

Eaton Cemetery Life Stories

Lizzie May (1)

Jedidiah Foss Norris Doughty (2) was born in Berlin, Maine near Phillips. She died in Providence, RI. She was named in remembrance of her father's sister, Jedida who married Thaddeus Foss. Jedidah married Elder William Henry Doughty (1822-1896) in 1847, who was a religious peddler. He died in Providence, RI as a widower and was temporarily buried at the Grave Church Temporary Tomb. Data is missing as to what happened to his body; but speculation is that it was brought to Topsham and laid with his wife, without a name being put on the Doughty monument. He was born in Topsham and his parents were Samuel Doughty (1781-1856) and Sarah Mann (1784-1853). Jedidah's Parents were Nathan Norris (1796-1857) and Abigail Smith Howard (1797-1868). Jedidah and William had: **Renaldo (2)** (1850-1850); Frank Nathan (1855-1947); **Ada (2)** (1857-1860); **Ida (2)** (1861-1861); Hiram Norris (1867-1911) who married **Lizzie May Cottle (1)** (b. 1866) in 1886. and Theodosia H. (1869-1937). William H. Doughty, who, by 1855, had spoken in tongues while in Maine, was counted among that number. Elder Doughty moved to Providence, Rhode Island, in 1873 and assumed leadership among those exercising the gifts of the Spirit.³ Doughty's mantle was passed on to Elder R.B. Swan who, reacting to the Azusa Street revival, wrote a letter explaining that the Gift People in Rhode Island had experienced speaking in tongues as early as 1874-75 (Pentacostal Church movement).

Previously overlooked in related investigations is whether the Doughty family counted among the Gift People overlap with the Doughty who traveled with Frank Sandford. Lawrence attests that Swan's circle included William H. Doughty's daughter-in-law Amanda Doughty and her unnamed husband, an elder in the Providence congregation. V.P. Simmons says that William Doughty had two sons, the oldest named **Frank** who was ordained. Could the unnamed brother of Frank be Edward Doughty who at the end of the nineteenth century was part of Sandford's entourage? (of Shiloh fame).

Hiram Norris Doughty Se. was born 1866 and died 1911 in Providence. He was in the ice cream business with his brother Frank. No stone marks Hiram's grave. Buried in the plot are two other people whose names are not recorded in the cemetery records because they were buried before 1910 and the Superintendent said his records go back only to 1910. We suspect the two buried with Hiram are his son Milton E. Doughty, who died May 7, 1901, and Milton's mother (Hiram's second wife) Elizabeth Cory Britton, who died July 17, 1902. His first wife was Lizzie Cottle Dear his 2nd Elizabeth Cory Britton, his 3rd Elizabeth Jemima Johnston and his 4th Jessie Lilian Ostrander.

Francis Hunter (5) (1839-1904) a fruit dealer in Topsham married **Henrietta Booth (4)** (1839-1912). Henrietta went to the Mine Insane Hospital and was there in 1910.

Abiel W. Eaton (6) (1851-1928) a millhand, farmer and railroadman married **Georgia A. (6)** (1851-1906) in 1892 . He married (2) Lizzie G. Thompson in 1909. (Perhaps this is the **Lizzie** May in grave (1). With Lizzie he had a step daughter Gladys Thompson in 1920. Abiel and Georgia had **Stanley B. (7)** (1877-1896); Frank (1873).

George T. Carter (8) (1869-1950) a civil officer in the Town office and a gardner, married **Lillian N. (James) (9)** (1855-1968) in 1915. His parents were Benjamin and Rhoda S. Carter. They had: Lawrence (1916); **Irene (13)** (1919-1997) who married **Eugene Graffam (12)** (1905-1974) in 1938. Eugene and Irene had: Kenneth; George H. (1941-2007); **Robert G. Graffam (14)** (1943-1993); and Eugene Jr.

Elmer B. Carter (10) (1929-1993) married **Dorothy M. Chrissman (11)** (1930-1965) in 1948 in Brunswick.

Edward James (15) (1919-1994).

Arthur W. Ricker (16) (1885-1913) had a daughter **Christine Ricker (16)** (1910-1911); a son Arthur Chester (1911) and a daughter in 1914. He married (1) Helen Green Barnes in 1909 and then (2) Irene Cote in 1952. Arthur was the son of Frank Herbert Ricker and Elizabeth O. Andrews.

William M. Howland (18) (1844-1901) married Mary Kendall and they had **Eunice Howland Merryman (17)** (1877-1898) who married Frank E. Merryman (1875-1948) and they had: Herbert and three other children. He married (2) Lucy Frances Orr. William was the son of Abraham and Lydia Howland and brother to James E. Howland. He patented the bench dog with his brother James E. He Patented an apple peeler in 1864. He patented a hoisting apparatus with George L. Howland.