

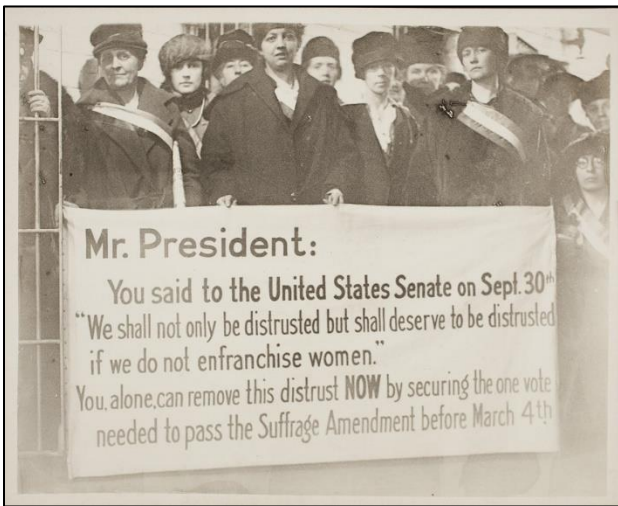


News from the Stow Historical Society

A newsletter for all friends of Stow history.

Please feel free to pass it along to others who might be interested!

August 7, 2020



February 1919, Boston, MA

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1920 - 2020

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: Women's Suffrage

Part IV



Women

The *Hudson News-Enterprise's* weekly STOW columns presented a vibrant and energetic community between 1918-1920.

A brief review of several Stow Organizations active in 1920



Stow Town Hall, 1898
SHS

- **STOW GRANGE**
 - Organized February 15, 1877 at the Stow Town Hall
 - Stow Grange No. 103 P. of H. (Patrons of Husbandry)
 - Formed by “a small number of enterprising farmers of Stow, realizing the need of improving local problems and developing a more satisfactory rural life.” (Crowell, page 61)
- **STOW CIVIC CLUB**
 - Established 1902 at the Stow Town Hall (Crowell, page 62)

To this little town, not privileged with the advantages of education and culture, has come inspiring addresses from men of note; whose minds were broadened with large visions and practical knowledge. Lectures with pictures of colors, telling us of scenes and lands and peoples, we can see and know in no other way. Musical treats, from artists of great ability. Thus has this organization brought to the citizens, the many things worthwhile and inspired a taste for greater things.



Center School on Crescent St.

was torn down in 1929 to build Pilot Grove School, which was then remodeled into town offices in 1966 and later into the police station. Today Pilot Grove School is a private home. SHS

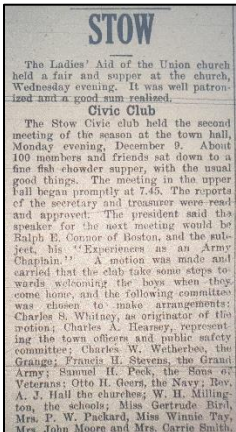
- **STOW WOMAN’S ASSOCIATION**
 - Formed Friday, March 21, 1913 “in the Center School for the purpose of forming a club ‘to unite the interests of the different sections of the town for the improvement of all.’” (Crowell, page 63)
 - *Today’s **Stow Women’s Club** was founded in 1967 as the Hi-Neighbor Club. (Childs, p. 151)

[Stow, Massachusetts 1683-1933](#)
by Rev and Mrs. Preston R. Crowell, 1933

[The History of Stow](#)
by Ethel B. Childs, 1983

STOW ca. 1920

Stow women were active in the Red Cross, the Union Church and the Ladies’ Aid Society, the First Parish Church, the Stow Civic Club, the Stow Woman’s Association, the Grange, and others. When they registered to vote, they listed themselves as clerks, teachers, farrier, nurse, stenographer, motor winder, box makers, rubber maker, librarian, post office clerk, housekeepers, and housewives.



December 12, 1918, page 3

West School converted into a home



Stow/
Trumpolt
Family
Archives
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Delaney Street, Stow - SHS



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Stow Tavern, Great Road



Stow's Young, Fashionable Suffragettes

Photo taken at Lake Boon
c. 1915-1917

Photo donated to the SHS,
2017,
by Ralph Crowell,
past president of the SHS

Elma Belle Conant Lund

- 1896-1972
- Married Carl Lund in 1917
- **Registered to vote in Stow, Aug 14, 1924**
- Buried in Brookside Cemetery

Marion B. Goding Barnes

- 1893-1970
- Married Edward Ray Barnes in 1918
- **Registered to vote Oct 9, 1922**
- Buried in Brookside Cemetery



Marion F. Barnes Townsend

- 1896-1983
- **Registered to vote in Stow, Oct 9, 1922**
- Married Fred Townsend, a Stow garage operator in 1931
- Buried in Brookside Cemetery

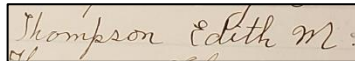


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Barnes Farm, Barnes Hill Road
(Wedgewood Road), Stow - SHS

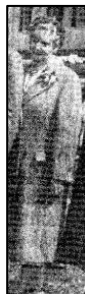
Edith Davidson Thompson



- 1897-1969
- Married Carl Thompson in 1917
- Member of and soloist, Union Church
- Member of the Stow Garden Club (formed 1937)
- Founding member of the Stow Historical Society, 1961
- Buried in Brookside Cemetery

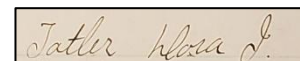


1914 Pomposetticut
Editorial Board, Hale HS



Stow Garden Club
ca. 1948-1953

Dora Dudley Tatler



- 1895-1964
- Married Barclay B. Tatler in Stow in 1916
- Charter member of the Stow Woman's Association, 1913
- Oct 31, 1919 led the Junior Endeavor Society, meeting at the parsonage of Union Church
- Member of the Warren Wheeler Wetherbee Post, Unit No. 272 American Legion Auxiliary, 1924
- 1941 – Chairman Hospitality Committee, Stow Woman's Association
- Buried in Brookside Cemetery



1941

Registered on September 4, 1920

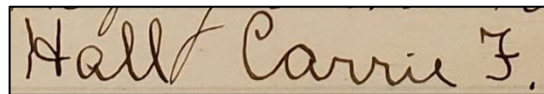
Registered on August 14, 1920

Grandmother of Frederick, Stephen, Timothy, and Rhonda Gray, and Pamela Trefry

The couple registered on October 23, 1920

Mrs. Carrie Fidelia Elliott Hall

- 1898-1924
- Born in Hopkinton, NH



Mr. Charles G. Hall

- 1894-1975
- Born in Pembroke, NH
- a Teamster at a sawmill

A Stow and New Hampshire Story

Mrs. Carrie Hall registered to vote in Stow in October 1920. She was not included in the Stow 1920 Federal Census of January 7, 1920. However, she and her husband, Charles, were recorded in Warner, NH census of January 24, 1920.

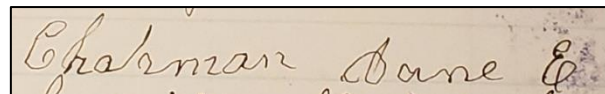
With the limited information available, Carrie's data was plugged into ancestry.com. She was included in a well-documented family tree. The owner of this family tree is her grandson, Ed! He wrote, "I know they moved to Mass before 1921, which is where my mother was born 6/2/1921 in Townsend. My grandfather had moved the family often because he was working in sawmills at the time."



The SHS sent Ed Carrie's voter registration signature. "Thank you! This is the only signature I have from my grandmother. She died when my mother was 3." The SHS received one of our finest period family portraits.

Stow's oldest woman to register to vote 82 years young

Mrs. Jane E. Furbush Chapman



- 1838-1923
- 1919, Jan 1, 1919: an officer of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 8)
- 1919, April 18: helped serve the Easter supper at the M.E Church (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 8)
- 1919, September 19: assisted in serving the supper at the M.E. Church's vestry (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 8)

Jane Chapman was born in Lebanon, ME in 1838 and died in Stow in 1923. She is buried in Brookside Cemetery. The Chapman family farmed in Missouri, then in Iowa, where their two sons were born. Her husband, Hollis Chapman, died on a trip to Texas in 1907. The 1920 Federal Census stated she lived on Randall Road with her son, Frederick E. Chapman, who was a general farmer.

Registered on September 4, 1920

The Warren/Smith Women

IMAGINE the five Smith women striding into the Selectmen's office as an unified body to register! Next week will be the story of Stow's registration.

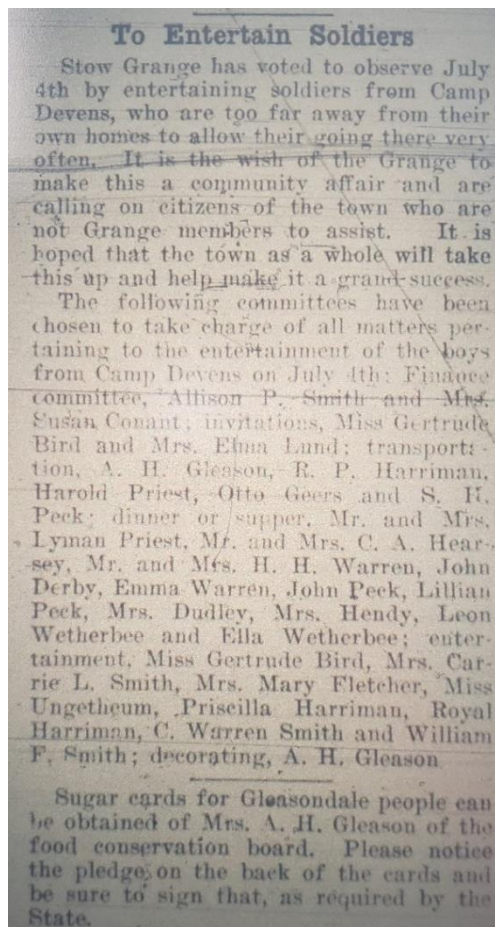
	<u>Date registered</u>
Lucy Warren Smith, 58	Aug 14, 1920
Carrie Warren Smith, 62	Aug 14, 1920
Eleanor Smith, 28	Aug 14, 1920
Jennie Ungethuem Smith, 26	Aug 14, 1920
Priscilla Harriman (Smith), 25	Aug 14, 1920
Emma Warren, 71	Sep 04, 1920
Adelia Moore Warren, 45	Sep 04, 1920



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The *Hudson News-Enterprise* featured five of these ladies.

June 21, 1918, page 4



The Grange and Town to Entertain Soldiers from Camp Devens

Women on the committees:

- Mrs. Susan Conant: Finance
- Miss Gertrude Bird: Invitations
- Mrs. Emma Priest: Dinner
- Mrs. Charlotte Hearsey: Dinner
- Mrs. Adelia Warren: Dinner
- Miss Emma Warren: Dinner
- Mrs. Lillian Peck: Dinner
- Mrs. Ida Dudley: Dinner
- Mrs. Mary Hendy: Dinner
- Miss Ella Wetherbee: Dinner
- Miss Gertrude Bird: Entertainment
- Mrs. Carrie Warren Smith: Entertainment
- Miss Jennie Ungethuem [Smith]: Entertainment
- Miss Priscilla Harriman: Entertainment

All the above women registered to vote in 1920.

MEET THE WARREN/SMITH WOMEN

Sister of Carrie Warren Smith
Great Grandmother of Jeffrey Smith

Mrs. Lucy Ann Warren Smith

- 1862-1954
- Born in Stow, the daughter of Francis Warland Warren and Eleanor Maria Derby
- Married Henry Porter Smith in 1885 in Stow



July 1947
Warren Family
Reunion - SHS

Registered
August 14, 1920

Mother of Betty Holly
Grandmother of Jeffrey Smith

Mrs. Jennie M. Ungetheuem Smith

- 1894-1993
- 1918, June 21: On committee to entertain soldiers at Camp Devens (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1918, September 6: Teacher in Hudson, boarding with Mrs. Lucy Smith (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1919, April 28: Married Charles Warren Smith, Lucy and Henry Smith's son, at her parents' home in Westfield (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 2)
- 1920 teacher in Hudson (Stow Federal Census)



July 1947
Warren Family
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Daughter of Lucy A. Warren Smith

Miss Eleanor Louise Smith

- 1891-1986
- 1919, February 14: Randall Library trustees persuaded Miss Eleanor Smith to accept the position as librarian (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 6)
 - Miss Eleanor Smith held this position for 39 years. She was Stow's second librarian. (Childs, page 116)



July 29, 1909
Whalom Park
Sunday School
Picnic - SHS

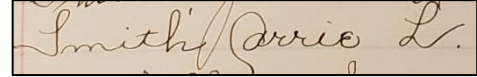


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August 14, 1920



Sister of Lucy A. Warren Smith Cousin of Emma Sophia Warren



Carrie Louise Warren Smith

- 1872-1952
- Born in Stow, the daughter of Francis Warland Warren and Eleanor Maria Derby
- 1917, December: In charge of Stow's sewing units for the Smith College Unit of the Red Cross (Crowell, page 80)
- 1918, May 31: Mrs. Carrie Smith, local chairman of the Second Red Cross War Fund in Stow (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 3)
- 1918, June 21: On committee to entertain soldiers at Camp Devens (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1918, July 26: Son, William F. Smith joined the Merchant Marines (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 3)
- 1918, November 15: Stow Civic Club on the 11th with Mrs. C. Smith on the musical committee (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 7)
- 1918, November 15: Opening meeting of the Stow Woman's Association at Mrs. Carrie Warren's home on the 21st (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 7)
- 1918, December 13: Appointed by the Stow Civic Club to be one of its representatives at Welcoming Home the Boys event (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 3)
- 1919, February 21: Appointed by the moderator at the Stow Town Meeting to be one of 15 on the Welcoming Home Committee (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 6)
- 1919, March 28: Stow Woman's Association met at Mrs. Carrie Warren's home (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 6)
- 1919, May 30: Mrs. Carrie Smith with an efficient corps of helpers canvassed the town for the Salvation Army Drive (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 3)
- 1919, November 14: Mrs. Carrie Smith left for Detroit, Mich. to spend the winter with her brother, Charles A. Warren. (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 5)



1886
High School
SHS



July 29, 1909
Whalom Park
Sunday School
Picnic - SHS



July 1947
Warren Family
Reunion - SHS

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A Memory of Carrie Warren Smith

Growing Up in Stow

by Hazel Moore

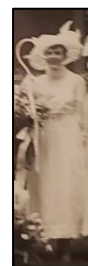
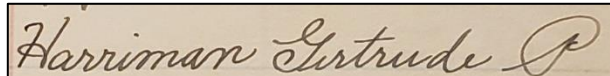
October 1, 1985

My brother Bob Moore (1908 - 1949) "slept at Aunt Carrie Smith's [across from Warren's] from the time he was 15. He had all his meals at home, but Aunt Carrie didn't like to be alone nights. After Bob married, my brother Alan (1912-1987) replaced him."

Daughter-in-law of Carrie L. Warren Smith

(Gertrude) Priscilla Harriman

- 1895-1976
- 1918, June 21: On committee to entertain soldiers at Camp Devens (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1920: stenographer at an insurance company (Stow Federal Census)
- Married William F. Smith in 1922



1917 at Emily Gleason's wedding – photo from Emily Beyette



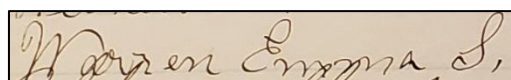
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Warren Family Reunion - SHS

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Cousin of Lucy A. Warren Smith and Carrie L. Warren Smith

Emma Sophia Warren

- 1849-1940
- 1917: Director of the Red Cross in the Stow area with Mrs. Scott (Crowell, page 79, Childs, page 110)
- 1918, June 7: Ladies' Aid of the Union Church met at Miss Warren's (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1918, June 21: On committee to entertain soldiers at Camp Devens (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1918, September 6: Directress of Ladies' Aid of the Union Church (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1919, January 31: Two female teachers lived with Miss Emma Warren (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1919, March 7: Ladies' Aid of Union Church presented the play, "The Old Peabody Pew" for the Ladies' Aid of Gleasondale. Miss Emma had a role. (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 8)



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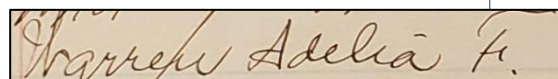
Great Grandmother of Linda Hathaway; Grandmother of Skip Warren

Mrs. Adelia Moore Warren

- 1875-1947
- Born in Stow, the daughter of Albert and Mary Jane Derby Moore
- Married Henry Hurd Warren in 1902 in Stow
 - Henry was son of Francis Warland Warren and Eleanor Maria Derby
- 1918, June 21: On committee to entertain soldiers at Camp Devens (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 4)
- 1918, July 26: Ladies of the town worked on surgical dressings this week at Mrs. H. H. Warren's (Hudson News-Enterprise, p. 3)
- 1919, April 18: Member of the Stow Civic Club (Hudson News-Enterprise, page 4)



Photo from the private collection of Skip Warren



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