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CHARLES AND LUCRETIA (BRAGDON) CARLOW

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Come to the **GENEALOGY FAIR** at the Alexander School on August 8. The fair starts at 2pm and ends with a tail gate picnic at 5pm. Bring your family records, bring your questions, bring your picnic, and enjoy the afternoon.

A CHS Historic Milestone

A-CHS was formed in August 1980 from the Alexander-Crawford Historical Committee. First officers were: Jane Dudley, president; Audrey Ketner, vice-president; Millie Winckler, treasurer; and Ruth Dwelley, secretary.

WILLIAM D CROCKETT: Early Settler

Part 3

by Pliney Frost

With this issue of the Newsletter we will conclude the narrative of the Crockett family.

The family of Esther H. Stevens, dau. of Almira Catherine (Crockett) Stevens, has been compiled based on information furnished the writer by Mrs Sheila (Keliher) Walsh of Farmington, Mass. Almira Catherine was the third child of William D. Crockett (see issue #64,page 1).

The Manley J. Stevens record is based on the records of Mr. Wayne D. Nado of Damariscotta, Me. Manley J. was the son of Mary I. (Crockett) Stevens, fourth child of William D. Crockett (see issue #64, pages 1 and 4).

Esther H. Stevens, (called Hattie).

Esther H. was born at Calais, Me. June 14, 1846, the fifth child of Ephraim H. and Almira C. (Crockett) Stevens. On December 14, 1865 at the Methodist Seminary, Colorado Terr. she married Sylvester Markwell, a son of Hiram and Sarah (Nagle) Markwell, born Salem, Indiana May 29, 1841. He died at Los Angeles, Calif. Sept. 7, 1914. Esther's death occurred at Burke, Calif. Aug. 15, 1910, they lie buried in Los Angeles, Calif..

children of Esther and Sylvester Markwell:

1. Edwin P. died an infant, Cheyene Terr.
2. James Frederick, born Oct. 29, 1867.
M. E-----? Hobart,(see next section).
3. Jesse Ephraim, born Feb. 18, 1869, died Los Angeles, Calif.
M. -----?
had a son, Milton Markwell, died young.
4. Charles Aldebirt, born Maryville, Mo. Sept. 20, 1871, died Los Angeles, Calif. M. several times, no children.
5. Franklin Pierce, born Maryville, Mo. Dec. 27, 1872, died Los Angeles, Calif.
M. (Bertie) Isabelle Murry; no children.
6. Effie, born ? , died June 5, 1895, Austin, Nev.
M. four times, no children.
7. Emma Cora, born Austin, Lander Co. Nev. Aug. 17, 1880.
died Los Angeles, Calif. June 12, 1955.
M. 1st. Thomas Hardwick
M. 2nd. Charles Foster Buchanan (see next section).

James Frederick Markwell

James F. the second child of Esther H. and Sylvester Markwell born Oct. 29, 1867. His marriage was to E-----? Hobart. It has been said her father was the President of a Methodist University. Mr. Markwell studied law at Harvard. We have no dates of either Mr and Mrs Markwell's death or where they lie buried.

children of James F. Markwell:

1. Faris, born ?, died ?.
single.
2. Alexander, born ?, died Spokane, Wash. 1960.
no record of any children.

Emma Cora Markwell:

Emma C. the seventh and youngest child of Esther H. and Sylvester Markwell was born at Austin, Lander Co. Nev. Aug. 17, 1880. On March 5, 1900 at Orangeville, Idaho. She married Thomas Jefferson Hardwick son of William Daniel and Martha Henrietta (Rhoades) Hardwick. Thomas J. was born at Miama Co. Kansas Sept, 18, 1876, he died at San Bernardina, Calif. April 21, 1949. Emma married for the second time Charles Foster Buchanan born 18--? at Cincinnati, Ohio. He died at Los Angeles, Calif. 19--? Emma died at Los Angeles, June 12, 1955.

children of Emma C. and Thomas J. Hardwick:

1. Thelma, born ? .
2. Corrine Athene, born Nez Perce, Idaho August 26, 1903.
M. 1st. Thomas J. Keliher, April 17, 1926.
M. 2nd. Thom Jeffers Shank (see next section)

children of Emma C. and Charles F. Buchanan

1. James Rollin, born ? .
M. (A lady from Mexico)
chr. 1. James Rollin Jr., 2. Jo Anne.
2. Helen Genelle (Pattie) born ? .
M. Leon Williamson.
chr. 1. Charron Seitz, married 2 children (no names)
2. Ginger, married 2 children (no names).

seeking information

We are planning future articles on the Stowell-MacGregor Mill on Pocomoonshine Lake and the LaBelle Mills of the area. Seeking names of those who worked in these operations - from cutting the logs to finished products. Contact: John Dudley at our Alexander address.

ELIZA (STROUT) STEVENS

Eliza Emeline Strout was born April 11, 1846, in Alexander, Maine. She was the daughter of the local blacksmith and raised as part of an ardent Free-Will Baptist family. As a young woman she went to nearby Calais to work; we still have some of her correspondence of that era. There was "inflation" even at that time: she was paying \$2.00 per week to board at Mrs. Warren's, while her father thought the price should be \$1.25 ! And she had left at home, of all things, her favorite large apron.

For a period before her marriage Eliza Strout taught school. Then, on July 26, 1871, she married Mandy J. Stevens of Crawford. As newlyweds they lived at the Stevens place in Crawford, but soon relocated to Topsfield, twenty miles to the north. Here they operated a small hotel while Manly was owner of the Princeton and Forest Stage Line. Later, in the 1890's, the family moved to Calais where Manly served as agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company of Springfield, Mass. Eliza continued her church affiliation and taught Sunday-school while in Topsfield.

There were four children born to Eliza and Manly:

- 1) Arthur Delmont Stevens born April 6, 1874 in Topsfield.
- 2) Nina Stevens born July 1, 1876 in Alexander.
- 3) Frank Albert Stevens born February 4, 1879 in Princeton.
- 4) Benjamin Strout Stevens born June 17, 1882 in Topsfield.

In January 1895, Manly Stevens died of tuberculosis at age 48. The following year Eliza went off to St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, for an extended visit with her sister, Charlotte. We have several letters the Stevens children wrote to their mother while she was away. These give small glimpses of their lives at that time. Arthur had purchased Kelsey's Grocery in Calais; he felt he could stimulate sales by handling buckwheat flour and wanted his mother to help him find a Canadian source of supply. Ben, then fourteen, had just bought his first pair of long pants and was having to bear some jokes about it, while Frank, then in high school, was active as president of the Lyceum and Treasurer of the Football Club. Frank seems to have been a promising young fellow; sadly enough he died a few years later, while only 21, after contracting pneumonia at the Milltown cotton mill where he was working.

After Frank's death, Eliza and the family moved to Massachusetts, where there was better economic opportunity for the surviving children. Arthur had by this time married a Topsfield girl, one of his mother's former Sunday-school pupils, Inez Stewart. All of them lived in Wretham, Mass., until 1904, then moved to the city of Brockton. Eliza (Strout) Stevens died here on May 24, 1908 at age 62. Her death notice describes her as "an earnest and companionable woman". Her three surviving children all lived out their lives in Massachusetts and produced families of their own. Arthur worked sometimes as a cook, sometimes as a house painter; there were eight children and the family lived in Holbrook, Mass. Ben remarried in Brockton where he was a dentist for many years. Nina married a man named Harold Foster; they lived in the Worcester area.

This page written by Wayne Nado

Arthur Delmont Stevens:

Arthur D. Stevens was born at Topsfield, Maine April 6, 1874 the oldest of four children born to Manley J. and Eliza E. (Strout) Stevens. His early life was spent in that town. In the early 1890's the family moved to Calais, where his father was an insurance agent for a time prior to his death in 1895. The family moved to Wretham, Mass. shortly after the death of Frank Albert, brother of Arthur and from there to Brockton, Arthur lived in Halbrook, where he worked as a cook at times, at other times he was employed as a house painter. Arthur married Hester Inez Stewart of Topsfield, Maine.

Stevens children of whom we have any record:

1. Manly, Born April 21, 1898: Died ---, ---, 19--: no issue
Mar. Winiferd Pyne.
2. Guy, Born March 15, 1900; Died ---, ---, 19--
Mar. Ruth Peckhan.
3. Roswell, Born Dec. 7, 1901; ---, ---, 1916: Died at the age of 15:
No issue.
4. Virginia, Born Aug. 29, 1903; ---.
Mar. Kenneth Kaligian.
5. Shirley, Born Nov. 21, 1905; Died ----, ---, 19--.
Mar. Elsie Olson.
6. Alice, Born June 8, 1907;
Mar. Clarence Mado.
7. Clyde, Born July 26, 1911; Died ---, ---, 19--; No issue.
Mar. Grace Littlefield.
8. Phyllis, Born Dec. 19, 1916; Died ----, ---, 1936; at the age of
20; No issue.

Nina Stevens:

Nina Stevens was born at Alexander, July 1, 1876, Dau. of Manley and Eliza E. (Strout) Stevens. Her early life was spent in Topsfield - Calais area. She married Harold Foster and they resided in the Worcester, Mass. area.

Foster children of whom we have any record:

1. Doris, Born ----, ---, 1906; Died ----, ---, 19--.
Mar. ----- ?.
2. Gladys, Born ----, ---, 1909.
Mar. Edward Dearnley, ----, ---, 19--.
Her address 1984 is Mrs Gladys Dearnley
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