

Perry - Darling

The Darling Genealogy by C.N. Sinnett, claims that **Almira Griffin**, d/o Harry Griffin and Rachel Darling, married **Joseph Perry(1770-1864)** of Phippsburg, Maine, the son of **Eli Perry** of Phippsburg. Joseph had been first married to Sarah Sprague.

They had:

William Perry

Loring Perry

John Perry

Caroline Perry

Samuel Perry

Joseph **Perry** and Almira **Griffin** had children:

Rosina **Perry** b. 1852 (m) George E. Black.

Joseph **Perry** Jr. b. 1858 (m) Abby Wallace

Flora A. Darling Townsend **Perry** b. 1867 (m) Hiram Orr, of Orr's Island. (Flora's cem stone reads 1870-1959). That would make her born three to seven years after Joseph Perry died. So.....not a Perry??

Then we have Phippsburg, Maine Vital Records to the year 1892, published in 1935, which list the following

Marriages:

George E. Black and Miss Rosina **Darling**, both of Phippsburg (m) Dec. 1870

Births:

Ira Melrose **Darling** ch. **Joseph and Abbie (Darling?)** 10 Oct. 1882

These entries would seem to indicate that the Perry children have magically become Darlings. So....maybe the genealogy is wrong and Almira Griffin's husband was a Darling, Or...she married a Darling after Joseph and the children took the Darling name? The Vital Records, under deaths, lists Almira **Darling** died 29 March 1925 at 90y.

That is puzzle #1.....second is:

This information which is in a number of Malaga Island histories.

"Shortly after taking office in 1911, Plaisted learned the state could not evict the islanders. One month before landing on Malaga, he instructed the state attorney general to find a legal owner who could. While Plaisted and his party toured the island, the attorney general announced that **the heirs of Eli Perry owned Malaga**. Three weeks later, the islanders learned their fates. The state bought the island after orchestrating the eviction for the Perrys. The State of Maine then sold Malaga to a friend of Gustavus Kilgore, a member of Plaisted's Executive Council who attended the 1911 tour and who chaired committees for both Malaga Island and the Maine Home for the Feeble Minded. "

The heirs of Eli Perry

Eli had 3 sons and 6 daughters. All are heirs. I have not seen the deed referred to where Eli Perry buys Malaga nor have I found the deed where the heirs receive it.....so if ALL Eli's heirs inherit a share then would we be talking about his eight children? As far as I can tell they ALL died **before 1900** so they were not the heirs that signed off to the State.

My best guess is that the person that signed off was one of **Joseph Perry/Darling's** children listed above. All the children from Josephs first marriage to Sarah had died before 1912, but the son and two daughters from the marriage to Almira could have been the "Heirs".

Does anyone have or know where to find a copy of the deed where the state purchases the Island? Or where the one is where Eli Perry buys the Island.

Wikipedia and several other sources say.....*The island was bought by Eli Perry in 1818 for \$150, though there are few records of continued ownership. The island was mentioned twice in the family's deeds over the next hundred years, "and never in any of the Perry family wills".*^[4] *Tax records in Phippsburg found that no one had ever paid taxes on the island. In 1911, despite these questions on ownership, the Perry family ordered the residents to leave.*

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