighton and Daisy Shaw had six children; Linwood, Margorie, Lena, John, Arlene and Betty

Linwood married Avis Mayhew and they had four children; Dathia who married Richard Lagange lives in Lewiston and has three children, Junita married to Rodney Rines and they have four children and live in Levant, Clifton died, and Janet married Merle Vicnaire and they live in Etna with two children.

Margorie married George Curtis. They had four children; Billy who had four children and lived in Newport (he died), Merle who lived in Carmel (died), Alice married Jack Haverly and they had one child, Patty (Haverly) Johndro and they live in Etna (Patty is "Mrs. Maine 1995). Verna Curtis lives in Etna and has two children, Nancy Madore of Etna and Richard Curtis of Pittsfield.

Lena married Lawrence Erskine. They live in Camden and have five children; Glendon, Shirley, Laura, LeRoy and Linda. Lawrence died and Lena is in a Nursing Home in Camden.

John married Avis Mayhew Shaw. They had four children; John Jr., Allen, Wayne, and Phillip, Avis lives in Etna and John is in a Nursing Home.

Arlene married Roland Manning. They live in Etna and have four children; Polly, Glen, Gail, and Diana (who died). They also had a boy who died. Roland died and Arlene married Ted Curit and they had three children, (Bruce, Brian and Ted, Jr.)

Bettina married Edward Hinks. They live in Brewer and have one boy and four girls.

Linwood Shaw Family History 1925-1995

Linwood Shaw, son of Leighton and Daisey Shaw and the grandson of John Shaw, was born in 1925.

He married Avis Mayhew and together they had four children: Darthia married Richard Lagange, they had three children and live in Lewiston, ME; Junita married Rodney Rines, they had four children, two boys and two girls, they live in Levant; Clifton there third child died; and Janet married Merle Vicnaire, they live in Carmel.

Margerie Shaw (Linwood's sister) Married George Curtis. They had two children: Billy, who married Garnet, had four children and lives in Newport; and Merle who lives in Etna.

Leona Shaw (Linwood's sister) married Lawrence Erskine. They live in Camden and had five children: Glendon, Shirley, Laura, Leroy, and Linda.

John Shaw (Linwood's brother) married Avis (Mayhew) Shaw. She lives in Etna, John died. Together they had four children: John Jr.; Allen, who married Charmain; Wayne; and Phillip.

Arlene Shaw (Linwood's sister) married Roland Manning. They live in Etna and had four children: Polly, Glen, Gail, and Diana, who died.

Betty Shaw (Linwood's sister) married Edward Hinks. They live in Brewer, ME. They had two boys and two girls.

The Hamlin Family

1875-1995

Berton and Isa Hamlin came to Etna in 1915.
He worked for the Maine Central Railroad in Belfast
and Waldo before being transferred to Etna as a section
Foreman in 1915.

Berton Romanzo Hamlin was born in Unity Plantation
September 6, 1875, son of Otis True and Aurora Patch Hamlin
of Brooks. He was a distant cousin of Hannabel Hamlin.

Ooa Mae Black was born November 23, 1879, in
Searsmont. She was the daughter of John O. and Annie Jordan
Black.

Bert worked on the railroad in Belfast and Isa was
a stitcher at the pants factory.

Bert was fishing one rainy day, when Isa looked out
her window and saw him. She called and asked him if he'd
like some company. He replied he would and opened his
overcoat and said there was room for two. So guess that was
the beginning of their love affair, which lasted through the
years. They had three children.

They lost their first son, Clarence B. Burton
was born October 6, 1913 at Waldo Station. John Albert was
born May 25, 1920, in Etna.

When they came to Etna, they boarded with John and
Mae Friend, then they rented where John and Lena Carter
purchased.

In 1920, they purchased the house from Mildred
and Albert W Lint, who had purchased it from Almon W. Piper
1917.

Bert and Isa were very active in the Odd Fellows
and Rebekahs in Etna. Bert was installed in the Lakeside
Lodge as Noble Grand, January 4, 1924. Isa was also a past
Noble Grand in Lakeview Lodge #39.

They were active in the Masons and the Order of
Eastern Star, both being Master and Worthy Matron of John
R. Chase Chapter OES of Carmel.

They were members of the Happy Hour Library
Associatio and had the library books in their homes.

Isa was very talented Seamstress.

Bert passed away June 11, 1962 at the age of 86 years,
9 months, and 5 days.

Isa passed away February 11, 1958, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 18 days.

Clarence was active in the Masons and Odd Fellows, was Star Route Carrier, Substitute R.F.D. Carrier. He served in the United States Army for three years, worked for Emple Knitting Mill, Bangor Drug Company, and Byron Smith.

He was married to Ethel Brown of Corinna and had three children. The first one was stillborn.

The second child was Richard B. Hamlin, born on August 17, 1949. He married Vonnie Davis and have one daughter, Lisa Ann. They live in Etna

The third child was Geneva Mae Hamlin, born November 23, 1951. She was married to James R. Walker. They had two son, Erick C. Hamlin and James Walker, the second.

Geneva divorced and married Jeffery Hand. They have three grandchildren, Erick C. Hamlin, (the second) deceased, Kyle James Burton Hamlin, and Coty James Walker.

Bert and Isa's third son, John Albert served in the Air Force. He married Barbara Peasley. They had one son, John Carl Hamlin.

Three grandchildren; Jeremy, Seth and Emily Hamlin. They live in Palmyra.

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The Talmadge (Tally) S. Mills family are somewhat late arrivals to the town of Etna as compared to several of the older family names.

Talmadge Mills was born in Stetson Maine, January 29, 1890. He sold his farm there and moved with his wife, Evelyn Z and son Richard H. to Etna in 1946. In 1948 he purchased the Whitten farm where he conducted a minor agricultural operation while continuing his business as a product representative for Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

His only surviving son, Richard H., attended Newport schools and the University of Maine at Orono, returning to Etna in 1951 to become employed in the building trade. He was appointed to the U.S. Postal Service September of 1953 and married the late Charlene E. Creighton, September 1954. They had three children, Nancy A., Allen R., and James R.

Nancy (Mills) Kitchen married Blaine L. Kitchen, a past resident of Etna, October 1974. They moved to Massachusetts and founded an expanding family transportation business employing their only son Blaine L. III and at present, twelve other persons.

Allen R. Mills, second son of Richard and Charlene also resides in Etna on U.S. Route 2 where he is self employed in his growing manufacturing business called Concentric Technology's. He married Rita Higuera, a California native, January, 1980, whom he met while serving in the U.S. Navy. They have two sons, Neil R. and Matthew A.

James Mills, second son of Richard and Charlene resides in Etna on U. S. Route 2 and is employed by the W. S. Machine Co., a division of E.H.R. Investments. He is a computer programmer and master machinist being in charge of the CNC manufacturing division. He married Tammy Braun, August, 1983 who was also a resident of Etna. They have two children, Cristina C. and Stephen J.

Richard Mills remarried in November 1970 to the former Alice A. Abbott of Stetson. Alice had two children Lisa M. and Trudy L. Malcolm.

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Knights Family History

James and Effie Knights moved to the former Jewett farm in 1900.

They worked the farm until their deaths in 1931 at which time their daughter Gertrude (Knights) Walsh and her daughter Muriel took over the Farm.

Gertrude passed away in 1958. Her daughter Muriel (Walsh) Frati still lives at the residence.