

LEMAN BENTON GARLINGHOUSE & MARTHA ANN SPALDING

Cemetery Location: Section 11 Lot 174

Leman Benton Garlinghouse (1814-1872) was born in Canandaigua shortly after his family moved here after the War of 1812 with Great Britain. At that time, the Canandaigua area was mostly woodland, broken here and there by a new home site. Transportation was limited to a few roads that were largely former trails. As an adult, Leman was involved in canal trade.

In 1841, Leman married Martha Ann Spalding (1818-1882) whose family were Quakers that had moved to Canandaigua from the Rochester area. They had four children: Amelia (1845-1847); Arthur (1845-1913); Frederick (1849-1940); and Caroline (1856-1894).

Keep reading, it gets more fascinating.

Leman and Martha's daughter, Caroline, married Alfred Augustus Houghton in 1877. Alfred was the son of Amory Houghton Sr. and was born the same year his father founded, what is today known as, the Corning Glass Works. Alfred and Caroline had three children: Katharine (1878-1951); Edith (1879-1948); and Marion (1882-1968).

Alfred and Caroline's daughter, Katharine, married Thomas Hepburn in the early 1900's. Thomas and Katharine went on to have six children, one duly named Katharine. Yes... the **Katharine Hepburn!** Only one of the most respected and greatest actresses of all time!

Although Katharine passed in 2003 and is buried in Hartford, Connecticut, it's fascinating to know that her great grandparents are interred in Woodlawn. Leman and Martha (and daughter Amelia) were originally interred in West Avenue Cemetery. Woodlawn originated in 1884, thus in 1907 they were disinterred from West Avenue and to Woodlawn.

If it wasn't for Leman's family moving here in the early 1800's and Leman meeting Martha who moved here from Rochester, it's of great certainty that there would have been no legacy of Katharine Hepburn.

