

### **Israel Washburn Sr.**

Israel Washburn Sr. was born November 18, 1774 in Raynham, Massachusetts. He moved from Raynham to Livermore, Maine at this time was still considered a part of Massachusetts. He married Martha “Patty” Benjamin in 1812, and they moved to a farm previously owned by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, father of Vice President Hannibal Hamlin. He was overall very involved in town and state politics, working as the Livermore Town Clerk and town selectman. He also ran a general store until it went bankrupt in 1829. Starting in 1859, Israel Sr. began to lose his sight due to cataracts. He would remain blind for the rest of his life. Israel Washburn Sr. would pass away in 1876 at 91 years old.



### **Martha “Patty” Benjamin Washburn**

Martha Washburn was born October 2, 1792. Her father was a Revolutionary War veteran, and her mother was a descendant of the founder of Livermore, Maine. She married Israel Washburn Sr. in 1812. They would go on to have 11 children together over the span of 20 years. 10 of these children survived to adulthood. Martha Washburn was ambitious and interested in politics. She discussed current events with her husband and family, and supported Israel Sr. in his career in local politics. She also inspired her children to work hard and follow their dreams. She died in 1861 at age 69.



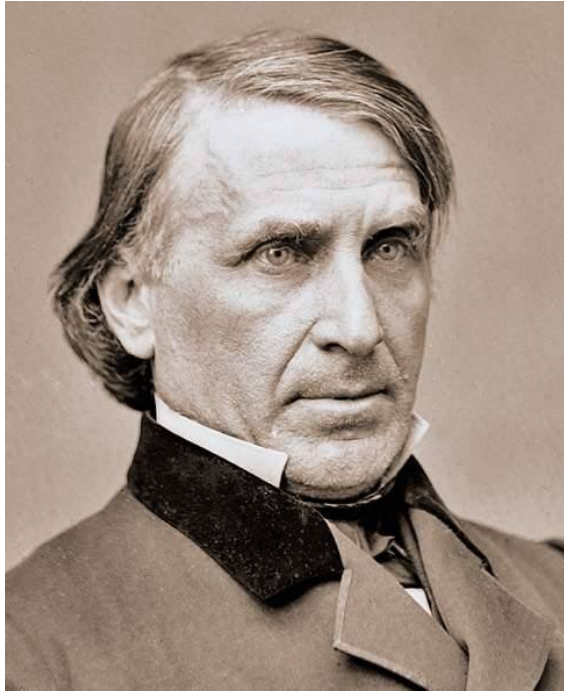
### **Israel Washburn Jr.**

Israel Washburn Jr. was born on June 6, 1813, the first of his siblings. He left home at age 18 to start a lawyering practice in Orono, Maine in 1834. He married Mary Maud Webster and would go on to have four children with her. Israel Jr. began his political career with his election to the Maine House of Representatives in 1834 before moving onto Congress in 1851. He co-founded the Republican Party after the Whig Party began to dissolve after the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. He left Congress and served as Governor of Maine in 1861 and 1862. After he lost the election of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed Israel Jr. as the Collector of the Port of Portland. He married Robina Brown after Mary Maud died of typhoid fever. Israel Jr. died in Philadelphia, PA in 1883.



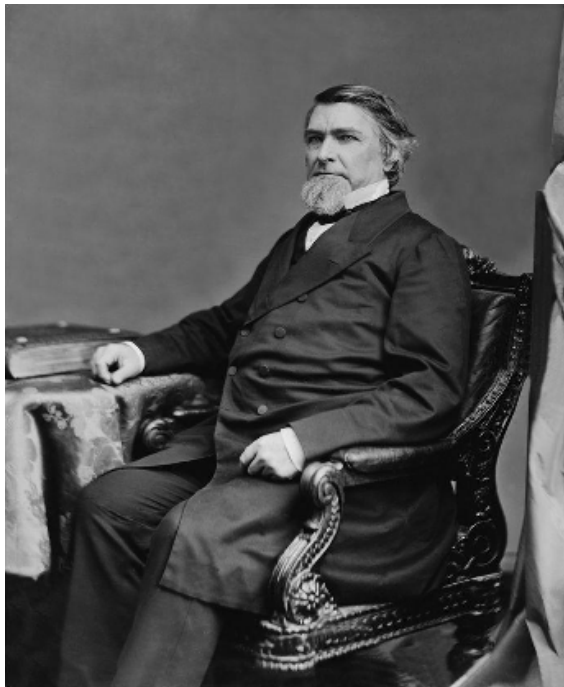
### **Algernon Sidney Washburn**

Algernon Sidney Washburn was born November 29, 1814. Algernon would also go by his middle name, Sidney, or just by Sid. He left home at age 15 to start his career as a merchant. He ended up in Boston and opened a general store called Shaw & Washburn. He returned to Maine in 1853 at his brother's request. He moved to Hallowell, Maine, and co-founded the Bank of Hallowell. He married Sarah Moore and had four children with her. After the Bank of Hallowell was underway, Algernon organized the First National Bank of Hallowell in 1862. After the death of his wife and infant son in childbirth, and the death of his eldest son from diabetes, Algernon and his remaining two children would live part time at the Norlands mansion to be closer to the aging Israel Sr. Algernon Sidney died in 1879 after a long illness.



### **Elihu B. Washburne**

Elihu Washburne was born on September 23, 1816. At age 13, he was sent to work at a neighbor's farm in order to work off a debt owed by his father. Once he was 18, he moved to Galena, Illinois to start his career as a lawyer. It was there that he met and married Adele Gratiot, the daughter of his business partner. Elihu was the second brother elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving from 1852 to 1869. After leaving Congress, Elihu moved his family to Paris, France, while he acted as Minister to France. He worked in Paris during the Franco Prussian War and moved back to the U.S. in 1877. During his political career, Elihu became personal friends with Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Elihu Washburne died in 1887.



### **Cadwallader Washburn**

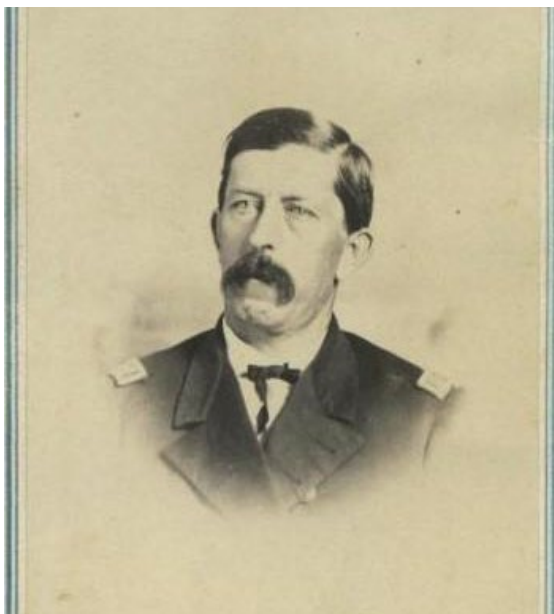
Cadwallader Washburn was born April 22, 1818. He was the first of the Washburn siblings to travel west. He left home with a loan of five dollars given to him by his brother, Algernon. He settled in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, where he practiced law and began buying land. He married New York socialite Jeanette Garr and had two daughters with her. He was elected to Congress in 1855, where he joined his brothers Israel Jr. and Elihu. Cadwallader left Congress to join the military during the Civil War. He rose to the rank of Army Major General. He returned to Congress after the Civil War, and later became Governor of Wisconsin. He is most known for his Gold Medal Flour company, from which he made his fortune. This company is now known by the name of General Mills.



### **Martha Benjamin Washburn Stephenson**

Martha, the oldest Washburn daughter, was born on February 8, 1820. She was named after her mother, Martha “Patty” Washburn. After finishing her primary education, Martha attended the Waterville Liberal Institute. After graduating, Martha taught school until she moved to Mineral Point, Wisconsin to be near her brother, Cadwallader. There she met and married Charles L. Stephenson, a friend of her brother’s. In 1849, the couple moved to Galena, Illinois, near Martha’s brother Elihu. Martha and Charles would have five children together, with one dying in infancy. Martha moved to North Dakota with her daughter after the death of her husband, where she died in 1909 at age 89.

### **Samuel Benjamin Washburn**



Samuel Washburn was born on January 1, 1824. Unlike his siblings, who mainly went into politics, Samuel dreamed of spending his life at sea. He shipped out at age 18 and rose through the ranks to become the master of his own ship. During the Civil War, Samuel enlisted in the Navy where he was assigned to the USS Gunboat Galena. He became captain of the Galena and was wounded in the hip during a naval battle. After the Civil War concluded, Samuel moved back to the Norlands, where he worked as a caretaker of the property. He married Lorette Thompson, who died in 1869. Samuel then married Addie Reade in 1872. He had five children in total. A botched surgery on his hip wound left his leg partially paralyzed. Samuel Washburn died in 1890 at age 66.



### **Mary Washburn Buffum**

Mary Washburn, the second oldest daughter, was known as “the lovely child” while growing up. She married Gustavus Buffum in 1856. This was after waiting eight years for Gustavus to return from the California gold rush. The couple moved west, first to Wisconsin before relocating to Iowa. By 1867 Mary had birthed three children. She was pregnant once more and was admitted to the hospital to birth her child. This was the first birth she would have outside of her home. An admission of anesthesia during labor caused her death ten days after the birth of her twin children. Unfortunately, these infant twins also passed away shortly after their mother’s death.



### **William Drew Washburn**

William Drew, the youngest son of the Washburn family, was born on January 14, 1831. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1857. After graduating, William Drew studied law with his brother, Israel Jr., and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, with his wife, Elizabeth. He had nine children with his wife. William Drew made his fortune by opening a flour company and saw mills in Minneapolis. He also became the president of the SOO Railroad Company. In 1883, William Drew was elected to Congress, the fourth Washburn brother to hold this office. He was, however, the only Washburn sibling to be elected to the Senate in 1889. William Drew Washburn passed away in 1912.



### **Caroline Ann Washburn Holmes**

Caroline Washburn, the youngest of the siblings, was born January 30, 1833. She also attended the Waterville Liberal Institute, like her older sister, Martha. Caroline later graduated from the Gorham Seminary. She met Dr. Freeland Holmes in Orono, Maine. They would marry in 1857. The couple had two children and settled in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Dr. Freeland Holmes joined the Union Army as a surgeon during the Civil War. He would die during the war, leaving Caroline widowed at age 30. Caroline moved back to Livermore, Maine, where she lived until her father's death in 1876. She lived the remainder of her life in Wisconsin, where she moved to be closer to her brothers, Cadwallader and William Drew. She was the last of her siblings to die, passing away in 1920.