

The Des Rosiers Family

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Joseph DesRosiers (b 18 Dec 1823 – d 16 Dec 1899)

came to Northborough between 1866 and 1870. Joseph and Josephine DesRosiers were married in 1845, and came from Lanoraie, Quebec after a brief stay in New Hampshire. They are listed in the Northborough, MA, 1870 Census, on a farm on Main St, which is now called Marlborough Road. The children listed at this address in 1870 were: Joseph, Isaac, Louis, Eliza, Mary (Louisa) and Minnie. A married son named Hercule (a.k.a. Arthur) was not listed. The Des Rosiers spelled

their name with two “s” up until the 1900 Census when the name is spelled as “Derosier”.

The Derosier family has a photo of Joseph’s son Hercule and his family that was taken in the spring of 1897 in front of their home on Allen Street by AW & GE Howes Photographers. The photo was owned by Lillian Derosier Howard (listed below) and handed down to her daughter, Carol Dunn. In 2004 the photo was restored by Therese Boucher, granddaughter of Jeannia Derosier Young.

Joseph's children are pictured above and are listed at the end of this document.



Hercule (Arthur) DesRosiers, b. Jan 28, 1852, Lanoraie, Canada. Came to Northborough between 1866 and 1870 with his parents. Died Aug 1, 1934 in E. Brookfield, MA

m(1) to Henrietta Gagnon (1849 – 1889) She was b 20 Feb 1871 It would appear that Hercule (Arthur) lived in Connecticut for a time. Children were born in Connecticut from 1878 through 1883. Arthur and his first wife, Hattie, had eight (8) children that lived to be adults.

m(2) to Eugenia Rousseau (1862–1955) Corriveau DesRosiers b. St. Appollinaire, Quebec, d. Worcester, MA. She had 2 children from her first marriage – Eva and Lydia Corriveau. Eugenia worked in the mills, also as a milliner in Haverill, MA, then a seamstress. They had four children. In the **1900 Census**, Arthur was 47, working as a Teamster. There were eight (8) children listed in the household, including two children of Eugenia’s from a previous marriage. Eugenia’s first husband was bitten by a rabid dog and died when the children were very small. Photo includes: Eliza, little Lillie, Delvina, Arthur, wife Eugenia, infant Jeannia, Lydia, George, Middie (on steps).

children from Arthur's first marriage to Henrietta:

Josephine DesRosiers, b. Mar 28, 1872, Northborough, MA, m. 1891, Northborough, MA, John Roberts. Year of death 1950. They had five children.

Arthur J. DesRosiers, b. Aug 5, 1873, Northborough, MA, d. July 4, 1940, Westborough, MA, m. 1894, Northborough, MA, Mathilda Chaput (Shepherd). They had three children.

Eliza DesRosiers b. Aug 12, 1878, Baltic, CT, d. Hudson, MA, m. 1898, Northborough, MA, Noe F. Balthazar and lived in Hudson. Died 1964. They had four children.

George A. DesRosiers, b. Oct 16, 1879, d. 1936, Chicago, IL. George never married.

Amede DesRosiers, b. Sep 9, 1883, CT, d. 1955, Auburn, MA, m. Nellie Cooper. In 1900 Amede was in Northborough. In 1920 he was in Leicester, MA and 1930 he was in Auburn, MA. He was buried in Hope Cemetery. They had no children.

Olive Mary DesRosiers, b. Mar 22, 1882, Northborough, MA died as a child.

Delvina DesRosiers, b. 1884, Northborough, MA, d. 1954, Worcester, MA, m(1) 1902, E. Brookfield, MA, to Noe Dexter Blette, They had seven children. Her m(2) Edmund P. Barrell.

Hattie Adaline DesRosiers (twin), b. July 15, 1887, Northborough, MA, d. Oct 23, 1973, Worcester, MA. Hattie never married. Hattie's mother, died when she was two. Hattie was raised by her Aunt & Uncle - Louisa (DesRosiers) and Daniel Lamoureux. Louisa and Daniel never had any children of their own. Hattie's twin died in infancy.

Children from second marriage to Eugenia Rousseau:

Lillian Delia DesRosiers, b. Mar 29, 1894, Northborough, MA, in Allen St home, d. Oct 15, 1994, Worcester, MA, m. Francis Howard. She had one daughter, Carol who married a Dunn and had five children.

Jeannia Marie DesRosiers, b. Oct 11, 1896, Northborough, MA, in the Allen St home, d. Dec 1, 1987, Worcester, MA, m. Apr 19, 1920, E. Brookfield, MA, to Walter Joseph Young. It was the first marriage after E. Brookfield became a town. They had two children: Claire and Norman.

Clarence Harold DesRosiers, b. 1900, Northborough, MA, in the house on Allen St. d. 1956, Spencer, MA, m. 1919, E. Brookfield, MA to Flora M. L'Herurel. They had five children.

Ernest Frederick DesRosiers, b. Mar 30, 1902 in East Brookfield, MA, d. Oct 31, 1964, Worcester, MA. Ernest lived in Utica for most of his adult life. He had no children.



Arthur's Children



Josie



Arthur



Eliza



George



Middie



Delvina



Hattie



Lillian



Jeannia



Clarence & Ernest



Eva



Lydia

Joseph and Josephine's Children

Gideon Derosier, born 30 Jul 1846 in Lanoraire; died 10 Sep 1846 in Lanoraire.

Joseph Alfred Derosier, born 07 Jan 1848; died 03 Jan 1902 in Northboro, MA; married Mary Louise St. Onge born Jul 1850 in Canada; died 20 Aug 1917 in Northboro, MA, **Joseph Henry DesRosiers** was a Superintendent at the mill and worked at the woolen mill from at least 1870 through 1900. On paydays, Joseph would go to his office window and throw little bags of candy down to Arthur's children Lillian and Jeannia. Many family members worked at the Woodside Woolen Mill, which is still standing as an apartment complex on Hudson Street in Northborough. Joseph's home was at 96 Main St, Northborough. This home is still occupied by DesRosiers descendents, as of 2010.

Louis Derosier, born 20 Feb 1850; died 20 Jun 1915 in Northborough, MA; married Celine Varnard Abt. 1869; born 1852; died 23 Mar 1937 in Northborough, MA. They had seven children.

Hercule Arthur Derosier, b. 28 Jan 1852 in Lanoraire, Quebec; died 01 Aug 1934 in East Brookfield, MA; (as above)

M. Olive (Eliza) Derosier, born 05 Apr 1854 in Lanoraire. Moved to Manitoba, lost contact with family.

Emma Derosier, born 31 Jul 1856 in Lanoraire; died 10 Dec 1858 in Lanoraire

Louisa Derosier, born 29 Nov 1858 in Lanoraire; died in Northboro, MA; marr Daniel Movey Lamaroux 21 Oct 1884 in Westboro, MA. Louise's 1895 photo album is the source of pictures entered on find-a-grave. Louise died in 1917 in Northborough, MA. They had no children.

Minnie Artemise Derosier, born Nov 1862 in Acton, Quebec; died Apr 1947 in Worcester, MA; married Frances Xavier Roberts 31 Dec 1877 in Marlborough, MA. They had six children.

Francis Henry Derosier, born 15 Jun 1866 in Great Falls, NH; died 12 Jul 1942 in Plainville, CT; married Matilda Shepherd Chaput 17 Jun 1883 in Westboro, MA; born 15 Sep 1867; died 04 Oct 1932 in Plainville, CT. They had nine children.