

Marshall R. Hastings



Marshall Robinson Hastings (1882-1958) was born in Bethel on August 29, 1882 the son of David R. and Josephine (Sanderson) Hastings. He was educated in the Bethel schools, Edward Little High School in Auburn and at Brown University.

In 1905 he married Miss Norma Linscott of Auburn and they have a daughter, Mrs. William Chapman, 2nd., of Bethel.

Mr. Hastings was associated with his father in Wild River from 1900 until 1914 in cutting pulp wood and the manufacture of wood alcohol.

Following this he operated on his own initiative and for 18 seasons has cut lumber for the Brown Company of Berlin, N.H.. That Mr. Hastings does business on no small scale is seen by his average winter's cut which has been 15,000 cords each year, and a few years ago he delivered 27,000 cords, the largest contract ever fulfilled by a single individual. These lumbering maneuvers have been and are in the vicinities of Grafton, Oquossoc, Richardson Lake, Dead Diamond, Abbott Brook, Umbagog and Shelburne, N.H.

Mr. Hastings was elected twice to the Maine House of Representatives. He was a member of the Bethel Lions Club. Mrs. Hastings was a talented singer and they kept open house for their many friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings occupied the colonial style house on Broad Street, formerly the home of Hon. William W. Hastings. This house was built for Major Gideon Hastings by his father in 1866 upon the return of the former from the Civil War.

Marshall Hastings had inherited the Gideon A. Hastings homestead from William W. Hastings, his uncle. This inheritance also included the Bill Lowe house and lot on Paradise Street, the island in the Androscoggin River below the toll bridge and the point of land at the mouth of Alder River, the pasture on Paradise Hill, and William Hastings' interest in wild lands. Included in William Hastings will was an assignment to Norma Hastings, wife of Marshall Hastings, of the little house and connected lot and the Coolidge lot including the house upon it on Paradise Street in Bethel Village.

Mr. Hastings died April 22, 1958 at the Lewiston Central Maine General Hospital where he had been a patient several weeks. He was survived by his wife, Norma Linscott Hastings of Bethel; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hastings Chapman of Bethel, two granddaughters and one great grandchild. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Sources: 1931 Special Edition of the Oxford County Bethel Citizen and his obituary and copy of a part of the last will and testament of William W. Hastings property of Stephen and Rebecca Hastings.



Marshall Hastings residence Broad Street



Metallak Brook Lumbering Operations of M.R. Hastings