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9/15/99

On September 16, 1999 → Cassette  
copies of the Alexander - Crawford  
Historical Society cassettes (38)  
were picked up by John Dudley along  
with photocopies of accompanying  
documentation keyed by number to the  
cassettes. The MFC is retaining the original  
cassettes but another set of service copy dubs  
~~still need to be made for MFC.~~ Steve G. 9/15/99

## A-CHS Archives Tapes

#	Date	Person	Subject
1	09/80	Hazel Cousins Frost	Townsend House and Ghosts
2	10/21/80		Fenderson Family & Breakneck Mtn.
3	12/10/80	Pliney Frost	(Alexander Historian)
4	05/05/81	Pliney Frost	Ned Lamb family & airline stage
5	07/21/81		A-CHS annual meeting
6	03/16/82	Harold Fenlason	
7	4/82 & 5/82		School in the Woods
8	04/20/82	Frank Fenderson	St. Croix Island
9	05/15/82	Jane Dudley	School in the Woods
10	05/18/82	Reed Holmes	
11	09/21/82	John Ahlin	Attitudes on Native Americans
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13	11/82	Floyd Hunnewell	Mills on Pcomoonshine Lake
14	12/14/82	Sammy Saunders	
15	12/82	John M. Dudley	Grand Lake & Pokey Stories
16	02/15/83	Frank Fenderson	Winters Past
17	04/83	Floyd Hunnewell	The stage cattle drives, people
18	08/16/83	Sandy Ives	Poaching
19	08/21/84	H & F Fenderson	Stories
20	12/18/84		A-CHS Christmas coffee
21	02/85	Floyd Hunnewell	Blueberries
22	05/17/85	Grace Mahar Taylor	Pembroke Memories
23	09/85	John M. Dudley	The 20's
24	12/85	Clinton Flood	Farming and memories
25	06/30/86	Audrey Ketner Chocolate	cakewalk of 1986
26	01/90	Lloyd Blaney	Stoll-MacGregor Mill
27	04/11/90	Parks Carle	Land Policy (Charlotte)
28	06/13/90	John Ahlin	Unity v. Margareta
29	10/10/90	William Hatfield	Cooper Stories
30	04/27/91	Ina Johnson	McKaskell family
31	01/16/91	Albert Anderson	Mill and Woods work in the 1930's
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#38 N.D. JOHN M. DUDLEY TREE SQUEAKS

#32 N.D. VOWELS + COMMANDS

Floyd Hannasell  
November 1982

Stowell Mc Gragor Mill  
Cherry + Le Belle

Stowell had car with skis on front and  
half tracks (belt) to go on snow

from tape 11068L

Floyd Hummel

" Stowell Mac Exam Mill "

2 horses haul bars to field

2 " " back to mill ✓

1 " ~~Scoop~~ out sawdust  
Scoop

pipe from mill to blow sawdust out -  
when wind from north - it piled up at  
end of pipe and then used Scoop to clean  
it out ✓

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Nail edgings that people had off the  
been in stores - \$2.00 ✓

gum up chimney awful

been out " 3-4 times during winter.

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most all stayed all winter at mill ✓  
worked 6 days week ✓

Sawyer for Cate Milltan + Pinckton

Plowed road after 1936 - in entire town  
in 189

Sawyer got a little more-

merthy for away - later Floyd did, <sup>little</sup> ✓

Oris Cousins ✓

Hagen throat worked around snap race - ✓

Ronald Cousins ✓

Lawrence + Danell Frost

Some Dwellers - had cars, long lumber +  
Shingle mill

at night for light - gasoline lanterns ✓

double mantle - great light but had to be careful

if ran out - had to cool before filling

<sup>birds</sup> Cut on goodben - mel had crew - hauled

by team - by Carlows ✓

after ice - by truck on ice



on Stowell Mac Gage Mill

Gloyd 11/6/82 Tate

Gloyd started second year at saw to end - 11 winter

Power by Desiel Tractor motor

Saw by Coalidge White Co. - Charlie, Calvin  
Harwood Cousin at night  
Rowena Bates, Viole Dwyler

144 hr. in 1935 or 36

9 hr day = 1.26 day

worked in mill once + while

" in stubbin field - stubbin bars

" day crew

" showing some how to stub when they started

a night crew -

Cold job

63¢ for Am 20¢/day ride 35¢ dinner

had 8¢ for Am work

+ 63¢ for Pm

71¢ total for fuel coffee + children

fuel yr at saw - include work 11¢ hr

Cut wood every where. ✓

Bought a lot too - people from Wesley ✓

↳ Bought land from Puffer? ✓

Howell owned land # years before built mill ✓  
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2400 cord / yr ✓

Cold old job ✓

bars left all summer - sawed Dec - middle ✓

May 1st - 10th

haul oldest 1st from July - Sept middle. ✓

Ship - Chain men to take wood in mill - ✓

men for Jim Cowan ✓

sometimes wood close so job real easy ✓

" he had to roll wood ✓

John M Dudley  
December 1972

Cora Murchie  
Herbert J Dudley  
Grand Lake Stories  
Pokey Stories  
etc

John M Dudley on Cora Murchie + Herbert Dudley

Lived on Wash St Cls.

Cora = Episcopal in Cls

1914 bot Wash Ave

Methodist in Milltown

Story of Al Capone the violinist

JMD + Church - stomach ache  
and castor oil

H J Dudley + fishing @ West Grand,

Owned camp on Kitchen Point - nice camp but bold shore

" Pineo Camp on Sand Cove

boat + out board motors - old days. / Uncle we made 22' boat / in board

had boat house in hatchery cove at GL stream.

Owned Poky before Grand Lake. Poky was Moose Hunter Camp - Duck trap

Stood Dudley's date / land lock salmon.

Three - wood work 1919 or 1918 - stayed til November out Poky

Swampscot Dory - 18' rigged inboard - make boat house for it.

Just log drive = 1919 "wildcat" sold to Willie Woodruff \$10

Hunted deer on East Ridge, Cooper. Smith ridge, Little Mashquash / fished on  
Reservoir.

Salmon fishing

Playing cards - The Evening Club Cls

Wash Co RR 1895

Opera House fire - early 30's + late 20's

Occasional trip to Boston by auto - 3 day trip

H J Dudley education - Pembroke - Wash Acad. Boston - via boat

teacher - customs officer - studied law B B Murray - lawyer.

Politics = Magn of Cls, County Attorney for years, Legislature 1 term.

Died of heart - one weight.

Story of H J D + Jerry Jones + big deer + Nathan Dodge carrying it out

Floyd Hunnewell  
April 1983

Stages - Mail - Cuthe Drive

Stones: Jasper Bailey - lesp - haw lip  
Jonathan Hunnewell - granite chopping block

etc

Side I  
 Charlie Grover - hoss + carriage - covered carriage  
 Frankie Magowan " " thru old fork  
 Frank Flood (Clinton) - kept hosses there + worked in winter  
 Rupture Day

Crawford P.O. - Near Pat Days on Arm Road

Charlie Brown P.O.

Cattle Drive Road

Old stage changed @ Wilbur Days in Wesley - west end of town.

P.O. where Eldridge McArthur is - Alvin Carlows Cedar P.O.

P.O. boxes at top of 50-Pine Rd., @ end Spearman Rd.

Herb Lowe lived where Francis Sullivan's house is now.  
Son of John Lowe

How they drowned up in the well in Breakneck.

Lincoln Flood owned Potthe Place 1st - Lincoln was father of Raymond

Side II  
Rt 9 - ~~was~~ etc -

Cole Place - across from Zellas back in <sup>woods</sup> ~~boat~~  
behind the store - way back - field (blueberry)

Flood's father born 1852 - went school across road

Jennie Glisspie's Father (Jaeger Bailey) main lip

\* Great story about ~~How~~

Jonathan Hummels in Benjamin Hall (over house)

Floyd's grand father → from Hollowell, ME - came to Cls to build ships

\* Story of the broad Axe + the granite chopping block

Well diggins

Legtunni burned Tom Blakney's Barn.

" " Charlie Brown's Store

" " Striking Will Strouts barn. + McPheters house

EMD  
Talking  
Steady ↓

Floyd Hunnewell  
February 1985

Blueberries  
etc

Ford Hennawell 2185

Side  
one

Blueberries - side one

Harvey Niles - found in Arm Rd  
(Wesley Knowles Jr)

Addison Place

Mel Hennawell

Thomas Slaney

one farm in topfield for b.b.

rakes - backward handle cranberry rake  
26 teeth 40 teeth 45, 50, 55, 60 teeth

blueberry shaker - not unclawing machine  
boxes

Charlie Gillespie - Bill Cushing - Buyers

1914 1920-21 50 bu for raking

Alwin Frost

19 road - King Maxwell

Dusting - spray

Straw from Princeton, Waite, Dixie, Mars Hill

Carlton Davis - Indian Rakers

Will Strait farm



side 2

- see Donald Frost

" Sheep make poor blueberry ground. "

Old Stories - old songs

" Garry's Rock - Log Jam

Foreman Jack Monroe

Fair Clara Vernon

. some of the words .

Boston Post Cain - not alex

Dams. Dwellings like

Barrows Lake - ~~foot~~ <sup>outlet</sup> - toward Long Lake

Pakey Dam

Lumber for Breakneck → Barrows Lake → Long Lake → <sup>E</sup> Metch

Wrist Mill - wheel  Where?

↳ ~~Princeton~~? Buckwheat + wheat

Horse powered thrashing machine (oats) @ — — place  
Lyons Road

Pressing hay @ Will Shout's - using horses in "presser"  
Frank Magroon's Presser.

Those born in 1914

Bohannon birth dates (Manley's children)

Clinton Flood  
December 1985

Farming  
etc.

Clinton Flood Dec 1985

Side One

peddled stuff in town. people, not stores

butter, potatoes, Father would butcher - beef, pigs  
chickens

Town on Tuesday.

express wagon

1917 Ford "Model T"

sold wood bought + sold berries

His father died in 1926 (Nov) Clinton + Della married Sept 1896

1st tractor 1963 manure spreader 1967 sold for \$500.

Russell Flood - well driller - lost tools in well \$700. Sullivan Boys

Mowing by hand huss rake bot 1924 still in barn top shape  
broke \$500 in 1963 sold for \$700 in 1985

Knight Pasture - below house.

peeled spruce, fir, poplar - hollow wood to woodland - down <sup>Lapskig</sup> Stream

King Maxwell - in flats  
Company's land

the Scribner

meadow

2 1/2 cord 12ft wood

Got truck in '28 GMC sold lot of wood thru Gene Platt

Trading in Horses - St. Stephen: (smuggled) Frank Halls' Stable  
Boardman Coal Co Fire \$300 for horse

After butter - sold cream - C/S to station Linton + Clinton  
5 gal cans

Hancock Creamery / Shoppoe / Grants Quite milk when  
Raised calves after that. Grants wanted bulk tank.

Lewis Frost Gorham Flood? butchered  
Butchered in center.

Eating pork roast frozen then thawed, froze then thawed.

Ralph Lyons, Princeton (Walter Brewer lives) sold Clinton mowing  
mac

Charlie 'Brown's P.D.

Verne Perkins - down behind Lawrence Ford.

Alvin Berry? lined where Clinton now is

Alvin Perkins - son Raymond moved to woodland

Scrubner -

died Dec 1926

Mistlewood Rd

- James Lyons Place - Benny Mc.  
Robert Fahan a Mohan

Charlie Brown

Stu - PO

Hazel Union } worked for Charlie  
Charlie Osmer }  
Justin Frost }

1/2 brother to Clinton's mother

Justin married in '22 - died in '62 40 yrs. married (Hazel Corwin)

Strange Hall - free work

Merlin + Ivan Scrubner + Clint (age 14-16) supper -  
sweep a pie - wash dishes next day

Clint + Duffy - Sept 18 1926 - 60 yrs in 1986

Pictures

talk of their children, grand children. 3 granddaughters

Jean  
(Bongu)

Joan - daughter in a Bartlett  
(ces)

where Duffy was born. Fred Hamman

Clint + Duffy's 2 cousins

Tape 90-1

Lloyd + Magie Blaney

Stowell Magruder Mill

90-01-22

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Lloyd Blaney

Jan 1990

90-1

1932 built - opera 33 -

People who worked @ Howard McCreger

John + Philly Hull - Mackinac

Eden Bliddon

Hiram }  
Herman } Sumner (level 50 - Pctn where Clark's now level  
in the shore

Boss John Mealey

Charlie }  
Cawledge } white

Harold Perkins

— Monk - Pctn

1932 or 33  
▽

Cold Floyd stayed in Fred Harriman house  
with Frenchmen who cut wood stayed

job. conveyor of RR ties - burn bark of 150' long - by saw despite  
bar cutting machine - take away  
-60° - lots of snow - closed mill.

Mill ran out of fuel.

snow by Balanons drifted 

Arthur Harman - would not load snowshoes. - knee saw cut deep

"cork screw" snow plow - on rock track

walked from Woodland to So. Pine. to lake to mill.

\* Tom Foley from Woodland took meats to mill - horse-sled/wagon

\* ate in cook house:

\* Margie said men were in Beach House - 01b Cherry House -  
saw \*

\* French guy filed <sup>saw \*</sup> Beach AM. Cut road a day.

Saw - back saw - wood frame - one man.


\* Jim Crosse did not work in mill at that time. he carried  
wood, water, etc. "Thought he was boss"

\* Water for drinking from spring. - washing from brook

Mill → worked there in 1933

\* Apparently brought in cookhouse + set up mill in '32

\* took bars to (above) Lincola. Stacked in field because of  
muddy roads -

made different size bars? 

\* steak for breakfast - rest ordinary - Edith got cook  
pies, cakes + donuts

General Harriman, Mech. Falls owns Johnny Sumner place NOW



DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
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MONO \_\_\_\_\_ STEREO \_\_\_\_\_  
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A-cus meet Bill Hatfield

SUPERTAPE

10-10-90



Stowell McGregor Mill

Dwellers  
Shaw's Shovel

side 2 Ray Luce - boss @ one time  
Jim Crouse -

Pretty good desc of how the mill worked  
some tales as well

also Carter Davis Mill in Cooper (George Hall)  
S-M sold edgings \$2 cord.

Worked 6 days/week. Most sawyers from away

Town started plowing in 1936 R+G and all

Anamiah Bohannon - @ Mc Peters + @ P. Sears

Some " history -

Jones - John - Miriam -

Manny - (Floyd's grandson)

20¢ for ride/day

35¢ for dinner/day

14¢/hr 1935-36  
9 hr/day

Coolidge White

Harold Cousins

Orrie Cousins

Hazen Street

Ronald Cousins

Laurie Frost

Darrell "

Stowe Mc Gregor Mill - Floyd worked 11 winters there it ran 12 yrs

Mill across brook - diesel motor - 2400 cord/yr.

Did Puffer own that Land?

Charlie Cousins Swamp is cold

Ran from Apr Dec 1 to May 1 - Hall runs from July - Sept.

Cooks { Alice Peche  
John "  
Eddie Frost  
Eddie Hamme

Floyd finished at the mill just in time to go to back peeling = 100 cord.  
later when

Cookhouse  
bench house  
Office  
Chancy House

Albert "Bud" Andersen

Woods + Mills in 1932

Chas Co NB

John M Dudley

Pokey Dam

Pickrell Fishery

Ell Fishery

John M Justice Documonskie Lake + Podor Dam 1985

side 1

1851 - Shiner Lake "Springer" River Drains Dam  
Stuff saved in E. Machin

Before 1890 - White Perch + Sq tailed trout  
Fred Hammann + Frank Arendt Brown Perch for Bay Lake  
Pritchell Fishery

About 1925 - Bangor Hydro. Storage Dam - water 3' high than now  
" 1934 Soaked / Quercus - + Burned  
Bass got up to Crawford Lake then.

Last Anne Drive 1919 Harvey Hayward.

1936 - Dam Build - Roll Dam <sup>pearly - woodruff</sup> Frank Mayum. Roll Dam - no gate  
Capsin Raft Described

mid '50s Dam by Wildlife - ME Fish + Game Dept.

mid '80s 1983 G-P gave Dam site to Crawford / Documonskie Watershed Assn.

1983 Fishway re-built by Fish + Wildlife + G-P <sup>materials</sup> ~~labor~~

Lawrence Lord / Dan Kettner did most of work.

Lynn Wellare supplied Rocks

Wildlife vs Human Use.

1095 in water

Water level + loons, Kingneck Ducks fly in 6 weeks

Ice Fishing -> trout/day up to 6#  
trotting in deep cove -> 1 or 2 / afternoon

Fred Hammann shipped 1 1/2 to 4# 20-30" long Iced - shipped with guts  
Good Deal of Pritchell Fishery - June-Oct approx.

Making dead ended artificial waterways by dynamite good for nesting

ELL Fishery - ells kept alive in pots - into bbls - truck wagon to road to truck to Boston etc  
ells run full moon July - Sept

side 2

Commercial hunting  $\equiv$  NO legal

n.d.

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Pliny Frost

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Pliny Frost

July 2 1986

Grange

Building 1908 Charlie Brown Fund  
its location

Aug 1889 Grange organized

15 men + 4 women = 19 charter members

met @ church til then.

Pliny - 1937 - 100 members

Population of Grange changes

mid-late 50s 200 members

1982 - 35 members - lowest

Purpose of Grange: Educate - Promote welfare of Am Family  
"interested in agriculture..."

no juvenile Grange (5-14) in Alex

Officers: Cones, Penman, Flora - Lady assistant steward

Master overseer  
Pres VP.

Lecturer  
Prog.

Stewar  
asst.

Chaplin Gate Keeper

Sec + treas

Programs ...



John M Dudley

Tree Squeaks

to ~~Read Aloud~~ ~~8/22~~

Floyd Hunnwell  
November 1982

Stowell Mc Grigor Mill  
Cheng + Le Belle

Name Richard Marin Date \_\_\_\_\_

FORM B  
TEST P 11: DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN LONG  
AND SHORT VOWELS

Sample: back    take    hat    pain    tale

- |     |              |              |              |               |                |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | <u>kind</u>  | <u>tried</u> | sit          | witch         | <u>pipe</u>    |
| 2.  | <u>mask</u>  | sail         | <u>band</u>  | paste         | <u>trap</u>    |
| 3.  | <u>tube</u>  | <u>fuse</u>  | cup          | stun          | <u>duck</u> X  |
| 4.  | feed         | <u>bench</u> | team         | <u>led</u>    | <u>trend</u>   |
| 5.  | <u>blaze</u> | catch        | <u>waste</u> | <u>strain</u> | glad           |
| 6.  | tide         | <u>fill</u>  | <u>wrist</u> | <u>skim</u>   | while          |
| 7.  | <u>toast</u> | mop          | gold         | <u>dodge</u>  | <u>joke</u> X  |
| 8.  | met          | <u>wheel</u> | step         | <u>steam</u>  | <u>dress</u> X |
| 9.  | <u>dock</u>  | <u>smog</u>  | stroke       | <u>plot</u>   | goat           |
| 10. | <u>tune</u>  | <u>fruit</u> | bunch        | dust          | <u>but</u>     |

Cut wood every where. ✓

Bought a lot too - people from Wesley ✓

↳ Bought land from Puffer? ✓

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Ship - Chain men to take wood in mill - ✓

men for Jim Cross ✓

sometimes wood close so job real easy ✓

" he had to roll wood ✓

Name Tom Date \_\_\_\_\_

FORM B  
TEST S 9: DIVIDING NONSENSE WORDS  
INTO SYLLABLES

Sample: sa|l|e|t

1. be|d|ic|k
2. a|t|m|o|l
- ~~3.~~ she|p|le
4. nu|n|f|re|s|s
5. fro|sh|e|r
- ~~6.~~ ha|d|r|o|n
7. ce|t|t|u|m
- ~~8.~~ ma|t|l|e
9. si|b|o|t
10. flo|g|ra|m
11. ta|k|t|he|r
12. go|t|h|e|l

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Name Richard Marin Date \_\_\_\_\_

FORM B

TEST P 16: APPLICATION OF VOWEL PRINCIPLES

Sample:

m i r n  
b l ā / k

Key:

m ē  
h ă t  
f u r  
h ō m ø

Mark the vowels in these nonsense words as shown in the key.

1. gr <sup>ö</sup> t e / X
2. ch e r m
3. sp <sup>e</sup>
4. th <sup>ā</sup> / n
5. d <sup>ō</sup> p X

6. dr <sup>ō</sup>
7. i l t
8. sn <sup>ö</sup> b e / X
9. br <sup>ō</sup> / n
10. pl u r s t

Think of how the ten words above would be pronounced with the vowels sounded as you have marked them. Now look at the ten words below. Think of how each of these words should be pronounced, but do not mark the vowels. You will say these words to your teacher.

11. loist
12. saub
13. neek
14. koy
15. plew
16. grood
17. bloun
18. heud
19. fraw
20. spow

Sawyer got a little more-

mostly for away - later Floyd did, <sup>little</sup> ✓

Oris Cousins ✓

Hagen short work around snap race - ✓

Ronald Cousins ✓

Jamener + Danell Frost

Some Dr ellup - had cars, long lumber +  
Shingle mill

at night for light - gasoline lantern ✓

double mantle - great light but had to be careful

if ran out - had to cool before filling

<sup>buried</sup> cut on goodben - mel had crew - hauled

by team - by Carlows ✓

after ice - by truck on ice



2 horses haul bars to field

2 " " back to mill ✓

1 " ~~Scrap~~ out sawdust  
Scoop

pipe from mill to blow sawdust out -  
when wind from north - it piled up at ✓  
end of pipe and then used scoop to clean  
it out

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Nail edgings that people'd hauled off to  
burn in stoves - \$2.00 ✓

gum up chimney awful

burn out " 3-4 times during winter.

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most all stayed all winter at mill ✓  
worked 6 days week ✓

Sawyers for ~~East~~ Milltan + Pinetan

Plowed road after 1936 - in entire town  
in 1939

Stowell had car with skis on front and  
half tracks (belt) to go on snow

from tape 110682

Lloyd Hummel

" Stowell Mac Isagen Mill "

# Stowell Mc Gregor Mill

Dawell's  
Shovel Shingles

side 2. Ray Luce - boss @ one time  
Jim Crouse -

Pretty good desc of how the mill worked  
some tales as well

also Carter Davis Mill in Cooper (Grange Mill)  
S-M sold edgings \$2 cord.

Worked 6 days/week. Most sawyers from away

Tom started plowing in 1936 R+9 and all

side 1 Ananias Bohannon - @ Mc Peters + @ P. Sears

/ Some " history -  
Jones - John - Hiram -  
Manny - (Floyd's motor)

20¢ for mde/day  
35¢ for dinner/day

14¢/hr 1935-36  
9 hr day

Coolidge White  
Harold Cousin's  
Orrie Cousins  
Hazen Street  
Ronald Cousins  
Lawrence Frost  
Darrell "

Stole Mc Gregor Mill - Floyd worked 11 winters here it ran 12 yrs

Mill across brook - diesel motor - 2400 cord/yr.

Did Puffer own that Land?

Cooker { Alice Pecker  
John "  
Eddie Frost  
Eddie Hamman

Charlie Cousins Sawump is cold

Ran from Apr Dec 1 to May 1 - Hall was from July - Sept.

Floyd finished at the mill just in time to go to back picking = 100 cord.  
later when

Cook house  
bench house  
Office  
Chancy House

### Where Does the Consonant Letter Belong?

Not all two-syllable words end in *le* as *able* does. Nor do all two-syllable words contain two consonant letters in the middle as do *magnet* and *happen*. For example, study these two words: *minor* and *column*.

Begin by whispering this sentence to yourself: *Joe belongs to a minor league*. Which part of the word *minor* seems to be stressed? The first part or the second? \_\_\_\_\_

Which vowel sound do you hear in the first part of the word? Long *i* or short *i*? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Using what you know about vowel sounds in accented syllables, would you expect the word *minor* to be divided *mi nor* or *min or*? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Now whisper this sentence to yourself: *Miss Frank wrote the spelling list in a column*.

Which part of the word *column* seems to be stressed? The first or second part? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Which vowel sound do you hear in the stressed part of the word? Long *o* or short *o*? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you expect the word *column* to be divided *co lumn* or *col umn*? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Use what you have just learned to divide these words into syllables.

bacon	dragon	habit	moment	radar
balance	flavor	humor	naval	rumor
camel	focus	level	nylon	savage
cider	glamour	logic	palace	sober
credit	gravel	major	petal	wagon

**Note:** If a two-syllable word is really a one-syllable word with an ending or suffix added to it, the second syllable usually begins with the ending or suffix. The vowel sound in the first syllable is usually the same as the vowel sound in the original one-syllable word: *vote*—long *o*, and *vote* *er*—long *o*.

John M Dudley

December 1982

Cora Murchie

Herbert J Dudley

Grand Lake Stories

Pokey Stories

etc.

John M Dudley on Cora Murchie + Herbert Dudley

Lived on Wash St Cls.

Cora = Episcopal in Cls

1914 bot 7 Cls Ave

Methodist in Milltown

Story at Al Capone the violinist.

JMD + Church - stomach ache  
and castor oil

H J Dudley + fishing @ West Grand.

Owned camp on Kitchen Point - nice camp but bold show

" Pineo Camp on Sand Cove

boat + outboard motors - old days. / Uncle Vic made 22' boat / inboard

had boat house in butcher's cove at GL stream.

Owned Poky before Grand Lake. Poky was Moose Hunter Camp - Ducky two'

Stocked Dudley's Lake / land lock salmon.

Three wood piles 1919 + 1918 - stayed til November eat Poky

Swampscot Dory - 18' ruggard inboard - made boat house for it.

Just log dory = 1919 "wildcat" sold to Willie Woodruff \$10

Hunted deer on East Ridge, Cooper. Smith ridge, Little Mashguash / fished on  
Reservoir.

### Salmon fishing

Playing cards - The Evening Club Cls

Wash Co RR 1895

Opera House five - early 30's + late 20's

Occasional trips to Boston by auto - 3 day trip

H J D education - Pembroke - Wash Acad. Boston - via boat

teacher - customs officer - studied law B B Murray - lawyer

Politics = Mayor of Cls, County Attorney for years, Legislature 1 term.

Dead of heart - once weight.

Story of H J D + Jerry Jones + big deer + Nathan Dodge carrying it out

Background notes by JGD

True or false?

Write Yes before the sentences you think are true and No before those you think are not true.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Environment includes all of the things around us.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Navajos live in cool rainy lands.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Navajos know how to live with their environment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The United States is a huge and varied land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The United States is mostly plains.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Conservation means using our resources wisely.

Which answers are correct?

Cross out the wrong ones

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 \end{array}$$

- 1. The United States has many kinds of lands such as:
  - a. plains                      c. mountains                      e. lakes                      g. valleys
  - b. rivers                      d. hills                      f. bays                      h. plateau
- 2. Rich natural resources found in our country include
  - a. water                      c. forests                      e. climates                      g. corn                      i. mills
  - b. cotton                      d. minerals                      f. factories                      h. oil                      j. cars
- 3. The place where a river begins is its
  - a. source    b. levee    c. tributary.
- 4. Two tributaries of the Mississippi are the
  - a. Ohio    b. Columbia    c. Hudson    d. Missouri
- 5. Altitude is the height of land above the level of the sea and is also called
  - a. energy.    b. elevation.    c. landform.
- 6. The highest point in the United States is
  - a. Pikes Peak    b. Mount Whitney    c. Mount McKinley
- 7. A relief map shows
  - a. what crops are raised    b. rainfall    c. rough and smooth lands

Floyd Hunnewell

April 1983

Stages - Mail - Cuthbert Drive

Stones - Jasper Bailey - lesp - near dip

Jonathan Hunnewell - granite chopping block

etc



Side I

Charlie Grover - hoss + carriage - covered carriage  
 Frankie Magowan " " the old fork  
 Frank Flood (Clinton) - kept hosses there + worked in winter  
 Rupture Day

Crawford P.O. - Noon Post Days on Arm Road

Charlie Brown P.O.

Cattle Drive Road

Old stage changed @ Wilbur Days in Wesley - west end of town.

P.O. when Eldridge McArthur is - Alvin Carlsons Cedar P.O.

P.O. boxes at top of So-Pine Rd., @ end Spearmin Rd.

Herb Lowe lived where Francis Sullivan's house is now.  
Son of John Lowe

How they drowned up in the well in Breakneck.

Lincoln Flood owned Potter Place 1st - Lincoln was father of Raymond

Side II

Rt 9 - lots etc -

Cole Place - across from Zellos back in <sup>woods</sup> ~~boat~~

behind the store - way back - field (blueberry)

Flood's father born 1852. went school across road

Jennie Glisspie's father (Jaeger Bailey) main lip.

\* Great story about ~~Home~~

Floyd's grand father → Jonathan Himmels in Beegans Hall (over home)  
 from Hallowell, ME - came to Cls to build ships

\* Story of the broad axe + the granite chopping block

well diggins

Lightning burned Tom Blalock's Barn.

" " Charlie Brown's Store

" " Striking Will Strauts barn. + McPheters house

EMD  
Talking  
Steady ↓

REMINDER...

Virginia School



Open House

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

EC 6:00-6:30PM K 6:30-7:00PM

GRADES 1 and 2 6:00-7:00PM

GRADES 3, 4, and 5 7:00-8:00PM

Floyd Hunnewell

February 1985

Blueberries

etc

Floyd Hunnewell 2185

Side  
One

Blueberries - side one

Harvey Niles - joined in Arm Rd  
(Wesley Knowles Jr)

Addison Place

Mel Hunnewell

Thomas Slaney

one farm in topfield for b.b.

rakes - backward handle cranberry rake  
26 teeth 40 teeth 45, 50, 55, 60 teeth

blueberry shaker - not windrowing machine  
boxes

Charlie Gillespie - Bill Cushing - Buyers

1914 1920-21 50 bu for raking

Alwin Frost

19 road - King Maxwell

Dusting - spray

Straw from Princeton, Waits, Dixie, Mars Hill

Carlton Davis - Indian Rakers

Will Street farm

Side 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 81889 \\ 16800 \\ \hline 15089 \end{array}$$

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3. The doctors worked hard to *eradicate* all traces of the dread disease from the city. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
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\_\_\_\_\_
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\_\_\_\_\_

Side 2

- see Donald Frost

"Sheep make poor blueberry ground."

Old Stories - old songs

"Garry's Reel" - Fog Jam

Foreman Jack Moore

Fair Clara Vernon

. some of the words.

Boston Post Cain - not aces

Dams. Dewellip's lake

Barrows Lake - ~~foot~~<sup>outlet</sup> - toward Lone Lake

Pakey Dam

Lumber for Breakneck → Barrows Lake → Lone Lake → <sup>E</sup> Machine

Wrist Mill - wheel  Where?

→ Pisseton? Buckwheat + wheat

Horse powered threshing machine (cats) @ — — place on Lyons Road

Pressing hay @ Will Shout's - using horses in "presser"

Frank Magroon's Presser.

Those born in 1914

Bohannon Birth Dates (Manley's Children)

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Clinton Flood  
December 1985

Farming  
etc.



Clinton Flood Dec 1985

Side One

pedalled stuff in town. people, neat stores

butter, potatoes, father would butcher - beef, pigs  
chickens

Town on Tuesday.

express wagon

1917 Ford "Model T"

sold wood bought & sold berries

His father died in 1926 (now) Clinton & Della married Sept 1826

1st tractor 1963 manure spreader 1967 sold for \$500.

Russell Flood - well driller - lost tools in well \$700. Sullivan Boys

Mowing by hand huss rake bot 1924 still in barn top shape  
bought \$500 in 1963 sold for \$700 in 1985

Knight Pasture - below house.

peeled spruce, fir, poplar - hollow wood to woodland - down Layskin  
Stream  
meadows  
King Maxwell - in flats they scribbled  
Company's land 2 1/2 cord 12ft wood

Got truck in '28 GMC sold lot of wood thru Gene Platt

Trading in Horses - St. Stephen: (smuggled) Frank Halls' Stables  
Boardman Coal Co Fire \$300 & horse

After butter - sold cream - C/S to station Lister & Childers  
5 gal cans

Hancock Creamery / Shoppoe / Grants Quite Milk when  
Grants wanted Bulk tank.

Raised calves after that, butchered  
Lewis Frost Gorham Flood? Butchered in cooler.

Eaten pork roast frozen then thawed, froze then thawed.

Ralph Lyons, Princeton (where Brewer lives) sold Clinton mowing machine

Charlie 'Brown's' P.O.

Verne Perkins - down behind Lawrence Ford.

Alvin Berry? lived where Clinton now is

Alvin Perkins - son: Raymond moved to woodland

Scrubner -

died Dec 1926

Thistlewood Rd

- James Lyons Place - Benny Mc.  
Robert Tahan a Mohan

Charlie Brown -

Hawes Union } worked for Charlie  
Charlie Brown }  
Justin Frost }

Stu - PO

Justin married in 22 - died in 62 40 yrs. married (Hazel  
Lewman)

Strange Hall - free work.

Merlin + Ivan Scrubner + Clint (age 14-16) supper -  
swipe a pie - wash dishes next day

Clint + Duffy - Sept 18 1926 - 60 yrs in 1986

Pictures

talk of their children, grand children. 3 granddaughters

Joan  
(Bongu)

Joan - daughter in a Bartlett  
(Ces)

where Duffy was born. Fred Hamman

Clint + Duffy's cousin

Lloyd Blaney

Jan 1990

90-1

Stol Mc Gregor Mill

Tape 90-1

Lloyd + Marie Blaney

Stowell Magruder Mill

5. The band had 26 boys &  
many more girls than b

People who worked @ Stowell McMeager

John + Philip Hull - Macbeas

Eben Glidden

Hiram }  
Herman } summer (level 50 - Pctn when Clark now level  
          } in the shore

Boss John Mealey

Charlie }  
awledge } white

Harold Pectin

— Monk - Peta

1932 or 33  
▽

Cold Floyd stayed in Fred Harriman house  
with Frenchmen who cut wood stayed

job: conveyor of RR ties - beam back of 150' long - by saw despite  
bar cutting machine - take away  
-60° - lots of snow - closed mill.

Mill ran out of fuel -

snow by Becharons drifted



Arthur Harriman - would not load snowshoes. - knee straight deep

"cork screw" snow plow - on each track

walked from Woodland to So. Pine. to lake to mill.

\* Tom Foley from Woodland took meat to mill - horse-sled/wagon

\* ate in cook house:

\* Margie said men were in Beach House - Old Cherry House -  
saw \*

\* French guy filed <sup>at</sup> Beach Hm. Cut road a day.

Saw - buck saw - wood frame - one man.


\* Jim Crouse did not work in mill at that time. he earned  
wood, water, etc. "though he was boss"

\* Water for drinking for spring. washing for brush

Mill → worked there in 1933

\* Apparently brought in cookhouse + set up mill in '32

\* took bars to (above) Lincoln. Stacked in field because of  
muddy roads -

made different size bars? 

\* steak for breakfast - rest ordinary - Edith great cook  
pies, cakes + donuts

General Harriman, Mech. Falls owns John's home place NOW

Albert "Bud" Andersen

Woods + Mills in 1930

Charl Co NB



John M. Dudley

Pokey Dam

Pickrell Fishery

Ell Fishery

John M Judley Pocumtoushine Lake + Pond or Dam

1985A

side I

1851 - Shiner Lake "Springer" River Drums Dam  
stuff saved in E. Machin

Before 1890 - White Perch + Sq tailed trout  
Fred Harman + Frank Averill bought Pickrill for Big Lake  
Pickrill Fishery

About 1925 - Bangor Hydro Storage Dam - water 3' higher than now  
" 1934 Soaked / Mesocene - + Burned  
Bass got up to Crawford Lake then

Last Stone Drive 1919 Harney Hayward

1936 - Dam Build - Roll Dam <sup>pearty + woodraft</sup> <sub>contract</sub> Frank Mayern. Roll Dam - no gate  
Caps in Raft Described

mid '50s Dam by Wildlife - ME Fish + Game Dept.

mid '80s 1983 G-P gave Dam site to Crawford / Pocumtoushine Watersteel Cess  
1983 Fishway re-built by Fish + Wildlife + G-P <sup>materials</sup> ~~labour~~

side 2

Lawrence Lord / Dan Kettner did most of work.  
Lynn Wallace supplied Rocks

Wildlife vs Human Use.

logs in water  
water level + loons, king neck ducks  
fly in weeks

[making dead ended  
artificial waterways by dynamic  
ground & nesting

Ice Fishing → trout/day up to 6#  
trailing in deep cove → 1oz / afternoon

Fred Harman shipped 1 1/2 to 4# 20-30" long  
\* Good Dam of Pickrill Fishery - June-Oct approx.

Iced - shipped with guts

ELL Fishery - ells kept alive in pots - into bbls - truck wagon to road  
to truck to Boston etc  
ells run full moon July - Sept  
December

Commercial hunting  $\equiv$  No legal

Pliny Frost

Grange (Side A)

Pliny Frost

July 2 1986

Grange

Building 1908 Charlie Brown Fund  
its location

Aug 1889 Grange organized

15 men + 4 women = 19 charter members

met @ church til then.

Pliny - 1937 - 100 members

Population of Grange changes

mid-late 50s 200 members

1982 - 35 members - lowest

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Purpose of Grange: Educate - Promote welfare of Am Family  
"interested in agriculture"

no juvenile Grange (5-14) in Alex

Officers: Carol, Penoma, Flora - Lady assistant steward

Master  
Pres

Master  
Pres

Lecturer  
Prog

Steward  
asst

Chaplin Gate Keeper

Sec + Treas

Programs :-

John M Dudley

Tree Squeaks

to ~~Read Henry~~ 8/92

THURSDAY » MAY 1; We will be conducting our second local history recording session at the Dudley's cabin beginning at 10:00 a.m. coffee time. We are hoping that Donald Frost and his wife will accept our invitation to be present as special guests.

MONDAY, MAY 19; We have a date to tour The Gates House of Machiasport with Mrs. Wesley Carroll, president of the Machiasport Historical- Society. We will all meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at JENNIE'S restaurant on Route I, Machias, preceding our visit, Mrs. Carroll has been invited to be our luncheon guest, She will be accompanied by Mrs. Carl Thompson (she participated in the 1979 Blueberry Festival) also a member of The Port society,

The Gates House, home of the Machiasport Historical Society, "is built into a slope close by the Machias River and commands a view of the site of the first naval engagement of the Revolution, Built in 1807 it **is** Federal style in character."

RECORDING WORKSHOP: Millie Winckler and your chairperson attended the all-day workshop on tape recording interviews held at the University of Maine in Machias on April 18. During the session Millie played portions of our initial recording made on April 1. And we came away with some very helpful pointers for our ensuing recordings of the early history of our home area.

Millie purchased a copy of the book "The Tape Recorded Interview" written by Professor Edward D. "Sandy" lves of the Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History. Sandy led the seminar which was partially funded by the Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities, whose decentralized grant through Calais Culturefest was matched by the Sunrise Research Insitute whose office is at Gates House. The SRI is the countywide historical agency which serves as a clearinghouse for local historians end genealogists,

INTERVIEW. DATA: Your chairperson hopes to type us copies of the interviews we will be making so that all who are interested in the early history of our area» can compile these papers in a looseleaf notebook to pass on to the coming generations,

Jane G. Dudley, chairperson RR  
#1 Box 1616 Alexander, Maine  
04694 (454-8472)

Present researchers: Tapes of early history (Millie & Jane D.

& Ellen W.)

Photos of old houses sites in both towns: Jane & Jack Dudley

Ethel Wallace & Zela Cousins Old cemeteries: Ruth Dwelley & Millie

Home births: Ellie Sanford Crawford

Lake: Ellen

Pocomoonshine Lake: Jane D. ^ John ^ Marie Dudley Curator: John

H, Dudley (this line written in with ink),

REPORT NO. 2

MONDAY, JUNE 23: GATES HOUSE is now officially open for the season and our long awaited visit has been finned with Mrs., Wesley Carroll, president emeritus of the Machiasport Historical Society. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Jennie's Restaurant, Rte. I (between East Machias and Machias) for lunch prior to our visit. Mrs. Carroll, who served as president of the society the first 15 years, will be our special luncheon guest. She has also extended an invitation to our members, from the new president, to attend their potluck supper meeting that evening at Gates House as special guests.

FIELD TRIPS: Other historical places being considered for field trips are: the Stanwood Homestead at ^Birdsacre^, Bar Harbor Rd, Ellsworth; Blacks Mansion, Ellsworth; Ruggles House, Columbia Falls; The Barracks Museum of the Border City Historical Society in Eastport; Burnham Tavern, Machias, and perhaps the Lincoln House in Dennysville should we wish to splurge for lunch.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: Lloyd and Ellen Wells, Don and Audrey Ketner, Ellie Sanford and Donald Frost are currently investigating possibilities for our fledgling historical society's headquarters. This may take quite some time. It took the Machiasport Society, now in its 16th year, only three years to find a permanent location.

(Incidentally, your chairlady has been a member of that fine group for 13 years).

CURATOR APPOINTED; John Herbert Dudley, of Alexander and Rumford Center, has consented to serve as our first curator. Persons interested in donating artifacts from the past, antiques or other collectibles for our future home should contact John. His summer number is 454-7476 •

CONTRIBUTIONS: Our first contribution has been a 32^cup electric coffee maker for any gatherings we might hold. It was picked up at a local yard sale this spring and the seller said it had been used but three times, each time for a wedding. This coffee maker is available for other community functions. Contact Ellie Sanford (454-2862) if you wish to borrow it overnight.

RECORDED INTERVIEWS; Millie Winckler and Jane Dudley are both equipped now with tape recorders. They plan to meet with long-time residents to record early memories. If you have any suggestions, please call Millie (454-2487) or Jane (454-8472).

HISTORICAL SLIDES: We will be compiling colored slides of old farms, homes, schoolhouses, business sites, etc. with the help of Ethel Wallace and Zela Cousins. Jack will do the driving and Jane will take the pictures which eventually will be available for showing before community groups and other organizations interested.

IN THE INTERIM RESEARCH on Pocomoonshine Lake, Crawford Lake and Pleasant Lake is being conducted by Gene and Estelle Moriarty, Peter and Karen Sears, John and Marie Dudley, Jack and Jane Dudley, Ellen Wells, Ruth Dwelley, Millie Winckler and Sue Jellison. We need someone to research Love and Barrows Lakes.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE has yet to hold an official meeting. There are no officers and dues are not collected. Anyone interested in participating, or being on our newsletter mailing list, should contact the editor below.

Jane G. Dudley RR ^1,  
Box 1616 Alexander, Me.  
04694



# Alexander – Crawford Historical Committee

## July 1980

## Report No. 3

SIGH! IF ONLY WE COULD ACQUIRE MILLIE'S SCHOOLHOUSE (at the corner of the Pocomoonshine Lake Road and Rte 9). The former one-room schoolhouse where Millie Winckler taught at the age of 16 is to be sold on July 11 at public sale at the Calais office of Atty. David J. Fletcher, main St. at 10:00 am. In spite of needing intensive repair, what a wonderful Historical Society headquarters (and community building) this little old dwelling would make. Should you have any suggestions how this might be bought about, contact one of our building committee members. (Lloyd and Ellen Wells, Don and Audrey Ketner, Ellie Sanford or Donald Frost.

GATES HOUSE: During our June 23 tour of GATES HOUSE, Evelyn Carroll (founder of the Machiasport Historical Society) reviewed the history of activities of that society over the past 16 years. "We hadn't been organized too long," she said, "before we realized we needed a home to place the various papers, furniture and artifacts that friends had given us. At that time Gates House was one of the few remaining buildings on the waterfront, and it was to be dismantled and moved. The new society was able to obtain a year's lease for a nominal fee (\$1.00) which allowed the time for a small group to raise the money needed for the purchase." With a year's leeway, rummage sales were held, bake bean suppers every month, and pens and stationery were sold. We also received several generous gifts which helped make the purchase possible." Incidentally, the Machiasport Historical Society started with only 12 members (we have 30) and now there are 400. Think on this. We would like to thank Mrs. Carroll, and the new president, Ruth Page, for the interesting afternoon at the Port. And for the refreshing punch and cake they so graciously prepared for us. We were sorry so few of our committee members could attend. However an invitation was extended to our group to visit Gates House anytime. (Hours are from 9 am. To 5 pm. Monday through Friday, and other times by appointment.) Incidentally, we all should be aware on our summer tours, whenever no fee is charged, donations are in order.

TO VISIT HISTORICAL EASTPORT (with lunch at the Cannery) Date for our tour of Eastport has been tentatively set for Tuesday, July 22, but we have yet to contact John Pike Grady, president of the Border Historical Society, to see if that date would be convenient for us to visit the barracks House Museum maintained by the society. Please contact your editor should you wish to attend the outing. Guests would be welcome to join us.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING: Construction is being started this summer on Alexander's 2<sup>nd</sup> passive solar energy house. It is being built on the former Charles and Lucretia Carlow farm on Pocomoonshine Lake Road by John Herbert Dudley, our curator. The first passive solar energy building to be erected in our area is near completion on the old G. W. Bohanon Farmstead (see Colby Atlas of Washington County, 1881). It is being built by Dr. Peter Sears. Peter's roots run deep in our forested community. His Great-grandfather, Fred Harriman, lived on the shore of Pocomoonshine Lake in a home on the exact site where Peter and Karen and their 3 children maintain a year-round home.

OUR COMMITTEE: The sole purpose of our Alexander – Crawford Historical Committee is to bring together those interested in preserving the history of our area, to record the old ways of daily life, and to revive the arts and crafts of the past before they are forgotten. This monthly newsletter exists to report historical research and activities of the committee. We have yet to form an official historical society, hold a meeting or elect officers. Those interested in receiving this newsletter should send \$2.00 (or the stamps) to the editor for the 12 monthly issues planned.

## ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 1980 REPORT NO, 4

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORTS; 4 Corners Schoolhouse 6-acre property was purchased by Dr. & Mrs. John Murtaugh of Pocomoonshine Lake. The Murtaughs have contacted Audra Ketner & Ellie Sanford, of our building committee, and generously offered the little old building to us if we can move it off the property by the end of September. There seems to be a question whether the dwelling can survive the moving and this is being checked out. And, of course, we presently do not have a lot on which it can be moved, or the money to purchase same. Give your good thoughts to this,

Alexander Methodist Church; Donald Frost and Ellie Sanford have been working all month investigating possibilities of obtaining an old barn (free) for its timbers and boards, to exchange with Bo Yerka for the tumbling down old church next to the Alexander Grange Hall. So far they've not received an offer for such a barter. The church has beautiful memories for many of our old-time residents, and is worthy of restoration. However, one of our most able volunteers stated flatly, after inspecting the interior, "I have no interest in working on a building so far decayed.

Crawford Baptist Church on the Airline; Ellen Wells, building committee member, has been in contact with town officials about our Committee renting this abandoned building for an nominal yearly fee. We would use it for our Historical headquarters, for a community old arts center, etc. Our local extension group could also meet there. The extension, which includes many of our committee members, has offered to provide a mid day meal, Saturday, Sept. 20, for a church fix-up day, and to help pay for the exterior paint.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE; As acting chairman, your editor has appointed Ruth Dwelley, Ethel Wallace and Ellen to serve on an nominating committee for officers of our fledgling historical society. It is most important that they consider only persons for office (president, vice presi., sec. & treas.) who have the interest and time to serve us well. This may be a little premature, but if we do get a building we will need a legal organization,

CLIMBING BREAKNECK MT.; Donald, Ruth and Millie Winckler are planning to ascend ^Breakneck\* this month and have invited all interested persons in the vicinity to accompany them. Site of the original settlement of our area, this historical height has many secrets to reveal to the discerning eyes of present day historians. And what a splendid place to picnic: For further information contact Ruth (454-2385) or Millie (454-2847) •

DONATIONS; A generous Memorial Donation, in the names of Solomon O. and Adelaide Strout (both born in Alexander) has been sent by their granddaughter Gertrude Strout Winter of Bucksport. Another equally generous donation has been received from their great granddaughter, Nancy M. Winter of Bangor. These contributions, and the two others received last month, have been put into a Historical Committee Building Fund savings account at the Calais Federal Savings & loan by your editor.

EASTPORT HISTORICAL TOUR, July 22, was just great: Our friend Margaret Jones of that eastern most city, prepared a grand tour which included stops at the Barrack's Museum, Quoddy Tides Marine Library, Peavey Library, tours of two early American homes, and lunch at The Cannery. Thank you, Margaret:

NEW SUBSCRIBERS; It may interest you to learn we now have newsletter subscribers (all of whom will be considered charter members when we formally organize) from Bangor, Bucksport, Eastport, Machiasport, Princeton, Waite & Pepperell, Mass. How about that:

SPECIAL PROJECT; Jane Dudley and Audra Ketner are beginning a collection of tin boxes & tin containers (old & current) for a very special project. All contributions appreciated,

ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 1980

REPORT NO. 5

CHARTER OFFICERS; Our newly named officers, selected by the nominating committee are: President, Jane Dudley of Pocomoonshine Lake; Vice President, Audrey Ketner of Pocomoonshine Lake and Newark, Del.; Treasurer, Millie Winckler of Pleasant Lake and Calais, and Acting Secretary, Ruth Dwelley of Pleasant Lake.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE; After much thought and discussion, your executive board members, at their first open meeting, voted unanimously (but reluctantly) not to accept the generous offer the Murtaughs have made of the little historical schoolhouse and the property on which it stands. According to Carleton Davis (Jack Dudley Don Ketner and Lloyd Wells) we would have to spend \$5,000 (and this is figured low") right away to raise the building, cut off 2 feet of dry rot all the way around, hand dig the space under the rotting floor, etc. before we even could begin work on the leaking roof, side walls, rafters, windows, etc. Gad! We have \$58,00 in our building account! There are a few interesting alternatives which we are about to investigate. Ruth, Millie, Jane and Jack have been appointed to do so.

SEPTEMBER 23 FIELD TRIP; A visit to historical RUGGLES HOUSE in Columbia Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 23. We will lunch at The Rusty Anchor and in the afternoon visit Cape Split Place in nearby Addison to view the work of Maine artist John Marin 1870-1953; then (and this is optional) have a car-tour of Jonesport and Beals Island on our way back home. How about that! ARE YA ALL COMING? Jane Dudley (454-8472) is handling reservations.

SHOEBOX FILES; L.L. BEANS, INC. was known for years to keep its records in shoeboxes. What was good enough for BEANS is good enough for us. We have started indexing (under individual family names) clippings of weddings, births' deaths, family reunions, etc. Should you wish your family included, please send such clippings, and individual family member statistics on 5 x 7<sup>1/2</sup> cards (recipe cards) to your president.

DONATIONS; Mrs. Hale Tongren of Clifton, Va. has donated 15 or more valuable Maine History Books now out of print These will be listed when space allows. Ellie Sanford has also donated an antique glass jar butter churn and a darling little wooden-framed slate,

CLIMBING ^breakneck" ON SEPT, 3rd; According to Ruth Dwelley transportation may be available when our members and friends climb Alexander's historical mountain on this date. Contact Ruth for further particulars (454-2385),

PRIVATE CEMETARIES; Ruth would also like to be contacted by readers who know of any old cemeteries in Alexander and Crawford, She and Millie are doing a survey. Carleton Davis has been a great help to them!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE; Ellie will be conducting a door to door membership drive this September. Dues in our newly formed Society are \$1.00 per year. (Printed membership cards are being designed, printed and donated by Millie.) Please remember that the charter membership list closes December 31, 1980. If you would like your name to appear on the charter membership plaque along with the other founding members (to be hung in our future headquarters), contact Jane and so indicate.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS; We now have newsletter subscribers living in Philadelphia (Whites), and in Portland, Me. (Bonnell), as well as in Brewer, Bucksport, Eastport, Machiasport, Princeton, Waite, and in Pepperell, Mass. What wonderful moral support!

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE; Chairwoman Ellie Sanford has some wonderful plans for a really fun project next summer to swell our building fund. Serving on her committee will be; Marion Cousins, Zela Cousins, Jane Dudley Marie Dudley, Hazel Frost, Su e Jellison Kay Keck, Audrey Ketner, Evelyn Klod, Bev Lawless, Jane Manza, Kay McNaulty, Barbara Minnick, Clarice Perkins, Karen Sears, Ethel Wallace, Ellen Wells and Millie Winckler

**ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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The oldest homes in Crawford, early building sites and cellar holes will be shown on the screen when our executive board meets Tuesday, Oct> 21 at the home of the president. The colored slides were taken in August when Ethel Wallace, Lois Donnelly and Jane Dudley toured the town. The 9:30 a.m. sessions (held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month) are open to our members and potential members. Call Jane if you plan to attend so there will be coffeecake to go around. During this October meeting we will tape the Breakneck Mountain reports, and Ellen Fenlason's account of the family which produced the first baby born in Alexander. Bring a sandwich if you wish to stay through the lunch hour. Your hostess will have beverages and fruit for you,

Community residents and historians are invited to join our members on Wednesday, Oct. 1st when we make our 2nd ascend of Breakneck Mountain to revisit old cellar holes and wells where a former community once existed, Contact leader, Ruth Dwelley, for further information,

TUESDAY, OCT. 14 is our fieldtrip to 'BIRDSACRE\*' in Ellsworth. Curator Chandler 5. Richmond and his wife will show us through the Cordelia Stanwood Homestead Museum (which is on the Bar Harbor road, just off Rte. I on the right). This lovely old home contains the original furnishings of the Stanwood family, and many artifacts of Cordless fascinating life (1865-1958) recorded by Mr., Richmond in the book Beyond the Springs which should be available at your library. We will probably lunch close by at Hilltop House\* after which participants have the opportunity to walk the lovely trails at Birdsacre where Cordie did her nature research, or shop in the area before driving home,

Our appointment with the Richmonds is set for 10:30 am. We will be leaving the 4 Corners Schoolhouse (Alexander) on the Airline at 8:30 a.m. should you wish to travel with us. Otherwise, we'll see you there. (A donation at the door, following the tour, would be most appropriate.)

Our local CEMETERY RESEARCHERS (Dwelley and Winckler) report that Nelson and Madeliene Flood have been very helpful in their interesting research of \*lost graves. We have also learned that Donald Frost, Evelyn Pottle ^and several others' are still trying to save the old Alexander Methodist Church from being demolished or crumbling away. We wish them success in reselling this fine historical building,

BIRTHDAY FILE: We are starting a ^postcard file' on birthdates of Alexander & Crawford natives 65 years or older. A birthday card made especially for each individual will be mailed **each** year from our society. Please address your postcards to the president. Remember to include the year of birth. (Postcards reporting addresses of former residents living elsewhere are also welcome).

APPRECIATION IS EXPRESSED to Margaret Jones for her secretarial assistance last issue and for the FIRST CLASS stamp; Audrey Ketner for her generous contribution which covered our Sept.-Oct. mailings; Dr. Albert Bailey and the Fenlasons for their thoughtful donations; and Constance Olson for the Winslow Homer print "lueberrying. We have also received a photostatic booklet compiled by Sarah Moffett entitled Early Alexander News 1873-1893

Please remember that our charter membership closes Dec. 31,1980. If you would like your name to appear on the charter membership plaque contact one of your officers. Membership (\$1.00 yearly) will not again be due until Jan. 1982. You might consider a charter gift membership for a friend or relative. (We have 5 gift memberships so far). We will send their membership card enclosed in a hand-painted watercolor gift card indicating it is a present from you«

Pres. Jane Dudley (454-8472) Acting Sec.; Ruth Dwelley (454-2487)  
Vice Pres. Audrey Ketner (454-7443) Treas. Millie Winckler

**ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**NOVEMBER 1980**

**REPORT NO. 7**

TUESDAY NOV. 18; Ruth Dwelley will narrate the slides taken on Breakneck fountain this fall when your board meets at 9:30 a.m. We will also be showing colored slides taken late in the summer, by Hazel Frost and your president, of the old homes in Alexander. We are hoping Hazel can be present to help identify these early homesteads. Remember, all members and potential members are invited to these open board meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Dudleys' cabin. Bring a sandwich (beverages will be served) if you would like to stay through the noon hour.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE; In lieu of our December board meeting, your president will host a Christmas Coffee at her home on Pocomoonshine Lake. Members and potential members are invited to attend this festive occasion around the Christmas tree on Tuesday Dec. 16 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Special guest will be Alexander historian, Pliney Frost, who has kindly consented to help answer some of our questions regarding the early families and building sites of the area. Pliney's only request is that such genealogy questions be submitted to him in advance so he can have time to check dates, and other data in his research files. Any question you might have must be submitted to your president by the November 18 board meeting.

WARM THANKS TO; Georgia-Pacific Corp, for its generous contribution to our Newsletter Donation Fund; to Gertrude Winter for research material; Richard & Emily Olson for the recording tapes; Ethel Wallace for Crawford's 1840 map; Zela Cousins for the 51 Alexander native birthdates for our \* Birthday Card File. Katharine Walter & Marie Dudley for the tin boxes; Ketners for their general fund ^donation; and Rep. Harold Fenlason for the 1980 Maine Road Maps. (These maps are available to our members and friends, and may be picked up at the Dudley home - or will be mailed on request if you first supply a large, self-addressed, two-stamped envelope).

WE'RE SORRY; Our Birthday File Box is fairly bulging with names of Alexander & Crawford NATIVES 65 years and older. Our executive board has had to \*up the age to 75 years and over, for the recipients of the annual handpainted birthday cards. We wish that EVERYONE could receive an original card on their birthday - but our Artist could never keep up with the number of paintings.

INFORMATION; The Genealogy PhotoCopy, P.O. Box, Kaysville, Utah 84037 will print pictures from old genealogical photos. According to our source the cost is \$1.00 for the negative, and 15 cents a print. A newsletter subscriber writes; ^ I used tape and marked each photo I sent to have a negative with my name and address. Also positioned the prints between cardboards. The Copy Price List is available for any interested. Contact Jane Dudley.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP; We now have 45 Charter Members representing 9 States. The furthestmost lives in Alaska. Pay your \$1.00 dues soon for CHARTER MEMBERSHIP closes December 31, 1980. (These dues carry you through to

January 1982). HAPPY THANKSGIVING, President; Jane Dudley (454-8472)

Treasurer; Millie Winckler (454-3695) Vice President; Audrey Ketner (454-7443) Sec.

Ruth Dwelley (454-2385)

Ways & Means Chairwoman; Ellie Sanford (454-2862)

ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 1980

REPORT NO, 8

Our first heavy snowfall, Nov. 17, cancelled our monthly board meeting here at the cabin. But your officials did confer over the telephone. By unanimous vote it was agreed to grant honorary charter membership to the three senior resident natives of our A - C Community. To be honored this Christmas Season will be Victor Archer (b. May 10, 1892); Mel Hunnewell (Oct. 6, 1891) and Reid Seamans (July 8, 1891). It is hoped they can be present at our 1st annual Christmas Coffee to be held Tues. Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Pocomoonshine Lake home of your president.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS (\$1.00) close Dec. 31, 1980. They are available to any persons who really care about our Alexander-Crawford Community, and its history, folklore and family genealogy. (You do not have to be born here to join). Presently we have 53 charter members whose names will be listed on a plaque to be hung in our society's future headquarters. (Perhaps you would like to give an A-C native, who lives far off, a ^charter\* membership for Christmas? A handpainted watercolor card will be mailed to such a recipient with your name on it. (Jane Dudley is handling membership this year).

SUNDAY^ DEC. 1: Our members have received a personal invitation, from the Hachiasport Historical Society, to attend their lovely Christmas Party at Gates House on this date. The Open House begins at 2 **o'clock** in the afternoon.

PRESERVATION OF THE OLD ARTS program begins this winter with a 'Knitting and Tatting Workshop\* led by Millie Winckler and Kay Keck every 3rd Tuesday of the month, weather permitting, at 1 p.m. at the Dudley's cabin. Everyone in the community is welcome. January 20th will be the first session,

ONE-ROOM SCHOOL PHOTOS: Millie, also our 'Schools' Researcher' is collecting old photographs of the one-room buildings to have copied for our records. (The photos will all be returned to their owners). She would also like to take duplicates of pictures of former pupils with their teachers, but can only accept those that can be identified by name.

PRIVATE CEMETERIES; Ruth Dwelley would like to hear from any persons knowing of existing gravestones in A-C's private cemeteries. She and Millie are registering these for our files also

DONATIOINS: We were happy to receive the Marriage & Intentions papers, 1827-1900, and early death records from Gertrude Strout Winter of Bucksport; the newspaper account of the Breakneck Mountain 1852 Fatal Occurrence from the research of Ellen & Harold Fenlason of Danforth; and the copy of the Alexander 1881 Map (with names of the home owners) from Dr. Albert W. Bailey in Florida. These are valuable additions to our research files. (Dr. Bailey has donated genealogical material on early families of Baileyville to the Woodland Public Library, "he writes, "While Baileyville is named from my ancestors we also have genealogical notes from many other early settlers both in Baileyville and Alexander. Gertrude has frequently said, ^Everybody ^ in Baileyville and Alexander in the early days were related one way or another. It is almost true! In fact, more of the early Baileys lived in Alexander than in Baileyville

We also gratefully acknowledge the generous cash donation to our Building' Fund from Virginia Harmon of Saco; and the Memorial Donations, (in memory of Charles Ronald Cousins (b. 10/26/1908 d. 10/28/80) and Stephen W. Dwelley (b. 2/28/1911 d. 10/18/80) also for our future building. And we express appreciation to Sandy Ives and Alta Jeffrey Beal for their contributions to our general fund (which helps pay for mailings, paper, tapes, etc.)

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Ways & Means chairman;  
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Bidg. Chairman; Jack Dudley (454-8472)

GOALS 1981; To work toward the establishment of a local headquarters where we can preserve our area's history and hold our meetings; where we can also invite community residents to join us in learning to master the almost forgotten skills of our ancestors and early settlers; where we can encourage our school children's interest in their heritage, and their appreciation of the beautiful forested community in which they live; and where other community meetings and activities would be welcome,

REVIVING THE OLD ARTS; We will be scheduling our 1981 'OLD ARTS' workshops at the Tues. Jan. 20th Open Board Meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Dudleys' Ellie Sanford has a list of exciting yesteryear do-it-yourself projects for us to consider. Other suggestions will also be appreciated. Bring a story about our area's historical past for the taping session,

Starting at 1 p.m. our first ARTS Workshop (Tatting & Knitting) will be conducted by Millie Winckler and Kay Keck. Remember, all members and potential members are invited to attend both morning and afternoon sessions. Bring a sandwich if you plan to stay through the lunch hour. Chowder and beverages will be served. (Due to a possible accumulation of snow in the Pocomoonshine woods, it would be best to call the Dudleys about their parking plans before leaving home) •

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP REACHED 114 PERSONS: With great joy we can announce that our fledgling society totaled 114 Charter Members by Dec. 31st. Our 100th member, who will be honored at her first board meeting, is Blanche Shain Palmer (Mrs. Arthur A. Palmer) of Whitneyville. Mrs. Palmer was born in 1^09 "in a small house on the banks of Washegegan Brook, Baileyville", She graduated from St. Croix High School (1927), Washington State Normal School (1930) and taught 10 years before becoming Whitneyville postmistress, a position she has held for 40 years "with no immediate plans to retire," she said,

LONGLEVITY blesses a number of our A-C natives. We are proud to welcome our oldest charter member, Mac Jeff cry Ingalls, 95, who lives in Bedford, Mass. Mrs. Ingalls was born on Oct. 24, 1885 in Crawford. Her charter membership was a gift from her sister Alta Jeffrey Beal of Jonesport.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE; Our taped interview with Pliney Frost on Dec. 16th was most fruitful. Even though the snowy morning kept our number small, as Ruth Dwelley enthusiastically put it, "I've enjoyed this meeting more than all the others' The Christmas tree stood in the center of the room, hot cranberry punch was served with all kinds of holiday goodies. We were happy to welcome Reid and Grace Seamans. Reid was presented with his 'Honorary Charter Membership'. (Incidentally, Pliney has consented to serve as our official Alexander Historian).

THANK YOU; Our Society is grateful for the 'newsletter' donation from William H. Dunham of Manchester, and the General Fund contributions from Alta Beal, John & Allegra Brown, Orris & Marian Cousins, Frank Frost and Norma Manship. BUILDING FUND; We also gratefully acknowledge a donation from Mel Hunnewell in memory of his Nettie; and one from Reid and Grace Seamans»

STAMPS ARE NEEDED; The printing of our monthly newsletter is subsidized by our \$1.00 yearly dues and donations, but help is needed with the postage. (Uncle Sam demands \$1.80 in stamps for your 12 yearly mailings). A small blue dot by your mailing address indicates stamps would be much appreciated by your newsletter editor whose address appears on the back of this letter. (Local members may make arrangements with Jane to pick up their newsletters at a central place in the community should they so desire).

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Treasurer	Millie Winckler (454-3695)	Buidg. Chairman; Jack Dudley (454-8472)
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LOOK WHAT'S COMING! Do any of these workshops interest you? This is a list Ellie Sanford thought up from the top of her head (with a few added) for our Revival of the Old Arts & Skills monthly workshop sessions'

QUILTING (how about lap squares?) CHAIR canning, APPLE DOLLS and CORNHUSK DOLLS for fall projects; BREAD BAKING by an expert (how about Hazel Frost?); the mystique of raising CHICKENS for eggs and food; CANDYING your own fruit rinds; SMOCKING, from baby's dress to Wedding Gown; PLANTING your Garden by the Sun and Moon; FOLK MEDICINE - potions, cures and remedies; RUG HOOKING; BUTCHERING and cutting up the meat; SHEEP SHEARING; simple WOODWORKING, SOAP making; HEAD CHEESE (Madeline Flood, are you listening?); and GENEALOGY Research (Ellen Fenlason, we have you saved for this one 1)

BOARD MEETING. FEB. 17th; We will be planning our Spring Public Meeting ^our firstly to which the whole community will be invited. We will also be holding the taping session which was cancelled out last month. Ellie will have her quilting books so we can select the pattern for our ^lap squares'. Remember, all members are invited to these open monthly sessions at the Dudleys\* cabin. (Parking conditions should be checked by telephone before driving into the woods). Bring a sandwich for lunch, we will have a surprise dessert. In the afternoon Kay Keck and Millie Winckler will continue their ^tatting\* and knitting instructions. Should be a good day I

OUR NEWSLETTER IS GROWING; Starting this issue a full page, featuring the Early Days of our area, will be added to our monthly newsletter for your Scrapbook. This is being made possible by the generosity of individual members and friends of our society. (Our first addition today was printed by John Herbert Dudley of Alexander and Rumford Center, Me.)

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS? Address your letters and questions to Ellen Fenlason, our A-CHS genealogy co-chairman, (who knows her way around the State Archives) at Danforth, Me. 04424 (tele. 448-7781), or visit Pliney Frost, our Alexander Historian, when you're in town.

BIRTHDAY FILE BOX; Nineteen original, handpainted birthday cards were mailed (Oct. - Jan.) to Alexander-Crawford natives 75 years or older. Your society will continue this practice in 1981. Should you know of any native in this age group who would like to be so remembered - please mail their name, address, birthdate, place of birth, directly to your newsletter editor,

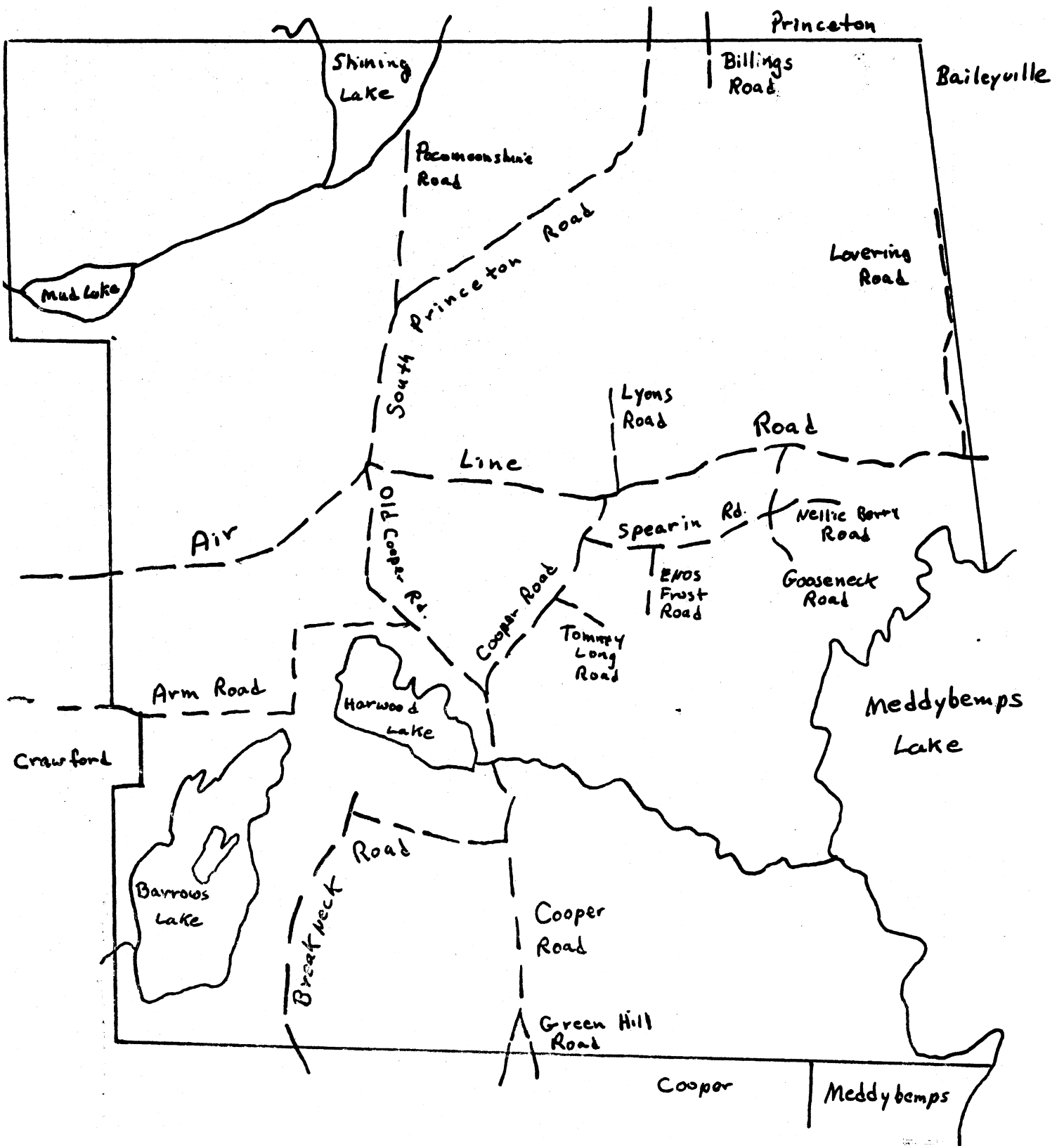
MEMBERSHIP REPORT; We now have 118 paid members. Twenty-four of these received ^gift memberships\* in 1980. Each membership card was enclosed in a personal, handpainted welcome card giving the donor's name. This practice is also continuing in 1981. Membership is \$1.00 (stamps also would be helpful). Contact your president if you wish to make such a gift,

A GIFT; An Eastport member has graciously given us a handsome, heavily fringed white silk piano scarf (Circa; turn of the century) to be displayed in our future headquarters. (Thank you, Margaret Jones.)

BUILDING FUND; We gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution by Victor Archer to this fund; and Beulah Frost Williams\* ^Memorial Donation\* in loving memory of her mother, Dora Belle McGraw Frost. Your society also appreciates the warmhearted notes and General donations received this past month from; Omar Cousins, Harold Fenlason, Bertha Frost Hoskins, Geneva Sadler and Catharine Walter. (The general fund covers tapes, stationery, and mailings, printing of newsletter s first page and membership cards).

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SOME OLD NAMES FOR ROADS IN ALEXANDER

MAP COPIED FROM 1881 COLBY WASHINGTON COUNTY ATLAS

OLD NAMES SUPPLIED BY PLINEY FROST - NOV. 1980 ~ PREPARED BY JOHN H. DUDLEY

ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH 1981

(We are growing. 133 members)

REPORT NO. II

BREAKNECK TRAGEDY; Three brave men, who lived on ^Breakneck Hill, 121 years ago, are being lauded as heroes by our Society this month for their valiant efforts to rescue a neighbor from a well. Only one survived! The account, found by our genealogists Harold and Ellen Fenlason in an August 12, 1852 copy of the Calais Advertiser (two days after the tragedy). is being printed in its entirety on the 2nd page of this newsletter

MARCH 17 BOARD MEETING TO FEATURE \*A HANGING\* AND CHAIR CANING; A hanging and other local stories, will be taped at our March board meeting at the Dudley's cabin. All members are invited to attend the open session that begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch and stay for our Reviving the Old Arts\* workshop which will include an extension of our knitting & tatting instructions, and chair caning by Jack Dudley for those who come equipped with chair and cane

ALEXANDER TOWN POUND; What excitement I A town pound in Alexander! Merle Knowles told us about it. He played there when a child, It's situated across the Cooper road from the old Knowles place. The stone posts are still there, but Merle said when he was young the old cedar rail fence was still there, but later a neighbor burned it for firewood. There is one rail left. There are those who would like to see the fence replaced and the pound preserved as a historical site

BREAD LOAVES TO RAISE BUILDING FUND; Homebaked loaves of bread each month are helping to fatten our building account. Ellen and Jane are the bakers (Millie and Geneva, the customers). Any persons interested in becoming a baker, or customer, should contact Jane.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING HOUR (mid June through August) is being planned by our Story Book Lady naturalist, Audrey Ketner at her Ledge Lodge home on Pocomoonshine Lake. Starting with Cabin in the Woods\*(Vol. of the Laura Ingalls Wilder series) our vice president will read aloud an hour each week, then take her young guests on a mini nature walk to illustrate the text, and to promote appreciation for the beautiful woodland community in which they live. Older children will be invited to help out. The program is planned to stimulate the children's interest in their own personal heritage, and that of their ancestors,

WE ARE MAKING HISTORY RIGHT NOW! Important 1981 happenings in our community are being recorded by our Current Events historians. Orris and Marian Cousins. Also, Ethel Wallace who has been listing the past & present birth records for A-C) has also graciously consented to serve as our Crawford Historian Her address; RR #1, Box 114, Crawford, Me. 04694,

RESEARCH LIBRARY; Our Society is delighted to announce the following contributions; Charlotte, Maine Sesquicentennial Historical Souvenir Book (1825-1975) given by Ralph B. Hatton & Leta Flood Hatton; History of Early Baileyville Maine Its Pioneers' Genealogy of Nathaniel Bailey families written by Albert W. Bailey; and donated by Gertrude by our Winter of Bucksport, Mrs. Winter also sent a copy of Jeremiah Frost Families to our curator John Herbert Dudley, which has been copied for our research library, and a 45 page manuscript of The Alexander Strouts now in the process of being copied for us.

WE APPRECIATE the General Fund donations from Teresa Gray Normal, Ellen Wells and Annie Frost Williams, and Blanche Shain Palmer's Memorial Donation in the name of her mother, the late Sarah Shain of Woodland (Building Fund),

NEWSLETTERS; Members who have not received their January or February newsletters should contact the editor. (A small blue dot beside your mailing address Indicates 15^ stamps would be appreciated for the 10 remaining monthly mailings.)

OCCURRENCE FROM INHALING NOXIOUS VAPOUR IN A WELL

On Tuesday last an inquest was held by Coroner D.K. Chase upon view of the bodies of John S. Phillips, Joel Gooch and R. T. Fenlason of Alexander, which were taken lifeless from the bottom of a well near the dwelling of Mr., Phillips. We are indebted to the Coroner for the following;

On Monday the 9th (1852) inst. Mr. Phillips had the water bailed out of his well which was about thirty feet deep, and had not been used for a year or more, and he went down into the well and cleaned it, and put fire to a handful of straw and threw it down to burn up, as he said, the unpleasant smell.

On Tuesday morning he went down into the well to get a few pieces of boards which were left in the day before; when he had descended nearly to the bottom, his feet slipped from the rocks and he pitched forward, and sank down into a kind of sitting posture, his head and shoulders resting against the wall.

His son, a lad about twelve years old, who had watched his father, ran to the house and told his mother that there was trouble with his father in the well. Mrs. P. knowing that Mr. P. had formerly been troubled with fits, supposed he was then in one; she went in one direction and sent the boy another, for help.

Mr. Joel Gooch, the nearest neighbor, arrived at the well first, and went down to assist Mr., Phillips • He reached the bottom, took hold of Mr. P. raised him up a little, and spoke to him; he then looked up and hallooed to those looking down, "Can you hear me?" and repeated the same, three times, then uttered a faint groan and sank down powerless, Mr., John Gooch, brother of Joel, arrived next, and immediately descended to help his brother. He took hold of him and spoke to him, but found he was just breathing his last, and feeling himself much exhausted, he made haste to get out, and his strength barely supported him till he reached the surface where he fell prostrate on the ground, and was for a time completely exhausted,

Mr. Reuben T. Fenlason, nephew of Gooch came to the spot soon after John had got out, and though warned of the danger, he insisted on going down, and taking the end of a long rope he went rapidly down, stepping on the rocks on each side of the well; made the rope secure around his uncle's body, and then began to falter, but was aroused by those at the mouth of the well, and he made an effort to ascend, but his strength failing him when about two-thirds of the way up, he pitched forward and fell head downward to the bottom,

No hope was now left of getting either of them out alive, and no other attempt was made to go down into the well. The body of Gooch was drawn out by the rope which Fenlason had put around him, and a grapple was made of an old pitch fork with which the bodies were laid out, a lighted candle was lowered down the well and would burn dimly, seven feet down, but would go out at nine feet down,

The Jury was composed of John Springer, James S. Boies, Luke Stephenson, J. Stephenson, John Perkins, Robert L. Tyler, and their verdict was, That the deceased came to their deaths by inhaling the gas or noxious vapor which had accumulated in the well.

Each of the deceased has left a wife and children, and many friends to mourn his loss,

THE CALAIS ADVERTISER (the following week)

In the account we gave of the fatal occurrence in Alexander last week it was stated that the water in the well had not been used for over a year, which was not the fact, as it had been used constantly up to the time they undertook to clean it. And over twenty pails full of water had been taken out of it a few minutes before Mr. Phillips went down into it,

ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 1981

REPORT NO. 12

AN EXCITING TUESDAY, MAY 19 COMMUNITY MEETING SET; A 'Chocolate Cake Walk, Community slides, edible doorprize, and a visit from colorful folklorist Sandy Ives (from Univ. Me at Orono) should bring our area residents out in numbers. Sandy (who you may have heard over Public Broadcasting) has been researching our community's turn-of-the-century history for a biography which includes George Magoon and a number of other hunters. It should be quite a story! We will meet promptly at 7 p.m. at the Alexander Grange Hall.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & ART EXHIBIT; Artist members will be meeting next month to paint our flora and local scenes for the Art Exhibit to be held at our Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Saturday August 8. It is hoped that this 1st annual community 'home coming' event can be held at the Crawford Church. Call Jane if you wish to join these 'painters'.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS; Our genealogist, Ellen Fenlason, has alerted us to Sec. 219 of LD 64 which proposes to transfer the State of Maine Archives records (including those of our community) to another area which will not be as accessible to the public. Sen. James McBairty & Rep. Georgette Berube, are the ones to write. They are chairmen of the Audit & Program Review Committee, Rm. 433, Station 5, State House, Augusta, Me. 04333.

EASTER BASKET; We have started a 'traveling basket' to be taken to all our gatherings. Members are invited to contribute small handmade, or hand sewn gifts (reminiscent of earlier days) for this project which will help with our newsletter monthly printing costs. Our basket currently holds 30 original watercolor cards of the earliest plants to bloom in our A-C Spring woods. They are signed by the artist, and many are suitable for small frames. Each has matching notepaper, hand-folded envelope and sticker. There are also several gift tag pkgs. Contact your editor if interested. (Cards are 50 each; mini gift tags, \$1.00).

RESEARCH LIBRARY; Three new books (with equally long titles) have been donated to our growing library; Topsfield Maine, Early Bailey Families, An Addenda to History of Early Baileyville by its author Dr. Albert W. Bailey The Charms of Your Children; Memories of a Maine School Teacher by Mildred Scott-Washburn; and Edward (Sandy) Ives The Tape-Recorded Interview; a Manual for Field Workers in Folklore and Oral History. Fine editions for our library shelf!

GIFTS; Stamps and cash gifts are being warmly acknowledged from members; Marjorie & Elwood Brown, Doris Dwelley Edgerly, Leonard McDonough, Bessie Dwelley Wheaton, Alice Varnum Williams, Mary Williams and Beulah Frost Williams. We also appreciate the 100 copies of our Jan. 1981 newsletter reprinted by our curator, John Herbert Dudley.

UPDATE; Due to circumstances beyond control our monthly open board meeting & Arts Workshop will not be held in April, but we will try to work in another taping this month as our March session was snowed out. Also we have no report to give on the Alexander Pound, as the new owner of the land, due to working pressure, has not been over to check it out before making his decision. And FLASH...our vice president will be returning mid May Society membership is ^1.00 a year. Stamps are also required for the monthly newsletter.

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## THE MOUNTAIN

by Roberta Carle Wheaton

THERE'S NOWHERE TO BEGINS--NO SPECIAL PLACE TO END-- The mountain has always been there, always will remain in spite of scars and changes. People living in the area of West Princeton, Plantation 21, South Princeton and parts of Alexander relate almost unconsciously to Pocomoonshine Mountain.

Pokey Mountain, 600 feet - more or less - above sea level, has echoed an inviting call to each generation since the first settlers came in the early 1800's. Starting with the sloshy trips in Spring, again in Black Fly season while the wild trilliums and lady-slippers bloom, through sunburn trips, and hunting forays in the Fall we never tired of this special outing. The woods sang with laughter and calling. If the fire watch in the tower at the top dreaded the youthful invasions, he never expressed it. In the limited horizons of earlier days- nothing ever surpassed the repeated tramp through the woods and the climb to the top. There was always a feeling of victory mingled with a stirring of deep pride to look down on the family farms, homes and land we loved.

Animal life abounds around the mountain. I am remembering the partridge two boys killed with home-made darts--the blood-curdling screams in the night of the Canadian lynx - the secret cave porcupines claimed as a shelter. Once milk cows mingled with the wild animals feeding in the woods and young people learned their way around by locating the bells in late afternoon, then following after them as the cows led them home.

Many a load of firewood, telephone poles, pine for Quoddy lumber, crop of birch, and softwood for the Woodland paper mill has come from the mountain area. About 1911 the famous 20-ton Lombard Steam Log Hauler ran between there and Sprague meadows. All this Woodland area has been owned since early 1900 by Georgia-Pacific Corporation and its predecessors.

In early spring an Indian couple named Sepris made an annual trek to a rock maple stand to make a supply of sugar and maple syrup. The only regular inhabitant I could learn of was a lame man named Charles O. Pike, who led a hermit's life in a clearing at the mouth of Lewey Brook. The first watchman on the mountain was Merle (Dick) Hoar - later a game warden known as The Greyhound for his ability to travel through the woods. King of the Mountain to my generation was Omar Seamans, a fire watchman for the Maine Forest Service

Omar's son Bruce was once visiting his father after a four-inch rainfall. A pocket in the ledge on the top caught enough water for the boy to swim -perhaps the only person who can say he swam on the top of old Pokey I There were three hunters who later witnessed a startling escape performance by a bear in the same spot and under the same conditions.

The first tower at the top was made of wood in 1918 and was fifty-six feet high. In 1934 the wooden tower was replaced by a sixty-three foot steel tower Have you noticed the mountaintop recently? The steel tower was dismantled and may become the base for a windmill elsewhere.

The saddest tale the mountain knows is that of the two lost Edgerly children: Edward and Franklin. The Grange Hall bell rang out an emergency signal and many people gathered that May 27, 1929. 3-year-old Franklin was caught coming down off the mountain the first day but it was 21 more days before the body of Edward was discovered under a canoe on the banks of Allen Stream.

People living in the area around Pocomoonshine Mountain rarely express the sentimental and private claims they have staked in particular spots there. This good old mountain belongs, in a sense, to all those who have looked on it a lifetime, played there, worked hard t ere, prayed there.

EDITORS NOTE; This article first appeared in the July 1979 SCHOODIC Newsletter, and is excerpted by the author from a longer article.

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ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 1981

(We are growing - 146 members)

REPORT NO. 13

**EARLY DAYS OF CRAWFORD:** Hurrah! Sandy Ives, Orono folklorist, will be discussing the "Early Days of Crawford" when he guest-speaks at our Tuesday May 19 meeting at the Alexander Grange Hall, at 7 p.m. It's going to be an exciting meeting - hearing about our early ^poachers\* and other stories. The session will feature a POCOMOONSHINE CAKE WALK with taped bluegrass music by \*Rich and Little Em\* (two of our Connecticut members who wish they could be present). Also on the bill, colored slides of our September 20, 1980 PAINT DAY at the Crawford Church.

The entire community and area friends are invited to this, our first public assembly, where two loaves of your president's sourdough bread will be given as a door prize. Our 'traveling gift basket' will be available, and Millie Winckler is donating a guest book for the colorful, historical occasion. Members and friends are asked to bring homebaked cookies for our refreshment table. Beverages will be supplied by your society.

**MAY 5th TAPING SESSION:** We're holding our morning board meeting earlier this month. (If it's a pleasant day we'll picnic beside the lake). Plans for the above meeting will be discussed, and Ellen Fenlason will give her research report. We will be taping 'folklore' tales with Pliney Frost and Jack Dudley. (Only members and potential members are invited to these monthly sessions, which begin at 10 a.m. at the Dudleys' log cabin).

**ANNUAL SUMMER HOMECOMING:** Town of Crawford has reserved Saturday, August 8, for our 1st annual homecoming at the little church on the Airline. — Ellie Sanford is chairing this Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, and seven artists so far are listed to show their sketches and paintings 'at the Art Exhibit which will be held concurrently. They are: Marion Davis, Jane Dudley, Evelyn Drake, Mary Neddermeyer, Constance Olson, Ruth Hart and Janis Schlenz. (Adult and children painters to qualify must either be members of our society, residents of the community, or exhibit only pictures relative to our area. Call Jane Dudley if you wish to exhibit).

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM;** Parents interested in this one-morning-a-week session, running from mid June through August, may contact our Story-Book-Lady, Audrey Ketner (tele. No. below) after May 20. This initial JUNIOR PROJECT will be at Ledge Lodge on Pocomoonshine Lake. There will be no fee.

**THANK YOU;** We are very grateful for the following donations from: Neal Dwelley, Ruby Cousins Farris, GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORP.; Orris McKeown, Muriel Varnum Smith and Albert Varnum - and a Memorial Day Donation in the name of Constance Smith Gerow (1885-1946) given by her youngest daughter.

**RESEARCH REQUEST;** The 19th Century JACOB STEVENS FAMILY OF CRAWFORD is being researched by a new member, Wayne Nado, RED I, Damariscotta, Me. 04543, who writes he would "be glad to exchange information with anyone."

**HELP:** We need two corresponding secretaries to keep up with our monthly mail. They will be supplied with paper, stamped envelopes & letters to answer. Since January I your president has written 76 letters (32 in April).

**ALEXANDER TOWN POUND;** No further news as yet about this property.

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  19. House site
  20. Home - Reid and Grace Seamans
  21. House
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1. Original log building put up in early 1900s by Louis Adams - Other buildings added. Sold to Robert L, Pond in mid 30s, then to E.P. Embleton in late 40s and to present owners, Gene and Estelle Moriarty in the early 50s.
  2. Cellar hole - Mel can remember a building there. Probably Jasper Bailey house.
  3. Log home built in 1910 by Herbert J, Dudley, Presently home of Jack and Jane Dudley.
  4. House built by Sumner Hartford in late 40s. Later sold to William Green and presently owned by his Grandchildren.

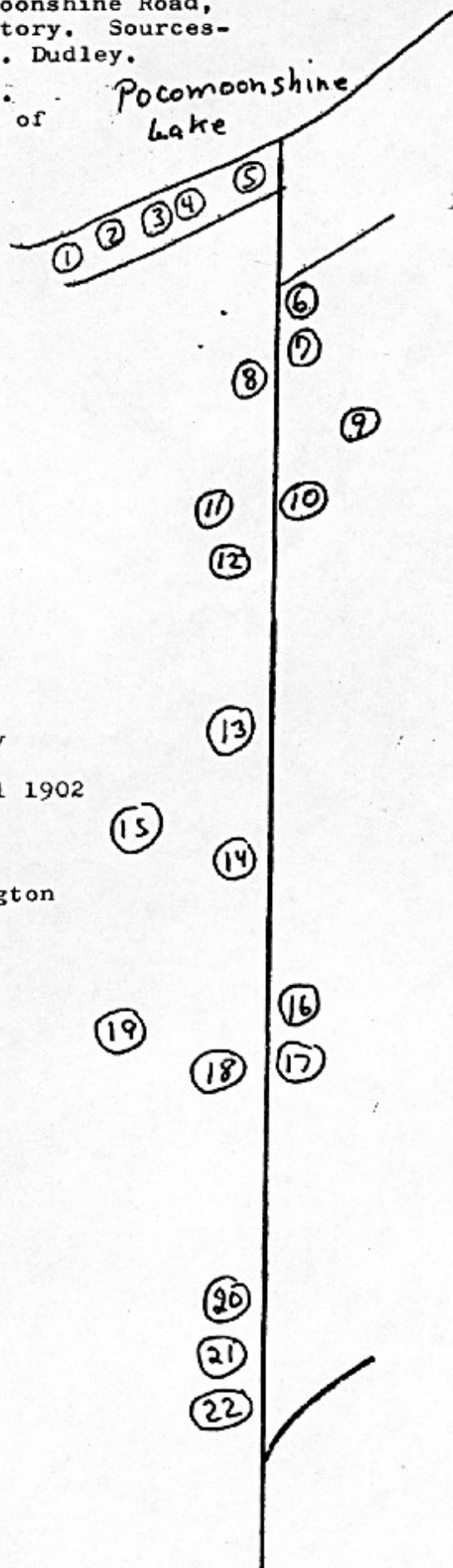
5. House - Bought by Fred Harriman 1894 from Jasper Bailey, Harriman lived there until 1935 - Then Edith Grouse for a few years - Sold to Viola Green in mid 1940s - Green took down old house and built present one. Green then sold to Lundgren - Lundgren to Hilleary - Hilleary to Peter Sears in 1975 - Peter Sears is Great Grandson of Fred Harriman.
6. House built in 1970s - owned by Karen Haganaur.
7. Depression - Just a cellar hole 75 years ago.
8. House site - house built around 1923 - owned by Fred Harriman, Johnny Summers, and then Fred Harriman and his heirs. Was torn down in the early 1960s.
9. Depression - There was a log house there, John M. Dudley can remember the remains of it. Belonged to Sylvester McGlaughlin - Mel remembers a beautiful spring on the South of the road leading to this house.
10. Cellar hole - This belonged to Warren McGlaughlin, Warren and Sylvester were brothers. Their sister Nancy married Joseph Cousins,
11. Cellar hole - Joseph Cousins lived there - Arthur Harriman lived there for a few years - Then Charles Carlow - Owned by Lenora Perkins then by John M, Dudley - Now owned by John H, and E. Marie Dudley who are building a home. Was owned before 1910 by George Magoon.
12. Depression - This is where Robert McArthur and family lived until 1902.
13. Cellar hole - "Johnny Gate" - John McGlaughlin lived there.
14. House and cellar hole - This was the John Irving house - Occupied by Charles F. Cousins from about 1900 to about 1945 - Then Ralph and Linnie McArthur - They sold to Pennington who took down house - Joe Pennington built a summer place near site of original house - Colby shows this house belonging to Thomas Blaney.
13. Foundation 7
16. Camp built In 1970s "
17. Trailers owned by Walkers -moved In during 1970s
- 18 Original house built In 1930s by Orris Cousins - New house built In 1970s as home of Orris and Marian
19. House site - log house moved out of there in early 60s
20. New home built by Reld and Grace Seamans in early 1970s
21. Seamans summer home moved south to this location and rebuilt into year round house
22. Cellar hole - Robert McArthur moved the Sussie house to this spot In 1900 and rebuilt It - In 1902 he moved his family here - No buildings here now - Sussie house had stood where Fred Stevenson now lives



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**ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**JUNE 1981**

**(We're still growing - 159 members)**

**REPORT NO, 14**

**OLD TIME HAYING PRACTICES & STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE;** We will be celebrating an early July 4th and taping 'Old Time Haying Practices & Folklore\*' at our monthly open board meeting, Tuesday, June 23, to which all members and potential members are invited. We only request you bring an extra sandwich or two for the noonday Sandwich Tray. Strawberry shortcake and lemonade will be served. The brief business session starts promptly at 10 a.m, to be followed by the taping. Helpful tips on basic organization of your genealogy notes will continue after lunch with Ellen Fenlason as leader,

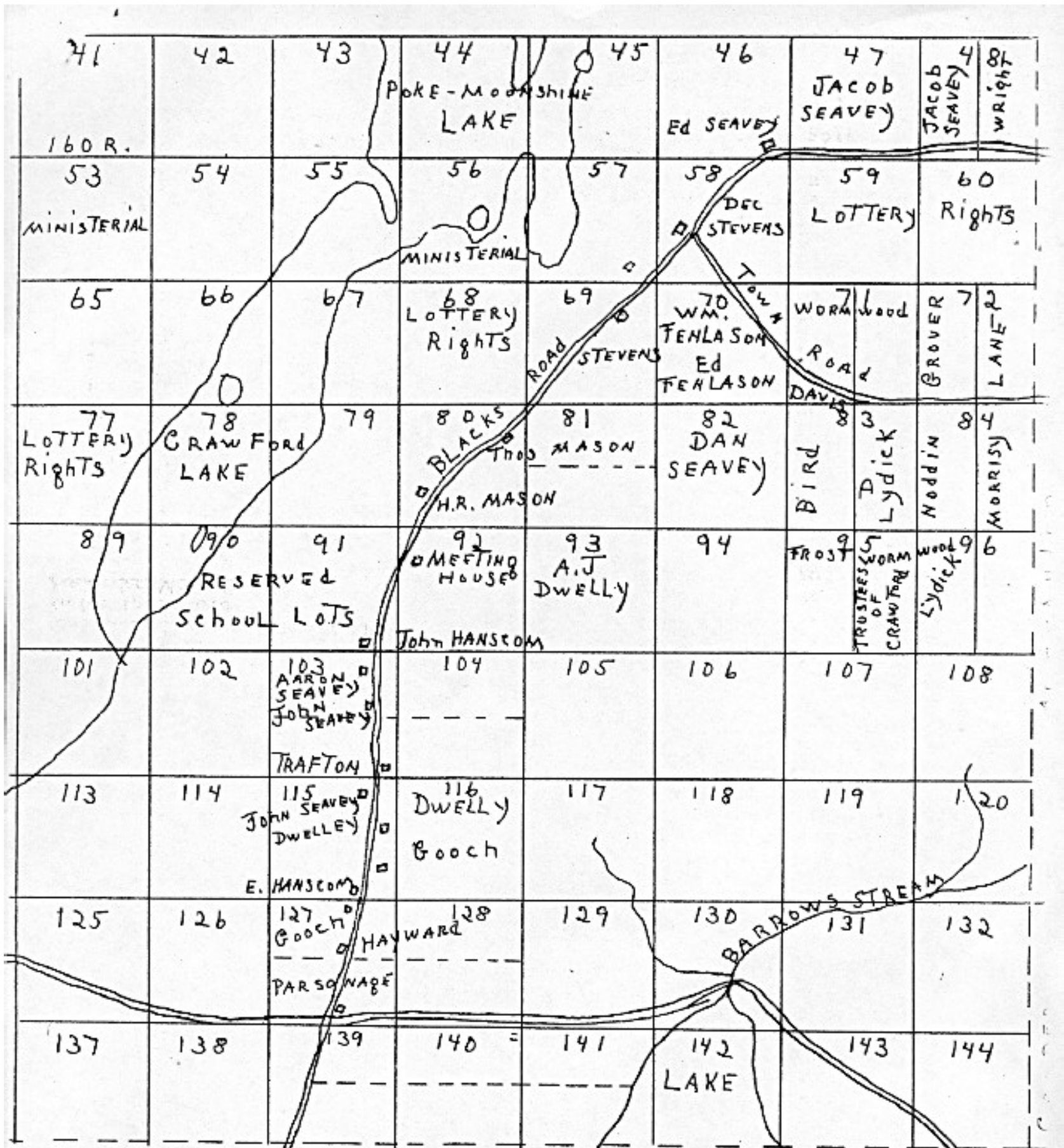
**HOMECOMING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th;** Several of our away members have written saying when they were back for a visit a year or so ago, they could find no one to talk with about the earlier days. Our society's 1st annual summer homecoming, an Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, will be held this date at the Crawford Church on the Airline. A good time to plan that visit home.

**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES;** One of the continuing goals of our fledgling society is to encourage our area children's interest in their historical past, and their appreciation of the beautiful community in which they live through varied seasonal programs. Our 1981 summer program begins such adventures; Adventure in Reading starts June 24 and runs through August for grammar school age children, at the home of Mrs. Audrey Ketner on Pocomoonshine Lake, Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 am. There is no fee and all interested children are invited to participate. Telephone Mrs. Ketner (454-7443) for further particulars. (Planned for September Saturday mornings are Woodlore Junior Meetings at the Dudleys\* cabin) • Nineteen eighty-one is the Charter Year for Junior Memberships. Perhaps you know of a child who would enjoy being one of our first A-CHS junior members, a membership gift to be cherished the rest of his/her life. (We presently have five such gift memberships). Dues are only \$1.00 yearly, and the junior member receives a personal membership card and the monthly newsletter. In the future we hope to add a Junior Page to our newsletter featuring historical stories, and a listing of monthly events to watch for; such as the progression of flowering wildflowers, migration of spring & fall birds, butterflies, etc.

**DO YOU REMEMBER** the patches of moss phlox (splashes of vivid pink, lovely lavender and dazzling white flowers) which graced the A & C cemeteries around Memorial Day! Well, they're still here. As Phyllis Archer painted the Alexander cemetery wire fence (and Jack Dudley touched up the sign) there were blueberries, pussytoes and wild strawberries flowering in the grey reindeer moss beneath their feet. And the dark shiny leaves of the Wintergreen ground cover still covered the scarlet berries which managed to escape the hungry wintering birds and deer. (These are edible, you know).

**MEMBERS LETTER BOX;** Lewis M. Harison, 212 Spanish Oak Lane, Kerrville, Texas 7802 would like to obtain a copy of the Alexander map made in early 1800 by Benj. R. Jones. He is also interested in information on James Flanders who lived in Alexander from 1820-38. Wayne Nado, RFD #1, Damariscotta, Me. 04543, copied family records (children) of William C. Crockett of Alexander (settler here in time of War of 1812) before our Alexander papers were lost in the fire. He says they are available for anyone who needs them.

**OUR SOCIETY GREATLY APPRECIATES** the General Fund donations this past month from Omar Cousins, Harold Fenlason and Samuel A. Saunders; and from all those who donated cash and wonderful homemade cookies May 19 at the Grange H<sup>+</sup> Plus the linen bureau scarf, (hand-embroidered in colored silk by Catherine Davis Watson,) by her great-granddaughter Geneviene Flood Poole, President Jane Dudley; Vice Presi. Audrey Ketner; Alexander historian Pliney Frost Millie Winckler Treasurer & Acting Secretary; Crawford historian Ethel Wallace Ways & Means Ellie Sanford; Genealogists; Harold & Ellen Fenlason  
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Southeasterly part of Crawford Township. Copied from Plan of Richard V. Hayden Dec 28, 1840. Copied by John M. Dudley March 28, 1981.  
 Note- Blacks Road is present "Air Line" or Route No. 9. Town Road is present "Arm Road". Poke-Moonshine Lake is northerly part of Crawford Lake.

ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 1981

(Still we grow - 165 members)

Report #15

**FAMILY PICNIC SET JULY 21st:** Members and their families are invited to our society's 1st annual summer picnic on Tuesday, July 21st, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Pocomoonshine Lake cabin of Jack and Jane Dudley, (This event will take the place of our July board meeting). Informal entertainment has been planned; casseroles, salads, rolls and desserts are requested for our covered dish supper. Bring your suit if you wish to swim, (Rain date will be the following evening,)

**BLUEBERRY PIE EATING CONTEST** for children will highlight our old-fashioned Ice Cream Social & Annual Homecoming on Saturday Aug, 8th at the Crawford Church on the Airline, The contest will open the festivities at 1 p.m. Contestants will each pay \$1,00 and the winner takes home the 'gate, (Our 'Social\* chairperson Ellie Sanford, and Jane Dudley, will be baking the contest pies),

A '**BLUEBERRY PIE TASTING CONTEST**' will follow. We are hoping that Frances Brown and Frank Frost will be available to serve as our judges, Members and community residents are being asked to bake for the social; any who wish may have their pies entered for judging. The honorary award will be a framed citation with a large gold seal; (The pies will then be cut and sold with great scoops of vanilla ice cream),

During the afternoon Jack Dudley will demonstrate how to freeze ice cream with a hand-turned freezer. Interested persons will be welcome to take a turn at the crank. The luscious cooling result will be used for ice cream cones'

**ART EXHIBIT CANCELLED;** Due to circumstances beyond control we will not be holding the mini art exhibit as planned. Two of our key artist members cannot be present that day to help with arrangements. Maybe next summer? MEMBERS' LETTER BOX; A new member, Stephen Dwellcy Murray (MRA Kelley Rd, Box 183, Orono, Me, 04473) writes; "I am a descendant of Jedediah Dwelley who is buried in the old cemetery in Crawford. I have his line quite well researched, should any of your members be interested - but also have some missing information which somebody may be able to help me with. At any rate, I've often wished I could find out more about the people who settled the area,"

**OUR LIBRARY SHELF IS GROWING TOO;** Contributions have included two Northeast Folklore Books (from Sandy Ives) "Suthin" (it's the opposite of nothin) about Grover Morrison's woods operation at Little Musquash Lake 1945-47); and "Me and Fannie" an oral autobiography of Ralph Thornton of Topsfield, Me, Harold Fenlason has also given us a first edition of Jim Brunelle's Maine Almanac (1978), and we have received many historical copies from the Maine State Archives (via Ellen Fenlason) • These include; Town of Alexander 1825 Incorporation paper; Damon Land 1838 Annexation to Alexander, paper; Lydick land 1859 annexation from Alexander to Crawford, and the Rufus Putum's lottery lands map, Pliney Frost has given us many interesting Alexander newspaper clipping copies, and genealogy information for our files on; Carlow, Dudley, Flood, Frost, Hunnewell, Keen, Perkins and Seavey families, We are most appreciative,

We are also very grateful to Catharine Walter for her thoughtful cash donation, and are happy she will be moving back to her Maine early 1982,  
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**LIST OF SETTLERS ON THE BINGHAM LANDS IN ALEXANDER &  
CRAWFORD Washington County, MAINE from June 1, 1823 to  
June 1, 1830**

The following information was copied from a photostat made of the original papers, by Harold and Ellen Fenlason, on file at the State of Maine Archives in Augusta. The handwritten original papers are entitled Settlers on the Bingham Lands in the Counties of Hancock & Washington from June 1, 1823 to June 1, 1830. Ineligible words and names have been marked so (---)•

<u>Alexander</u> No. 16 E.Division (47) (21)		Crawford No. 20 E.Division Nathaniel Bailey
Job Frost	Simeon Ayers	
Abraham Bailey	Robert (---)	Ebenezer Ayers
Moses E, Bailey	James Flanders	John Babcock
Widow Mary Bean	Ebenezer Ingallis	George Babcock
Enoch Brown	Francis (lnyder)	Oliver Dwelley
Samuel Brown	Hiram Knight	Asa Fletcher
William Bonney	Porter Knight	Ephraim Fletcher
Solomon W. Blackley	Cornelius Lyon	William Graham
Joel Butler	Cornelius Lyon, Jr,	Oliver Huntley
Joshua Boynton	Samuel B. Lamb	James Hanscomb
Adam Campbell	Joseph Longley	Luther Hanscomb
William Cole	Godfrey Lyddick	Henry Hanscomb
Charles Cottle	George Lord	Elisha Hanscomb
Levi Connick	John Moholland	John Morricey
Job Chase	William Moholland	William I (Naudain)
Isaac Crafts	John Moore	Hiram R. Nason
Vivien Crafts	Nathaniel P. Merserve	Thomas Phipps
Thomas Davis	James Perkins	Simon Philbrick
John H. Damon	William Patterson	Ephraim Sims
Seth G. Damon	John Spencer	Jacob Sevey
Nathaniel Fenlason	Soloman S trout	Jeremiah Staples
Samuel Fenlason	James Taylor	
Joseph Frost	Dexter H. Woodcock	
Jeremiah Frost		

Note; A list of settlers placed on the above lands during the above term (Dec. 9, 1830) who have died & left no widows or family thereon, included John Sevey who died in 1829 in Crawford. List of settlers placed on the above lands during the above term who have removed there from, included William Cilley, removed, Crawford 1830.

"We, the subscribers hereby certify that we have recently been upon the Bingham Lands, so-called, in the Counties of Hancock and Washington for the purpose of ascertaining what settlers have been placed on said lands since the first day of June 1823 and prior to the first day of June 1830, and we have found the whole number to be 540 of whom 10 have removed off and 7 have died; and we further certify that we have carefully revised and compared the within, which from the best information we have been able to obtain, we believe to be a true and correct list.. .In comparing the within list with the former list of Settlers, we find several of the same name in different towns or places, many of whom we know to be different persons; but there may be four or five in the Towns of Alexander, Bailey-ville & Crawford, who were included formerly as settlers in Baring although we do not know it to be a fact - In all cases where we have found settlers in any town or place who were returned as settlers in any other town or place at former enumerations we have excluded them from the within list -we have no personal knowledge that any of the within list has been returned before Signed--  
William Alien, Jr, & James Dinsmore

Norridgewock, Dec. 9, 1830

**ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**AUGUST 1981**

**Now we are..... 175 members**

**REPORT NO 16**

HOME COMING DATE MOVED TO TUESDAY.AUG. 18th; We will be holding our first annual Homecoming on our monthly meeting date at the home of the president on Pocomoonshine Lake. All members visiting in the area and potential members are invited to attend this open session which starts promptly at 10. Our genealogists and historians will be present to help you with your research, and Ellen Fenlason will take down names of those interested in accompanying her to the Machias Courthouse to view historical records, and for a planned fall trip to the Maine Archives in Augusta

NOMINATING COMMITTEE appointees. Jack Dudley & Ellie Sanford will present the new slate at the meeting\* We are adding several directors to the Executive Committee for our second year. Voting will be in September. If you plan to stay for the potluck luncheon following the meeting, please bring a dish to pass.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL CANCELED; We've had to cancel our Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social (set for Aug. 8) because of the competition of the annual three-day International Festival being held in Calais that weekend, and the Machias Blueberry Festival the following weekend. Both of these colorful events draw huge crowds, and as Ellie Sanford put it, We might have to feed all that ice cream to ourselves if we go through with it. We'll plan an earlier date in 1982.

ADVENTURES IN READING A GREAT SUCCESS. Fourteen local children have been attending the weekly reading/nature sessions at the Ketner's this summer. Their number has increased each week, according to Audrey Ketner, leader. Saturday morning sessions of historical readings and nature/woodslore will be held in September at the Dudleys' cabin. More about this later.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHUCKIE CHURCH. The Crawford Church on the Airline looks just beautiful, pristine white (with Ellen Well's deep red door for contrast The painting was accomplished under the fine leadership of Mr. Church whose home looks down upon the pictorial scene. (Paint for this first coat was supplied by the A-C Extension which holds an affiliate membership in our society). We take this opportunity to thank Margaret Varnum for her generous contribution to our general fund. Albert & Margaret live in Presque Isle.

GENEALOGY RECORDS: Anyone interested in having their family records included in our files should send the following pertinent data to Jane Dudley who is temporarily keeping the files in her home. Needed are: Your family name, your birthdate, place of birth, childhood residence your father's & mother's names and birthplaces, and the date of their intention to marry and the town. Your marriage date, your spouse's name the place where you married & the date. Also your children's names & birthdates, and anything else you wish to add.

OUR TRAVELING GIFT BASKET has raised \$18.60 for the general account (which helps pay for this newsletter) since May. Members contributing handsewn patchwork, small collectibles, woodworking and miniature paintings have been Jack Dudley, Audrey Ketner, Emily Olson, Lillian Thompson and the elusive Lady Pocomoonshine.

1ST ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC A TWO-DAY EVENT: We had a great time. 29 names were recorded in our guest book, and we picked up three new members. We were rained out on July 21, but 14 members attended anyway because they couldn't come back the following afternoon. The covered dish suppers were fantastic One member was having such a good time she attended both sessions contributing home baked dishes to each. We taped genealogy and stories the second night by Kay Church, Frank Fenderson, Sammy Saunders 6e Millie Winckler.

President: Jane Dudley (454-8472) Secretary: Kay Church (454-2657)  
vicepresi: Audrey Ketner (454-7443) Treasurer: Millie Winckle (454-3695)  
Mary Williams' corres. sec.(796-5519)

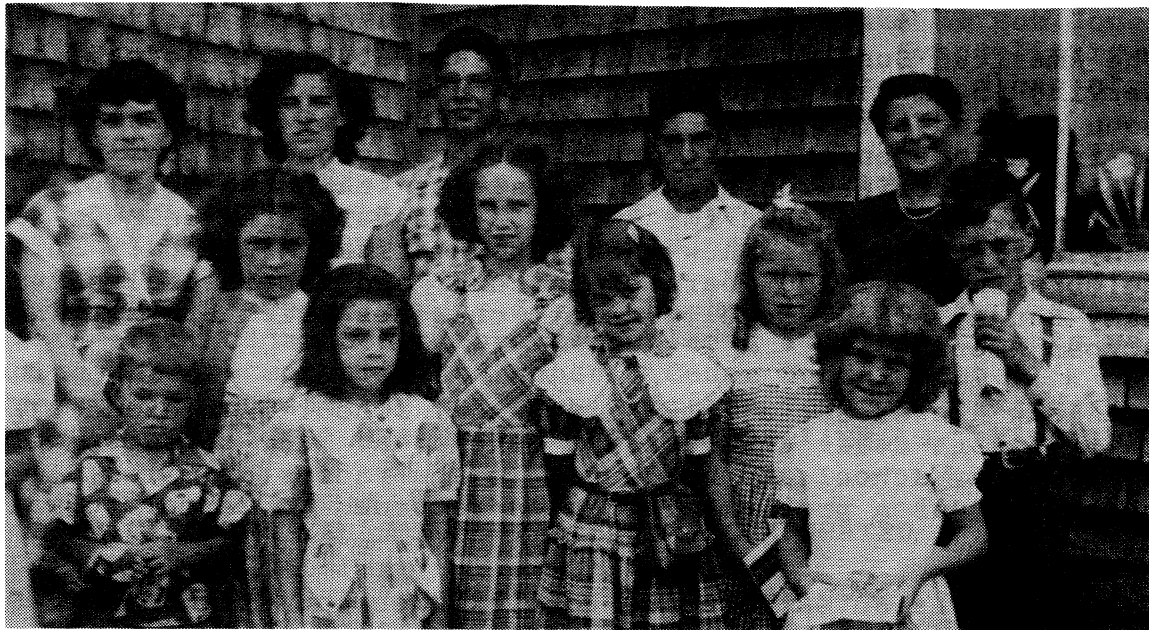
from Dr, Albert W. Bailey's Files  
Early Life In Calais • St. Stephen and Baileyville

(All filed at Woodland Public Library in Baileyville)

1. Mass. sells its public lands in District #5 (Calais) to Waterman Thomas. They fronted on Schoodic River.
2. Champlain's habitat on Doucett Island in Schoodic (later St.Croix) in 1604. This was down river from later Calais.
- 3a. Data on maps of Early Baileyville (District 7)
- 3b. Early Life in Baileyville by J.W. Irving
4. Nathaniel Bailey #1 came from Bakerstown, Maine and was its first inhabitant in Baileyville.
5. Nathaniel Bailey #1 sells his second home in St.Andrews, N.B, He then moved to Calais in 1786.
6. Some early settlers in Calais.
7. Data on families of Jonas Dyer in Calais (Dyer's son James married Martha Bailey, daughter of Nathaniel Bailey #1.
8. P. Campbells Account of his Canoe Trip up the St.Croix to Bailey's Farm just below Sprague Falls.
9. Early Maps of Baileyville Lots.
10. Early record of Jeremiah Frost's in New Brunswick.
11. Brief History of Charlotte County in New Brunswick in 1797.
12. Partial List of some early New Brunswick, Charlotte Co. grants.
13. Copy of early deed of Eli Sprague of Calais in 1795.
14. Some early Sprague History (Abiel , Eli and Abiel).
- 15a. Jeremiah Frost #1 sells his farm in Baring (1805)
- 15b. Early History of Baring.
16. Article on Mathew Thornton Controversy,
17. Early History of Princeton, Me,
18. Map of Boundary Dispute between Canada and Maine.
19. The Controversial History of Boundary Dispute,
20. Calais Lumber and Ship Building Spree of the mid 1800s
21. Vital Statistics from Calais Records re. Bailey's and Frost's.
22. Some Baptismal Records of the Rev. McColl of St.Stephen N.B. in early 1800's.
23. Information on how to research in the Provincial Archives of N.B.
24. Some early history of Calais, Baring, Vance Hills,

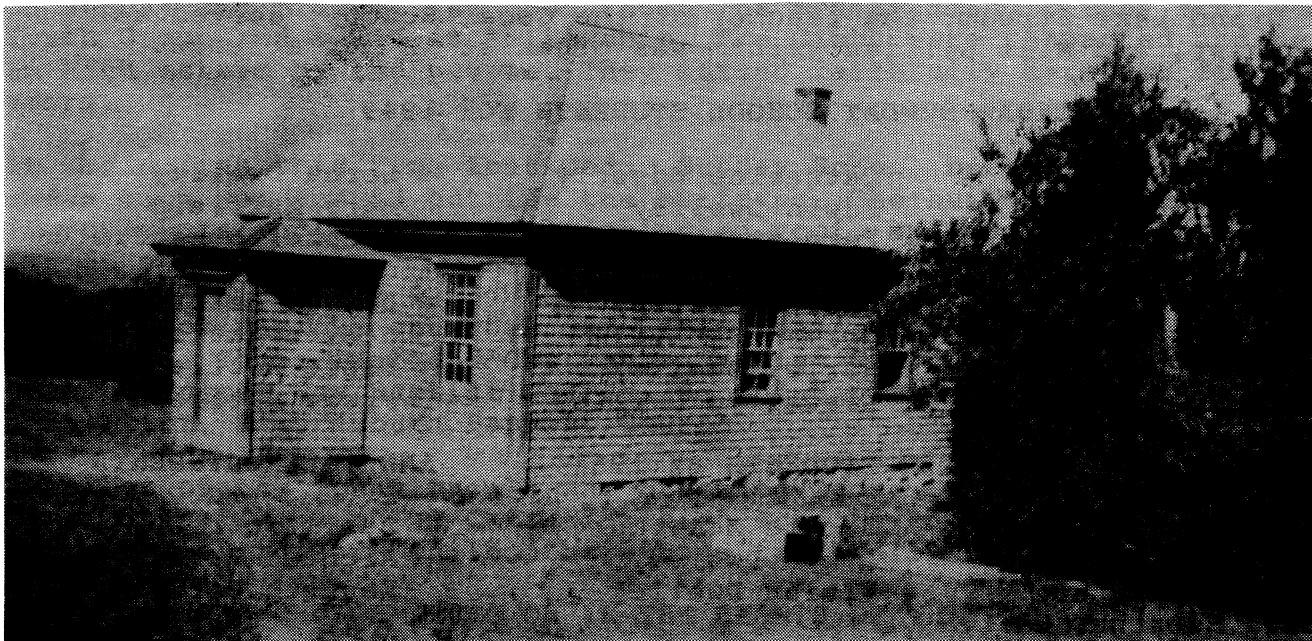
2nd page courtesy of Dr. Bailey and a friend





**CEDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL 1950**

Left to right: Front row; Roger Flood, Emma Hatfield, Donna McArthur, and Faye Flood;  
Middle row; Carol Flood, Freda Hatfield, Linda McLeod (of Danvers Mass.), and Merrill Pottle  
Back row; Lorrain Flood, Mary Hatfield, Lawson Hatfield, Clifton Pottle, and Ruth Dwelley.



**CEDAR SCHOOL 1956**

## CEDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CEDAR CHAPEL

by Ruth Dwelley

**August 1948** \*\* Charles and Althea Nute of Carmel, Maine were missionaries with the American Sunday School Union. They came to this area while doing a survey of rural areas in Washington County.

The American Sunday School Union is an established organization serving in America since 1817. Hundreds of Sunday schools have been started through the faithful ministry of its missionaries. It is an independent interdenominational organization, sound in Biblical doctrine whose purpose is: "To teach the Word of God and to reach the unreached for Christ." The work grew and due to its many activities it is now known as "American Missionary Fellow", celebrating over 200 years of faithful and sacrificial service. Many Sunday school developed into churches which are serving across America.

The Nutes saw a need for a full time Sunday school in Alexander, especially in the Cedar and Pleasant Lake area. Many children were without a Sunday school and no church in the radius of miles. Transportation was a problem! The Nutes returned to Carmel to wait and pray.

**August 1949** \*\* The Nutes returned to Alexander and discovered a Sunday school being held each week at the Cedar School.

Several mothers recognizing the need had met with Mrs. Wayne (Ruth) Dwelley and made plans for starting a Sunday School. School board members Frank Dwelley, Robert Thistlewood, and Floyd Hunnewell were contacted and permission was given to use the school building.

The first Sunday opened with an attendance of 27 children and adults. Ruth Dwelley served as Superintendent and teacher assisted by Mrs. Hayden (Lorraine) Flood and Mrs. Frank (Bertha) Dwelley. Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Pottle also was a teacher. Mrs. Carter (Agnes) White of Grand Lake Stream, the teacher at the Cedar School, served as organist, and Miss Lillian Varnum was organist in her absence.

### CEDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR 1949

Maxine Flood	Catherine Edgerly	Lorna Dwelley
Carol Flood	Edwin Dwelley	Mary Hatfield
Faye Flood	Fern Strout	Annabelle Hatfield
Roger Flood	Aubrey Dwelley	Clifford Hatfield
Clifton Pottle	George Dwelley	Lawson Hatfield
Merrill Pottle	Norman Dwelley	Steven Hatfield
Freda Worrell	Harley Dwelley	Elsie Hatfield
Charlotte Worrell	Llewellyn Dwelley	Freda Hatfield

### CEDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW STUDENTS BY 1951

Mavis Dwelley	Jackie McArthur
Emma Hatfield	Lloyd Dwelley
Philip McArthur	Vivian Dwelley
Donna McArthur	

### AND LATER STUDENTS

Basil Pottle
Richard Berry
Kenneth Berry

As the work increased, Mrs. Everett (Viola) Dwelley, Fern Strout, and Freda Hatfield were added to the teaching staff.

1950 \*\* Cedar Sunday School was united with the American Sunday School Union.

1952 \*\* Mr. and Mrs. William Hatfield carried on the work in the Sunday School during the absence of Ruth Dwelley.

1955 \*\* Burland Margesson and George Duff, students of Bob Jones University, were called to work during the summer. Evangelistic services were held at the School for six weeks. At the close of the work, 28 candidates were baptized at Pleasant Lake.

1955-1957 \*\* Clayton Sawyer was appointed as Sunday School superintendent. He and his wife Thursa served for two years. Viola Dwelley, Fern Strout, and Freda Hatfield assisted with the teaching.

August 8, 1957 \*\* Cedar Sunday School became incorporated and received the state seal. Cedar School had been closed and its students were attending the new consolidated school. Cedar Sunday School, Incorporated purchased the building from the Town of Alexander. First Selectman Pliney Frost was helpful and cooperative in making the transaction.

OFFICERS FOR CEDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL INCORPORATED

- Ruth Dwelley ----- President
- Charles Nute ----- vice President
- Mrs. Kenneth (Mildred) Campbell -- Secretary
- Fern Strout ----- Corresponding Secretary
- Clayton Sawyer ----- Treasurer
- William Hatfield ----- Trustee
- Wayne Dwelley ----- Trustee
- Kenneth Campbell ----- Trustee

1958 \*\* Reverend and Mrs. Norman Gibbs and children Paul and Ruth were called to work in the area. They were missionaries associated with the American Mission for Opening Closed Churches. They conducted services on Sunday and midweek, and continued the Sunday School. They started a Youth Group and a Ladies Fellowship. The Gibbs were respected and held in high esteem by the people. They served faithfully here for five years.

It was during this time that Cedar Sunday School became Cedar Chapel and a sign was posted outside the building. The building received many improvements including a newly shingled roof, and new paint both inside and out.

People from various churches gave spiritual and financial help through the years. These included Charlotte Baptist Church, Pembroke Baptist Church, Holmes Bay Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church of Calais, and latter. East Auburn Baptist Church.

A number of the young people who attended Cedar Sunday School and Cedar Chapel went on to Christian high schools and colleges. Several entered the ministry while others have faithfully served.

"THE CHURCH LIVES ON IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE" to be continued. .

**SOUTH PRINCETON -- THE ALEXANDER ROAD**  
**by Mary Wallace**

This article examines the road starting at the South Princeton Four Corners and running southerly into Alexander. As in the other South Princeton articles, the historic material used was Colby's 1881 Washington County Atlas, Wallings 1861 Map of Washington County, the 1834 Map of South Princeton, and Bruce Belmore's Early Princeton, Maine.

People who supplied information about this century were: Don, Byron, and Avard McLellan, Eleanor and Vernon Wentworth, Gene and Laurie dark, Kenneth and Doris Gatchell, Antoine, Marguerite, Robert, and Patty Hagenars, Laurie Jones, Albert Harvey, Jr., Paul Kneeland, Dawn Noyes, Alton and Ellen Clark, Vivian Scott, and David Yates. We thank these folks for their help.

The numbers for these house sites continue from the last article.

The School (This was site 10 in the article about the Lake Road in Issue 74.) Avard McLellan remembers the following who taught at the school: Luther Hall from Machias who boarded at Seamans; Adelaide Varnum of Alexander (Berths sister) in 1933-34; Laura Colwell (Uriah's sister) in 1925-28; Ida Rosen of Woodland in 1929; and Eileen Legacy.

(26) This land was owned by Bonney in 1834 and by E. B. HARVEY in 1881. In the immediate past it has been called the Pineo Place. Presently Gene and Laurie (Mahar) Clark own 30 acres and in 1986 built their home here. In 1990-91 they added a garage. Gene says the land has rock walls and cedar rail fences but that he has never seen evidence of a cellar hole or well. His father, Alton, says there is a spring close to this house site.

(27) Opposite Gatchells and quite a distance from the road is a cellar hole. Alton Clark told me that this cellar hole and filled-in well is on Hagenars\* land, just over the property line from Clark's. It is near the winter road described in Issue 174. We have no further information on this site. Was this the Pineo Place? We find buried in the Isaac Edgerly lot in the South Princeton Cemetery Hiram and Frances Pineo, and in another lot, Otis Pineo.

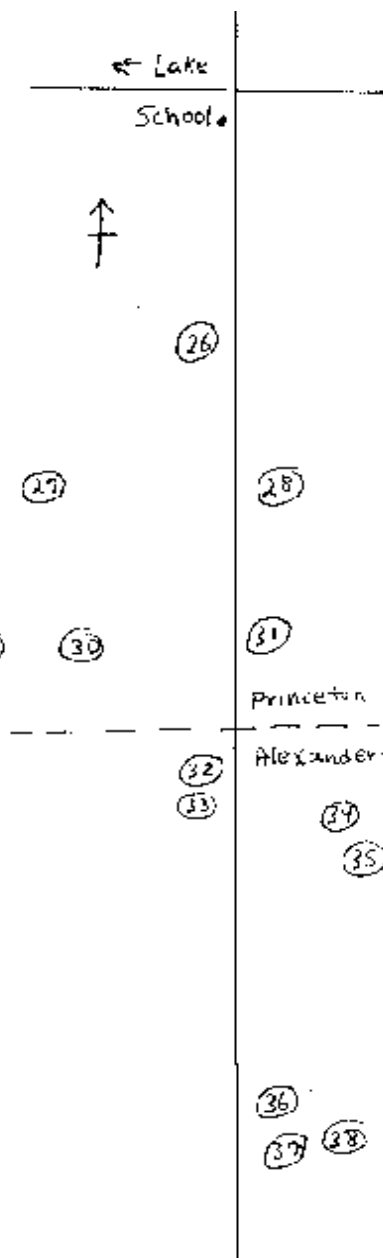
(28) Peres Bonney owned this land according to the 1834 map. Peres and Catherine Bonney built a house here in the 1830's. Peres was the first child of Moses and Elizabeth Bonney born in what is now South Princeton. P> Bonney is listed as a resident in both 1861 and 1881. Sara (Bonney) and Elmer Crafts lived here after her parents. They had children: Leia, Edith, Olney, and Harry. Edith (Crafts) and Edward McLellan were the next generation to live here. [Edward and Edith were Alton McLellan's parents.] After Edward died, Edith married Austin Jamison and they lived here until Austin died in 1954 and Edith died in 1958.

Alton inherited the homestead and lived here only briefly as his wife Velma really preferred living at the schoolhouse. He sold the farm to a man named Dyer who in 1962 sold to Kenneth and Doris Gatchell. The Gatchells were then living in Connecticut. They had rented Marshall French's camp for vacations for several years prior to permanently moving here. During the two years they owned this house before moving back, they rented it out. The first renters were Jerri Barter and Carrol I MacArthur in 1963 followed by Shirley (Kneeland) and Neal Seavey.

Kenneth and Doris (Alien) Gatchell with their children Laurie, Linda, Eileen, Vanessa, Sharon and Gayle moved here in 1965. While living at this site three more children were born to them; Allison, Kenneth, Jr, and Graham. In 1973 the old house burned to the ground. The present house was built on the same site. A garage was moved from Woodland 8 or 9 years ago. In 1982 the Gatchells started The Sportmans Den in the cellar. In 1986 they constructed a large building in the dooryard for this business. Avarad McLellan told me that the granite stones for the cellar walls and around the dooryard were brought here by horse and wagon from Pembroke.

(29) Antoine and Marguerite Hagenaars first bought a lot of land from Everett Frost in 1959. They purchased a log camp from Orris Cousins on the Pokey Road in Alexander and had Mel Hunnewell move it via the frozen lake during the winter of 1959-1960. They used this as a summer place and Marguerite spent much time plugging holes to keep the porcupines out of the camp and away from the kids. Antoine and Marguerite replaced this log camp with a large cabin on the point. This they remodeled and added to when they sold out to their son Robert and his wife Patty in 1985. The senior Hagenaars now use this as a summer home.

In 1962 Hagenaars purchased more land from Everett and built 2 two bedroom cottages, then added two duplex cottages and operated a seasonal rental business which they called Whippoorwill Lodges. Sometime later, in the 1970 \*s, two more cottages were built. Robert and Patty added the last two cottages in 1985. They stopped renting cottages at the end of the 1988 season and at present plan to rent "by the season" sometime in the future.



(30) The 1834 map indicates that this 320-acre lot belonged to Jacob Norton. By 1861 it was the home of J. (James) Bonney and in 1881 is marked Mrs. J. Bonney. Loring and Mabel (Bonney) Frost lived here in 1910. They had two sons who also lived here. The first was M. Howard and Inez (McLellan) Frost, parents of A-CHS member Muriel Frost LeDuc. Inez was the daughter of Charles and Cora McLellan. Howard's brother Everett Frost was a long term resident of this site. Everett fought in WWI and was legally blind later in life. He boarded up windows as the glass was broken out and lived in a very dark house.

Antoine and Marguerite Hagenaars acquired the place from Everett about 1962 and made it their home. Two or three years after they had fixed up the house, it burned to the ground, arson. Antoine and Marguerite rebuilt on the same foundation in 1965. They moved here to live full time in 1970. In 1985 this became the home for Robert and Patty Hagenaars. Antoine and Marguerite became summer residents again and spend the winters in North Carolina.

(31) Just at the foot of Taylor Hill next to the Alexander line is a 10-acre piece of land (600 feet along the road and 700 feet deep) the Gatchells sold to Louis Pelletier. Pelletier in turn sold to Roy Comstock who set up a trailer and used it as a camp for several years. Some time around 1978 Roy sold this to Laurie (Barter) and Albert Harvey, Jr. but they never lived here. "Junior" sold to David O. Yates of Grand Lake Stream in 1990 or 1991. No one remembers when the trailer was removed. All that remains is a power pole and a septic system.

(32) In the 1881 Atlas this site is marked J. Taylor, likely either James or Jonathan Taylor. A Jonathan Taylor is listed in the 1856 school records as a supplier of firewood. A man named Watson raised a family here. Isaac Colwell rented the house for a while. This building disappeared. Howard and Mabel (Watson) Towle built a new house and lived here for 2 or 3 years about 1948-1950. Their children: Don, Billy, Dottie, and Lillian.

(33) Lillian Towle built this cottage and lived here for a while. Her sister now owns it and uses it as a summer place.

(34) Paul and Stella (Fitch) Kneeland built this house in 1973 and lived here for 10 years. From 1976 to 1978 Paul's son Michael Kneeland had a trailer home in the field in front of the house. Teachers Steve and Vivian Hynick owned the house from 1983 to 1988 and lived here most of that time. They sold to William Willard who lives here with his daughter and son-in-law Jan and Skip Poole and their 3 children. Willard drives for Guptill Logging and Skip repairs small engines.

(35) A cellar hole marks the site of the home of Samuel "Bog" and Dorcas (Libby) Brown. "Bog" was the second settler in Bonney and reportedly was quite angry when he found that he was living in Alexander instead of Princeton! In 1861 Mrs. Taylor was the resident of this site. She was likely Rachel Brown who had married James Taylor. Rachel lies buried next to her father "Bog" in the field north of the newer house (site 34). There are two stones flat on the ground, one marked "S.B. b 1769, d 1850". The other has no markings, but oral history indicates that this is for Rachel.

The McLellan brothers, Avard, Byron, and Don, who have been such good sources of information about South Princeton are descendants of "Bog" Brown and his second wife, Dorcas Libby.

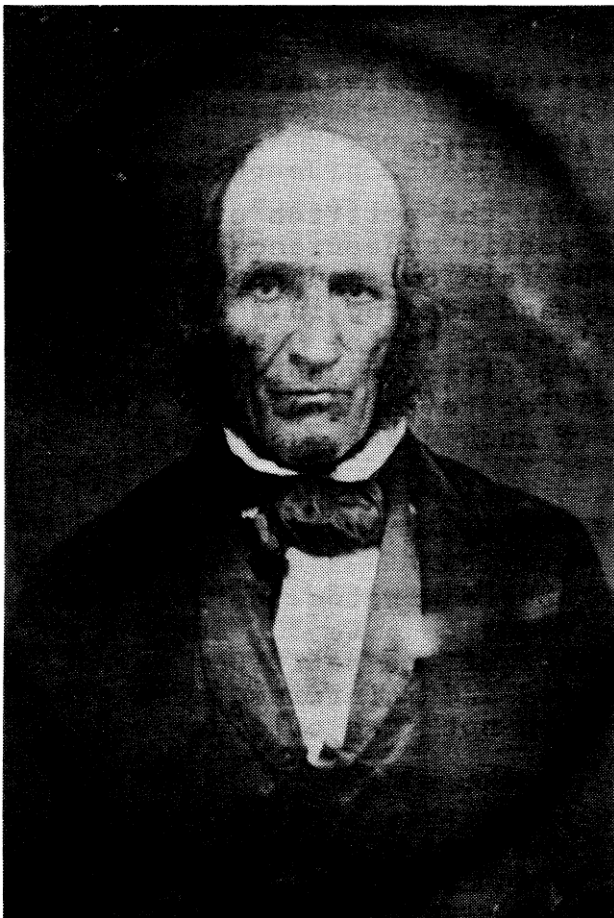
Samuel "Bog" Brown and Dorcas Libby:

Ephraim Brown and Nancy Cottle (second wife):

Alice Brown and Albert Jones:

Cora Jones and Charles McLellan

All the children of Charles and Cora are listed in Issue 75 at the bottom of page 8.



**SAMUEL "BOG" BROWN**

Moses and Eva (Lowe) Kneeland lived here with their 8 children up until the 1930 \*s. The house burned in 1938. Moses' son Walter owned the property and sold to Landeau Beaupre of Crawford. Beaupre "ran horses" and grew potatoes in 1947-1949. Vinal Kneeland lived in a camper trailer at this site in 1949.

The last surviving child of Moses and Eva was Beulah who recently died. See her obituary on the Downeast Milestones page.

\3^ From before 1861 until the turn of the century this was the home of S. K. (Samuel) and Abigail Seamans. This family name has three spellings. This spelling is found on their grave stone at the South Princeton Cemetery. Early in this century while Isaac Colwell lived here, a little girl set a fire in the woodbox and died as a result- John Simmons lived here after living on the Woodland Road near Bungy Scott \*s.

Me I Hunnewell owned the place from 1909 until the 1930's. He and his family resided here until the divorce when Mel moved to Alexander and married his first wife's sister, Nettie. Byron McLellan rented the house from 1931 to 1933. That house fell down and then the barn fell down.

(37) Vinal and Grace Kneel and bought the land and built a new house in front of where the barn had stood. Their son, Phil Knee I and owned the place next followed by a man named Richard Peters who was a siding contractor and had hounds. Peters sold to Antoine Hagenaars in 1979. Robert and Patricia (White) Hagenaars lived here about a year and a half starting late in 1979.

(38) Sometime in 1983, Hagensaars had a foundation poured further back from the road and hired Vernon Wentworth to move the house onto that foundation. A shed was added and the interior was remodeled. Paul and Carla Corbett lived here a short time, but had septic system problems and turned the house back to Hagensaars • A family named Lake resided here for 3 months in the fall of 1986. In July of 1987, Dawn (Croman) and Hubert Noyes. Jr. bought the place and it has been their home since that time.

In our August Issue we plan to run a follow-up article to the four articles about South Princeton. Please share your additions and corrections for printing at that time. We've learned some interesting things about winter roads in the South Princeton area that we'll share in that issue.

### **SOUTH PRINCETON                      A PETITION**

To the Select men of the Town of Princeton: the petition of James Bonney respectfully (showeth)\* that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed beginning near the house of Peres Bonney and heading in a westerly direction through the said Peres Bonney \*s land to the easterly line of lot No. I owned by your petitioner. Your petitioner would therefore ask that you would view the premises and locate and construct said road and highway according to the laws in such cases made and provided.

So. Princeton **May** 24th 1860

(signed) James Bonney

A photocopy of this petition came from Roberta Wheaton. We feel this represents the road which is now the driveway to site 30, Bob Hagensaars. We base this feeling on the date of the petition. May 24, 1860, and that the Town of Princeton plowed and maintained this road until about 20 years ago. \* Can not read original word jhd

### **WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

Jonathan EDDY, a resident of Nova Scotia at the beginning of the American Revolution, worked hard to get the Continental Congress to supply an army to capture Nova Scotia from the British. The people of Nova Scotia included many Americans who had moved there about 1765, and some French who had been defeated by the British. These people were not very loyal to the British, and Great Britain maintained an army there. Eddy failed to get his army, fought on the American side, and lost his home and property in Nova Scotia. For his role helping the Americans, he was granted a township just east of the Penobscot River in Maine.

EDDINGTON is a town at the western end of the Blacks Road. A monument to Jonathan Eddy stands near the river on Monument Drive.



## THE BLACKS ROAD / WHAT^S IN A NAME? HOW ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

A friend asked me why I referred to the Airline Road as the Blacks Road in the articles in this newsletter. The name comes from Col. John Black (right). But that is only the tip of the iceberg. The story involves this land called Maine and many people.

We'll start with a man whose name we all recognize. George Washington (1732-1799) was a Revolutionary War hero and first President of these United States.



WASHINGTON: A town in Knox County, Maine which originally was called Putnam after Israel Putnam, another Revolutionary War general.

WASHINGTON: The eastern most county in USA established on June 25, 1789.

In 1783, General Henry Knox (1750-1806), Commander of Artillery in the Continental Army and President Washington's Secretary of War, along with Massachusetts Governor James Bowdoin and Col. Josiah Little assumed control of huge areas of land in the District of Maine. This land had been granted by the English king to Loyalists prior to the war. These three men used their considerable influence to get their title recognized by the new government of Massachusetts.

KNOX: A town in Waldo County settled in 1800. KNOX: The youngest and second smallest county in Maine.

In 1793 General Knox passed title for two large tracts of land to William Bingham (1752-1804), a wealthy Philadelphia banker and patriot. The first was the Kennebec Purchase of 1,128,960 acres (49 townships) on upper Kennebec River. The second, the Penobscot Purchase was for 52 townships east of the Penobscot River. Land sold in the Great Land Lottery of 1786 was excluded from this sale.

BINGHAM: A town in Somerset County located on the Kennebec River.

BINGHAMTON: A city in New York located in a region once owned by William Bingham.

The Recession of 1790 created problems for Bingham. Land sales were slow and prices per acre declined to below what Bingham had paid. By 1796, Bingham needed money so badly that he sold half interest in his Maine land to the London banking house of Baring Brothers and Hope and Company. Sir Francis Baring sent his son Alexander Baring (1774-1848) to negotiate the sale with Bingham.

ALEXANDER: A town in Washington County which once was a stopping place for the Bangor to Calais stagecoach.

BARING: An organized plantation since March 23, 1964.

While Alexander Baring was in Philadelphia doing business with William Bingham, he married William's daughter, Ann Louisa Bingham, born January 6, 1782. Alexander's brother Henry Baring married Ann's sister, Maria Matilda Bingham, born December 9, 1783

ANNSBOROUGH: A township in Washington County which was incorporated on March 4, 1852 as the Town of Deblois. The alternate spelling was ANNSBURGH.

MARIAVILLE: A town in Hancock County which was originally called Bingham •



1980 Maine State Highway Map

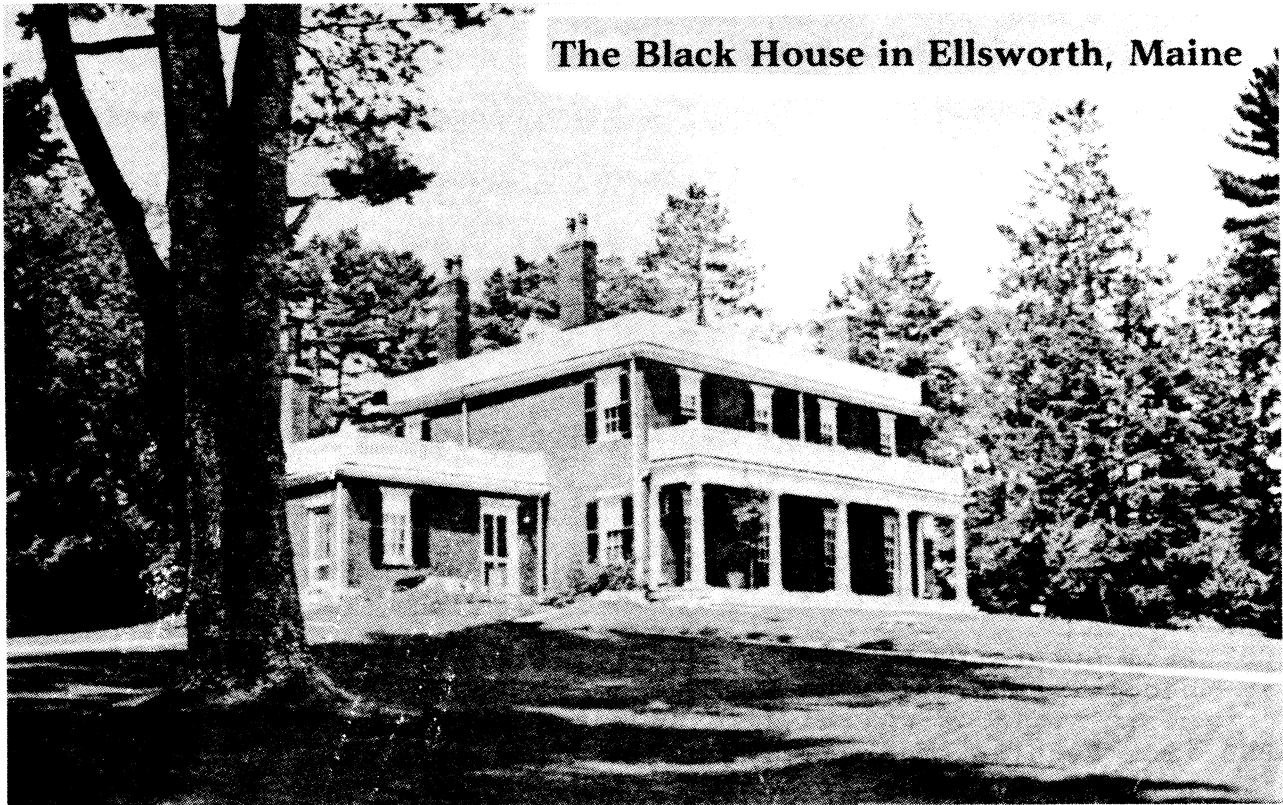
Bingham had hired David Cobb (1748-1830) of Taunton, Massachusetts to be his land agent. Cobb, another Revolutionary War general, settled in Gouldsborough. When Baring Brothers gained their half interest, they sent a young Englishman as a bookkeeper and assistant to Cobb. This man, John Black (1781-1856), arrived in America in 1798.

BLACKS ROAD: The common name for the "Great Road" leading from the Penobscot River (at Eddington) to the Schoodic River (at Baileyville) as described in Alexander Baring's plan to settle the land. The name was in use as early as 1823.

Land sales continued to be slow. Cobb tried to interest families to settle and farm the land, but the land had a reputation for being rocky and infertile. He still faced competition from Massachusetts which sold land in the District of Maine to help meet its budget. In 1804, Benjamin Talmadge purchased 23,040 acres for \$7408.80, and in 1811, Samuel Hinckley bought 30,770 acres for \$9019.80. Massachusetts was the seller in both cases.

TALMADGE: A town in Washington County settled in 1832.

HINCKLEY: A plantation in Washington County organized on February II, 1897. Now called Grand Lake Stream.



In 1804, John Black married David Cobb's daughter, Mary. They resided in Gouldsborough until 1809-10, and then moved to Ellsworth. They were the parents of eight children.



northerly including what we call the parts of the Cooper Road, Arm Road, Old Cooper Road, and all of the South Princeton Road; and for the County to take over "the town road used by all". Was this "town road" the now called Cooper Road, the Lyons Road, and a no longer existing road north to South Princeton village?

1863 The Maine Legislature chartered the Milford and Princeton Turnpike. This proposed road went from the Houlton Road (Route 1) to the Penobscot River at Milford. The present road from Route I to Grand Lake Stream follows this route. It continued westerly along a route similar to that once proposed for the European and North American Railway, and the Saint Croix and Penobscot Railroad. This latter rail line was to extend the tracks from the Calais and Baring RR and the Lewey's Island Railroad.

On the map showing the planned Turnpike, we find the Blacks Road listed as the "Air Line Mail Rout", with 96 miles from Calais to Bangor.

1881 The Atlas of Washington County by George Colby uses "Air Line" except in Township #24 where the term Blacks Road is found.

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This article was researched and written by John Dudley.

NOTE: An article on "The Airline" appeared in issue t25 (August 1982) of this newsletter. George Spratt of Calais managed to get a contract to carry mail over this shorter route between Calais and Bangor. This route was faster than the "shore line" route that followed the coast.

"The Airline" apparently became "Route Nine" sometime between 1930 and 1933. This time is suggested from a study of old Maine Highway Maps.

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Henry Philip HOPE was a silent partner with Baring Brothers in many ventures including the half interest in Bingham's Maine lands. He owned the famous 44 carat blue India diamond which still carries his name, the HOPE DIAMOND.

HOPE, formally Barrettstown is a town in Knox County, Maine settled in 1782 and incorporated in 1804.

## THE STROUTS OF ALEXANDER

edited by John Dudley

The information in this series of articles is based on research done in the 1970s by the late Gertrude Strout Winter of Bucksport, Maine. Gertrude was helping Robert Taylor of Steep Falls, Maine with his work in compiling records of the Strouts of Limington, Maine. A draft of Taylor's work as well as the complete Alexander branch can be found in the editor's file. It should be noted that Taylor's work does not include the Strout branch that went to Milbridge and Harrington, Maine. Corrections and additions are welcome, jhd

I. All the Strouts in this country descended from Christopher (ca 1655- 1715) and his wife, Sarah Picke (or Pke or Pike?) Strout. They resided at or near Truro, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, and had ten children of record.

II. George Strout (ca 1689-1782), fourth child of Christopher and Sarah, married Bridget, widow of Jarvis Cooley, on August 2, 1708. They moved to Cape Elizabeth (now part of South Portland, Maine) before 1741. There are seven children of record.

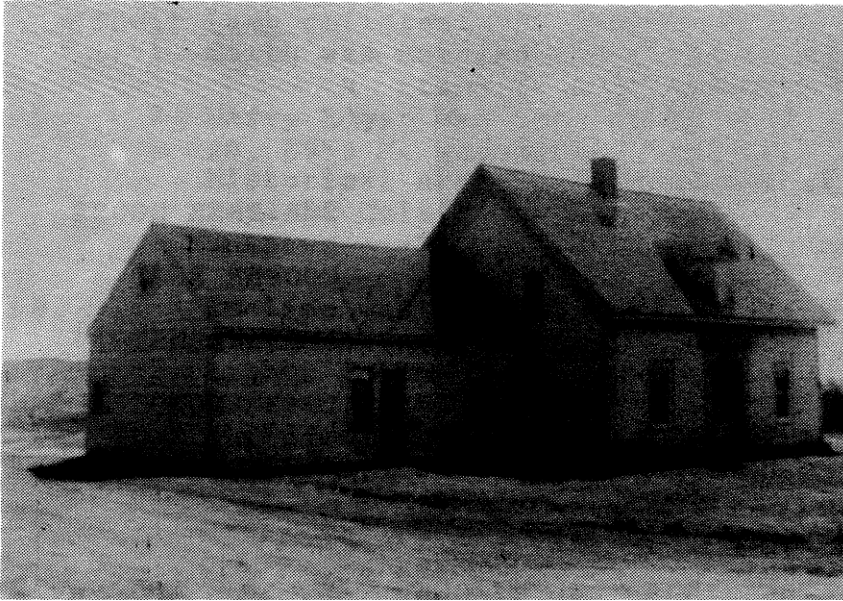
III. Elisha Strout (ca 1715-1769), third child of George and Bridget, married Alice Small. Alice was a descendant of Francis Small, who purchased the Ossipee Tract in 1668, which explains why many of her children settled on that land in the Limington area. Elisha and Alice had fourteen children of record.

IV. Elisha Strout (Jan. 1747-Sept. 29, 1811), fourth child of Elisha and Alice, married Eunice, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Binney) Freeman while both resided in Gorham. Elisha was a Revolutionary War soldier and a representative to the General Court (Legislature) in Boston. They lived in Limington and had eight children of record.

V. Elisha Strout (April 13, 1775-April 3, 1851), fifth child of Elisha and Eunice, married on October 12, 1795 Elizabeth ^Betsey" Adams and they resided in Steep Falls, part of Standish, Maine. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and a millwright by trade. Elisha and Betsey had fourteen children as given in the family record.

### VI. BENJAMIN ADAMS STROUT: EARLY SETTLER

Benjamin Strout was born on April 12, 1812 at Limington, Maine the 11th child and 5th son of Elisha and Betsey (Adams) Strout. He came east with his brothers Solomon and David. On September 17, 1835, Benjamin married Esther Bayley of Alexander. Esther was born on March 13, 1817 in Township #16 (Alexander), the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Frost) Bailey. Benjamin was a farmer and blacksmith whose home and shop stood where across from where we now find Randy's Store on the Blacks Road in Alexander. His home was a "Stop for the Stage Coach" on its run between Calais and Bangor. Benjamin died at Upper Mills, N. B. on February 26, 1897. (Note: Records collected by Pliney Frost have been most useful in this section on Benjamin's family.)



SCRIBNER HOUSE

BLACKS ROAD

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GENERATION VII. Benjamin and Esther had the following Strout children: All born in Alexander except Charlotte.

A. Charlotte was born at Standish on August 6, 1836. She married George Stillman Smith Scribner on April 8, 1855. They lived on the Blacks Road in the house presently owned by Zela Cousins\* They later divorced. She resided at St Margaret's Bay, N. S., Canada\* Their Scribner children:

1. Ardella Love was born on February 5, 1856 and died young\* 2\* Lewis Clifton was born on July 9, 1857 and died on November 5, 1859.

3. Arthur Williams was born on December 24, 1858 and died on September 30, 1861.

4. Abie May was born on August 26, 1864 and died young\* 5\* Alice was born on August 26, 1864 and died on June 10, 1941\* She married Hiram Staples and lived in Baileyville\* They had two Staples children: a\* Lewis, born 1888 and died 1909 b. A daughter who died in 1901

6\* Alva Morton was born on August 26, 1864 and died on May 10, 1939\* He married Leila Erdine Crafts and they had one Scribner child of record:

a. Leon Treamine was born on May 2, 1894 and died on December 8, 1958\* He married Bertha Chandler\* They had no children but raised two of her sister's orphaned children; Winifred and William Hoist\* They resided on the Blacks Road in Alexander just west from where Billy Hoist presently lives\*

7\* Theodore was born on August 25, 1874 and died on November 26, 1951\* He married Ina Evelyn Perkins and lived on the Cooper Road where Irene McKain now resides\* Their Scribner children of record:

a. Carl 1902-1902 (children continued on next page)



SCRIBNER HOUSE

COOPER ROAD

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- b. Ivan V. was born on August 4, 1903 and died on September 24, 1974. He married 1st Doris Young and 2nd Bertha Douglass. He left no surviving children.
- c. Merton L. was born on January 18, 1905 and died in 1973. He married Lucille C. Woods. They had two Scribner children:

\* Carl was born on October 19, 1933. He married 1) Naida Dwelley, and 2) Margo Smythe and resides in Meddybemps. Carl and Naida had three Scribner children: Carla, Kim, and Kelli.

\* Rena married Bruce Sherlock and lives in Calais.

- d. Guy Eliis was born on December 25, 1909 and died on February 3, 1975. He married three times; 1) Thelma Barnard, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Reitha C Blais. He and Thelma had one Scribner child of record: \* Lewis married Karen \_\_\_\_\_ and resides in Robbinston.

Lewis has the following children: Patrick, Guy, Mark, and Chrissie. e. Ethel S. was born on April 10, 1911 and died in 1969. She married 1) Donald Taylor and 2) Luke DeMers both of Woodland. Ethel's Taylor children \* Richard married Joan Guathier, \* David \* Jane

f. Alice was born on June 27, 1920 and married Harold Dodge of Calais. They have one Dodge child: \* Linda born on December 31, 1947.

8. Benjamin was born on August 25, 1874 and died in 1944. He married Ethel Small and lived in Portland. No children.

B. Clement Fickett was born on July 25, 1839.

C. Emma Louise was born on May 10, 1842. She married Ornamental

D. Lamb of Calais on October 10, 1867. She died in 1890.



Their Lamb children: I\* Edith was married and lived in Minnesota. Her son was:

a. Frank j. Leuthner of Forest Lake MN.

2 Harry Edgar was born on October 10, 1874 and died on March 20, 1958 He was called "Ned" and who wrote numerous historical articles for the Calais Advertiser. The late Ed Boyd of Calais wrote that "Ned" had one son, "Whereabouts unknown".

D. Eliza Emeline was born on April II, 1846. She married Manley Stevens of Crawford on July 26, 1871. Their Stevens children:

1. Arthur Delmont born on April 6, 1874 at Topsfield. Arthur married Hester Inez Stewart and they had these Stevens children:

a. Manly was born on April 21, 1898 and married Winifred Pyne. No children of record.

b. Guy was born on March 15, 1900 and married Ruth Peckman.

c. Roswell was born on December 7, 1901 and died at age 15.

d. Virginia was born on August 29, 1903 and married Kenneth Kaligian.

e. Shirley was born on November 21, 1905 and married Elsie Olson.

f. Alice was born on June 8, 1907 and married Clarence Nado.

g. Clyde was born on July 26, 1911 and married Grace Littlefield.

h. Phyllis was born on December 19, 1916 and died in 1936.

2. Nina born on July 1, 1876 at Alexander. She married Harold Foster and lived in Massachusetts. Their Foster children:

a. Doris born 1906

b. Gladys born in 1909 and married Edward Dearnley.

3. Frank Albert born on February 4, 1879 at Princeton.

4. Benjamin Strout Stevens born on June 17, 1882 at Topsfield and was a dentist. He married Edith Lovoll and they had one Stevens child of record:

a. Meredith was born in 1918 and married Eimo Coon.

(Note: Wayne Nado supplied some interesting material on Manley and Eliza, his ancestors.)

Esther (Bailey) Strout died at Milltown on May 1, 1850. Benjamin then married Caroline Elizabeth (Scribner) Foster Huff, twice widowed.

Benjamin and Caroline had the following children:

E. Albert Stanley was born on July 17, 1854 and died on November 12, 1859 at Alexander.

F. Willie Clement, called Willis was born at Alexander on May 2, 1857. He married Elmira Towers of Baring, Maine on November 4, 1882. He died at Worcester, Massachusetts on February 14, 1942 Their Strout children:

1. Edward born on September 7, 1879

2. Albert born on May 19, 1882

3. Eugene F. born about 1892

4. maybe a daughter.

G. Esther May was born and died in Alexander, March 12 1859 to November 12, 1859.

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

What happened on November 12, 1859 when two of Benjamin's children died on the same day? Family records and gravestones often leave more questions than answers.

#### VI. SOLOMON OBEDIAH STROUT: EARLY SETTLER

Solomon Obediah Strout, third child of Elisha and Betsey (Adams) Strout, was born on May 19, 1799 at Limington. He came to Township t16, now Alexander, in Washington County about 1820 to work in the lumber mills, and probably to seek a land grant. His brothers, David and Benjamin came here with him. David did not stay.

On May 19, 1824 Solomon married Lydia Bailey at Plantation No. 6, now Baring. She was the daughter of Nathaniel, Jr. and Mary (Frost) Bailey. Nathaniel and Mary were among the first settlers of present-day New Brunswick and Baileyville, Maine. Their daughter Lydia was born in Plantation No. 7 (Baileyville) on July 8, 1804.

By 1860, Solomon owned 1000 acres of land valued at \$1800 and including lot 66, part of which he deeded to the Town of Alexander for use as a cemetery. Solomon and Lydia had a house in the middle of lot 66 which was built before the Blacks Road was established. After the Blacks Road was built, they moved their house to the north nearly a quarter mile (to near where Hazen Strout last lived at the corner of the Old Cooper Road and the Blacks Road). It is said that Solomon used oxen to pull the house and that the move was so slow and smooth that Lydia continued cooking during the move!

GENERATION VII. The children of Solomon and Lydia (Bailey) Strout of record: (all born at Alexander)

- A. Adna Elisha was born on April 20, 1825. He married Elizabeth Wallace on July 2, 1849. She was born in 1835. He died at Alexander on October 1, 1849 and she died in July of 1850. They had no children.
- B. Solomon Obediah, Jr. was born on April 8, 1827. He married Adelaide Smyth on May 27, 1860. She was born on March 14, 1837 in Milltown, Maine the daughter of Stewart and Charity (Colwell) Smyth • Solomon and Adelaide both died in Alexander and are buried in the Alexander Cemetery. He died on December 28, 1885 and she on July 26, 1913. Their descendants will be listed in Issue t 78.
- C. Eliza Jane was born on March 3, 1830 and died on July 7, 1849.
- D. Lydia Brewster was born on November 24, 1832 and died on August 13, 1845.
- E. Elizabeth Adams was born on April 7, 1835 and died on October I, 1848.

- F. Rhoda Bailey was born on September 15, 1837. She married Elisha Perkins, Jr. son of Elisha and Margaret (Ferris) Perkins. Elisha, Jr. was born at Grand Lake, N.B. on September 13, 1824 and he died on November 11, 1896. Rhoda died on January 27, 1925. Their descendants will be listed in Issues t 79 and t 80.
- O. Dresden Diploma was born on May 19, 1840 and died on August 8, 1845.
- H. Violet, called Viola, was born on August 31, 1842. She married on April 6, 1861 at St. Stephen, N.B. John James Perkins, Jr. He was the son of John James, Sr. and Sarah (Perkins) Perkins. She died on March 27, 1934 at Baileyville. Their descendants will be listed in Issue # 81.
1. Eunice S. was born on January 6, 1845. She married John Kendall Thistlewood on June 21, 1863. Eunice died on March 1, 1875. They had no children who survived into adulthood. Eunice and John were discussed in A-CHS Issue ^ 75.
- J. Lydia B. was born on March 23, 1847. She married Wesley Perkins, son of John James, Sr. and Sarah (Perkins) Perkins and brother of John James, Jr. who married her sister Violet. Lydia died in 1894. Their descendants will be listed in a 1994 Issue.
- K. Eliza J. "Aunt Liddy" was born on January 8, 1849. She married Francis P. Lane on June 10, 1865. He was born in 1842 the son of Daniel and Temperance (Pettigrove) Lane. Frank died in 1904 and "Liddy" on March 14, 1941. Their descendants will be listed in an article appearing in late 1994 or in 1995.

Lydia (Bailey) Strout died on May 29, 1862. She lies buried in the Alexander Cemetery beside Solomon in marked graves.

On December 17, 1862, Solomon married Mary E (Lane) Howe, widow of John Howe of Cooper. Mary was also a sister to Frank Lane who was married to Solomon's daughter Eliza.

Child of Solomon and Mary (Lane) Strout;

- L. Walter L. was born in Alexander on July, 17, 1864. He married Maud Henderson on December 22, 1892. She was born on May 21, 1876 the daughter of Levi and Dyantha (Hunnewell) Henderson. Walter died at Calais on June 23, 1949 and Maud died at Calais on May 3, 1959. Both are buried in the Alexander Cemetery. Their descendants will be listed in a 1995 article.

#### **WHAT HAPPENED?**

What happened in August 1845 when two of Solomon's children died within 5 days of each other? What caused the early deaths of Adna Elisha and his young bride, Elizabeth?

## FAMILY RECORDS OF EARLY ALEXANDER, MAINE

From April 5, 1823 till March 31, 1838 True Records Attest was made by John G. Taylor, Town Clerk. The data was taken from microfilm stored in The State Archives at Augusta during 1981 and 1982 by Ellen and Harold Fenlason. Material copied as in original records. These records are listed here in alphabetical order, and will require several issues of the Newsletter to complete, (editor's notes in parenthesis) jhd

### John G. TAYLOR'S Alexander Records

FAMILY RECORD OF THOMAS T. ABBOTT Thomas T. Abbott born September 1, 1833 Mary E. Townsend his wife born June 2, 1837 children: Mary Almeda born August 14, 1858 George Everett born September 28. 1861

FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN ARCHESON John Archeson born March 14, 1799 at Ennwhellen, North Ireland Mary Marten his wife born August 1, 1804 at County Tatum. Ireland They were married December 18, 1834 child: Margaret born July 14, 1836 at Maugadavick, N.B.

FAMILY RECORD OF SIMEON AYERS Simeon Ayers born April 4, 1800 at Calais Mary Scott his wife born August 10, 1802 at Machias They were married June 1. 1820 children: Jesse born February 1, 1821 at Machias Susannah born May 18, 1823 at Cooper James born April 10, 1828 at Cooper John born May 12, 1830 Eben born May 5, 1832 Theodore born June 20, 1838 at Cooper Maria Helen born January 22. 1842 at Cooper Lorenzo Stillman born June 7, 1848 at Baileyville John Alvin Munson born October 27, 1836 at Cooper, "son of Mrs. Ayers by a former husband"; John Albion Munson died January 1863

FAMILY RECORD OF BARZELLIA BABCOCK (see John Babcock, and Wm. Crockett Family)

FAMILY RECORD OF GIDEON BABCOCK Gideon Babcock born November 2, 1787 at Hopewell, Cumberland Co. N.B. Mary Noddin his wife born January 2, 1807 They were married July 10, 1828 children: Theophilus Wilder born April 29, 1829 Mary born August 12, 1830 Hannah French born July 21, 1833 Esther born November 27, 1835

FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN BABCOCK John Babcock born October 6, 1780 Catherine Davis his wife born May 1, 1789 They were married December 18, 1809 children: Barzilla Mosher Babcock born November 6, 1810; see Wm. Crockett

Clarissa Ann born April 18, 1815: died September 12, 1824  
Mary Elizabeth born August 5, 1817 Naomi Ann born April  
13, 1820 Jonathan Freeman born October 1, 1822 Esther  
Jane born January 18. 1825 John Middleton born November  
20, 1827

FAMILY RECORD OF STEPHEN BABCOCK

Stephen Babcock born August 16, 1798  
a1 Betsey Flood his wife born  
Hopeville NB November 1, They were  
married February 22, 1827 children:  
George Atteson born September 7. 1828  
Martha Jane born August 7, 1830  
Stephen Chapman born August 14, 1832  
Charles Paran born June 8, 1834 Julia  
Ann born June 17, 1836 Almira Lucy  
born December 14, 1838 Augustine  
Harvesty born July 17, 1840 William  
Henry born June 9, 1842 Louis Gilbert  
born July 20, 1844 Larry Lafayette born  
January 9, 1846 Betsy Adelaide born  
April 23. 1848 Emma Josephine born  
June 6, 1852

FAMILY RECORD OF ISAIAH BAILEY

Isaiah Bailey born January 29,  
1823  
Diadama Chubbuch his wife born  
August 25, 1821. Died May 3, 1861  
They were married by Asa Libby on  
July 19, 1844; children:  
Roxana born May 25, 1845; died  
Oct 1847.  
Roxana born January 18, 1848  
Jasper born July 26, 1850  
Josiah born July 17, 1851  
Clara born July 22, 1854  
Elisha Adna born December 22,  
1857

FAMILY RECORD OF NATHANIEL BAILEY (also see Bayley)

Nathaniel Bailey born October 8, 1773; died December 3, 1853  
Mary Frost his wife born September 23, 1774; died June 24, 1854  
They were married October 24, 1797  
children:  
David Emery born August 24, 1798  
Mary Harrington born May 14, 1800  
Nathaniel, JR born March 28, 1802  
Lydia born July 3, 1804  
Rhoda born July 15, 1806  
Abraham born December 21, 1809  
Jeremiah born August 3, 1812  
Elisha born March 13, 1817

FAMILY RECORD OF SAMUEL BAILEY, JR. (also see  
Bayley) Samuel Bailey JR. born May 22, 1818 Mary Ann  
Rumney his wife born October 5, 1824 at Lubec They  
were married December 20, 1840 children:  
Esther Ann born August 9, 1842 Lorenzo Loring born  
March 26, 1844 Moses Emery born September 5, 1847  
Anson Rumney born April 3, 1832 (Probably 1852, ed)

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## GENEALOGY PAIR

The 1993 A-CHS Genealogy Fair will be held on Saturday, July 17, 1993 at the Alexander Elementary School. The Fair provides a setting for those interested in family history to meet in a big room with tables and benches. The main activity is SHARING genealogical information. Bring your files and questions. A-CHS will have cemetery, census, and genealogy records on hand. All are welcome. The Fair starts at 2:00 PM and ends at 5:00 PM with a picnic so bring your sandwich and coffee, too. If you want to guarantee a table or need more information, call John Dudley at 454-7476 or write A-CHS at RR # I, Box 1597, Alexander ME 04694.

### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

### THANKS to:

MAURICE VINING of 19 Spencer Lane, No Windham CT 06256 who responded to a DOWNEAST FAMILIES query with information on Leavitt Vining family of Cooper.

NELLIE (MCPHETERS) DECHENE of Woodland who wrote "Thanks for the picture of the people I went to school with in 1916. I was II years old then... I am 88 years old, I feel quite good, still drive my car." Nellie's birthday was February 28 and she had received our A-CHS card which this year has a picture of scholars and teacher at the Four Corners School in Alexander. Hazel (Cousins) Frost had loaned A-CHS the photo. We appreciate Hazel's photo and Nellie's letter.

RUTH DWELLEY of 5 Valley View Road, APT 18, Machias ME 04654 who provided the article and pictures about Cedar Sunday School/Cedar Chapel found in this issue. We look forward to printing the second half of her article in August.

### ATTENTION -- DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON STROOT

We hope to publish more photographs of people and buildings in future Strout Family articles. If you have some photos, please share. We will return your pictures undamaged after getting them copied, usually in less than two weeks, jhd

### OUR DOWNEAST FAMILIES

QUERY 3i from Bob Klotz, 489 So Kingston Circle, Aurora CO 80012-2205  
COOPER/DUTTON/MARSTON/SHERMAN: Am seeking information on the family of William Cooper, son of Gen. John Cooper who settled in Cooper, Maine. William married ELIZA BALCH BUTTON (Dee i5, 1803-Jan 16, 1844) of Lubec on Aug. 8, 1826 at Cooper. What is her ancestry? Their daughter, HELEN MARSTON COOPER (July, 26, 1834-April 1915) married George Edward Bugbee of Perry. What is the source of Marston, her middle name? George Bugbee was the son of John Brewer and Hannah (Sherman) Bugbee. Hannah was the daughter of DANIEL and MARY (\_\_\_\_\_) SHERMAN. Mary is buried in North Perry. Where is Daniel buried? What is their ancestry?

**GENEVIEVE A. DUNHAM MILO**—Genevieve A. Dunham, 88, wife of the late Chester M. Dunham, died Feb. 24, 1993, in Barrgor. She was born in Benton, New Brunswick, Canada, Aug. 23, 1904, the daughter of George W. and Minnie (Mcintyre) Austin. She is survived by a son, Wen-dall A. Dunham Sr. of Warehouse, Conn.; three daughters, Avis Dutch of Stillwater, Marilyn Lombardo of New Britain, Conn., Carol J. Leech of Ban-gor; one sister, Ruth Buck of White Plains, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo, with the Rev. Ron Chaffee officiating. Spring interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Milo.

**LANSING M. BARNES** PEMBROKE — Lansing Murray Barnes, 73, died Feb. 2, 1993, at a Calais hospital after a long illness. He was born in Pembroke, May 27, 1919, the son of Frank A. and Annie (Sum-merton) Barnes. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Barnes of Pembroke; two sons, Preston of Pembroke and Norman of Maiden, Mass.; one daughter, Janice Scanlon of Pembroke; five grandsons, two great-granddaughters; four sisters, Florence Johnson of Woodland, Kathleen Tarbell of Pembroke, Estella Johnson of Woodland and Marguerite Mains of Pembroke; one brother, Frank Barnes of Pembroke. Committal services will be held in the spring. Arrangements by Plagg Funeral Home, Eastport.

**DR. H. G. SEARS, M.D.** WOODLAND, WASHINGTON COUNTY — Dr. Harold Gordon Sears, 69, died Feb. 2, 1993, at a Calais nursing home. He was born April 27, 1923, at St. Stephen, N.B., Canada, the youngest child of Charles F. "Fred" and Helen I. (Gooditi) Sears. He was a general practitioner and surgeon in the St. Croix Valley for 36 years until his retirement in 1985. For many years, he was the chief of staff at Calais Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marilyn (Harriman) Sears of Woodland; three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles F. "Rick" and Patti Sears and Kenneth A. and Myra Sears, all of Woodland, Peter G. and Karen Sears of Alexander; one daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Michael McKeeby of Andover, N.J.; seven grandchildren, Heather, Melissa, Jennifer, Timothy, Alicia, Gina and Benjamin; several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be conducted by Pastor Robert Young, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the People's United Methodist Church, Woodland\* Burial will take place privately in the spring at Woodland Cemetery. At the request of the deceased, there will be no visiting hours. Donations in his memory to the H. G. Sears Scholarship Fund at Woodland High School, Woodland, Maine 04694, would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais\*

## DOWNEAST MILESTONES

**BEULAH D. CORBETT** PLANTATION 21 and WAITE — Beulah D. Corbett, 77, died Feb. 11, 1993, at the home of her daughter in Princeton. She was born Aug. 1, 1915, at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of Moses and Eva (Lowe) Kneeland. She was predeceased by her husband, Fred "Ted" Corbett, in 1978. She is survived by two sons, Leo and Richard Corbett, both of Woodland; two daughters, Joan Crowe of Woodland and Janice Hayward of Princeton; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She will be fondly remembered by a special friend, Frederick "Buddy" Crowe. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. James Robertson 2 p.m. Saturday at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Plantation 21. Friends may call at the funeral home 7-9 p.m. Friday. The family requests that those who wish may donate in her memory to the Ronald McDonald House, Our House of Maine Inc., 654 State St., Bangor 04401.

### CEDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL 1952 left

to right

Front row: Philip McArthur, Mavis Dwelley,

2nd row;  
Emma Hatfield, Lorna Dwelley, Elsie Hatfield, Donna McArthur,

3rd row:  
Llewellyn Dwelley, Viola Dwelley  
Vivian Dwelley, Jackie McArthur, Fern Strout

back row: Ruth Dwelley, Lillian Varnum



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

HAPPY SPRING! As I write I can look out at a foot of snow and still frozen lake, but the sun is shining brightly and the sound of water rushing downhill to the lake is in my ears .The end of April will see the bare ground and a lake free of ice for another season. AWE-SOME!!

The supporting members list continues:

Richard Carlow, K. C. Church, Priscilla Drew, Erlin Perkins, Nancy Spooner, William and Barbara Minnick, John Stanhope ,Sara Wilson Bill and Virginia Weston, M. E. Sullivan, B. E. Stewart, Randy and Susan Wallace, Jon Cole, Berleson Graham, Elmer and Rooney Thompson, Ellen McLaughlin, Frances S. Webster, Linda and Fred Wallace, Ruth Dwelley, Jean Kravas, Edward "Sandy" Ives

We will be having our annual GENEALOGY FAIR on July 17th. It won't be long now before we get together to share family histories and to enjoy "breaking bread" together at the end of the day. John and Pliney have a detailed notice elsewhere in this Newsletter - Look for it!

### ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY-1993 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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*Here are some articles from our Issue 107, November 2000  
Our mailing address is 216 Pokey Road, Alexander ME 04694-6012*

## LOCAL BUSINESS – GROWING POTATOES

Dyer Crosby grew-up on his parents' farm on the North Union Road, just south of the Alexander/Cooper town line. He married Hilda Gillespie on September 2, 1944 and then went off to war. He shipped out of San Francisco, California on August 15, 1945, the day the Japanese surrendered. After spending time in Korea, he returned to Hilda, to Cooper, and to the farm on which he had grown-up.

Dyer's parents, Coburn and Yola (Lane) Crosby had run a general farm here since their marriage in 1915. (The farm had been created by Yola's father, Civil War veteran Francis Lane and his wife Eliza Jane Strout). For several years, Dyer continued in general farming. While Coburn had taken farm products to Milltown and Calais, Dyer hauled his products to Machias. Dyer sold chickens and eggs. He sold eggs to Helen and Larry Mugni when they first opened Helen's Restaurant in Machias. He sold potatoes, blueberries, and peas. He decided potatoes would be a good crop because at that time there was a price support program for their production.

In 1947, Dyer used the horse and horse-drawn equipment to plant potatoes on his parents' farm and on nine acres he rented from Ralph Sadler on Middle or Grove Ridge in Cooper. He then purchased a tractor to haul the potato digger, which was designed to be pulled by horses. For the next few years Dyer grew potatoes and other crops only on the home place.



In 1953, Dyer started growing potatoes in Alexander. Over a period of years he acquired over 60 acres of cropland, some on the Flat Road and some of the Spearin Road. Not all the cropland was planted to potatoes each year. For crop rotation, Dyer would plant winter rye on a potato piece either just before or just after the spuds were picked. Late the following spring, the rye would be plowed under and the same fields would be planted to Japanese millet.

In 1958 he had a potato cellar or potato house built for storing potatoes until the market was good. This building was a University of Maine design and was built by Ken Sawyer of Charlotte. It has the capacity of 5500 barrels. This building still stands near the Custer Dow house-site at the intersection of the Flat and Nellie Berry Roads.

Dyer realized that water was needed for a good crop of potatoes, so he dug three irrigation ponds at the Flat Road site. He found that he could grow more potatoes on 35 acres of irrigated land than he could on 50 acres without irrigation. He used two Chrysler gasoline engines to power his irrigation pumps. These would pump 400 to 500 gallons per minute. He would place the 6-inch and/or 4-inch aluminum irrigation pipe between certain rows during the day, and then run the pumps from 6 until about 11 each night. Actually, he would fill each pump with 30 gallons of gas, and let them run till out of fuel, about 4 1/2 hours. The next day, he'd move the pipe to the next area to be irrigated, then apply needed sprays to the area watered the night before. These sprays were to control the Colorado potato beetle, flea beetles, and early and late blight. Some of the spray cost \$50.00 a gallon!

Dyer had lots of help raising potatoes. Some of the women who planted and/or picked potatoes were Ethel (Knowles) Hunnewell, Thelma Hunnewell, Connie McArthur, Alberta (McArthur) Berry, Eunice Carlow, Althea (Davis) Lord, Velma (Davis) Johnston, Ina Leighton, and Bertha Hatt. Aldena Moriasey of Crawford would pick 100 barrels of potatoes in a day and want Dyer to dig more! Ulric Magoon and his family also helped in picking. Ned Hatt was an unusual picker. He had but one leg, so would pick up sitting down.



He'd drag himself along, and pick quite a few barrels in a day. His brother Carl would haul the full baskets to the barrels for him.

Charlie Moholland helped Dyer in planting season. Dyer hired "day men" to help during the harvest. These men worked on the truck. They included Clarence Leighton, his son Kenny, Shirley Hunnewell, Wayne Dwelley, and Roland Perkins. Morey Hunnewell worked in the bin, inside the potato house. Gerald Cooper and Leslie Knowles were two of the high school students who helped move the long sections of irrigation pipe.

During these years Hilda had the contract to transport school children, first to the East Ridge School in Cooper, then to the new (1956) school in Alexander, and finally to Woodland. This involved at least two trips a day and three when there were kindergarten children to bus at noon. Even with this schedule, Hilda helped Dyer with many of the chores such as planting (cutting seed and dropping seed), moving irrigation pipe, and grading in the potato house. Grading meant picking out the bad potatoes, sunburned, bruised, cut, or crooked ones. Hilda would even drive a tractor when called upon!

Dyer had a machine that sorted the potatoes by size, 1 ½" to 2 ¼" for seed, 2 ¼" to 3" for table stock, and 3" to 4" for chefs. Chefs were for making French fries and many were sold to St. Croix Valley Drive-in Theater in Baring.

Dyer raised his own seed potatoes, under control of the tuber unit of the state seed farm. He had help from local women planting seed (which for those who never have grown potatoes are pieces of potato with at least one eye in each). The seed was cut and planted at the same time, by hand. This way, all the pieces of seed from one potato was planted next to one another. If the seed was diseased, then it was easy to pull the plants, which were growing next to each other.



At a time when the plants from these seed were partially grown, Lowell Webster of Springfield and a team of inspectors would come to rogue the crop or carefully check each plant. This process was repeated about once a week until the potatoes were in blossom. Any diseased plant was removed, and the rest allowed to grow and produce potatoes. These seed potatoes were harvested. A sample was shipped to Florida, planted, grown, and again inspected for disease. The seed from these twice grown and twice inspected potatoes were labeled "foundation seed" if they had less than 1% disease or "certified seed" if the disease rate was between 1% and 2%. This was what Dyer planted the following spring.

These were also the potatoes that Dyer sold. Since they were inspected seed, they could be sold for a good price, if other potato growers had lots of money. Dyer sold seed to farmers in the Newport – Exeter area. When these farmers had a financially successful year, they would buy Dyer's seed. When the potato price was down, they usually would cut corners and plant their own seed. Dyer's best year selling potatoes was 1965. That year he profited about \$45,000. One year was so bad he sold his certified seed as table stock on the Boston market for \$1.00 a hundred weight. That was the delivered price and Dyer had to pay 25 cents for the bag plus a

cent for the tag! Some potatoes were shipped to market by truck and others were loaded on rail cars at Woodland.

Dyer could grow a good crop of potatoes each year. But the market was not good most years so that by 1969 Dyer was \$7000 in debt. He sold off some equipment to balance the books and went into the construction business.



From 1947 until the present year Dyer and Hilda have harvested blueberries from their farm in Cooper. For a few years they grew an acre of strawberries in Alexander, and they kept a small herd of Hereford cattle.

### *VAREN CRAFTS: EARLY SETTLER*

Varen Crafts was a brother of Isaac Porter Crafts and their ancestors are found listed in issue 105. Information for this article came from Pliney Frost's work on this family. Additions and corrections are welcome.

Varen was born at Hebron, Oxford County, Maine on October 17, 1800. As a young adult he went to New Brunswick where he was engaged with his brother Isaac in navigation of the St. John River between Grand Lake, Fredericton and St. John.

He married Jane Ferris on October 7, 1829. She was born at Waterborough, Queens County, NB on July 2, 1808. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Stillwell) Ferris. She was a sister of Isaac's wife Rebecca. They moved to Alexander before the 1830 census and lived here for about 30 years before moving to South Princeton. Jane died on May 23, 1870 and Varen died on April 7, 1871 at Princeton.

Their children were probably all born in Alexander:

1. John Uriah was born on July 27, 1830. He married Amy Gooden McLean, daughter of Archibald Ferris and Isbella (Fanjoy) McLean.
2. Mary Elizabeth was born on October 22, 1833 and died March 6, 1872. On July 8, 1855, she married Jeremiah Spearin (1829 – 1909), son of Jeremiah and Rhoda (Bayley) Spearin. Their children were Herbert, Laura, Howard, and Fred. Jeremiah was a Civil War veteran in Company I of the Maine 16<sup>th</sup>. He was postmaster in Alexander several years and moved to Calais about 1880.
3. Samuel Howard was born on February 22, 1835. He married Jennie Frances Florence of Holden, Maine and they settled in Seattle, Washington.
4. Mahala was born on January 25, 1837 and died on July 20, 1842.
5. Alonzo was born on December 26, 1838 and died on March 5, 1852.
6. Sarah was born on August 12, 1840 and died September 22, 1848.
7. Melissa Almina was born on April 14, 1843 and died in May 1930. She married Peter Smart of Bancroft, Maine. He was the son John and Olive Ann (Pomeroy) Smart. They had two children, Julia Ellen and Ada Gertrude
8. Frederick Augustus was born on May 20, 1845.
9. Sarah Jane was born on October 3, 1847. She married Thomas Benton Trott.

10. Thomas Franklin was born on March 23, 1850. He married Martha Jane Stephens of St. George, NB.

11. Frances Ann was born in February 1852 and died on May 17, 1855.

Varen and Jane Crafts are buried in the Alexander Cemetery, as are these children:

Margaret A. died March 10, 1834, age 4 months, (who is this?)

Mahala died July 20, 1842, age 5 years, 7 months

Sarah J. died September 20, 1845, age 5 years, 1 month, (this date does not agree with above)

Alonzo died March 5, 1846, age 14 years, 3 months (the year of death does not agree)

Frances A. Died May 17, 1855

These stones are broken, in poor shape and thus hard to read.

### LELA SCRIBNER'S 1925 DIARY - MARCH

Again with thanks to Mildred (Flood) Holst, we continue looking at life in Alexander through the diary of Lela (Crafts) Scribner. A sample of the original work is copied here.

1 – Sunday - Bertha and Leon to James's to supper; Frank and Ella called.

2 – Monday - men killed calf Jennie in a.m.; Mort and Thed down in woods in p.m.; Leon to Calais; Thed here to dinner and supper; Florice and Vira and children called.

3 – Tuesday - Leon to Calais; Mort hauling wood.

4 – Wednesday - men hauling wood and picking up a load; Women here to practice for the pantomime; Ada and Mabel here to supper.

5 – Thursday - Leon and Merton to Calais; Mort hauling wood; Bertha and I called to Winnifred; Merton here to supper.

6 – Friday -raining in a.m.; Mort finished hauling wood.

7 – Saturday - men sawing the rest of the poplar; Thed here to work; Bertha and Leon down to Ina's; Women met to practice pantomime.

8 – Sunday - we were to Calais; snowing.

9 – Monday - men down to Thed's to help haul wood in dooryard; Leon and Thed killing his calf; Alice Staples here to dinner; Hi called.

10 – Tuesday - cold, froze hard last night; Leon and Thed to Calais with calf; Mort getting out cedar.

11 – Wednesday - raining; Bertha and I to Ada's to dinner; Leon and Bertha called on S. Perkins.

12 – Thursday - Leon to Calais; Mort getting out cedar; Vira and children called; Velma Slovich baby born, Dr. Stewart, Lindon Leroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Frost, born.

13 - Friday - men sawing spruce; Thed and Ivan here to dinner and supper; Clinton called.

14 – Saturday - snowing and colder; Leon to store. Alton Perkins and Ola Flood married.

15 – Sunday - squally; we were all to Thed’s to dinner, went on sled.

16 – Monday - men down to Thed’s to finish hauling out wood to house; Leon killed calf; Frank here to saw up calf.

17 – Tuesday - Leon to Calais; Billy went home; men getting out cedar; Frank here.

18 – Wednesday - men sawing spruce; Thed and Ivan here to dinner and supper; Bertha out to Carrie’s camp warming; I called to Ella’s; Clinton and Vira called. (Bert and Albert Varnum had built a camp in the woods near the edge of a field. Each spring their mother would cook a big chicken stew and many family members and young neighbors would go to the camp warming. They would play cards and other games, have stew for dinner, and have a good time. Earl and Lindsay didn’t attend, but one year Lindsay sneaked up and stuffed the stovepipe with something that smoked them out.

19 – Thursday - cloudy and misty; finished sawing spruce and moved to Frank’s; Thed here to dinner; Eva and children here to dinner and supper; raining and thundering; Leon to store; Leon and Bertha to Floyd’s

20 – Friday - men sawing Frank’s wood.

21 – Saturday - men finished sawing Frank’s wood and moved over here in forenoon; all to Grange; Winnifred called; Edith McLellan was operated on.

March 22 through March 30 have no entries.

31 – Tuesday - Mort splitting wood; Thed in Calais; Ina and girls here to supper; Florice here to supper; raining.

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### ***OUR DOWNEAST LAKES – PLEASANT LAKE***

#### **WILLOW LANE**

Willow Lane runs west from the Cooper Road. The land here was part of that acquired by John Dwelley and his grandson Hubert sold four of these lots. Dane Dwelley, Chris Landry and Mary Landry helped with this article. Additions and corrections are welcome.

8) Arthur and Freda Fleming of Woodland got this lot in the late 50’s and started building a camp. After a couple of years they sold to Earl and Mary Landry of Alexander. Earl finished the camp and the family used it for years. Since Earl died in 1992, Mary has not used the place very much.

9) Orland and Alice (Gaddis) Williams of Alexander bought this lot in February 1956. They moved in a trailer for a camp, which they used over the years. Orland died in 1984 and Alice still occasionally uses her camp.

10) Lindsay McLaughlin of Baileyville acquired this lot in June 1955 and built a camp. In June 1961 he sold the lot and camp to Earl and Mary Landry. Allan and Hilda (Cousins) Greenlaw bought the place in June 1968 and used it for awhile until the bought a place on Cozy Cove Lane. The sold this camp to Chris Landry, son of Earl and Mary, in 1998. Chris is converting the building into a year-round home.

12) Olaf and Harriet (Seamans) Dwelley got this lot before 1963. Shortly after they moved a "St. Croix woods camp" down across the lake with horses and set it up on this lot. Olaf was a son of Oliver and Hazel (Crafts) Dwelley and a nephew of Hubert. Olaf and Harriet, both veterans, are buried at the Alexander Cemetery. Their son, Dane who lives in Old Town now owns the camp and in 1994 did a major renovation on it.

14) Cecil Hatfield had acquired some Dwelley property in the 1940's and sold this lot to Oliver and Christine Dwelley in 1953. In June 1972, Christine (Dwelley) Morgan of Lakeland, GA sold the lot and building to Arnold and Katherine Kidder of Woodland. The building was apparently a trailer that had been brought out from near Woodland High School in the early '60's. Katherine and Arnold divorced and Katherine married a Greenlaw. She still owns the place.

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**A-CHS BIRTHDAY CARDS:** A-CHS has created a new birthday card for 2001. We'll mail this card to each native (Alexander or Crawford) born person who is 75 or older. If you fit and did not get a card this year, send us your name and address and we'll put you on the list

**GENEALOGY FAIR:** The 2001 fair will be at Alexander Elementary School on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 until 3. Mark this on your calendar. It's a great chance to learn about families from this area.

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### *LIMITS OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS FOR 1895*

The job of the highway surveyor was to oversee work done on the road. At this time in history, part of each person's tax was a highway tax, which usually was paid in labor (of man and/or animal) on the road. Someone had to be the boss, and the highway surveyors filled that roll. Of course, their time could be credited against their highway tax.

Following each number in *italics* is the quote from the Alexander Assessors' Book. Next in (parenthesis) comes an explanation of where each section of road is located in 2000 terms.

1. *G. S. S, Scribner - Beginning at forks of road near Mort Scribner's old BSS, thence past the Four Corner School House to Crawford line. Also road from corner near G. S. S. Scribner's to C. M. Huffs.* (BSS was originally Benjamin A. Strout's blacksmith shop, where the stage stopped on the corner of the Airline and McArthur Roads. So he surveyed the Airline from here west to the Crawford line. The other road mentioned is the Huff Road which today is but a track along the edge of the blueberry field east of Zela Cousins which runs southerly from the Airline to the Ann Road near Rose Williams'. Zela's house was the home of surveyor George Stillman Smith Scribner.)

2. *C E. Tyler - Beginning at forks of road near Mort Scribner's old BSS to corner near Henderson's and road leading to Isaiah Bailey's.* (This is the Cooper Road as far south as the Arm Road. Charles Eldon Tyler lived at the northeast corner of the Cooper Road and Tommy Long Road, which back then lead to Isaiah Bailey's house where Merle and Ruth Knowles now live.)

3. *R. C Brown - Beginning at forks near Mort Scribner's old BSS thence past the graveyard to Baileyville line. Also road from M. Scribner's barn to Abner Brown's line near G. Lyons.* (The first road is the Airline, and the second is the McArthur Road, which was much longer in those days. Abner was Robert Clark Brown's son. Robert lived where Joe Wallace now lives)

4. *J. W. Dwelley - Beginning at the corner near Hendersons' thence past the lake to the Cooper line near Wesley Flood's.* (Levi Henderson lived at the corner of the Arm Road and the Cooper Road. John Dwelley surveyed the Cooper Road, past Pleasant Lake and his mill and house, up Gooch Hill and on to the Cooper line).

5. *W. H. H. Crafts - Beginning at corner near Hendersons' thence past the house of John G. Spearin to Four Corners.* (William H. H. Crafts, likely one of those H's was for Hiram since he was the son of Civil War Veteran Hiram Alonzo Crafts [1828-1891] and Esther Louisa Spearin, probably lived in his father's house on the Arm Road. Merle and Kim Knowles presently reside at this site. William surveyed the Ann Road to the Old County Road, up that road to the Airline where Ethel Hunnewell now lives.)

6. *Aaron Carlow - Beginning at corner near Theophilus Gillespie thence over Breakneck Hill past house of R. Keen to Cooper line. Also down Breakneck Hill past the lake to corner near Geo. Cushing Farm.* (Everett and Rowena Bates now live at the Theophilus Gillespie home site on the Cooper Road. Pliney Frost called the road which runs west from here to Breakneck "Burnt Barn Hill Road". Aaron Carlow lived on Breakneck near the intersection of this road and the Breakneck Road, the site today we call Carlow Flats. Aaron surveyed from his house south to Cooper and northerly from his house to George Cushing's on the Crawford Road, the site called Sears Comer. The Sears Place was first settled by William Crockett and has a gravestone for his granddaughter-in-law Lucy Davis.)

7. *Charles W Bailey - Beginning at the forks of road near C. Hunnewell BSS thence past the house of S. K. Seamans to Princeton line.* (Charles Hunnewell's home and blacksmith shop were on the South Princeton Road, just north of the Pokey Road intersection. Mel Hunnewell lived there a long time; a trailer now stands at the site. Herbert Norris now lives at the S. K. Seamans' home site on Taylor Hill. It appears that in 1894 Charles Winthrop Bailey was living at the Taylor home, the site where William Willand and family today reside. He was born and grew up on the Airline Road, and in 1887 had acquired a farm in Baileyville on the Robb Hill Road from his cousin Benjamin, not far from the Lovering District School. Then he married Myrtle Taylor in 1890, which explains his presence in this neighborhood in 1894. He died in 1900 before the census and is buried in the South Princeton Cemetery.)

8. *Gorham P. Flood - Beginning at corner near schoolhouse Dist. #2 thence past G. P. Flood's continuing on to County Road at graveyard. Also to Tom Carter's line, James S. Connick's line, Enos M. Frost's line, and Frederick M Brown's line.* (The schoolhouse was the Hale school until 1956, and then was the home of the Alexander Community Club and Volunteer Fire Department. The road first described is now the Spearin Road, then the Flat Road to the Airline and Cemetery. Tom Carter lived at the top of the hill on the Nellie Berry Road. James Connick lived on the Flat Road where Charlie Holmes now is. Enos Frost lived at the end of a road running south from the Spearin Road, just west of the old dump. Fred Brown's home was on the hill near

where Doug Scrutin has a seasonal house. Gorham lived on the Spearin Road, near Warren Morse's seasonal home.)

9. *W. S. Fickett - Beginning at County Road near J Bailey's thence past W. S. Fickett's house to Hugh Robb 2nd in Alexander.* (William Fickett surveyed the Robb Hill Road, a town line road running north from the Airline. Houses on the west side of the road were in Alexander, and those on the east side were in Baileyville.)

10. *Charles Cousins - Beginning at the Four Corners near Mrs. Adelaide Strout's thence in a northerly direction to Pokeshine Lake.* (Charles Cousins lived on the Pokey Road. He surveyed the lot-line road running from the Airline to Pocomoonshine Lake. Note how Shining Lake of 1881 had become Pokeshine Lake by 1894.)

11. *Joseph L. Godfrey - Beginning at the forks of road near Geo. Bohanon's thence past house of Geo. Cushing to Crawford line.* (Joseph Godfrey lived on the Arm Road across from Ulric Magoon's, the house is gone. His area of responsibility started on the Arm Road where the Old County Road intersects, and runs along the Arm Road westerly to where Rose Williams resides, thence southerly to the end of the town's part of the Arm Road, then continues southerly along discontinued road to what was Sears Comer, thence westerly along what now is the Crawford Road to the Crawford town line near Coburn Wallace's house.)

We note that the Green Hill Road was not surveyed. The town-line between Alexander and Cooper had been changed by the Damon Set-off of 1838. The actual location of the line was not settled until 1900. Therefore, in 1894, the assumed line was 50 rods north of the legal line and the Green Hill Road was almost entirely on the Cooper side.)

## THE TALE OF TWO THE HARRIETS

In issue 106 we had an article on The First Settlers of Cooper based on an 1897 interview with Thomas Burbank. Austin Gray, who copied that article, had added some notes about Burbank, which are the basis for the following. We have referred to Cooper censuses, cemetery stones, vital records, Memorial of the Loyalist Families of Moore, Hitchings, and Livingstone by John E. Moore, The Leland Magazine by Sherman Leland, Our Heritage: Howes and Lanes by Charlotte Stole, plus A-CHS files. Additions and corrections are welcome

Thomas J. Burbank was born on March 19, 1816 in Trenton, Maine. He moved to Cooper as a child with his parents, Deacon Johnson and Abigail Burbank. Through his marriages Thomas became connected to many Cooper residents.

Thomas married first Harriet Hitchings (1816). She was a granddaughter of Josiah and Anna (Livingstone) Hitchings who had moved from New Boston, New Hampshire to St. David, New Brunswick. Harriet's parents were David and Sally (Loring) Hitchings who moved to Cooper before 1830. They had 10 children, the youngest, David (1799) died young. Harriet's sister Mary (1801) married Benjamin Henderson and they lived in Cooper. Her brother Henry (1810) married Margaret Brown, daughter of Joseph Green Brown, and they, too, lived in Cooper. The next younger brother, Hiram (1813) married Mary Florence Howe, daughter of Asa and Susan (Fisher) Howe. They were living in Cooper in 1850. Harriet's younger sister Rachel (1821) married Charles William Palmetter and also lived in Cooper. So Harriet Hitchings and four of her siblings married and lived in Cooper.



Thomas and Harriet (Hitchings) Burbank had 8 children according to the "Hitchings" book, Henry J., Julia, William, Moses, Sylvester, Harriet, Abbie, and Edmund A. The 1850 census lists Henry, Julia, Thomas W. (William), Moses J., Sylvester, and Harriet. The 1860 census adds Edmund. In that census we find two Abigails in the household, Abigail Burbank age 77, and Abigail Seavey, a 28 year-old tailoress. But we don't find a reference to a child named Abbie. Thomas's wife Harriet Hitching had died in 1855 and was buried at the East Ridge Cemetery.

Thomas married next Harriet (Leland) Howe (I 828). This Harriet was a daughter of Moses and Jerusha (Norwood) Leland. Her siblings were Moses (I 826), Hannah (I 830), Abner (I 832), and Thomas (1835). Was there a sister Ruth (1825)? Harriet Leland first married Mark Howe, brother to Mary Florence mentioned above, after Mark's first wife Ruth Leland had died in 1850 (buried at East Ridge Cemetery). Mark and Ruth's two children disappear from the record after the 1850 census. In that census they are listed as Lucius (I 843) and Leroy (I 845). Charlotte lists their names as Lucian and Lucy.

Harriet's brother Moses married Hannah Shackford and lived on the North Union Road by Dead Stream, Abner and Thomas Leland married Conant sisters from Charlotte, Mary and Margaret respectively. Abner and his family were long time residents of Princeton before removing to Orono. A picture of Abner and two of his sons was printed on page one of issue 63. Hannah disappears from our records.

Mark and Harriet (Leland) Howe had two children, Herbert and Mark, Jr., before divorcing. Mark Howe, Sr. then disappears from our records. In the 1860 census Harriet (Leland) Howe and young Mark are living in the Thomas Burbank home. She is listed as a tailoress. Herbert is found in the James and Jerusha Tyler home with two other (likely) unrelated children of similar age, Laura Homan, age 1, and Margaret McGeorge, age 7. The Tylers came to Cooper before 1830 and lived on the North Union Road next door to Moses Leland's. James Tyler was a teacher and a wheelwright as well as a farmer.

By the 1870 census Thomas and Harriet Leland were married and Herbert had joined his mother and brother in the Burbank home on the East Ridge Road. The Burbank and Leland families had each come from Hancock County, the Burbanks from Trenton and the Lelands from nearby Ironbound Island.

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### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO PAST ARTICLES

***BILLY WOODRUFF AND THE LYLE PLACE*** - Joe Dwelley, 536 Squire Lane, Kissimmee FL 34746, told us that William Woodruff was known as "Billy" by many of his friends. What we labeled as WOODRUFF'S HOUSE in issue 104, page 6 was called the "Lyle Place" by Luther Thornton the day he showed me the cement posts that mark the site. Joe said that the "Lyle Brothers" were from Boston, had a Hudson dealership there, and had this hunting and fishing camp in Crawford. Pearl Woodruff was their guide and they brought him a big old high-back Hudson car, which he used for many years.

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### OUR DOWNEAST FAMILIES

Query from Kenneth Willey, 3 Putnam RD, North Reading MA 01864

***LITTLE LIFE STORIES OF MAINE PEOPLE***: A series of articles under this heading appeared maybe in the 1920's in a newspaper that must have been circulated in Washington County. The column before us is about *Mrs. Mary T Wilson, 91, of Cherryfield*. What newspaper printed this series?

Query from Debby Meffiweather, PO Box 170093, Boise ID 83717  
merriweadl@cyberhighway.net

**GODFREY/MORRISSEY/SCRIBNER:** I am looking for obituaries and stories about the lives of the following; Rebecca (Godfrey) Scribner (widow of G. S. S. Scribner, Rebecca died in 1915 at Tom Blaney's), her mother Rachel (Morrissey) Godfrey (died after 1880) and Rachel's parents John Morrissey (died 1870) and Ruth (Blakman) Morrissey (died before 1850). Does anyone have a picture of Rebecca I could have copied? I descend from Rebecca and her first husband and have wondered why she left her child with her parents when she moved up the hill, married George Scribner, and looked after his children.