

Clifford H. Franklin lived for most, if not all, of his life in Newport, Maine. He died on August 6, 1955 and is buried in his family lot with his wife, Ora. Cause of his death is unknown. He spent most of his working years as a representative for Smith and Wesson Mfg. Company. It is believed that his territory included most of Northern New England.

He was well liked and well regarded by all of his community. It is known that on one occasion, he, with the help of his company, brought a highly skilled sharp shooter to perform at a large celebration at Camp Benson in Newport, Maine. He demonstrated some of his skills by shooting Silver Dollars tossed in the air. His performance was heartily enjoyed by the audience and was long remembered by the community.

The enclosed weapon is believed to have been presented to Cliff Franklin when he retired from employment. His widow, Ora, passed this weapon on to Richard Banton of Newport, Maine, who later passed the gun on to Jerry Durgin.

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CALLIE A. SOULE
Notary Public, Maine
My Commission Expires September 17, 2017

Jerry Durgin state that the above information is correct as far as I know to the best of my knowledge.

Jerry Durgin 10/28/15