

Cookson Family

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William B. Cookson

s/o Josiah Isaiah Cookson & Angeline Murray

b. Mar 1853 Plymouth

d. after 1920

m. 1884 (as noted in C/1900 & C/1910)

Ida B. Handy

b. May 1852 Old Town

d. after 1920

In C/1900 & C/1910, she noted 10 children born, 7 living. She was previously married to _____ McKenney. They were last known living in Newport in C/1920. William's father Josiah Cookson was serving in the Civil War with the 8th Maine Infantry, Company D when he died from disease at the military hospital in Hilton Head, SC. Williams' niece Angeline Mae Cookson, daughter of his brother George Cookson, married Allie Preston Lewis. (See Lewis Family)

Ch. COOKSON: (4 known w/William)

1. William Henry Cookson

b. 29 Aug 1884 Stetson

d. 13 June 1961 Hartland (Pine Grove Cemetery) at 76yrs

m. 10 Nov 1906 Hartland

Florence Mae Fisher

d/o Fred Sheridan Fisher & Minnie E. Chadbourne (PG as Minnie Gray)

b. Sep 1886 Bradford

d. 18 Sep 1970 Hartland (PG) at 83yrs

They were living on Pleasant Street in Hartland in C/1910 where he was a Weaver at the Linn Woolen Mill with their son Lloyd noted at 1 year old. They moved to Old Town without Lloyd where William registered for the WWI Draft in 1918 and were still living there in C/1920. They moved to South Berwick by C/1930 and were still living there in C/1940. They returned to Hartland in 1953 living with their son Lloyd and his family.

Ch. COOKSON:

I. Lloyd Vernon Cookson, Sr

WWII U. S. Army

b. 11 Nov 1908 Hartland (unnamed & noted as 1st child by Dr. Lynne H. Blanchard)

d. 19 Mar 1983 Hartland (PG) at 74yrs

m. 26 Sep 1930 Conway, New Hampshire

Vivian I. Merrow

d/o George Earle Merrow of Pittsfield & Bertha Eliza Johnson of Cambridge (PG)

b. 22 Dec 1905 Sangerville

d. 18 Jan 1995 Manchester, New Hampshire (PG) at 89yrs

Lloyd spent his youth in Dexter where he began his schooling while living with his maternal Grandmother Minnie and her 2nd husband Joshua Gray in C/1920. They moved to St Albans by C/1930 before moving to Hartland. He worked at L. H. Barden's Store while attending Hartland Academy where he graduated in the Class of 1927. He was Post Master of Hartland in 1934 & 1938. After returning from WWII, he opened and operated Cookson's Market for the next 25 years with his first store located in the Davis & Webber Block at Warren Square in 1947 before moving to the Hartland Drug Store Block in 1951. In 1957, he purchased Cooper's Market at the former Walter E. M. Seekins Block on Commercial Street. Vivian, as was her mother, was a hairdresser for 60 years

operating as Vivian's Beauty Salon at their Upper Commercial Street house. Vivian was living with her son Lloyd Jr at the time of her death. Vivian's brother Earle Merrow married Valti McDougal. (See McDougal Family)

Ch. COOKSON:

A) Lloyd Vernon Cookson, Jr **U. S. Navy**

b. 18 Apr 1931 Hartland

m. 8 Feb 1958 Washington, D. C.

Lorraine Marie Bellemare

U. S. Navy

b. Manchester, New Hampshire

He graduated from Hartland Academy Class of 1949. At the time of their marriage, they were both enlisted in the Navy as photographers and were stationed at the Naval Photographic Center in Washington, D. C.

Ch. COOKSON:

a) Duane Allan Cookson

b.

b) Barry James Cookson

b.

c) Paula Lee Cookson

b.

2. Ernest Woodville Cookson

WWI U. S. Army

b. 2 Oct 1885 Stetson

d. 16 Oct 1939 (Riverside Cemetery, Newport) at 54yrs

m1. 24 Apr 1909 Newport (divorced)

Margaret Agnes Hubbard "Maggie"

d/o Charles Hubbard & Cora Gordan

b. 10 July 1888 Corinna

d. 19 Jan 1967 Mechanic Falls (Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanic Falls)

His obituary noted he had suffered long term disability after being gassed while serving in the war. Maggie remarried to Roland Tripp in 1926. Her sister Una Hubbard married Ernest's brother Isaiah Cookson.

Ch. COOKSON:

I. Ira Allson Cookson

WWII U. S. Navy

b. 13 June 1920 Mechanic Falls

d. 31 May 1980 Newport (Riverside Cemetery, Newport) at 59yrs

m2. 2 Jan 1922 Mechanic Falls (her 1st marriage)

Edna May Crozier

b. 14 Mar 1905 Auburn

d. 12 Apr 1998 Newport (Riverside Cemetery, Newport w/Ernest) at 98yrs

Ch. COOKSON:

II. Marion May Cookson

b. 11 May 1922 Mechanic Falls (noted as Edna's 1st child)

d. 11 Mar 2003

m1. 14 Nov 1942

Thomas E. Bagley, Jr

m2. 23 Aug 1952
Edward F. Bogan

III. Margaret I. Cookson
b. 11 June 1923 Mechanic Falls
d. 2 Aug 2017 (State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, CT)
m. 10 Aug 1943
Orie L. Mitchell, Jr

IV. Earle M. Cookson "Pop"
b. 19 Aug 1925 Mechanic Falls
d. 11 Dec 2005 (Riverside Cemetery, Newport)
m. 16 June 1951
Agnes L. Easley "Polly"

V. Mildred G. Cookson
b. 6 Feb 1926 Mechanic Falls
d. 5 Feb 2015 Newport (Riverside Cemetery, Newport)
m. 3 May 1947
Russell W. Bragg

VI. Sidney Cookson
b. 1 May 1928 Newport
d. 14 July 2007 Newport (Riverside Cemetery, Newport) at 79yrs
m. 17 June 1950
Frances DeBeck

WWII U. S. Navy

3. Isaiah Cookson
b. 21 Mar 1888
d. 13 Dec 1938 Newport (Riverside Cemetery, Newport) at 50yrs
m. 15 Apr 1907 Newport
Una May Hubbard
d/o Charles Hubbard & Cora Gordan
b. 19 Nov 1899 Corinna
d. 3 June 1960 Skowhegan (Riverside Cemetery, Newport w/Isaiah) at 70yrs

Ch. COOKSON:

I. Floris M. Cookson
b. 1 Sep 1907 Dexter
d. 30 Nov 1995 (Clarks Hill Cemetery, Stetson)
m. John Savage

II. Cora Arlene Cookson "Arlene"
b. 1908 Dexter
d. 1971 (Riverside Cemetery, Newport)
m. Dennis Martell

III. Guy E. Cookson
b. Aug 1909 Dexter

d. 16 Sep 1909 Dexter at 1mth, 6days

4. Leroy Cookson

b. 1889

d. 9 Jan 1890 (Pittsfield Village Cemetery)

His gravestone reads, "Son of W. B. & I. B. Cookson"