

Lucy Keys Cradle Update

Inside her cradle there is a note reading:

“Lucy Keyes Cradle, The Lost Child 1755, presented by Presented by Edward H. Reed of Fitchburg who owned the site of the Robert Keyes farm back of Pine Hill.”

After contacting the Fitchburg Historical Society in 2026 about Edward Hartwell Reed, we have further learned that, he was:

- Born 11/2/1858 and died 11/3/1943 in Fitchburg, and his mother was a Catherine Hartwell (an old Fitchburg family.)
- Listed as owning Hartwell and Reed Monuments in Fitchburg, e.g.
- Hartwell and Reed Established 1844 per 1920 directory.
- Hartwell and Reed Marble workers:
 - 1880: Isaac Hartwell and George Reed listed as proprietors.
- Living at Newton Place at Main Street in 1883, working at Hartwell and Reed. Isaac Hartwell dies in 1883. He had been living at Newton Place and Main Street, where Edward is now listed as living.
- 1885: George Reed, (no Hartwell listed at business) Edward H. Reed listed as an employee.
- 1890: listed at 279 Main Street, included in an ad, too. E. H. Reed (son) and George Reed (father) both listed.
- continues to 1909: George not listed with business or in directory, died Sept. 13, 1908
- 1920: business listed at 580 Main Street, the same building, new street number
- 1930: 21 Merriam Parkway is listed as the new address for the building.

Edward Hartwell Reed did own the property that Robert Keyes lived on (and that Lucy Keyes lived on) in Princeton. But my researcher says he was mistaken when he thought that Robert Keyes' wife was a Hartwell: she was not, and the two families were NOT intermarried for a long, long time (many generations.)