

Phoebe Borden



Phoebe Borden was the older sister of Colonel Richard Borden. She married twice. George Borden, a cousin, was her first husband. They had four children: Holder, Delana, Sylvia and Fidelia. George Borden died young. So, Phoebe Borden operated a Boarding house on the site of the present day Fall River Library. Holder Borden, starting at age 11, was the

man of the family and did the heavy work involved in running a boarding house. The three daughters became maids, making beds, cleaning, and doing other domestic chores. At age 28, Phoebe Borden married another cousin, Major Bradford Durfee, age 21. The couple closed down the boarding house and converted the property into a single family residence.

The money from Holder Borden's successful business ventures flowed to his mother and thus to Major Bradford Durfee. Later, the only child of Major Bradford Durfee's second marriage inherited a substantial fortune that was used to establish the Durfee mills and BMC Durfee Trust and subsequently to acquire other mills (Sagamore, Union and Border City).

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