

JAMES W. AMBROSE

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James W. Ambrose

JAMES W. AMBROSE was born in Industry, Maine on Jan. 3, 1826. He was the son of Dr. Jonathan Ambrose b. March 11, 1783 in Sutton, N. H. and Mehitable Carr b. Nov. 14, 1792 in Rochester, N. H. Dr. Ambrose died in Starks, Maine on Aug. 3, 1863, and his widow Mehitable died in Sherman, Maine on Jan. 6, 1882.

James W. Ambrose left home at an early age and traveled extensively in New England and the Southern States. To use his own language, he "paddled his own canoe" since that time. Following these wanderings he stopped in the town of Wells, Maine. This was in the early 1840's and his occupation was cordwainer (leatherworker).

On Dec. 27, 1846 he married Mary Lovinia Littlefield b. March 15, 1827 at Wells, Maine, the daughter of John and Mary (Page) Littlefield. After residing in Wells for several years, in 1858 he decided to move to the town of Sherman in Aroostook County. He bought land in the town of Sherman and arrived there late in 1858. He also owned land in Mapleton but sold it sometime before 1877. In January of 1860 he moved his family to Sherman where they lived in a small log cabin near the Mill. He built a log house on his land and in the Fall of 1860 placed his family and goods on a sledge and hauled them four miles through the woods to their new home. After paying his expenses he found himself possessed of \$33.00 and an old horse which he exchanged for a cow. His farm totaled 300 acres, 80 of which he cleared.

James W. Ambrose was a member of the Deomocratic Party before the Civil War but at the outbreak of hostilities he changed his allegiance to the Republican Party. He entered the Union Army, having been drafted at Sherman, but actually never served in the war. He is however officially listed as a veteran of Co. A, 17th Regiment of Maine Infantry.

Following his discharge from the Army he returned to Sherman and his interests turned to politics. He was a selectman for the Town of Sherman for three years, a County Commissioner for six years, and sat in the Maine House of Representatives for the 1883 - 84 Session. While in the House he sat on the Joint Committees of Agriculture and Interior Waters. It would be interesting to analize his voting record at some time in the future, but some insight is given into his character from the following: On Feb. 16, 1883 he voted in favor of a constitutional amendment, "forever prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors and prohibiting their sale, except for medicinal purposes and the arts."

Of 151 members of the House, James W. Ambrose was one of 109 Republicans, one of forty farmers, and one of three Catholics. After his term in the House he was for another three years as a County Commissioner for Aroostook County.

CHILDREN OF JAMES W. AMBROSE AND MARY LOVINIA LITTLEFIELD

1. MARY E. AMBROSE b. May 30, 1848 at Wells, Maine. She married John W. Perry of Silver Ridge Plantation. Intention recorded Oct. 24, 1866.

CHILDREN:

MARY E. PERRY

EDWARD A. PERRY

JEREMIAH D. PERRY

2. ANN E. AMBROSE b. May 4, 1850 at Wells, Maine. She married James F. Farmer of Silver Ridge Plantation. Intention recorded June 18, 1867.

CHILDREN:

MARY S. FARMER

LUCY ANN FARMER

HENRY FARMER

GEORGE A. FARMER

ELLEN E. FARMER

AGNES H. FARMER

3. MARTHA J. AMBROSE b. Sept. 23, 1855 at Wells, Maine. She married Thomas Duboy of Sherman. Intention recorded May 17, 1880.

CHILDREN:

ELIZABETH DUBOY

JAMES DUBOY

MAUDET DUBOY

CLEMENT DUBOY

ANDREW DUBOY

LILLIAN DUBOY

4. AUGUSTINE AMBROSE b. July 8, 1857 at Wells, Maine. He married Sarah Wren of Sherman. Intention recorded May 19, 1881.

CHILDREN:

WILLIAM A. AMBROSE

FRANK A. AMBROSE

IDA AMBROSE

ETHEL AMBROSE

EDITH AMBROSE

FREDERICK AMBROSE

5. JAMES EDWARD AMBROSE b. April 8, 1859 at Wells, Maine. He married Mattie Michaud of Patten. Intention recorded Nov. 6, 1881.

CHILDREN:

AGNES AMBROSE

EDWARD AMBROSE

FRANK AMBROSE

LOTTIE AMBROSE

EVA AMBROSE

6. AGNES E. AMBROSE b. April 27, 1860 at Sherman, Maine. She married True David Sleeper of Sherman. Intention recorded May 19, 1881.

CHILDREN:

JAMES SLEEPER

AMY SLEEPER

HAROLD SLEEPER

SAMUEL SLEEPER

7. JOHN HENRY AMBROSE b. July 23, 1866 at Sherman, Maine.
He married Theresa C. Scanlan of Sherman. Intention
recorded June 28, 1890.

CHILDREN:

FREDERICK AUGUSTINE AMBROSE

JAMES RALPH AMBROSE

LUCY MARIE AMBROSE

ANNA ELIZABETH AMBROSE

HELEN GERTRUDE AMBROSE

MARY EVELYN AMBROSE

8. SARAH F. AMBROSE b. Nov. 15, 1867 at Sherman, Maine.
She married Herbert A. Sleeper of Sherman. Intention
recorded Oct. 14, 1889.

CHILDREN:

RICHARD A. SLEEPER

ESTHER A. SLEEPER

WALLACE H. SLEEPER

BERTHA SLEEPER

EMMA SLEEPER

HELEN SLEEPER

BLANCHE SLEEPER

MARK SLEEPER

THE ANCESTRY OF JAMES W. AMBROSE

HENRY AMBROSE (1613 - 1658)
m. SUSANNAH ?

HENRY AMBROSE (1649 - ?)
m. HANNAH WORCESTER (? - 1730)

NATHANIEL AMBROSE (1677 - 1745)
m. HANNAH EASTMAN (1674 - 1719)

HENRY AMBROSE (1701 - 1746)
m. HANNAH HOYT (1702 - ?)

JONATHAN AMBROSE (1723 - 1760)
m. ABIGAIL GOODHUE (1725 - ?)

SAMUEL AMBROSE (1753 - 1830)
m. MARY GOODHUE (1754 - 1830)

JONATHAN AMBROSE (1783 - 1863)
m. MEHITABLE CARR (1792 - 1882)

JAMES W. AMBROSE (1826 - 1903)
m. MARY L. LITTLEFIELD (1825 - 1901)

JONATHAN AMBROSE (1723 - 1760), James W. Ambrose's great grandfather, saw service with New Hampshire Volunteers at the seige of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia in 1745 during the French and Indian Wars.

SAMUEL AMBROSE (1753 - 1830), James W. Ambrose's grandfather, served as a private in Capt. Noah Worcester's Company, which marched in 1775 to reinforce the army at Boston. Following this service he served in Capt. John Willoughby's Company at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. After his Revolutionary War service he became a Baptist Minister and settled in Sutton, New Hampshire.

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