

Chronological History of The Kearsarge Shoe Peg Co., Bartlett, NH

1865

The Kearsarge Peg Company was established in Andover, NH, by Gerry and Augustus Morgan and the Baker, Carr & Sons Co. Sometime later the Baker, Carr & Sons interest appears to have been purchased by Jacob Rice Foster. **(1) (3)**.

1868

Edwin Joseph Foster, the son of Jacob R. Foster, is born in Somersworth, NH, 3/19/68. **(2)**.

1874

J.R. Foster marries Mary G. Nash of Great Falls (Somersworth, NH) in Andover NH, on 10/18/74. J.R. Foster was 40 (born 2/21/1834). Mary Nash was 25 (born 10/6/1849). **(3)**.

1878

The J.R. Foster family moved to Fryeburg, ME. **(3)**.
The Kearsarge Peg Co. is established in Bartlett, NH, by Gerry and Augustus Morgan, and J.R. Foster. Eventually the Morgan Brothers purchased Mr. Foster's interest in the business. **(1) (5)**.

1881

The J.R. Foster family moved to Concord, NH, 4/25/81. **(3)**.

1889

The J.R. Foster family moved to Warrensburgh, NY, 9/11/89. **(3)**.

1893

The J.R. Foster family moved to Shelburne Falls, MA, 6/25/93. **(3)**.
J.R. Foster builds a shoe peg mill in Shelburne Falls, MA. **(7)**.
Company letterhead = "J.R. Foster, Manufacturer of Blue Star Shoe Peg." **(3)**.
The supposedly inexhaustible wood supply runs out in only five years. **(7)**.

1897

Edwin J. Foster and Mary Jenks are married in Shelburne Falls, MA, 5/26/97. **(2)**

1898

Brothers Edwin J. and George R. Foster and families move to Plymouth, NH. **(2)**
J.R. Foster and his sons move the machinery from Shelburne Falls, MA, to Plymouth, NH, and build a mill.
Company letterhead = J.R. Foster, Manufacturer of The "Blue Star" Brand Shoe Pegs. Later they also made bobbins. **(3) (6) (7)**.
Later the Plymouth, NH, mill became known as The Plymouth Manufacturing Co. **(2)**

1906

J.R. Foster is living in Shelburne Falls, MA. **(6)**

1910

The Kearsarge Peg Mill in Bartlett, NH, suffers a catastrophic fire. **(4)**.

J.R Foster and his sons purchase The Kearsarge Peg Co for \$ 2,000. **(1) (3) (4)**.

1911

The Foster's rebuild The Kearsarge Peg Co. and Edwin and George run it until 1944. **(2) (3)**.

Company letterhead = Kearsarge Peg Company, Manufacturers of "Red Star" Brand of Shoe Pegs, Bartlett, NH, 12/24/11. **(3)**.

1925

Jacob Rice Foster dies in Shelburne, MA, 11/21/25. Born in Henniker, NH, 2/21/1834. Age 91 yrs, 9 mos. **(3)**.

1934 - 1944

All Kearsarge Peg Co. orders were being handled from "The Plymouth Office to Kearsarge Peg Co., Bartlett, NH". **(3)**.

1944

George R. Foster dies. Edwin J. Foster retires from the peg mill business. **(2)**.

Stanley E. Davidson and Francis L. Brannen purchase The Kearsarge Peg Co., Bartlett, NH. **(1)**.

1959

Edwin J. Foster dies, 2/6/59. Born in Somersworth, NH, 3/19/1868. Age 90 yrs, 10 mos. **(2)**.

1962

Mr. Francis Brannen dies. Mr. Stanley Davidson becomes sole owner of the Bartlett mill. **(1)**.

1966

The Kearsarge Peg Mill is owned and operated by Mr. Stanley Davidson and his son. **(1)**.

1979

Mr. Stanley Davidson, Sr. retires and the Kearsarge Peg Co. is sold to Paul Soares, current owner and operator.

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