

The Descendants of Gilman Waite and Jerusha Hosmer

First Generation

1. **Gilman Waite** was born^{1,2,3} on 1 May 1831 in Hubbardstown, Worcester, MA. He died⁴ on 7 Oct 1925. He was buried⁵ in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville, Worcester, MA.

"Gilman Waite, of the Waite Chair Co, Baldwinville, town of Templeton, and an ex-member of State Legislature, was born in Hubbardston, MA. May 1, 1832, son of Joseph and Clarissa (Grimes) Waite. His father Joseph, born in Hubbardston, spent there the greater part of his active period. For many years he carried on a cardboard manufactory in connection with farming, and he was a businessman of ability and integrity. Politically, he acted with the Republican Party in his last years. In religious belief he was a Methodist. Having begun his education in the common schools, Gilman Waite completed his studies at the Shelburn Falls Academy, which he attended two terms. Afterward he learned chair making with Sawyer Brothers at East Templeton. Later in Baldwinville he was employed by Whitney Brothers in the manufacture of churns, tubs, etc., for some time and for the succeeding three years he worked at chair making for Greenwood and Perley in Winchendon, Mass.

He next followed his trade in Westminster, subsequently returning to Baldwinville. About this time he became associated with others in the manufacture of sewing machines in Cleveland, Ohio, continuing in that business until the plant was burned. Returning once more to Baldwinville, he was engaged in the lumber business until 1871, when he purchased Mr. Sawyer's interest in the concern known as Thompson, Perley & Co. The business was carried on under the style of Thompson, Perley and Waite until 1887, when it was changed to its present name of the Waite Chair Co. The company is now making a specialty of manufacturing various styles of children's patent folding chairs. The factory is well equipped with modern machinery, which can be driven by either steam or water power; and the average force employed is from 55-75 men.

Mr. Waite married Jerusha H. Hosmer, of Templeton. Her parents, the late Joshua and Mary Hosmer, were natives respectively of this town and Orange, Mass. Mrs. Waite had four children, namely; Frederick E. who died at the age of four years; Mary E. the wife of Charles Perley; and John N. and Irving C. Waite.

The head of one of the principal industries in this locality, Mr. Waite is regarded as a leading businessman of Baldwinville. He is a trustee and a member of the Financial Committee of the

Templeton Savings Bank. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served with ability as a Selectman, and was a Representative to the legislature in 1895. A Master Mason, he belongs to Hope Lodge, Gardener, MA." (BRW)

Gilman married⁶ **Jerusha H. Hosmer** daughter of Joshua Hosmer and Mary on 12 May 1856. Jerusha was born⁷ on 19 Jul 1838. She died⁸ on 29 Jan 1920. She was buried⁹ in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville, Worcester, MA.

They had the following children:

- 2 F i. **Mary Ella Waite** was born on 2 Aug 1858 in Baldwinville, Worcester, MA . Mary married **Charles Perley** .

- 3 M ii. **John Hosmer Waite** was born on 8 Dec 1860 in Baldwinville, Worcester, MA . He died¹⁰ in 1937. He was buried¹¹ in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville, Worcester, MA.

- 4 M iii. **Fred Eugene Waite** was born¹² on 7 Mar 1865 in Baldwinville, Worcester, MA. He died¹³ on 15 Jul 1869. He was buried¹⁴ in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville, Worcester, MA.

- 5 M iv. **Irving Gould Waite** was born¹⁵ on 14 May 1876 in Baldwinville, Worcester, MA . He died¹⁶ on 5 Apr 1906. He was buried¹⁷ in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville, Worcester, MA.

Sources

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