

PETER FLOOD: EARLY SETTLER

HIS DESCENDANTS: THE MAYNARD AND MABEL PERKINS FAMILY

With this issue we continue the descendants of Peter and Lucy (Snow) Flood which David DeWald started in our May 1996 issue. Mabel Edna Flood, granddaughter of Peter and Lucy, and the only child of Wesley and his second wife Mary Angeline Perkins, was born on September 23, 1881 at Alexander and died on December 27, 1959 at Calais. She married Maynard H. Perkins, son of Solomon Jr. and Mary Anna (Milbury) Perkins. Maynard was born on September 4, 1871 and died October 21, 1930. They resided on the Perkins place just beyond the Perkins Family Cemetery on the Green Hill Road in Cooper.



MABEL (FLOOD) PERKINS seated with her family on her seventy-eighth birthday. September 23, 1959. Back row, BESSIE, MINDEN, NORMAN, BENJAMIN, and in front MARJORIE, LILA, and MURIEL. Son Harold was not able to attend this family gathering.

Much of the information for this article came from records collected by Pliney Frost over the years. Several family members have made additions and corrections to these records. They include Harold Sr., Muriel Hogue, Eleanor Clark, and Hilda Crosby. Marjorie Wright loaned the photographs. Thank you all! jhd

41. THE FAMILY OF MAYNARD H. AND MABEL EDNA (FLOOD) PERKINS:

59. Bessie Angie (January 14, 1903 - February 12, 1988) married Robert Everett Gillespie (January 30, 1901 - January 26, 1980) of Meddybemps, son of Charles W. and Ellis (Allen) Gillespie. They operated a large potato and blueberry farm. Robert and Bessie were the parents of eight children:

- a) Everett was born on March 17, 1924. He married first Effie Perkins of Baileyville and they lived in Meddybemps (see issue 89, pages 14 and 15). Everett married second Carol Rae Treagy. They reside on the former Sennett place in Meddybemps. Children by first wife:
 - 1) Frances (March 15, 1948) married Rick Thibodeau. Their children are Tanya (October 29, 1969 - February 18, 1991), Fonda, and Collin. Frances and Rick are divorced, and she is married to Joe Cammack.
 - 2) Nancy (December 19, 1950) first married _____ Morrell and their child is Ricky. She later married _____ Hanson and has two more children, Troy and Josh. Nancy works at EMMC at Bangor.
- b) Infant daughter died at 10 days old, buried in family lot at the Meddybemps Cemetery on the Green Hill Road.
- c) Hilda was born on May 26, 1926. She married Dyer Crosby of Cooper and they reside in his family home on the North Union Road. Hilda served as Town Tax Collector and Treasurer for many years. Dyer and Hilda grew potatoes for a number of years before getting into the earth moving business.
- d) Dale (August 6, 1927 - April 7, 1982) married Jane Crosby of Cooper (Dyer's sister). They resided in Meddybemps and also were in the potato and blueberry business. Their children:
 - 1) Dennis born March 28, 1958, married Christina Morrison and they have two children, Janna and Adam.
 - 2) Lisa born on December 7, 1959, married Terry Lord. Their children are Matt and Megan.
- e) Milford (1929 - 1930) buried in family lot.
- f) Charles (1930 - 1948) accidentally shot while hunting, buried in family lot.
- g) Ruth was born on May 4, 1932. She married George Woods (October 29, 1931 - January 14, 1996) of Calais. They resided in Belfast and retired to her home place in Meddybemps. George was the assessor for Calais. Their children:
 - 1) Teresa (July 28, 1959) married Mike Cousins of Cooper. They have a little girl named Laura (June 20, 1985).
 - 2) Michael (April 16, 1961)
 - 3) Joseph (April 4, 1966) married Susan Read.

- h) Joyce was born on July 15, 1933. She married Royce "Spike" McCoubrey (1931 - 1978) of Calais. Their children are:
- 1) Charles, (March 27, 1952) married Joanne Davis and their children are Justin and Katie.
 - 2) Peter (June 25, 1959) married Lynn Howard. Their child is Dana, and they are divorced.
- After Spike died, Joyce married Robert Brown
60. Jennie May (March 27, 1905 - June 6, 1921) single, buried in Perkins Family Cemetery on Green Hill Road in Cooper.
61. Benjamin Woodbury (November 14, 1906 - August 3, 1990) married Eula Lowe (June 11, 1916 - February 8, 1995), daughter of Herbert and Maude (Howe) Lowe of Cooper. Ben was a carpenter and they were members of the Meddybemps Church and Cathance Grange. They lived many years on the North Union Road in Cooper. Their children:
- a) Eleanor was born on May 14, 1937. She married Norman Clark (1932 - 1987) of Milltown. They ran Clarks' Variety until his death. Eleanor still operates the business. Their children:
 - 1) Theodore (September 20, 1956) married Valerie Smart. Their children are Theodore Perkins Clark "TC" and Emily.
 - 2) Richard (June 5, 1958)
 - 3) Kenneth (June 7, 1959) married Karen James. Their children are Kenneth D. and Kari Ann.
 - 4) Benjamin (March 25, 1964) married Eileen Brown. Their children are Maryann, Katie, and Benjamin.
 - b) Barbara was born on December 11, 1944. She married first Phillip McVicar and they resided in Alexander. Their children:
 - 1) Mark (January 3, 1964), adopted by David Cunio.
 - 2) Trudy (August 8, 1966) married _____Antinello. They divorced.Barbara married second David Cunio.
62. Minden Maynard (November 28, 1908 - June 13, 1970) married Thelma McGlauflin (April 2, 1912 -) of Charlotte. Thelma Hopkins is residing in the Brewer area and on April 2, 1997 was the subject of a surprise 85th birthday party. Their child:
- a) Phyllis lives in Florida. She married first _____ Boyle, and second _____ Roberts. She has two daughters:
 - 1) Leslie
 - 2) Linda
63. Annie Belle (June 2, 1911 - November 27, 1938) single, buried in Perkins Family Cemetery.
64. Harold Clive was born on August 2, 1913. He married Madeline Alice Cunningham on May 26, 1934. Harold has lived for 50 years in Bucksport. His wife died on July 14, 1987. Their children:
- a) Harold C. Jr. born November 1, 1935, married Alaine Gray. Their children:
 - 1) Bradley (March 1956)
 - 2) Christopher (April 1961)

- b) Cynthia married Chester Manuel and they have two children:

- 1) Mark A. (November 19, 1969)
- 2) Patrick M. (May 28, 1971)



HAROLD C. PERKINS

65. Norman Melvin (August 28, 1914 - August 21, 1981) married Dorothy Antone of Pembroke. Norman worked for the Maine Department of Transportation for 37 years. They resided on the North Union Road in Cooper and in Meddybemps in their later years. Their children:

- a) Lorraine married Raymond Gilchrest. They have two sons. Sean and Norman who married Karen Johnson.
- b) Charlene married Lawrence Hamilton and they have two children.

66. Charles Meuser (August 15, 1915 - November 11, 1923) buried in Perkins Family Cemetery.

67. Lila Margaret (August 30, 1916 - August 10, 1985) married Arnold "Fish" Lee of Calais. They had three children, unknown order:

- a) Gary, died in 1943 and buried in Perkins Family Cemetery.
- b) Daniel
- c) Karen

68. Marjorie Hope was born on June 30, 1921. She married James Wright of Calais. Their children:

- a) Judy (July 13, 1943 - March 24, 1994). She was married to _____ Glantze.
- b) James (June 15, 1945)

69. Muriel Mildred was born on December 28, 1924. She married Douglas Hogue (1925 - 1996) and resided in Calais. Their children:

- a) Lynne, born in 1956, married Robert Weibler and they reside in New Hampshire.
- b) Douglas "Duke", born in 1961, married Linda Kerr. They live in southern Maine and have a daughter:
 - 1) Molly Burns who was born in 1992. This girl was named for "Duke's" aunt from St. Stephen.

In issue 91 we described a little about Joel Deless Day, his store, and the account that Otis Frost had at the store. This follow-up article is the result of work by Mary L. Wallace in Princeton, Dot Porter (Deless's granddaughter), and deed work in Machias. Thanks all!



THE HOME OF JOEL DELESS DAY FAMILY - MILL STREET - PRINCETON

Deless Day, Catherine (Breen) Day, Dora May Day, Nettie Maud Day
The house stood about where Colby Fahey now resides. Photo from Dot.

The account book tells of others who did business at Day's store.

Elery Fenlason, Stilman Fenlason, Fremont Fickett, Obed Fickett, Will Fickett, Briggs Fitch, Will Fitch, Manley Frost,

Bela Gardner, Gorham Gould, William Gould, Joel Gower,

_____ Hall, Thomas Haman, Howard Hanscom, S. O. Hoar, Iasiah
Hodsdon, Roscoe Hodsdon, Will Holds, Leander Hosman, Albert Jones,

_____ Kenniston, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Isac Kneeland, Mrs. Orin Kneeland,
Stephen Legacy, Andrew Lewey, Almon Libby, Moses Long,

Joseph Malley, John McCurdy, Skippington McLaughlin, Robert Mercier,
E. A. Merrill, Elbridge Mitchell, Sinzy Mitchell, Will Moore,

Card Perkins, Horace Perkins, Charles Pike, George Russell,

Thomas Sackoby, J. W. Seavey, Gaberill Sebot, John E. Shaw, Charles
Sipsus, Cyrus F. Smith, George W. Smith, S. G. Spooner, S. B. Sprague,
Sampson Sprague.

DAY'S STORE

This 1997 photo shows the building at the corner of Main and Cross Streets where Deless had his store.





DELESS DAY HOUSE

(1985 photo)

at its present location on Route One south of Princeton. It is now the home of Ronald MacArthur.

Dot Porters great-grandfather Joel Day was the father of 15 children, three by his first wife and twelve by Catherine (Richardson). Joel and Catherine lost seven children in 1864 to diphtheria in less than two weeks. Only four of those twelve children survived to adulthood!

When Joel died in 1884, everything was left to Catherine as long as she did not remarry. At her death, each surviving son received \$100.00, and the daughter a cow! Everything else went to the youngest child, Perry. It was from Perry that Deless bought the store building.

LOCAL BUSINESSES 1870 -- 1900

THE TANNERIES

Animal skins have been used for clothing and packaging by man since prehistoric times. The Passamaquoddy were skilled tanners using brains and livers of animals they had killed along with smoke to cure or tan the hides of those same animals.

Until about 1800, the European settlers in Maine tanned for home use. Maybe they shared the labor with neighbors, but the activity was essentially one of survival. The first record of a Maine tannery was at Falmouth (Portland) in 1688. A hundred years later we find less than a dozen in the state which further emphasizes that tanning was a home industry.

During the first half of the nineteenth century, tanners were found in most villages, supplying leather for the local trade. This is proven by the fact that in 1840 there were 395 tanneries in Maine. Many of these tanners likely were also full time farmers.

The rise of industrialism and the growth of cities increased the need for leather. Companies created factories to process (tan) hides. These tanneries served great regions such as New England. In 1880, Maine had 83 tanneries, supplying leather not only for Maine needs but for the shoe factories of eastern Massachusetts.

At that time, it was easier to transport hides than the tanning agent (hemlock bark), so tanneries were built in the hemlock woods, first in Massachusetts, then in Maine and New Brunswick. We should note here that great forests of hemlock don't grow north of a line drawn from Jackman east to Houlton. Thus when the hemlock of mid Maine was depleted, the companies moved west to Michigan and Wisconsin.

LOCATIONS OF DOWNEAST TANNERIES from 1869 to mid 1930's

Grand Lake Stream or Hinckley Township * Shaw Brothers - 1870 -
"world's largest tannery"

Princeton * Wm. Plaisted and Son (Note, Plaisted also had tanneries at Stetson and Lincoln); The Princeton tannery was owned by International Leather Co. at turn of century.

Vanceboro * F. Shaw and Brothers - 1870-1896; then acquired by International Leather Co.

Eaton * F. Shaw and Brothers, sole leather

Jackson Brook (Brookton) * Shaw and Ayers

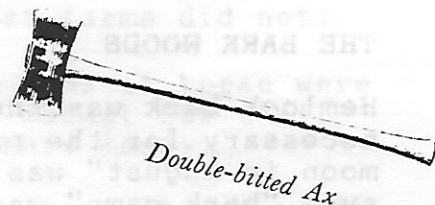
Forest City * Shaw Brothers

Beddington * E. E. Church, burned in 1895

Amerest * A. H. Buzzell in 1875; Buzzell and Rice, burned in 1896

Mariaville * Wiggins and Church, sole leather

Dedham * John L. Parker



Township 22 * (west of Beddington near Pine Hill on the Airline)

Township 39 * (second town north of Aurora) Buzzell and Rice

Calais had three tanneries in 1875, C. A. Boardman, James Stackpole, and Kelley, Woods and Co. I don't know if these tanned for the local or regional trade. Kelley may have been from Vanceboro and associated with Charles Hunter who was involved with Shaw Brothers.

Bucksport, Clinton, and Canton: By 1935, only three tanneries existed in Maine and they dealt with sheep skins.

Except for Calais and Bucksport, these tanneries were all located inland. Along the coast, forests had been cleared for towns and farms.

SOURCES OF HIDES

Many hides were imported from California, China, India, and Zanzabar (islands off the east coast of Africa). Most hides came from Argentina and Brazil. As you can note from the above list of tanneries, some were served by rail lines and some were not.

If the tannery was on a rail line, hides were transported by ship to a port, then by rail to the tannery. The leather then was shipped by rail to Boston where it was made into shoes. These tanneries on the above list were on rail lines: Princeton, Vanceboro, Eaton, and Jackson Brook.

The other tanneries had to use horse drawn freight wagons or sleds to transport their hides and finished product. At Grand Lake Stream, lake steamers like the Captain Lewey were used. To move finished leather from Grand Lake Stream to Boston required land transport to Big Lake, barge over the lakes to Princeton, Penobscot and St. Croix RR to Calais/St. Stephen, New Brunswick RR to McAdam/Vanceboro, European and North American RR to Mattawamkeag, Maine Central RR to Portland, and Boston and Maine RR to finish the journey. This additional cost must have been a disadvantage to those locations.

WATER - MEN

The tanning process required a lot of water and a source of power. Water power was usually used, but in one case a horse on a treadmill provided the power. Many men were employed at the tanneries.

THE BARK WOODS

Hemlock bark was the source of the tannic acid or tan liquor that was necessary for the process. "From the full moon in May until the full moon in August" was the time when men went to the bark woods. One such "bark camp" was on Second Chain Lake, was called "Camp City", and boasted a horse population of 100 pairs! What was the human population?

Men worked in crews of four; a chopper cut the old growth hemlocks with an axe, a knotter limbed up the tree with an axe, a ringer and splitter used an axe to cut through the bark every 4 feet and to cut a

split line from the butt to the tree top, and the spudder used a spud to peel the bark from the tree. The crew then would pile the bark.

Each crew could put up about 3/4 cord of bark per day from 1500 feet of logs. Mosquitoes, black flies, and midges added to the pleasure of the job. Sometimes the logs were twitched to the river and driven to the mills to be sawn out. But usually the logs were left to rot!

Three man crews would haul the bark out of the woods. A swamper would clear a narrow roadway to the bark pile. The teamster drove the horse which hauled a crude sled called a jumper. The jumper was used on bare ground as well as on snow. The jump tender, like a latter day striker, did the hard work of loading the bark. This crew might take the bark directly to the tannery, or might get the bark to the water's edge where it could be hauled in bigger loads over the ice or by barge.

The larger tanneries such as Grand Lake Stream and Vanceboro could not get enough bark locally so relied on outside tan extract works, "probably twenty-five barge loads per week were hauled to GLS over nearly impassible roads" according to Minnie Atkinson.

The demise of tanning in Maine was brought about by three factors. Chemically manufactured tanning agents became available which were more efficient and eventually cheaper than hemlock bark. Hides were being produced in the American west (We all remember the cowboy movies!) and we in Maine are a long way from that source. And the industry had cut down most of the hemlock trees.

Some references used:

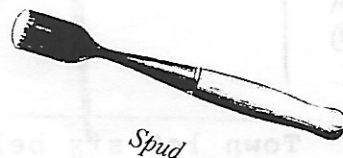
HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP, Minnie Atkinson, 1920

HISTORY OF THE MAINE WOODS, Philip Coolidge, 1963

MAINE REGISTER, 1875

REPORT OF FOREST COMMISSIONER, MAINE, 1904

RISE AND DECLINE OF A HINTERLAND COMMUNITY - VANCEBORO, MAINE
1870 -1900, Faye Luppi, 1980



THE LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Likely the tanning industry most affected our communities by providing outside employment. The local farms often could not support the single young men and women of the family. The tanneries hired many of the young men year round. The local farmers had to work out to get money. Some worked in winter woods operations, some worked the log drives, and some worked in the bark woods described above. During the tannery days, opportunity for outside employment was better than before or after. And outside employment paid cash, which most farms did not.

The tannery operation required many horses. While many of these were imported from the West, local farmers had a ready market for their excess horses and excess hay. Again a chance for hard money.

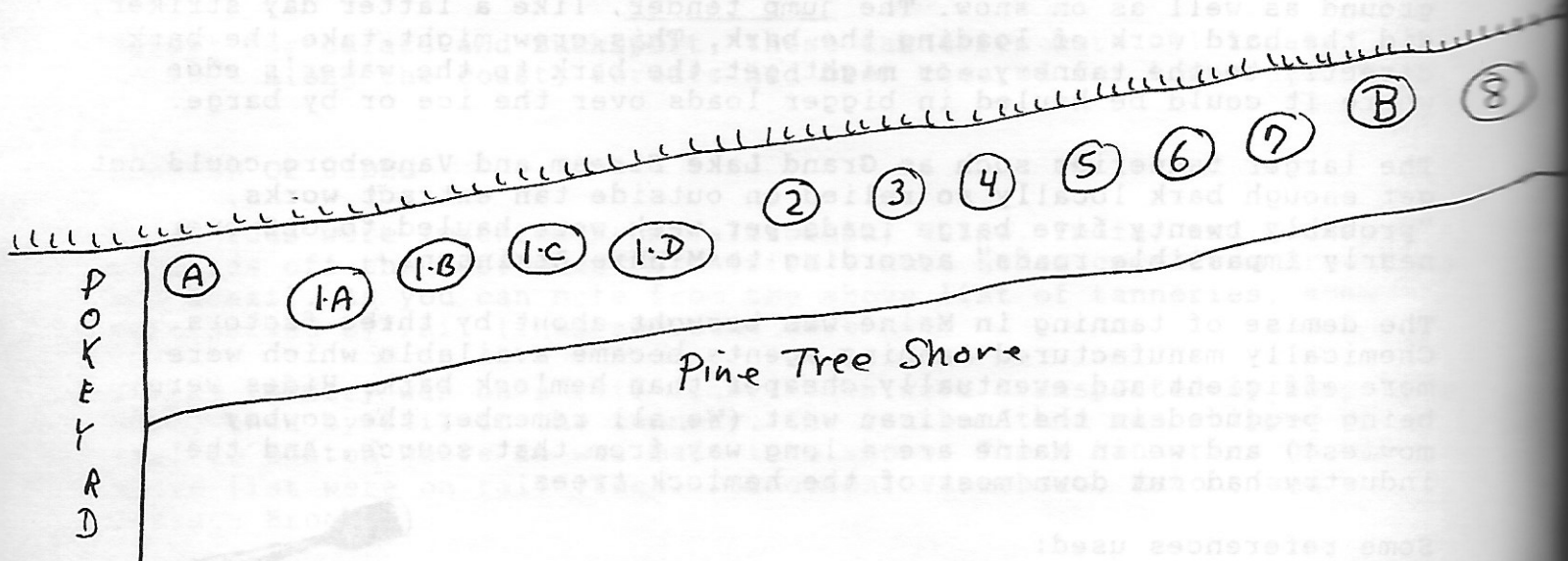
In areas where hemlock trees were still plentiful, tan extract works could be established. We aren't aware of any tan extract works in the Alexander area. Maybe a reader can enlighten us on this subject.

Pliney Frost remembers that Charles Brown told him of working with his horse hauling bark. Brown later ran a store on Townsend Hill.

DOWNEAST LAKES - POCOMOONSHINE

PINE TREE SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD

This article discusses the lakeside property in town lots six and nineteen in Alexander and some adjoining property in Princeton. At one time there was a well worn foot path all along these properties leading from the landing in Alexander (end of Pokey Road) to South Princeton. Avarad McLellan and Fletcher Perkins helped me with their knowledge of this neighborhood. I also used Alexander Annual Town Reports and deeds. Additions and corrections are welcome.



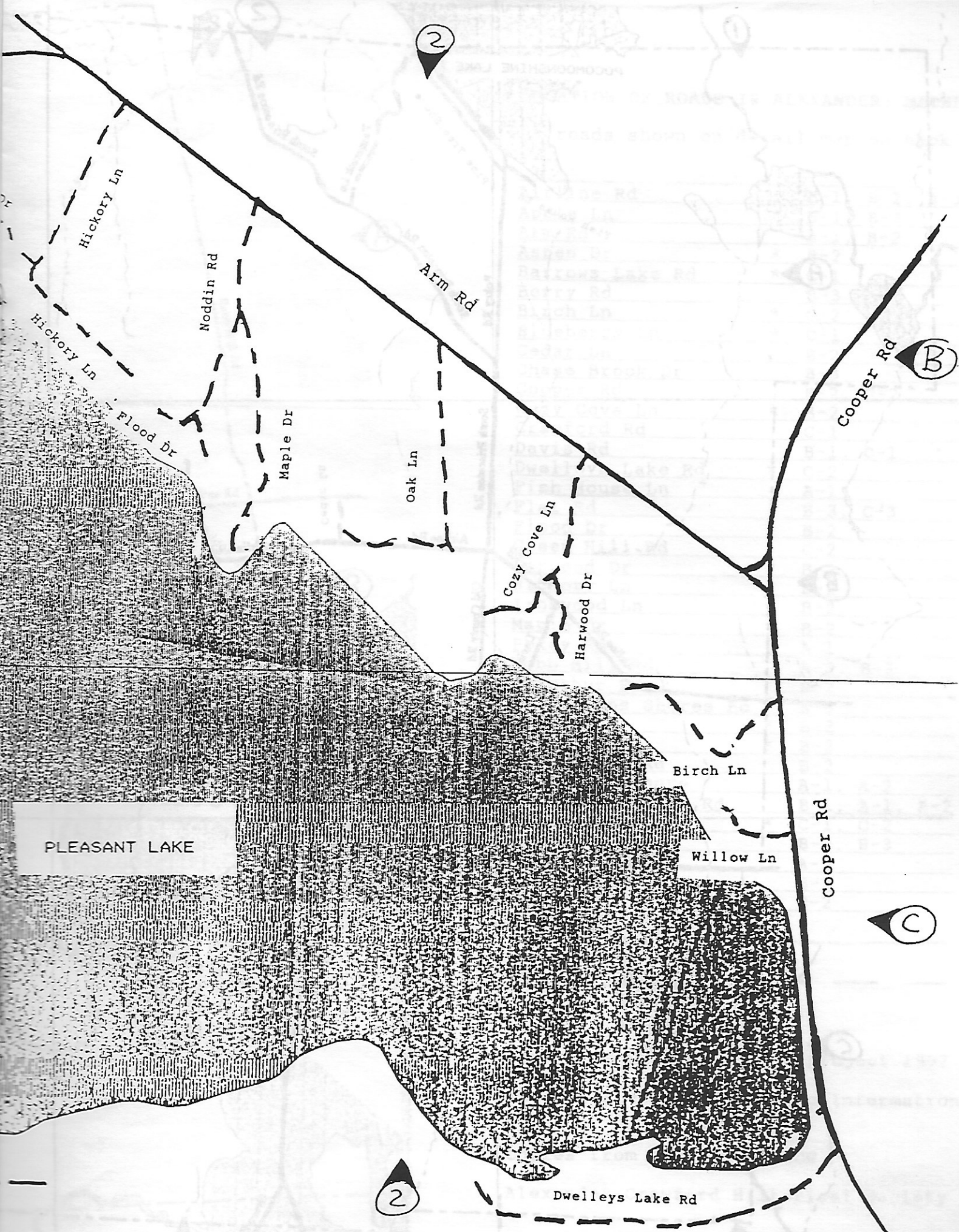
Town lot six belonged to Harold F. Ingraham and Walter E. Hellenbrand of Bangor who sold it in 1915 to the Old Town Realty Company which in turn sold it to John MacGregor Corporation in 1920. This corporation merged and became Stowell MacGregor Company in 1932.

The north part of town lot 19 belonged to Flora Cheney (wife of Sidney and residing in Lewiston) who sold it, along with the buildings, tools, and machinery to John MacGregor Corporation in 1920. Stowell MacGregor was buying land with white birch to supply their spool bar mills. They eventually owned about 5000 acres here in Alexander.

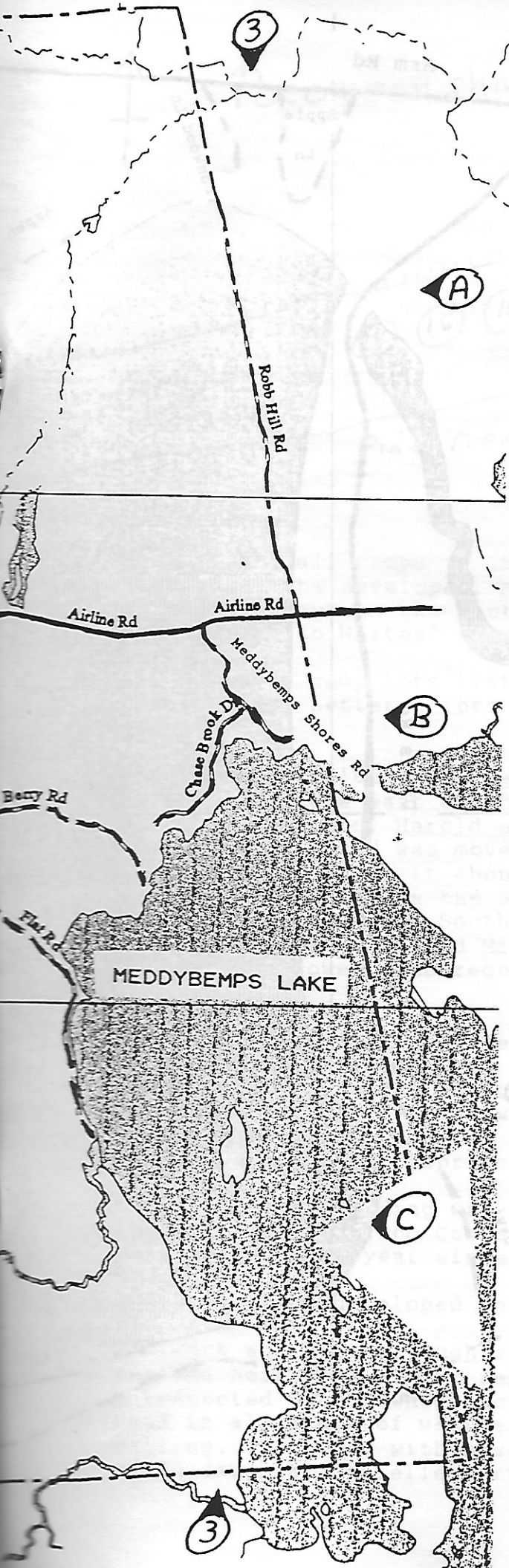
In 1949, Stowell MacGregor sold most of their Alexander holdings to James L. Entwistle. Entwistle had a home in Crawford and was an electrical contractor. In the late 60's, his company which owned this land had financial problems and the company was acquired by Herbert Corkin and his brothers of Rhode Island.

In January of 1970, Carleton E. Davis of Alexander bought these two lots. A plot plan for the development was prepared by Benjamin H. Coffin and recorded in November 1970. Carleton sold all but lots A and B to Margarette Hagenaars. She and her husband Antoine formed Pine Tree Shore, Inc.

The western end of this stretch was where Sidney and Flora (Harriman) Cheney had their home and his mill, then Stowell MacGregor and later Ernest LaBelle had their mills. Information and pictures of these operations are found in issues 69, 71, 72, and 76 of this newsletter.







LOCATION OF ROADS IN ALEXANDER, MAINE

* roads shown on detail map on back

Airline Rd		B-1, B-2, B-3
Apple Ln	*	B-1, B-2
Arm Rd		B-1, B-2
Aspen Dr	*	B-2
Barrows Lake Rd	*	C-1
Berry Rd		B-3
Birch Ln	*	C-2
Blueberry Ln	*	C-1
Cedar Ln		B-2
Chase Brook Dr		B-3
Cooper Rd		B-2, C-2
Cozy Cove Ln	*	B-2
Crawford Rd		C-1
Davis Rd		B-1, C-1
Dwelleys Lake Rd	*	C-2
Fish House Ln		A-1
Flat Rd		B-3, C-3
Flood Dr	*	B-2
Green Hill Rd		C-2
Harwood Dr	*	B-2
Hickory Ln	*	B-2
Ironwood Ln	*	B-2
Maple Dr	*	B-2
Pokey Rd		A-1
Robb Hill Rd		A-3, B-3
McArthur Rd		B-2
Meddybemps Shores Rd		B-3
Noddin Rd	*	B-2
Oak Ln	*	B-2
Old County Rd		B-2
Pine Tree Shore		A-1, A-2
South Princeton Rd		B-1, A-1, A-2
South Shore Rd	*	C-1, C-2
Spearin Rd		B-2, B-3
Tamarack Ln		A-2
Tommy Long Rd		B-2
Willow Ln	*	C-2

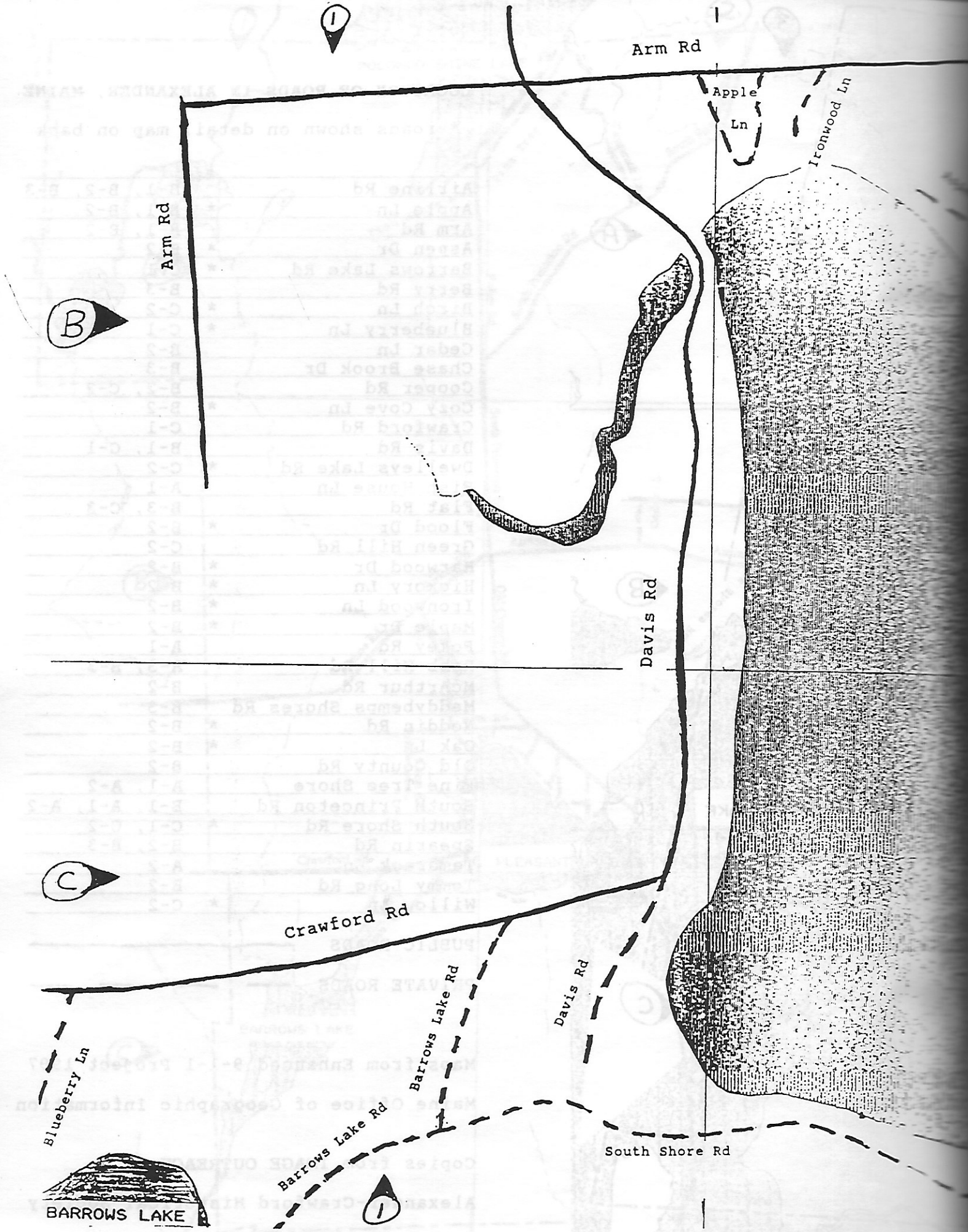
PUBLIC ROADS

PRIVATE ROADS

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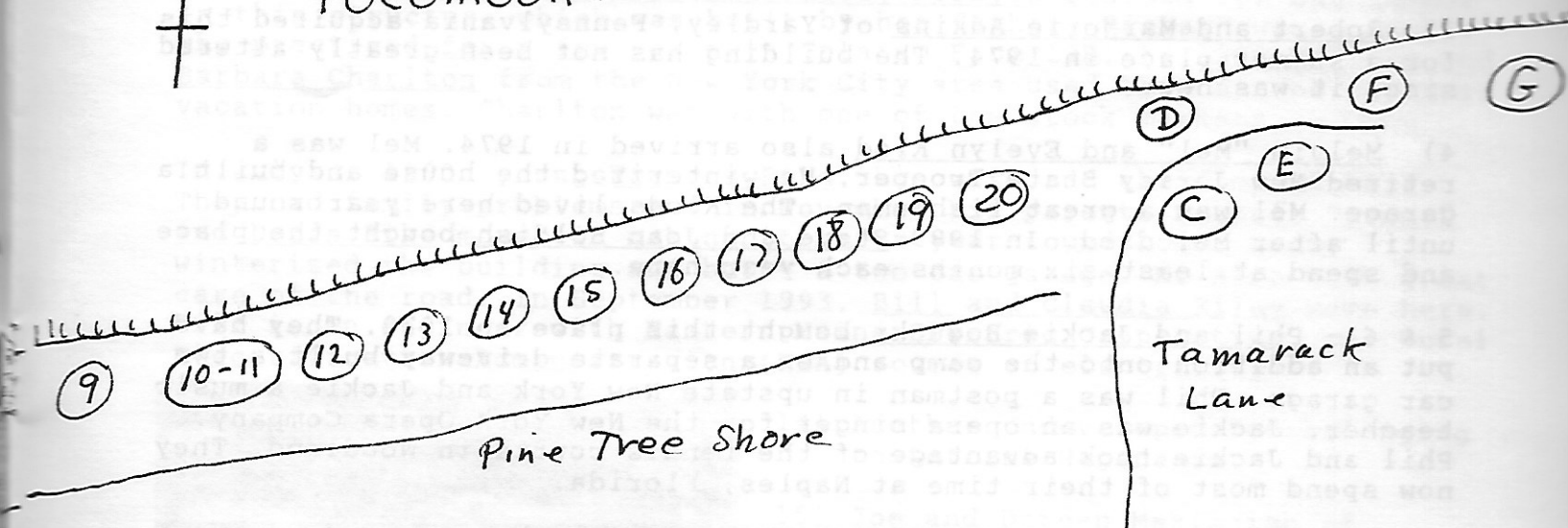
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Pocomoonshine Lake



Most if not all camps in the development were constructed by Antoine Hagenaars, the developer. Most of the early camps were of logs stood on end as shown in the picture of Gellings' camp. Later construction was similar to Whites' camp.

All numbered camp lots listed here are part of Pine Tree Shore Development. Lettered lots were not part of the development.

A) This lot belongs to Fletcher and Clarice Perkins who have a camp on the lakeshore east of the brook. This lot and camp were owned by Clarice's parents, Harold and Zela Cousins. The camp was an overnight camp in Calais and was moved to the lot in the early 1970's. The Perkins added on to it about 1993. This brook has two names. The upper part where it crosses the South Princeton Road at the foot of Hunnewell Hill on the South Princeton Road is called Hunnewell Brook. The lower part is called Mill Brook. This camp stands near both the Cheney and Stowell MacGregor mill sites.

1-A) This lot was the site of the Stowell-Macgregor sawdust pile. In 1991 Antoine Hagenaars got a permit from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to stabilize the sawdust bank and establish vegetation upon it. The sawdust was removed and this work was done in the fall of 1996. This lot and the larger lot behind it belong to Richard and Deborah Loprino of Carmel, New York.

1-B) A frame building was erected here in 1992. In the fall of 1993, Lee and Pat Betz from Connecticut arrived here and have spent six or more months each year since.

1-C & D) An undeveloped lots which belongs to Antoine Hagenaars..

2) Jack and Pat Murtaugh came to live at Pocomoonshine in 1974 and resided here until their respective deaths in 1992 and 1996. Jack was a respected doctor who practiced in Calais. He could be seen on the road in all kinds of weather at all times of day or night in his calling. The home, with several additions now belongs to their grand-daughter Danielle Murtaugh.

3) Robert and Marjorie Adkins of Yardley, Pennsylvania acquired this for a summer place in 1974. The building has not been greatly altered since it was new.

4) Melvin "Mel" and Evelyn Klod also arrived in 1974. Mel was a retired New Jersey State Trooper. He winterized the house and built a garage. Mel was a great fisherman. The Klods lived here year round until after Mel died. In 1989 Steve and Joan Boldish bought the place and spend at least six months each year here.

5 & 6) Phil and Jackie Bogucki bought this place in 1972. They have put an addition onto the camp and on a separate driveway built a two car garage. Phil was a postman in upstate New York and Jackie a music teacher. Jackie was an opera singer for the New York Opera Company. Phil and Jackie took advantage of the tennis courts in Woodland. They now spend most of their time at Naples, Florida.

7) Ralph and Christine Gelling acquired this camp in 1973. It has remained in that family and is essentially unchanged. Their home is at Lexington, Massachusetts.



B) This lot was in 1972 sold by Carleton Davis to Don and Audrey Ketner. In 1974, their son Don came here and built this summer home. Obviously the faith of the parents was well rewarded. Don (Sr.) was with DuPont at Newark, Delaware. He died in 1988. The camp remains in the family.

8) John and Carolyn Brookmeyer with their children Will, Jack, and Jennifer first came here in 1976. For a number of summers, Carolyn and the children stayed here and John commuted weekends from Covent Station, New Jersey.

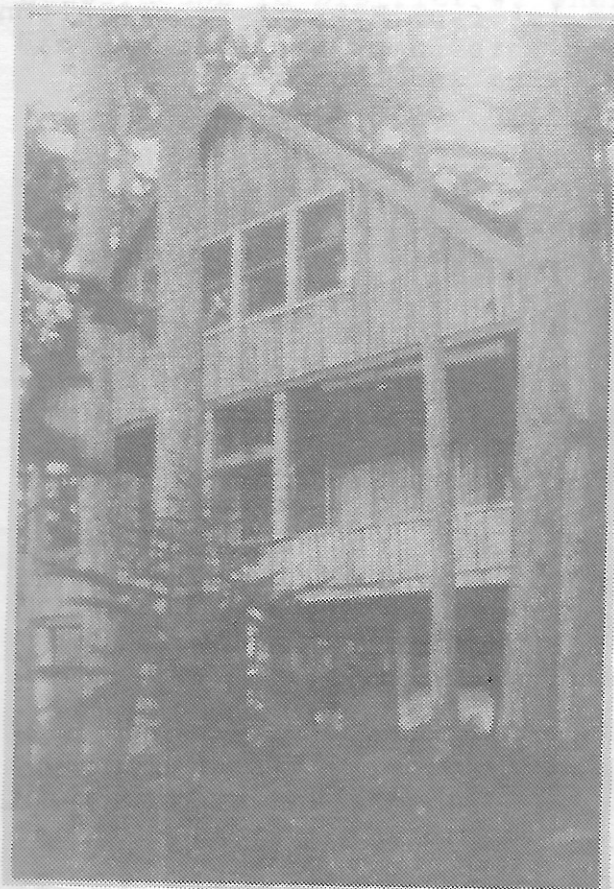
9) Donald and Muriel Lavelle bought this lot in 1972 and the camp was built in 1974. Don died and Muriel keeps the camp.

10 & 11) Walter and Anne White moved into this summer home in 1987. Their daughter Patty married Robert Hagenaars, son of Antoine and Margarette. Walter had retired from DuPont in Delaware. Walter died in 1989, and Anne in 1996. This camp is for sale.

12) This undeveloped lot belongs to Bill and Karen Ackerman.

13) Richard and Antoinette (Hagenaars) Forsyth resided for one summer in this structure which was built by her father. Richard was a doctor who practiced for a few years in Calais. From 1981 to 1989 William and Barbara Charlton from the New York City area used this as one of their vacation homes. Charlton was with one of the stock markets.

In July of 1990, young Francis Pike, his wife and child moved here. They had family problems and in November his parents Francis "Sonny" and Doris Pike moved in making it their year-round home. Sonny winterized the building and built a two car garage. He also took great care of the road. In September 1993, Bill and Claudia Riley came here. Bill is an engineer with Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, our Rural Electrification Administration (REA) source of electricity.



KETNER'S CAMP

- 14) Another undeveloped lot belonging to Antoine Hagenaars.
- 15) Joe and Doreen Makinjian of Massapeque, New York had this camp built in 1994.
- 16) Eugene and Virginia Wood of New York City came here in 1988. Their summer home is not like any other in this development. It is a frame building, more in line of a regular summer cottage.
- 17) Dick and Joan Richard acquired this lot in 1976 and had the camp built in 1980. Dick is retired from the New York Port Authority Police. They have been active seasonally with St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Calais. They spend their winters in the south.
- 18) This undeveloped lot is owned by Dana Richard.
- 19) This undeveloped lot is owned by Jeanne (Richard) Murray.

20) This narrow lot belongs to David and Carole (McLellan) Boynton. Carol is the daughter of Avard and Doris.

THE MCLELLAN COMPOUND: The original four camps here were built by four of the McLellan brothers, sons of Charles and Cora (Jones) McLellan. All the camps are in Princeton. Avard and Doris provided details.

C) Allan and Barbara McLellan are building a year round home in Alexander. They hope to move in during 1997. Allan is Avard's son.

D) Avard and Doris McLellan of Calais built this camp about 1957. It was built on a "flatiron" piece of property which was leased from Eastern Pulpwood (now Georgia Pacific Corporation). Avard gained ownership by trading another piece on the South Princeton Road near Dog Brook for this piece. This now serves as a summer home for their son Doug and Mary McLellan of Baring.

E) Delwin "Del" McLellan moved this trailer here about 1967. It now belongs to his grandson, Darren McLellan of Calais.

F) Milton McLellan acquired Tom Lawless's old house in Woodland in the mid 50's. His brother Don moved the building via South Princeton down across the lake. In the spring, Milton had a bulldozer pull it up onto the "flatiron" piece. Muriel DeLuc, Everett Frost's niece, sold Milton this lot and he moved the camp to it about a year after it was landed in the compound. This now belongs to his son Dennis McLellan of Oakland, Maine.

G) Alton and Velma McLellan bought this lot from Everett Frost. Alton was a good carpenter and about 1953 built this camp which has no road to it. The camp is occasionally used by Velma and two of her daughters, Cathy Mercier and Marilyn McLellan, both of Alexander.



WHITE'S CAMP

MAP -- LOCATION OF ROADS IN ALEXANDER ME

During the past two years, I have spent many hours as a volunteer for the Selectmen of Alexander. As a result, public and private roads were named and numbers were assigned to all dwellings and business locations in town. This all was in preparation for the Enhanced 911 system which should be up and running around the state by late 1998.

The map in the center of this newsletter can be left in place or pulled out. It is meant to be a snapshot of the town in 1997. It also should be helpful locating places discussed in past and future articles. The A-CHS board voted to make copies of the map available to all Alexander residents through the town office. We hope to provide our readers with maps of Crawford and Cooper when they finish their 911 projects.

*** December 9, 1879: The Messrs. Bridgham at Whitneyville will have a team on the Donworth Block, now owned by J. P. Donworth, Esq. on township 31. Messrs. H. and H. T. Gardner and G. L. Harmon have nine horses, four oxen, and thirty men operating on Township 37. Their logs are landed in Machias waters and will be manufactured at Pope's Mill in Machias. The price of stumpage is getting well up, \$3.50 being paid for spruce, and \$4.50 for pine.

Married in Cooper on November 22 by William B. Doten, Esq. Thomas Creamer, Jr. and Miss Olive M. Day, both of Cooper.

*** December 16, 1879: At the recent wedding of Mr. Howe and Mrs. Hitchings in Cooper, the festivities were duly celebrated at the schoolhouse in District #2 where a large number assembled by invitation and spent the evening in social amusement, much to the gratification of all.

*** December 23, 1879: Married at Alexander on December 6 by Rev. C. A. Main, Gorham Flood and Amy L. Perkins, both of Alexander.

*** January 20, 1880: Married in Crawford on December 27 by D. F. Wormwood, Esq. William E. Little of Alexander and Miss Florence L. Wormwood of Crawford.

*** February 17, 1880: Flour is transported from New York to Calais for \$0.10 a barrel. The freight per vessel is \$0.08 and \$0.02 for hauling from Jewett's Wharf to the stores.

*** February 24, 1880: An advertisement: GOOD RUBBERS, Well made, Various styles at W. K. Pennells Store: women's sizes 50 cents, men's sizes 75 cents."

*** March 2, 1880: The largest lumbering concern in Machias waters this winter is Gardner and Harmon; twenty-two men, nine horses, six oxen. They draw the timber on a five turn road into First Lake. They consume one barrel of flour every five days and one barrel of meal per day. They have nearly one million of lumber in and still are doing business daily. (Perl Gray of Wesley and Marshfield told Everett where he worked in the lumber woods, they would roll a barrel of flour into the cook camp in the morning and roll the empty barrel out at night.)

*** March 9, 1880: Jeremiah Averill, formerly of Cooper, more recently of Machias, died at New Bedford on February 18, aged 71 years. The remains were brought to Machiasport for burial.

A NOTE ABOUT THE MARCH 1997 SPECIAL ISSUE

The print in that issue was larger than what we usually produce because that material was scanned from Shirley Miller's typed copy. Our printer (Parsons Printing of St. Stephen) did not charge us for this because it was a learning process for them. Their computer program allowed them to have the print flow around the photos and to be of different size on a page without cutting and pasting. The process is expensive, and the program is expensive, so for the time being, our newsletter will be produced using equipment on hand. jd

BOOKS!

History is often referred to as "the written record of the past." While the introduction of photography, tape recorders and video recorders has broadened the definition of history, the written word still tells the most complete story. Here are three books that relate to Maine history, and to a degree to our local history. jd

GROWING UP WAY DOWNEAST was written by Doris Bridges. It depicts growing up in West Pembroke, Maine during the first quarter of this century. The author describes life in her family where her father had died, her mother taught to support her family, and the children learned family values. Doris Bridges grew up to be a teacher. Her brother Styles grew up to be Governor of New Hampshire and a powerful United States Senator.

This 300 page book can be purchased for \$13.95 (\$10.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling). Make out your check to Pembroke Historical Society, RR #1 Box 220, Pembroke ME 04666. (tel 207-726-4734)

Those interested in guns might like **MAINE MADE GUNS AND THEIR MAKERS**. This 448 page book has over 500 illustrations of firearms, their makers, patents and advertisements. It describes Maine's only nineteenth century mass producer of firearms (Evens Rifle Manufacturing Company) and even tells of a gun maker from Wesley. The author is Dwight Demeritt of Orono.

This book may be acquired for \$63.30 (\$55.00 plus \$3.30 sales tax plus \$5.00 shipping). Order from Friends of the Maine State Museum, 83 SHS Augusta ME 04333-0083.

HOLY OLD MACKINAW by Stewart Holbrook is a history of logging and loggers. Holbrook mixes historical facts with many stories as he follows the loggers from Maine to Michigan, and on to the Pacific Northwest.

Three chapters gave accounts that really grabbed my attention. "The Saga of Jigger" introduces the book. Jigger Jones was a Maine logger who Holbrook knew personally. Jigger could and would work outdoors in winter with bare feet. He could out work, out drink, and out fight any logger in the north woods. And he was a real man!

Another chapter which depicts fear, terror, and heroism was "Death at Hinckley (Minnesota)." This describes a forest fire in which over 400 people died, loggers and their families. And it describes the efforts of a railroad engineer who risked his life to save some 300 from that inferno.

Toward the end of the book is the true story of John Turnow, the "Wild Man of the Olympics" who terrorized the loggers in that region. This book would need to be borrowed from your local library.

THANK YOU

Dorothea Porter, 118 College AV, Waterville ME 04901 provided the picture of her grandparent's house in Princeton and information found in the article about Deless Day.

Stetson Carter, RR 2, Box 900, Bar Harbor Me 04609 sent a picture of Hiram Dodge sitting on the porch of the "Flower Place, Leighton Point Road in West Pembroke. Hiram was Stetson's wife Jane's great grandfather.

Dick Preston of the Pokey Road in Alexander spent an entire evening planing pine boards for shelving and a computer work bench in our archives/work room. Thanks Dick for the smooth boards and the pleasant time. jhd

Jerry Gower, 453 Rt 85, Raymond ME 04071 sent a sketch about Stephen Munson (born March 31, 1754) that he and Vera McDowell, 2307 Harding Rd, Augusta GA 30906, had developed. Stephen was the father of many Munsons mentioned in the Cooper articles in 1995 and 1996.

Mildred Holst, 1278 Airline RD, Alexander ME 04694 loaned an Autograph Book that belonged to Lelia or Lela Crafts who later married Morton Scribner. See item below.

Norma Reynolds, 50 Court ST, Machias ME 04654 gave A-CHS an Autograph Book which had belonged to Ella (Lehann) Flood whose picture was on page one of November 1996 newsletter. She was the daughter of Robert and Huldah (Lyons) Lehann. We hope to print some of the comments of these books in this and future issues. Thanks both of you for sharing.

COMING EVENTS

"SCHOOL DAYS", an IMAGE OUTREACH project of A-CHS will be on exhibit at the Alexander Elementary School during the month of May. Just check in at the office on your way into the building. This exhibit shows photographs between 1902 and the present of school children at our area schools. Will your picture be there?

As part of Maine Museums Day, A-CHS will have a HISTORY HIKE on Saturday, June 28. Meeting place will be at the public landing on Pocomoonshine Lake (in Alexander) and the hike will start at 1 pm. We expect to hike about two miles in two hours. Part of the walk will be over rough ground. We'll visit 4 commercial sites dating during the first half of this century, and 12 home sites dating between 1850 and 1950. Commentary will be by hike leader John Dudley, 454-7476. In case of rain, the hike will start at 1 pm on the next day.

The GENEALOGY FAIR for 1997 will again be at the Alexander Elementary School, and on the third Saturday of July, that's July 19th. This year the hours are from 10 until 3. Members of the Alexander Grange POH will be set up in the kitchen for those who wish snacks and/or lunches. So bring your family records to share, your questions for our visiting "experts", and your appetite!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We want to thank Gene Ford of RR 1 Box 52A, New Albin IA 52160 for picking up on our suggestion and sending John his back issues of the Newsletter. As he said, "I'm at that stage where even "good" things have to be put to use or they will some day be thrown out." Even though his mailing address is in Iowa, Gene's home is in southern Minnesota. His ancestors lived in Crawford.

Gene continued, "I haven't heard anything from or about Jane for a number of years. I hope all is well with her."

Jane lived in the log cabin by Pocomoonshine Lake for five years after Jack's death. During that time she spent a winter at Machiasport and another at Woodland. In September 1994, she moved to Connecticut to be near her son and his family. Her address is Jane G. Dudley, The Arbors - Unit 427, 403 West Center ST, Manchester CT 06040

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OUR DOWNEAST FAMILIES

QUERY 57 from Marianne Thorpe, 237 Main St. Fairfield ME 04937

BLANEY: During the 1830's, Alexander, George, and William Blaney lived in Prince William, York County, New Brunswick. By the 1861 census they had moved. Does anyone know where they went?

FORREST COLBY GILLESPIE

CHARLOTTE — Forrest C. Gillespie, 71, died Feb. 22, 1997, at a Bangor hospital. He was born Dec. 31, 1925, at Meddybemps, the son of Charles W. and Jennie (Bailey) Gillespie. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers Local No. 4 AFL-CIO until becoming self-employed as the owner and operator of Gillespie's Saw Mill in Charlotte. He spent the past 30 years in an occupation he loved and his fine work as a sawyer is evident throughout Washington County. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 45 years, Audrey (Hunnewell) Gillespie; and a daughter, Brenda. Survivors include two sons and their wives, Lloyd and Lillian Gillespie of Rockland, Dana and June Gillespie of Calais; four daughters and their husbands, Marie and Russell Layton of Alpina, Ark., Cindy Gillespie and Gary Nelson of South Portland, Faye and Joe Donovan of Charlotte, Kathy and Jeff Demmons of Calais; 12 grandchildren, Bill, Uriah, Sheena, Laurie, Bill "Bing", Dusty, Jason, Dana, Crystal, Heather, Sarah and Stephanie; two great-grandchildren, Jeremy and Lacey; one sister, Jennie May Fecteau of Old Orchard Beach; several nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed and always remembered by Lynn Leighton of Woodland. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Jim Shook, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais. Burial will follow in Meddybemps Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home, 7-9 p.m. Monday. At the request of the family, gifts in his memory to the People's United Methodist Church of Woodland would be greatly appreciated.

MELVIN O. DODGE

COOPER — Melvin O. Dodge, 67, died Feb. 3, 1997, at a Bangor hospital. He was born June 11, 1929, at Meddybemps, the son of Nathan and Sylvia (Senett) Dodge. He was predeceased by one son, Melvin Dodge Jr. in 1996. He is survived by one son, Leonard Dodge of Cooper; two brothers, Malcolm Dodge of Calais and Robert Dodge of Florida; three grandchildren, Hazel Dodge of Woodland, Lisa Dodge of Pembroke and Amanda Dodge of Montana. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Bob Hinton 2 p.m. Friday at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home in Calais. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be sent to Leonard Dodge, General Delivery, Cooper, ME 04657.

PHILIP L. MANSHIP

CALAIS — Philip L. Manship, 74, died Jan. 13, 1997, at a Bangor hospital. He was born in Caribou, Feb. 9, 1922, the son of Joseph C. and Ellen E. (Noonan) Manship. He worked at Calais restaurants and a South Portland shipyard before joining the Navy in 1942 and participating in battles at Guam, Siapan, Bougainville, the Philippines and Okinawa aboard the U.S.S. Bennett. After his return to Calais, he operated a variety store until he accepted appointment to the positions of city clerk and treasurer in 1948. In addition to those duties, he also served as active city manager, several times until his retirement in 1985. His professional memberships included the Associations of Maine Town and City Clerks, New England City and Town Clerks, and International City Clerks. He served on the Calais Regional Hospital Board of Directors for 30 years and had been a trustee of the Calais Free Library. He was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Calais; a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, St. Croix Council No. 149, Calais; member of the Sherman Brothers Post No. 3 American Legion and Boyd-Smith Post No. 9779 Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was predeceased by a brother, Donald J. Manship in 1963. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Norma (Frost) Manship of Calais; two brothers, Kenneth Manship and sister-in-law, Patricia of Calais, James Manship and sister-in-law, Joanne of Atkinson, N.H.; one sister, Dolores E. Dodge and brother-in-law, Philip of Machias; one aunt and uncle, Mildred and Ralph Harriman of Portland; many nieces, nephews and cousins; special friends, Niles Tracy, Harry and Margaret Stanhope, all of Calais. Friends may call at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Calais, with nephew, Rev. D. Joseph Manship, principal celebrant and Rev. Brian Blanchette. Following graveside services at the Calais Cemetery, a gathering of family and friends will be held at the Rev. Andrew J. Arseneau Parish Hall. Friends who wish may make donations in his memory to a charity of one's choice.



DOWNEAST MILESTONES

ALTON A. SEAVEY

ALEXANDER — Alton A. Seavey, 68, died Feb. 13, 1997, at a Bangor hospital. He was born April 23, 1928, at Crawford, the son of Ernest and Gertrude (Roberts) Seavey. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953, stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was a member and past commander of W.T. Wren Post No. 23 American Legion, the St. Croix Wanderers, and Breakneck Mountain Sno-Riders. He retired from the Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Woodland after 34 years of service and was a member of the Quarter Century Club. Mr. Seavey was predeceased by one son, Michael, in 1994, and four sisters, Eva, Marion, Dora and Ellen. Survivors include his wife, Cleo (Clark) Seavey of Alexander; four daughters, Penney Cross and her husband, George of Charlotte, Dawn Smith of Washington, Lori Diadone and her husband, Jeffery of Woodland, Lisa Sturm and her husband, Jeffery of Illinois; one son, Alton Seavey Jr. of Woodland; three stepsons, Herbert Blake and his wife, Sue of New Gloucester, Gary Blake and his wife, Patricia of North Monmouth, Clayton Blake and his wife, Catherine of Alexander; eight grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and one great-stepgrandson; seven sisters, Georgia Carlow and Cora Durling, both of Wesley, Doris Perkins of Woodland, Blanche Barnes of Pembroke, Edna Rowe of New York, Helen Sinko of Pennsylvania and Eleanor Bonnar of New Brunswick, Canada; four brothers, Paul of Wesley, Howard of Alexander, Orris of South Princeton and Neil of Princeton. Friends may call at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home in Calais on Monday, where viewing will take place from 7-9 p.m., with American Legion services at 8:30. Closed casket funeral services will be conducted by Mr. Donald Nickerson, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Alexander Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, Our House of Maine Inc., 654 State St., Bangor 04401-5649, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 2600 N. Central Ave., Suite 936, Phoenix, AZ 85004.



DOWNEAST MILESTONES

VIRGINIA WESTON, 73, of Rumford Center ME died on January 13, 1997. She was a dear friend, a dedicated local historian, an A-CHS supporter, and a descendant of Sylvester McLaughlin.

NELLIE DECHENE

GRAHAM, N.C. and **WOODLAND** Mrs. Nellie Marie Dechene, 91, wife of the late Antonio E. Dechene, died Feb. 8, 1997, at Alamance Regional Medical Center after a short illness. She was born in Alexander, Maine, the daughter of Alfred and Nellie McPheters. Mrs. Dechene had lived in Woodland for most of her life, and moved to Graham, N.C. in September 1995. She is survived by one son, Phillip Dechene of Graham, N.C.; four grandchildren, Barbara Hill of Charleston, S.C., Cindy Latimer of Greenville, S.C., David Dechene and Paul Dechene, both of Graham, N.C.; four great-grandchildren, Jennyffer, Audrey and William, all of Charleston, S.C., and Justin of Summerville, S.C. Funeral services will be held at a later date in Woodland. Arrangements by McClure Funeral Home, Graham, N.C.

ALBERTA A. BERRY

MACHIAS and ALEXANDER

Alberta A. Berry, 76, died Jan. 18, 1997, at a Calais hospital after a long illness. She was born in Alexander, Sept. 1, 1920, the daughter of Ralph and Linnie (Cousins) McArthur. She was a member of the Methodist Church of Alexander and the Alexander Grange. She was predeceased by a sister, Ethel Wallace. Surviving are two sons, Richard E. Berry and his wife, Katherine A., Kenneth A. Berry and his wife, Karen D., both of Calais; two daughters, Ellen M. Mallar and her husband, Donald of Machias, Maxine A. Cookson and her husband, Charles of Calais; one brother, Elbridge McArthur and his wife, Barbara of Grove; eight grandchildren, Dawn A. Moreau, Denise A. Berry, Danita A. Berry, Paula M. Hutchinson, Darren K. Berry, Kimberly A. Pelletier, Todd E. Cookson and Kara A. Gordon; four great-grandchildren, Renee and Keri Pelletier, Taylor Marie Hutchinson and Joshua Gordon; three stepgrandchildren, Richard, Roland and Robert Mallar; one step-great-grandson, Jason Mallar; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais, with the Rev. Laurel Brown officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to service time. Graveside committal services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Alexander cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Scleroderma Federation, Peabody Office Building, 1 Newbury St., Peabody, Mass. 01960.

JAMES BELMONT MCCOOK

ALEXANDER - James Belmont McCook, 69, of Route 9, Alexander, died at his home, Feb. 25, 1997, after a long illness. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 21, 1927, the son of James and Gladys (Jordan) McCook. Mr. McCook was a World War II Navy veteran. He had been employed as mail handler and supervisor at the U.S. Post Office in Springfield, Mass. for several years. He was owner and operator of the Skyline Motel in Alexander for more than 10 years. He was a member of the Calais Post American Legion and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include two sons, James J. McCook, stationed with the U.S. Marine Corps at 29 Palms, Calif. and Jerry P. McCook of Bangor; three daughters, Karen A. McCook and Kelly A. McCook, both of Springfield, Mass. and Kathy A. Hunnewell of Alexander; two brothers, Robert McCook of Florida and Charles McCook of California; a sister, Elsie Dalton of New Jersey; also five grandchildren, an uncle, several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to visit 9-10 a.m. Friday at the Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant St., Augusta, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. A committal service will follow at the Rev. Leonard LeClair Memorial Chapel at Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Civic Center Drive, Augusta.

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