

## MOSES GREENLEAF TIME LINE

- 1635 Edmund Greenleaf migrates from Ipswich, England to Newbury, Massachusetts.
- 1777 Moses Greenleaf, Jr. born in Newburyport, Massachusetts.
- 1790 Moses Greenleaf, Sr. moves his family to New Gloucester, District of Maine.
- 1799 Moses, Jr. leaves home and opens a general store in the village of New Gloucester.
- 1802 Moses relocates to a store in Poland; meets landowner Joseph Foxcroft.
- 1803 Moses opens a store in Kenduskeag, meets surveyors Moses Hodsdon & Andrew Strong.
- 1803 Moses begins gathering data for a map of Maine.
- 1803 Moses joins the Rising Virtue Lodge of Masons in Bangor.
- 1804 Moses opens a store in Bangor, meets the foremost surveyor, Park Holland
- 1805 Moses meets and marries Persis Poor of Bangor, closes his store.
- 1805 Moses and Persis have a son, Ebenezer
- 1806 Moses takes the position of Land Agent for William Dodd, owner of Williamsburg.
- 1807 Moses and Persis have a daughter, Clara
- 1807 Moses petitions Massachusetts for a road to Quebec and a land grant for an academy.
- 1810 Migration declines due to embargo, war, problems of settlement.
- 1811 Moses and Persis have another daughter, Lydia.
- 1811 First school held in private home. Road building in Williamsburg and other towns.
- 1812 Moses, Sr. dies in New Gloucester.
- 1812 Moses moves his family to Williamsburg, is appointed Justice of the Peace.
- 1813 Moses proposes that roads and canals be built to boost economic development.
- 1814 Moses moves his family to Greenleaf Hill, marches with the militia to Bangor.
- 1815 Moses and Persis have another son, Moses III
- 1815 Moses discovers slate and iron, but improved transportation needed to export it.
- 1815 Moses publishes his *Map of the District of Maine*.
- 1816 Moses and another landowner appointed to build road from Bangor north to last township.
- 1816 Year without a summer. Moses is appointed Associate Justice, Court of Common Pleas.
- 1816 Moses publishes his *Statistical View of the District of Maine*.
- 1816 Moses' brother Eden moves his family to Williamsburg and builds a home next to Moses.
- 1816 William Dodd pledges \$15,000 to establish an academy (high school) in Williamsburg.
- 1819 Williamsburg moves from an unorganized territory to a plantation.
- 1819 Moses appointed a Justice of the Court of Sessions.
- 1819 William Dodd loans money to build two one-room schools in Williamsburg.
- 1820 Maine separates from Massachusetts and becomes a state.
- 1820 Williamsburg becomes a town; a Congregational Church is organized. Population 107.
- 1820 Moses publishes a *Map of the State of Maine*.
- 1821 Mail service to Williamsburg begins.
- 1822 Piscataquis Lodge of Masons established; Moses Master, Eben Secretary.
- 1823 Moses publishes *Indian Place Names along the Penobscot and St. John Rivers*.
- 1824 Moses' widowed sister and two children, and his widowed mother join Moses.
- 1825 Bangor & Piscataquis Mail Stage begins serving Williamsburg. Later, the Bangor-Brownville Stage Co. begins serving Williamsburg.
- 1825 Drought and then wide-spread forest fires. In October, 832,000 acres burned.
- 1825 William Dodd died at age 72, leaving Williamsburg to a large number of heirs.
- 1829 Beginning of anti-Masonic movement.

1829 Moses publishes *A Survey of Maine, Map of the State of Maine, Map of the State of Maine with the Province of New Brunswick, and Atlas Accompanying Greenleaf's Map and Statistical Survey of Maine*.

1830 Population of Williamsburg 227.

1833 Barnard splits from Williamsburg, cutting the population by one-half.

1833 Bangor & Piscataquis Railroad Co. chartered, Moses President, Eben Secretary.

1833 Moses contracts Typhoid fever on survey trip and there is no treatment available.

1834 Moses dies of an acute streptococcus bacterial infection. His mother Lydia also dies.

1836 B&PRR builds rail link from Bangor to Old Town, later extended to Milo and Foxcroft.

1840 Population of Williamsburg 131, Barnard 153.

1841 Moses' sister Clarina Jenks dies.

1843 Moses III publishes a second and third edition (1844) *Map of the State of Maine with the Province of New Brunswick*.

1850 Population of Williamsburg 124, Barnard 181.

1851 Eben and Moses' wife Persis die. Moses' children all leave Williamsburg and move west.

1860 Population of Williamsburg 182, Barnard 172.

1870 Population of Williamsburg 176, Barnard 149.

1880 Population of Williamsburg 235, Barnard 139.

1890 Population of Williamsburg 162, Barnard 100.

1900 Population of Williamsburg 117, Barnard 98.

#### MOSES GREENLEAF'S MEMBERSHIPS

1815 Massachusetts Agricultural Society

1817 Society for the Colonization of Free People of Color of American

1818 Maine Agricultural Society

1821 Penobscot Agricultural Society

1822 Maine Historical Society

1829 Penobscot Temperance Society 1829

1831 Association for Promoting Popular Education

1832 Trustee of Foxcroft Academy

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