

Bickford Family Tree

Father

Reverend Lewis Page Bickford

(b. 10/4/1844 Center Harbor, NH d. 8/3/1917)
– NHLI* 1869

-FAMILY

Father: Alvah Bickford
Mother: Nancy B. Cotton
Siblings: Oliver C., Church F., Ossino F., & George E.

-PASTORATE TRACKING:

Free Will Baptist clergyman (licensed 1868) whose pastorates took him to the West (e.g. Wisconsin & Michigan) for several years before he and his family returned to New Hampton.

Northwood, NH, 1870-75; N. Scituate, RI, 1875-77; Westford, CT, 1877-81; Scriba, NY, 1881-83; Scottsburg, NY, 1883-86; Wixom, MI, 1886-1891; Davison Station, MI, 1891-1893 and Hardwick, Vermont.

-EMPLOYMENT

1873-78 served as a trustee of NHLI & Executive Board 1896-1911 and Gordon-Nash Library (GNL) 1896, appointed its first librarian remained until his death.



Mother

Emma Grace Fox Bickford

(b. 11/5/1846 Meredith, NH d. 3/3/1921)
– NHLI 1868

-FAMILY

Father: John C. Fox
Mother: Susan Woodman
Siblings: Edgar B. and Willis S.

-Four generations of Fox' attended NHLI. Including her mother, brothers, and children. After the death of her mother and brother, Rev. and Mrs.

Bickford returned to New Hampton to take care of her aging father. For many years she opened her home to young ladies attending NHLI. When Draper Hall was built, Mrs. Bickford was one of the committees to raise the money for furnishings and during the summer and fall of 1912 she boarded anywhere from 1-16 workmen of Berry Hall.

-EMPLOYMENT

Always interested in movements for the public good, she worked for the church, Ladies Aid Society, WACTU, Women's Club and other organizations.



Children



Grayce Lulu

(b. 12/19/1872 Northwood, NH d. 9/27/1958)
– NHLI 1895

Grayce Bickford Merrow married Oscar Lincoln Merrow on 12/5/1920 (d. 9/28/1925). She taught at NHLI, traveled widely, and enjoyed a second career in the administration of the grand hotels of the day. During the 1920s through 1950s she operated the Pillars as a guest

house, well known to travelers to New Hampton and the Newfound area not only for its hospitality but also for the erudite conversation of its proprietor.



John Alvah

(b. 6/26/1875 Northwood, NH, d. 7/15/1928)
– NHLI 1896

John, became a teacher and later managed the family's

woodlots: he married another NHLI graduate, Lilian Frost NHLI 1896 (b. 11/25/1870 d. 3/2/1927). Their only son, Chaloner (pictured with John above) (b. 8/8/1905 d. 11/30/1991), was a 1924 graduate of NHLI and remained in the community working as an electrician. Chaloner's wife, Ann F. Winford Bickford (b. 1911 d. 2002), was a member of the New Hampton School faculty for many years. They had two children Marianne and Susan.



Ina Alberta

(b. 9/27/1879 Westford, CT d. 5/24/1956)
– NHLI 1898

Ina succeeded her father as librarian of the Gordon-Nash Library, serving from 1917 to 1949. Also, an accomplished weaver, photographer, and founding member of the New Hampton Historical Society.



Annie Olive

(b. 4/29/1884 Sparta, NY d. 2/9/1916)
– NHLI 1906

Annie trained to be a teacher working at local New Hampton schools, Haverhill, NH schools, as well as in Baldwinsville, MA and

Gardner, MA. She died very young (at age 31) of Pneumonia after four years of illness.

*NHLI or New Hampton Literary Institute, now known as New Hampton School.