

Graves Family History 1800-1995

The ancestors of the now Graves family, of West Etna, coming to Etna goes back into the very early years of Etna's residents.

Charles Bordman Graves, son of Herbert and Rowena Graves, was the father of Neil, Herbert, Kenneth, John, Olive, Charles Jr., Gladys, and Maxine (Joanne).

Neil married Phyllis Lawrence and they had one son, Marvin Graves. (He lives in Carmel with his wife, Connie Newcomb) Neil died at the age of twenty-seven.

Herbert Sr. was married to Delana Jenny in 1938 and they had twelve children.

Herbert Jr. was born in 1937, married Betty Graves and they had one son, Peter R. Graves. Herbert Jr. died and Betty lives in Winterport. Peter lives in Germany.

Ruth was born in 1940 and married Jerald Appleby Sr.. They had five children; Michelle, Rhonda, Melissa, Jenny, and Jerald.

Ronald A. Graves Sr. was born in 1942, lives in Detroit. He has one child, Ronald A. Graves Jr.. Calvin R. Graves Sr. was born in 1943. He married Nellie ?. (She lives in Hartland) They had Three Children; Calvin Jr., Laura L., and Amy.

Allen J. Graves, born in 1944, married Respah H. Mitchell and they have four boys; Allen Jr., Andy W., Agron M., and Adam S.. They live in Etna.

Sandra J., born in 1946, married Richard Murphy and they had two children; Valarie and Vincent. Marilyn K. was born in 1949. She married Marlowe J. Smith. They had two children; Mark A. and Christina M.. They live in Dixmont.

Elizabeth S. was born in 1950. She married Marvin Lane and she has two children; Eric B. Newcomb and Heather B. Newcomb. They live in Etna.

Wanda M., born in 1951, married Russell L. Smith. They have one boy, Chet Smith. They live in Dixmont.

Wilma L., born in 1951, married Gary Wolford. They have one child, Jason W. McFarlin. They live in Etna.

Michael P., born in 1954, lives in Newport. Marsha A., born in 1956, married Scott McConnell. They have three children; Bram M., Ian A., and Kyla E.. They live in Etna.

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Dale lives in Etna and has three children; Dale Jr. who lives in Newport, Robert who lives in Newport, and Nicholas who lives in Etna.

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Pat, who died, had two sons; Paul and Wayne. They still live in Etna.

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Maxine (Joanne) married Floyd Harding and they live in Stetson. They have two children; Norman and Mary.

Kenneth Graves married Arlene Petterson, from Detroit, in 1937. They had five sons and two daughters; Kenneth R. who had six children, (Kenneth died at 34) Arthur C. who had three children, Rebecca J. who had three children, Berkley who had four children, Raymond and Donna died, and Dale had three children, giving Kenneth and Arlene 19 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

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THE TIBBETTS FAMILY

The earliest reference to the *Tibbetts* family is to my great great grandfather, Frank (married to Ruby?) and his brothers William and Lewis. By word of mouth, we believe that they lived in Pittsfield originally. No dates are available.

Of William and his descendants, we are unable to determine who fits where on this branch. It is a possibility that other Tibbetts in Etna, Plymouth, Stetson, Pittsfield and Newport are connected to William or Lewis. Lewis and his wife Mabel may have a descendent, Orie Tibbetts(1911-1979) who married Margaret?(1918-) that did reside in Etna. They had two children, Deanna(1944-45) and a son, Robert. That is as far as we can go with this branch.

Frank had two sons, Freeman(1866-1942) and Byron(1876-1923). We believe that both were born in Pittsfield. Byron lived in Newport and married an Ethel Harding. Some of his descendants names are known but not their relationship to him such as a Clara(1909-), Leo L.(1904-1969) and a Lloyd(1937-1990), all in Newport.

My great grandfather, Freeman, moved to Etna sometime in the 1880's and married Annie Chase(1870-1945). They lived in Etna all of their married life. My Dad recollects that his grandparents lived on a good sized dairy farm at the end of a left handed crossroad off of Route #69 towards Plymouth. Freeman sold milk locally. The house even boasted a stained glass window. Unfortunately it burned sometime in the early 1930's when lightning struck the house twice in the same storm. They then moved to the Hartford place which is today owned by John Graves.

Freeman and Annie had two sons, Leslie W.(1888-1957) and my grandfather, Harvey Tibbetts(1889-1952). Harvey moved to Pittsfield briefly but came back to Etna and bought a 160 acre farm and the Hartford place on Rt.#69. He gave his parents the second farm after the fire described earlier. Harvey raised sheep and sold wool locally.

Harvey met my grandmother, Thelma Strobe from Fitchburg, MA at the Etna Campground in 1919. They were married in 1920. They had four children including my Dad, Charles Frank Tibbetts born in 1926. The oldest was Leslie(1921-1990), then Edgar (1923-1979) and the youngest was Gloria (Tibbetts) Lowe born in 1935. Leslie married Daphne M. and moved his family to Stetson. He had two children, Charles Freeman Tibbetts who still resides in Stetson and Rose, his sister who lives out of state. Edgar married and lived in Carmel and later Springfield, MA. He had five children- Roland, Betty, Pam, Kevin and Paul. All reside out of state. Gloria married Everett Lowe and lived in Carmel near my parents until their recent move to Florida. They have four children- Juanita Lowe Thurlow, who lived in Etna until this past month; Wayne, living in Stetson; Dawn and Brian who lives in his parents' former home in Carmel.

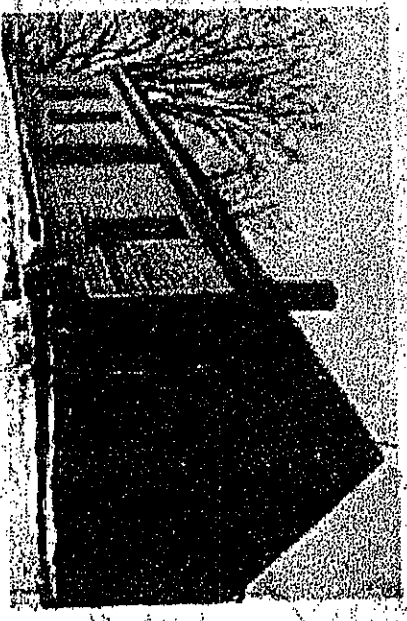
Meanwhile, Harvey's brother, Leslie W., married Ivy(1890-1948) and they had a son, Ted(1914-1963). Ted married Carolyn?(1st wife) and their son is Larry Tibbetts, who owns the East Newport Grocery. He has a daughter, Sue.

After Harvey's death, my grandmother Thelma married Leslie W. who had lost his first wife. She then moved from Etna to Newport.

My Dad, Charlie Tibbetts, remembers life on the homelace in Etna on Rt.#69 as hard work. He liked his Dad's horses Dan and Doris. He went to school by horse and wagon owned by his uncle Lewis and aunt Mabel who lived in Etna on Rt.#69. We are not sure of how they fit into the family tree. Dad carried his school lunch in a telephone battery box he recalls. He left Etna at age 13 and went to Detroit to work on a farm. All three brothers served in the Army during WWII and all survived. Dad met my mom, Nathalie E. Mitchell from St. Johnbury, VT in Newport where she was living with her maternal grandmother and he was working as a Newport cabbie. They were married in 1947 and ended up moving to Carmel on the 5 Road when I was 5. They had two children. My brother, Steven Allen Tibbetts(1952-1976) died in a motorcycle collision. He left behind his daughter, Elke. I am Charlie and Nat's daughter, Cheryl Ann Tibbetts Quinn. I married Joseph W. Quinn from Levant in 1969 and we live in Levant. I have two sons, Shaun Michael and Jason Eric. While no one in this branch of the Tibbetts family currently resides in Etna, I "returned" to teach at the Etna-Dixmont School for the last 24 years. Etna has always claimed me as one of their own.



Charlie Tibbetts with Dan
Pat Elston with Doris



Homelace on Rt.#69

The Ireland Family (Stuart and Reynolds) 1914-1995

In 1914, Melvin T. and Mina B. Ireland moved to Etna with Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson (parents of Mina) and two children, Vinnie and Thresa. They settled on Shaw Hill. In 1925, they moved to Abbott Hill, where they lived until they died.

Vinnie married Raymond Stuart of Newport. They had 5 children; Alfred, Beverly, Olive, Rae, and Vivien. They lived in Rockland for awhile. In 1929, they moved to Etna. Raymond died that year. Vinnie remained in Etna until her death in 1993. Alfred served in WWII and returned to Etna and remained there until his death in 1978..

Beverly moved to Michigan. She had 3 children. Olive resides in Bangor. She had 2 children. Vivien died in 1982. She had 2 children. Rae still resides in Etna. She had 8 children; Sandra is deceased, Star resides in Newport and has 2 children. Sheldon died in Vietnam. He had 1 child. James resides in Brewer and has 4 children. Steve lives in Hampden and has 1 child. George lives in Veazie and has 2 children. April lives in Etna with 1 child. Lorrie resides in Stetson and no children.

Thresa married Dean Reynolds, Sr. in 1921 and they bought Moses Abbott Farm from C.B. Friend on Abbott Hill in 1923. They had 5 children; Dean Jr., Thayes, Nathan, and Paul. Dean and Thresa lived on Abbott Hill until they died.

Dean, Jr. resides in Etna with his wife, Cora. Martha lives in Marshfield (not sure how many children). Thayes resides near Martha in Marshfield and has 2 sons; Nathan lives in Virginia and has 2 children. Paul resides in Strong with three children. Dean

Thayes' s son, Dean Harmon resides in Etna with his wife and a son, Dean Harmon, Jr. This makes the six generation of this family.

Written by

Dean Reynolds Jr.

Rae and April Hicks

The History of The Carters and Sylvesters 1920-1995
Written by Crawford W. Carter, Jr.

The Carter family and Sylvester family have been around Etna for many years. They were among some of the early townspeople as ascertained by the 1820-1920 history of the town. Their homes were built in the area known as Etna Center. (the intersection of Interstate #95, Route 69 (Carmel Road) and dead end section (Old Plymouth Road)).

Starting at the town line and traveling Route 69 toward the intersection, the first farm on the left was the John G. Carter place. His son, Elmer Ernest lived there with his family until his death, December 28, 1928. The place was destroyed by fire, September, 1929. (Ray and Thelma Small(now Thelma Butler) built a house there 46 years ago.) Across the road was George Carter who sold to Winthrop Cole, and presently owned by Walter and Rachel Oxley and sons, Scott and David and daughter, Zoe. Still on Route 69 we come to the James Carter place. (Larry Dearborn and family live in the house and there is also a house trailer and log cabin in the Pines area) Across the road from James Carter was Allen Carter. John and Harry Prescott lived there until their death and Crawford Carter Sr. then purchased it. The buildings burned awhile ago and the land is now owned by Preston L. Carter, M.D., youngest son of Crawford W. Carter Sr. All of the land following Route 69 is still in the Carter family. The old town farm buildings are owned by Janet (Carter) and Lon Winchester and three children.

The one room schoolhouse (known as the Lincoln School) was purchased by Bertha Wheeler Carter and is now owned by Crawford and Jean Carter. They made it into a small apartment to rent. The structure of the schoolhouse was not changed.

The next place on the Dead End Road, west of the schoolhouse is the Orrison Cole or Bird Cole farm, now owned by James and Carol Stevens, previously from Massachusetts. Bird Cole inherited the farm from his father, Orrison Cole. He married Viola Sylvester and they built a set of buildings across the road, which were bought in 1944 from U.S. Farmers' home Administration by Crawford and Bertha Carter. They lived there until the State of Maine built Interstate # 95. They moved the buildings to the corner, where they now stand. Bird built those buildings in 1906. He and Viola had one child, Eleene Boutleer (now deceased). They resided on Webster Avenue in Bangor. Bird was County treasurer for many years. He drowned on a fishing trip.

After leaving the intersection and going South on Route 143 toward Dixmont and through the woods, you come to Harry A. and Laura (Carter) Graves property. It sets on a knoll at the end of a short driveway. This was the John Turner place before Harry's and Laura's. It is still owned by Maurice and Harry Graves, their two sons. No one lives there as the property was heavily damaged by fire three to four years ago. Ernest and Max Faulkner lived with them for a few years. Barbara Hunt also lived there during the summers. Elizabeth, Helen, and Sheldon Bickford were brought up in this home.

Where Gary and Pam MacCray live was the first home of John E. and Lena (Sylvester) Carter. They moved to North Etna to the home, on the right, just before Route 2 and intersection of Route 143.

Just before my grandfather, Elmer Ernest died, he was in the process of selling the place now occupied by Charlotte Rowe.

Where Larry Weymouth now lives, is land from the Perley and Agnes(Carter) Sylvester property. Perley carried on a large farming operation until his death in December, 1962. They opened their home to many children and gave all their efforts to overseering their education and daily living.

The children who grew up in Perley and Agnes home were Harold Higgins and sister, Effie (Higgins) Morrissey and daughter, Judith; Gertrude and Caroline Kingston; Ernest and Kenneth Holland; Grace (Curtis) Pushor; Billy, Michael, and Carolyn Macleod; Clyde Baker; Walter and Merle Cookson; Albion, Myron, Miles, Rosaleen, Orland, Naomi, Carlton and Bertram Larrabee; Vernon, RoseMarie, Evelyn (married to Kenneth Holland), and Madeline Marshman; (Madeline married to Robert Haining) Mark Newcomb; Ida (Lord) Graves; Harry Pratt(now known as David Wood; Roland and Ronald Bean; Venal, Vana, Visto, Vondalee Jellison; Dana and Paul Gatcomb; Daniel Preble; Richard MacQuestin; Alice and Evie-Jo Fitzsimmons. These were recalled from memory, so may have missed some. Please excuse as sometimes one forgets in these days of many interests and activities.

The buildings where Perley and Agnes lived burned in recent years and the land is owned by a nephew, Allan McGown of Carmel. Dudley Sylvester, Perley's father owned the homestead prior to Perley. Perley, Viola, Alvah, Lena, Stillman, Fred, and Alice were all born there. All were active in the Republican Party affairs. Perley was active in town affairs as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poorpoor. He also was President of the Etna Telephone Company. His wife was a teacher, local Superintendent of Schools and served on the schoolboard.

Alvah Sylvester operated a general store at Nort Etna, and was appointed Postmaster for quite a few years. His wife, Jane Cook, helped with the daily living. They had one daughter, Marguerite. Alvah's residence is now occupied by Danny Smith and family.

Lena Sylvester married John E. Carter. After living near the homestead, they bought a farm in North Etna which is the last house on the right on Route 143 before the intersection of Route 2. John had been selected as Rural Free Mail Carrier, and also carried on a Dairy business there. Following his retirement from the Postal Service in 1944, he was elected First Selectman and served the town for several years. He also served several times in the State Legislature from this area. They had six children; Dudley of Newport (deceased), Frank (deceased), "Dot" (Mrs. Alton Bird Of Corinna), Gwendolyn (Mrs. Beverly Harvey of Manchester, Conn.), J. Merrill (wife -Joyce) of Toms River, N.J., Paul (wife, Elcena Small) of Kensington, Md.

Across the road from Perley and Agnes Sylvester's farm was the Amos Sylvester family. His son, Leighton inherited the farm and married Lois Brawn. They had two children; Harvard lives with his wife , Janet and family in Smithfield N.Y. Margaret Viola (husband Tom deceased) lives in Old Town. The Violas had two sons, one deceased in recent years. Leighton and Lois also took two children into their home at one time and then a year or so later took two more . (Mary Rogerson and Arthur LaHay. Then Betty and Helen came) Around 1935 Leighton was appointed Postmaster, and they bought the Harry Harding place in North Etna. Joan Blouin now occupies the North Etna residence. The South Etna property was sold to Agnes and Perley Sylvester and then they sold it to Merton B. and Grace Pushor in early 1962. Later that year the buildings burned. The Pushors gave a lot or two to Kenneth and Evelyn Holland and Agnes bought back the rest. The Pushors bought a farm in East Newport, then they returned to Etna in 1976.

Crawford Carter, Sr. was the last World War I Veteran in town at the time of his death on November 25, 1979. He had worked at a woolen mill in Pittsfield a few years in the 1920 era but farming was his chief enjoyment. He married Bertha Wheeler on Sept. 20, 1924 and established their home, now occupied by Crawford, Jr. and Jean Dresser Carter. Crawford Carter, Sr.'s sister, Agnes Carter Sylvester died about a week after her brother Crawford died. Bertha Wheeler Carter died Feb. 23, 1978, at the age of 78. Prior to her death she led a very active, starting teaching at the age of seventeen. In 1930 she assumed the duties of Superintendent of Schools, Union #34(Etna, Carmel Newburgh, and Dixmont) Stetson and Exeter were added a few years later. She acquired her B.S. degree from the University of Maine in 1942. She also held a Master's and Post study certificate. In 1952 she resigned and became an

Elementary Supervisor with the Department of Education at Augusta, later assuming the position of Gifted and Talented and Special Children. Her total number of years devoted to education was 43, as she retired in 1964.

There are two of Elmer and Hannah Carter daughters living as of May 4, 1995. Anne Carter Ray (husband, Dr. Hartzel Ray is deceased) lives in San Mateo, California and Venita Carter Hardy (husband, Howard deceased) lives at Pittsfield, N.H. A sister, Hester McGown died at age of 97 in the fall of 1994, at Carmel.

North Etna had electricity along U.S Route 2, quite a few years before the remainder of the town. They also had telephone service.

Arthur Joseph Carter (youngest son of Elmer and Hannah) operated a large dairy farm in Dixmont. His wife, Dora, taught school at the McKinley one room school at Dixmont, and was one the first teachers at S.A.D.#38, Etna-Dixmont building.

The Asa Sylvester place is located on Route 143, the first set of buildings on right after going under the Interstate and through the woods toward Dixmont. H.Dewey Carter and wife, Pauline operated the farm for quite a few years, then Pauline and Dewey moved into her folks home (Herbert and Dora Cole). Clair and Ruth Carter carried on with the farm. Their children were Joan (married Tom Watson), Ronald (wife was Carrie), Linda (husband was Lloyd Moore), Patricia (husband, Elmer Pearl) and Clair Howard (wife, Anne). (

As you can see, the two families have matured. The Sylvester name, which was so familiar, has been overtaken by marriage, change of place of residence, etc.

The Carter name is still around, which could be expected from larger family, but quite a change from days gone by.