

Did You Know?

Alice Nourse Smith Turner connects the Turner and Smith families. An only child, Alice had six children , and

- these children had twenty-three children altogether, who gave her
- forty-one great-grandchildren, who gave her
- four great-great-grandchildren. (and counting!)

Did you know that the Nourses go back to the Mayflower?

- And very likely, the family includes Rebecca Nourse, the first of those falsely accused of being a witch and hanged at Salem.
- Alice's Bayley grandfather, Robert, was a sea captain who traveled the world.
- When Alice Nourse Smith married William Turner, she married into another family with deep roots in New England, all the way back to the 17th century.
- When Stephen W. Smith married Linda Marie Osterman, he married into a family with deep roots in New England, too.

Did you know that the Smith, Turner, and Osterman families have lots of military, both actives and veterans?

- Army, Navy and Air Force are favored branches but not the only ones.
- Stephen (sometimes spelled Steven, and also Stephanie) was a favorite family name. Stephen W. was named after his great-great-grandfather, and he has four namesakes. (and counting?)
- Other Smith/Turner family names include Anna (also Annelise and Ana), Rebecca, Francis, and Matthew.
- Stephen's cousins, Jane and Aunt Jo, are among many more Smith relatives.

Did you know that the Osterman family's earliest immigrants were named Billings?

- Anna Billings married Solomon Hakes in Connecticut after he arrived in 1702

from Devonshire, England. Her family had been here since the mid-1600s. Her grandfather, a sea captain, was a founder of Block Island (in Long Island Sound). His name, William Billings, is engraved on the Founder's Rock there.

- Billingses still live in N. Stonington, Connecticut.
- Our Ward ancestors, originally from Scotland, then New Jersey, were here early, too. Two Wards fought in the Revolutionary War.
- Smith/Osterman family names include John, Lewis, Theodore, Emerson, Ward, Marie, Edyth, and Rose.

Did you know that we are a true American melting pot?

- Our Smith, Turner, and Osterman families have ancestors from China, Czechia, Denmark, England, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Nicaragua, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, and Vietnam!