

Knowles Family

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Guy Bertram Knowles

WWI U. S. Army

s/o Albert Eaton Knowles & Etta Emily Greenwood

b. 26 Nov 1888 Corinna

d. 28 Nov 1958 Hartland (Corinna Village Cemetery)

m1. 24 Nov 1910 Corinna (divorced)

Celia A. Durepo

d/o Jerry Durepo & Victoria Carroll

b. 22 July 1894 Limestone

d. Aug 1960 Boston

Guy and his 2nd wife Relief were living in Corinna in C/1920 before moving to Warren Hill in Palmyra by C/1930. Shortly after C/1940, they moved to Hartland eventually residing at the corner of Blake & Seekins Street until his death. Celia remarried to Alvah G. Shorey in 1923.

Ch. KNOWLES:

I. Guy Elwood Knowles "Ed"

b. 30 Apr 1912 Corinna (noted as 1st child)

d. 4 June 1989 Waterville (Corinna Village Cemetery)

m1. 18 Aug 1932 Fairfield (divorced)

Marion Estelle Booker

b. 30 May 1909 Oakland

d. 29 May 1982 Waterville

In 1938, Ed leased the former Hamilton & Young Shirt Factory building on Mill Street from Rae Fuller Randlett and operated as The Blue Moon featuring dancing and roller skating into the early 1940s. The building was later leased by Rae to Frank Allen, Jr in 1947 who operated it as Skateland until the late 1950s. Ed was the founder of Unity Raceway in 1948 and operated it until 1960. He also owned and operated Riverside Ballroom in Portland for many years. Marion married 1st to John Wilcox in 1929 and married 3rd to Wallace Audet in 1950.

Ch. KNOWLES:

I. Robert Elwood Knowles "Bob"

b. 15 Apr 1934 Winslow

m. 18 June 1960 Dryden

Rae Jean Randlett (See Randlett, Hanson & Towle Family)

d/o Rae Fuller Randlett I & Gwen Hanson

b. 5 Jan 1928 Hartland

d. 7 Mar 2021 Marco Island, Florida (Pine Grove Cemetery)

They had no children.

Bob was residing with his step-grandmother Relief (Giles) Knowles in Hartland when he leased the former Skateland building in Hartland from Rae Fuller Randlett in 1959 and began operating as The Blue Moon Dance Hall & Roller Skating Rink until 1965. He took over Unity Raceway from his father in 1960 and was soon joined by Rae Jean operating the track together into the late 1970s. Rae Jean married 1st to Clarence E. Towle; widowed 1956, 1 child, Ginger Towle.

II. Jane Knowles

b.

m.
Jeffery W. Bickford

III. Wayne Knowles
b. 4 Feb 1937 Palmyra
d. 29 Dec 1958 Baltimore, Maryland (Corinna Village Cemetery) at 21yrs
He attended elementary schools in Hartland where he resided with his step-grandmother Relief (Giles) Knowles before graduating from MCI in 1955. He was killed in an automobile accident in Baltimore while attending the University of Maryland.

m2. 12 Dec 1949 Portland
Virginia Noel-Smith
b.
d.

m2. 20 Feb 1919 Corinna
Relief Helen Giles "Liefy"
d/o Harry Eben Giles of Clifton & Della Elizabeth White of Dexter
b. 19 Nov 1899 Bangor
d. 22 Jan 1996 Hartland (Corinna Village Cemetery)
She was a weaver at the Woolen Mill in Corinna and later worked for Baxter Canning in Hartland. They resided on the corner of Blake & Seekins Street before she moved to St Albans following Guy's death.

Ch. KNOWLES:

2. Evelyn Edith Bishop
b. 10 Dec 1920 Corinna
d. 10 Dec 1920 Corinna (Corinna Village Cemetery)

3. Geraldine Euleta Knowles
b. 18 Sep 1921 Corinna (noted as her 2nd child by Dr. Redman)
d. 16 Feb 1977 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery)
m. 29 June 1941
Kenneth Gardner Bishop
s/o Frank Harrison Bishop & Elizabeth White
b. 22 Apr 1910 Lagrange
d. 16 June 1992 Zephyrhills, Florida (PG)
She moved to Hartland with her parents and sister Meredith where they both graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1941. She & Ken later purchased the former Flint-Mahoney home on Blake Street. She operated B&H Market (Bishop & Hollister) Commercial Street with her sister Meredith in the late 1940s. Ken purchased the former Ted Griffith Saw Mill on Mill Street and operated a Hoop Mill at the location.

Ch. BISHOP:

I. Constance Bishop
b.
m. _____ Sweeney

II. Patricia Ann Bishop
b.
m. John Bishop

III. Rita Bishop
b.
m. _____ Pecora

4. Meredith Ellen Knowles
b. 4 Apr 1923 Corinna
d. 11 Aug 2019 Hartland (PG w/Rae)
m1. 8 Apr 1942 Hartland (divorced)
Frank Luther Hollister, Jr (See **Hollister Family**)
s/o Frank Luther Hollister, Sr & Alice Estelle McKenney
b. 2 Jan 1916 St Albans
d. 1991 Hartland (PG)

She moved to Hartland with her parents and sister Geraldine where they both graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1941. She worked in local stores owned by Perley Gowen and Lewis H. Barden when she was young and later owned and operated B&H Market (Bishop & Hollister) with her sister Geraldine on Commercial Street until she remarried to Rae.

Ch. HOLLISTER

I. Donna Ellen Hollister
b. 17 Aug 1943 Hartland
m.
Frank Tripodi

Ch. TRIPODI:

Michael Tripodi
b.
m.
Jeanette Marble "Nettie"
b.

They purchased and operated Nettie's Restaurant at the former Hartland Drug Store Block.

m2. 8 Feb 1950 Hartland
Rae Fuller Randlett I (See **Randlett & Hanson Family**)
s/o Thomas Randlett & Margaret B. MacRae
b. 8 Sep 1904 Norwood, Massachusetts
d. 24 Oct 1984 Hartland (PG)

Rae married 1st to Gwen Hanson; widowed 1938. 2 children, Rae Jean & Rogen Randlett. Following her marriage to Rae in 1950, they operated Randlett's Store on Commercial Street for 55 years. Meredith was a member of the Grace Linn Memorial United Methodist Church, a co-founder of the Scott Webb Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She served on the Budget Committee for the Town of Hartland and was the Hartland Academy Alumni President and Cooperative Extension President for several years as well as President of the Hartland and St. Albans Seniors Club. She received the Outstanding Citizen Award for the Town of Hartland.

Ch. RANDLETT:

II. Daphne ___ Randlett
b. 3 Sep 1950 Dexter
m. 20 Dec 1973 Dover-Foxcroft
Thomas Edward Wright

s/o LaForrest "Fod" Wright & Mary _____
b. 10 Oct 1944 Waterville

III. Rae Fuller Randlett II
b. 21 Sep 1956 Hartland
m.
Jeanette Goulette
b.

Guy & Relief (Giles) Knowles (Sitting in front & back passenger side)

