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Biography

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Physicist, historian, genealogist, author and founder of the Islesford Historical Museum in 1919.

Father: William H. Sawtelle (1838-1879)

Mother: Adeline "Addie" Maria Kaler (1843-1925) - later Mrs. Frank Pullen

Birth Date: July 7, 1874

Born at: Bangor, Maine

Significant Relative: William Otis Sawtelle was the grand nephew of Orlando P. Sawtelle, the first business partner of William Patch Dickey of Bangor, the first rusticator to build a cottage in Southwest Harbor.

Significant Education:

Graduated M.I.T.

Spouse Name: Louise Coburn Burpee (1877-1941)

Spouse Parents: George Egerton Ryerson Burpee (1834-1904) and Louise Thissell (1841-)

Wedding Date: June 17, 1903

Wedding Place: Bangor, Maine

Occupation:

1917: Teacher, Haverford College.

Childhood Home:

50 Penobscot Street, Bangor - William lived there with his mother and step-father, Frank Pullen, as a child.

Home:

1904: Cambridge, Massachusetts

1910: Cambridge, Massachusetts

1920: Haverford, Pennsylvania

Death Date: September 22, 1939

Death Place: Lower Lansford, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Cemetery: Sawtelle-Burpee Plot behind the Islesford Museum, Cranberry Isles, Maine

"William Otis Sawtelle Collection 1692-1941

Sawtelle was born and raised in Bangor, Maine. He graduated from MIT where he later taught physics and began his scientific research. Sawtelle and his wife became permanent residents of the Cranberry Isles in the early 1920's. In 1925 friends Robert Abbe, Charles W. Eliot, and George B. Dorr encouraged Sawtelle to form the Islesford Collection Inc. to house his ever expanding collection. In 1926 construction was begun and in 1928 the museum opened its doors. Sawtelle never named his museum and did not want it named after him. Acadia National Park named it the

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Description: William Otis Sawtelle (1874-1939) was born on July 7, 1874 to William H. Sawtelle and Addie Sawtelle in Bangor, Maine. William married Louise Coburn Burpee (1877-1941), daughter of George Egerton Burpee and Louise (Thissell) Burpee, on June 17, 1903 in Bangor, Maine. He was a physicist, historian, genealogist, and author. He founded the Islesford Historical Museum in 1919. William Otis Sawtelle died on September 22, 1939.

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