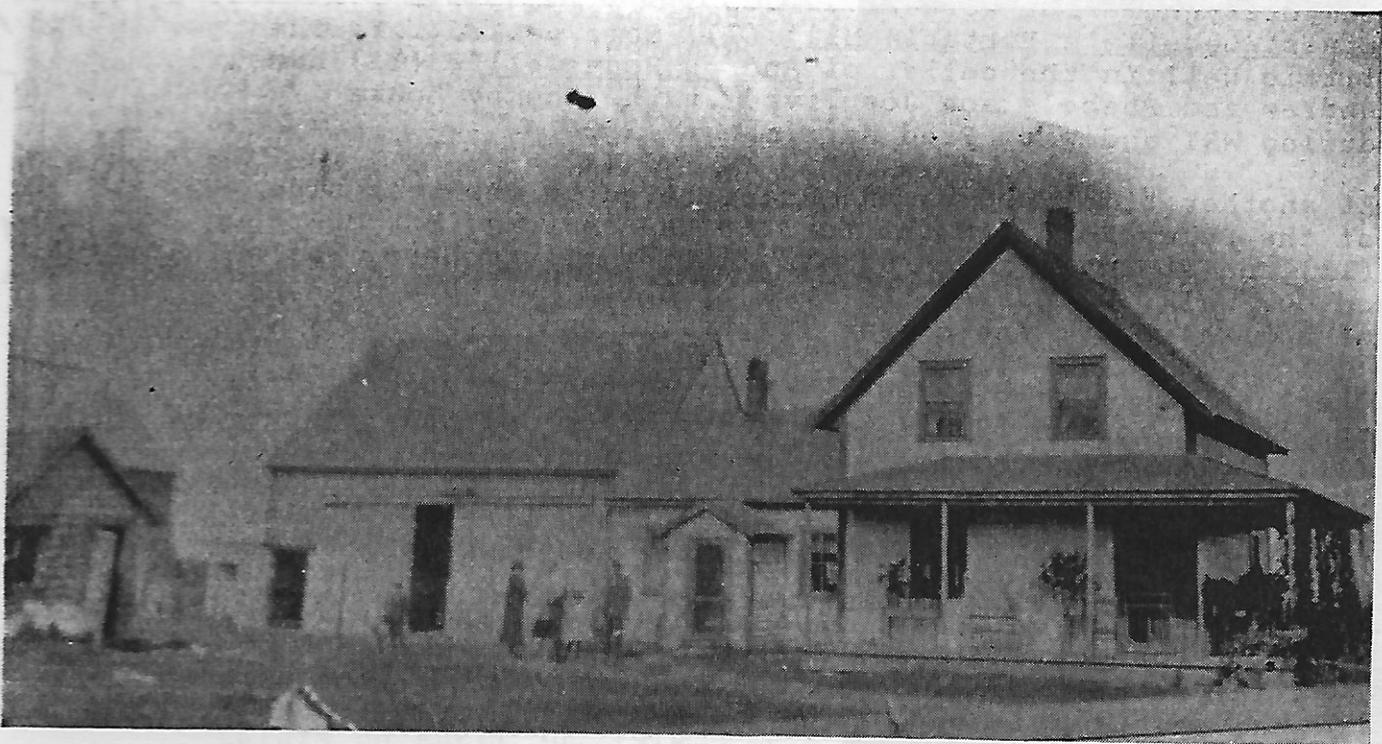


MAKING THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS



Site 16, Home of Thomas Blaney, Sr., Charles Cousins, & Ralph McArthur
Photo loaned by Norma Donahue, Granddaughter of Charles Cousins

On June 28th, Maine Museum Day, a small congenial group met at the Pokey landing. The agenda was to walk two miles in two hours. We were to visit four commercial sites that existed in the first half of this century and twelve home sites that existed between 1850 and 1950. We also explored the relationships that tied these sixteen sites together. The number following each site is in the order of our visit.

We first visited the site of Sidney Cheney's home (1), and that of his brother-in-law Fred Harriman (4). Fred worked at times as a millman in Sidney's sawmill (2). Fred's daughter Edith was the cook for the crew at Stowell-MacGregors Mill (3). Fred also was a commercial fisherman and we saw the site of his fish house (6).

Fred Harriman bought his land from Jasper Bailey (5), whose cellar hole we found. Jasper was the son of Civil War soldier Isaiah Bailey who connects to another article in this newsletter. Jasper's sister Roxana married Warren McLaughlin (11) whose home site we visited. We also saw where his brother Sylvester (10) had a log house, and the site where his sister Nancy (McLaughlin) Cousins (12) lived with her husband Joseph. Charles and Lucretia Carlow moved from Carlow Flats on top of Breakneck to be the next to live here.

Jasper and Mary Bailey had a daughter named Jennie who married Charles Gillespie. Their son Forrest Gillespie was the millman who sawed the lumber for our house which stands where Joseph and Nancy Cousins once lived. Forrest's obituary was in May newsletter.

We saw where Johnny Summers (8) had his camp. Fred Harriman's son Arthur stayed there summers when he was old and used up with arthritis. The camp was also a temporary home for workers at Stowell-MacGregor's and Ernest Labelle's Portable Mill (7). Some peaked into the little well in the cellar of Andrew Hunnewell's (11) home. Andrew and Phebe's son Joe lived at the Cheney house during WWI and with Fred Harriman in 1920.

At another time, Andrew and Phebe lived on the west side of the Pokey Road. At the turn of the century, Bob McArthur (13) and at least seven of his children lived here. While on our walk, we passed the home of Ellis McArthur, grandson of Bob McArthur. The cellar was filled in years ago.

The last place we visited is shown in the photograph. From the 1890's to the 1940's this was the home of Charles Cousins (16) and family. Charles was the son of Sylvester McLaughlin, but was raised by his aunt and uncle, Nancy and Joseph Cousins. Last to live in this house were Ralph and Linnie (Cousins) McArthur, she being Charles' daughter and he was Bob's son.

Several of Charles Cousins' sons worked for Stowell-MacGregor. Harold was a millwright and Orris drove the tracked vehicle from Lincoln to here in the dead of winter. That tracked vehicle (and sometimes horses) was used to haul spool bars from the mill to the sticking fields. We saw two of those fields, and the third is at the Jones Bohannon home site on the South Princeton Road.

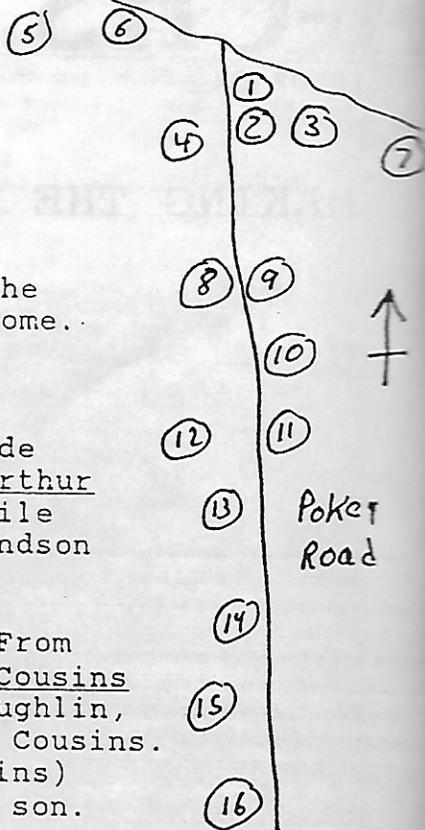
Before Charles Cousins, this was the Tom Blaney (Sr) home (16). He was the son of James and Elizabeth. Their daughter Margaret married Francis Westbrook Brown (14). The Brown cellar has a nice fireplace foundation. Francis apparently died while fighting in the Civil War. Margaret married John McGaufflin of Ireland who is likely not connected to the McLaughlin family. The place where the path to this house site leaves the Pokey Road has been called the Johnny Gate for many years.

Between the Johnny Gate and Charles Cousins is another foundation. Orris Cousins called this the Ed Harriman Place. I believe this was the original home of James Blaney (15).

Early in our walk we visited a cellar which we believe was the home of Henry Payson Whitney (9). Whitney was a Teacher, Assessor, and Moderator of the 1860 Town Meeting. He married Margaret Bohannon, sister of Jones mentioned above.

With some knowledge of history, geography, and genealogy, local history became an activity of making connections. Readers with ancestral ties to Alexander must recognize many of the family names listed. In fact, all but two families listed still are represented in Alexander and surrounding towns. Thus the connection of the past to the present!

Pocomoosshine
Lake



PETER FLOOD: EARLY SETTLER

HIS DESCENDANTS: EDWARD FLOOD FAMILY

25. EDWARD FLOOD (February 14, 1842 - October 14, 1881) was a son of George and Ameda B. (Lane) Flood. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Cooper. His gravestone is next to the fence, on the North Union Road side of the cemetery. Edward married Angelina Sadler (April 6, 1842 - April 1, 1922). She was the daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Frost) Sadler. She and her two boys were living with her parents in Cooper according to the census of 1880.



1) Perley E. was born in Lowell, Mass. in October, 1873 and died at Calais on July 7, 1927. His father is listed as Elmer on the death record, but as Edward in his obituary. He was buried at the Calais Cemetery (no stone). Perley was married to Georganna Bamford who was born in New Brunswick. They had two children of record:

- a) Edward (May 9, 1912 - January 3, 1924) born, died, and buried at Calais.
- b) Mary Christine was born at Calais on April 30, 1914. She is listed in Dennison Palmeter's obituary as an R.N. residing in Chicago.

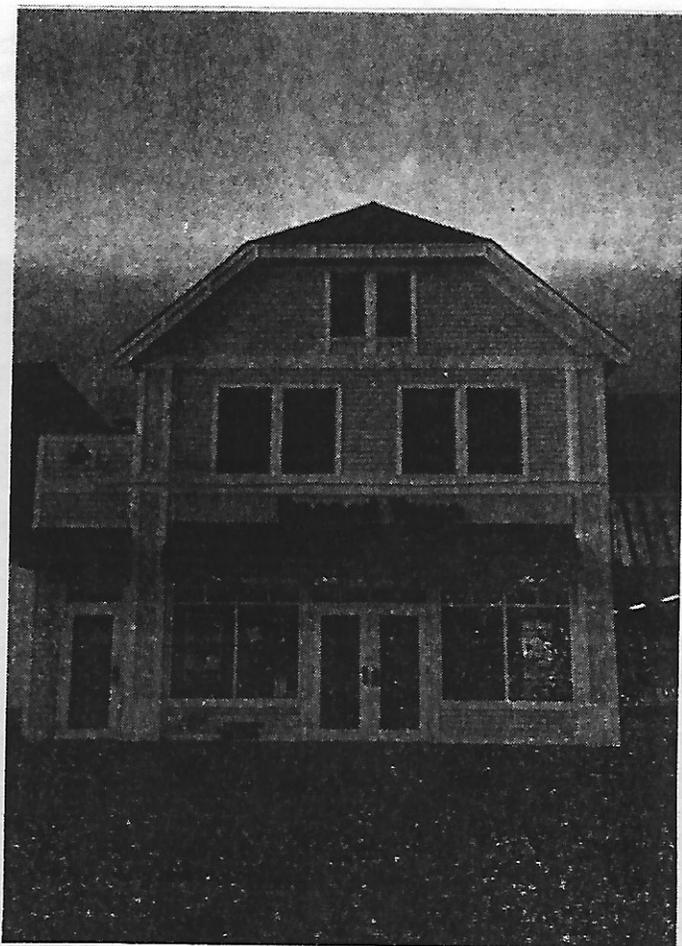
Georganna (Bamford) Flood married Dennison Palmeter (December 13, 1861 - January 24, 1941) of Cooper on November 30, 1929.

2) Lorenzo Edward was born at Lowell on October 1, 1874 and died at Calais on October 2, 1949. He is buried at St Stephen Rural Cemetery. His death record lists Edward as his father. Lorenzo was named after his mother's brother and was single.

Lorenzo's obituary states that he moved to Cooper upon the death of his father about 1881. The 1880 census confirms this except that Lorenzo, Perley, and their mother were in Cooper a little before Edward's recorded death date.

Perley and Lorenzo (and likely Angelina) came to Calais between 1892 and 1900. Lorenzo and his cousin Lindsay Sadler had a grocery and meat market at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. (1997 site of BAG END)

Perley and "Renzie" built the block where Record Town is located. In this building they ran a large grocery and meat store. They sold the building to Unobskeys' who had a ladies' clothing store there for many years. The building still belongs to the Unobskey family.



Renzie was, until 1929, the proprietor of the Arcadian Hotel, later called the Park Aide Hotel, the Mecca, and now the Portside Inn. He was in partnership with Bobby Alexander in a store near William's Restaurant formerly the Angelholm, and before that Ed Williamson's fish market. He also had a grocery store in the Dimitri block, at the corner of Union and Main Streets (across from Bobby Alexander's Wallpaper Store).

Lorenzo had a farm which supplied a large part of the meat and produce sold in his store(s). He traded in animals and had a wholesale meat and dairy business at the time of his death. He lived in a house behind the City Building and at a time near the Calais - Robbinston line.

3) Grace Mae was born on June 20, 1894 and died on January 21, 1981 at St Stephen. A quick check of her birth date

and Edward's death date brings up a real problem. Who was this child?

ADOPTED: According to vital records in Calais, (Grace) Field was born on May 20, 1894 and was the child of Minnie Abigail Field and Welcome Hicks. She was "adopted" by a Cookson family. When Mrs. Cookson died, Grace was "adopted" maybe in 1897 by the Flood family. She considered "Renzie" to be her brother, and is listed as his sister in his obituary. Why would a 55 year old woman (Angelina) with two single sons in their twenties (Renzie and Perley) adopt a three year old child? Alward Mehan has a gold pocket watch engraved "Grace Flood". He was told by Grace that she got the watch when she was about three years old.

FIELD - HICKS - PERKINS

Minnie Abigail Field was a child of John and Elizabeth Roxanna (Perkins) Field. Roxanna was born in Alexander on June 26, 1842, the first of a dozen children born to Henry and Dorcas Ann (Hall) Perkins. John Field was born ca 1842. Was he a son or grandson of Robert and Pamela (Benson) Field? They were in Alexander in 1830 with six children; Samuel, Asa, Mary, Ann, Pamela, and Elizabeth.

Children of John and Roxanna according to the 1870 Calais census:

Ida Mae, age 7, born ca 1863

Martin, age 5, born ca 1865

Anna, age 4, born ca 1866

Etta, age 2, born ca 1868

Nettie W., age 2/12, born ca 1870,

and add
Minnie who was
born on Sept. 3, 1872

Minnie married on March 5, 1898 William W. "Welcome" Hicks. She was born in Calais and he was born in Baring. She died on September 1, 1957. We find no other information on him. Her children according to her obituary:

Doris, Mrs. George Hayman of Portland,
Cleon P. Hicks of South Portland, and
Grace Mae, Mrs. John Mehan of St Stephen
Alward and Karlene Mehan list another daughter named Mildred.



GRACE FLOOD MEHAN

Grace apparently grew up in Calais. She worked in the telephone office in St. Stephen and there met Jack Mehan.

In 1914 Grace Mae married John D. Mehan of St Stephen. Her husband was a son of Samuel Orr Mehan. The S. O. Mehan and Sons Funeral Home is still operating in St. Stephen. Their children were:

- a) Ross Samuel (April 14, 1913 - September 17, 1992) was born in St. Stephen. He lived with Renzie in Calais and was a graduate of Calais Academy. He married Kathleen Johnson of Bocabec. Their children are Galen who was killed at age six, Edward, Rossie, Judy, and Gail who was adopted.
- b) Jack C. (March 23, 1916 - December 12, 1984) was born at Calais. He married Evelyn McGuire of Rolling Dam and they had one child, Alward.
- c) Lillian M. (October 12, 1917 -) married Edward Williston. Their children are Marilyn and Norma.
- d) Elmer Clarence (October 29, 1919 - February 2, 1993) married Barbara Hatfield. Their children are David, Terry, William, Deidre, and Peggy.
- e) Norma (September 23, 1921 -) married Owen Cunningham and their children are Linda Lee (Morris) and John David.

Information for this article came from records kept by Pliney Frost, vital records and Calais Advertiser obituaries collected by Sharon Howland, Brides' Index and birth records for Calais, and from Alward and Karlene Mehan. Thank you all, for without your help this article would be very incomplete! jhd

This issue concludes the series on the FLOOD family except for additions or corrections, or information on the following:

Ellen Howe was born in Cooper in 1828. She married _____ Flood. Who was he? Where did they go? Did they have children?

What was the John Flood Company of St. Stephen? Any connection?

PETER FLOOD: EARLY SETTLER

HIS DESCENDANTS: GEORGE AND ALMEDA FLOOD FAMILY

5. George and Almeda (Lane) Flood apparently had another child beyond what were listed in issue 89, page 4. Almeda was the daughter of Daniel and Temperance (Pettigrew) Lane and a sister to Frank Lane (see issue 87, page 1). In addition to Ellen, Edward, and John listed by David DeWald, vital records provided by Sharon Howland give:

A) Willis E. [May 1859 - March 1, 1922 as their child. On December 2, 1890 Willis married Abbie McGlauflin, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Clark) McGlauflin of Charlotte. Abbie died at Charlotte on October 26, 1908 at age 41. Their children of record:

1. Gertrude Adella [November 22, 1891 -]
 - a) A marriage record for August 28, 1930 lists the groom as Arnold Flood, age 18, son of Gertrude Flood and Leonard Brown (deceased). The bride was Della McCurdy, daughter of Guy and Bertha (McGlaufflin) McCurdy. A stone in the Willis Flood lot at Round Pond Cemetery at Charlotte lists Arnold L. Flood (1911 - 1960). Arnold and Della had two children of whom we have records; Bernard LeRoy born on December 27, 1932, and married Alice Maud Pottle; and Leonard A. born on August 15, 1936.
2. Ralph Emery [August 29, 1893 -] apparently married Bessie Garnett of Jonesboro. The only child we find on record is:
 - a) Wilmont Wilbur born April 11, 1927 at Marion. On June 18, 1949 he married Betsey Reed of Machias. Her parents are listed as Paul Reeves and Anna Clark of Machias. Reed and Reeves are on the record. We find three children; Janet Lynne [January 7, 1950], Bruce Wayne [June 29, 1952], and Stanley Eugene [August 5, 1953].
3. Lida Lewis [July 16, 1896 -]
4. Arthur Wilbur [August 31, 1908 - January 26, 1926]

AN IRISH CONNECTION? A ROBB HILL CONNECTION!

Catharine was the daughter of John and Mary Robb. She was born in Ireland in 1808 and died at Baileyville on December 26, 1892. She was married to Edwin Flood, also of Ireland.

Records indicate that their daughter Catharine died at Baileyville on June 20, 1898 at age 46. She had been born in Baileyville and was single. Born ca 1852.

Her brother Edwin died at Baileyville on February 15, 1913 at age 62. He too had been born in Baileyville and was single. Born ca 1851.

Material on the FLOOD family was printed in issue 82 and in issues 89 through this issue (94).

LOCAL BUSINESSES -- 1900 - 1925 -- ALEXANDER

Material from the Maine Register

MERCHANTS:

Charles Brown owned and operated his store on Townsend Hill from before this time and well beyond it. Roger and Frances Holst now use his last store building as their home.

In 1913, W. E. Bohanon had a grocery store and True Varnum sold fertilizer. Washington Bohanon lived where Peter and Karen Sears resided, and Varnum was at the Godfrey, or Ray Bohanon house on the Arm Road.

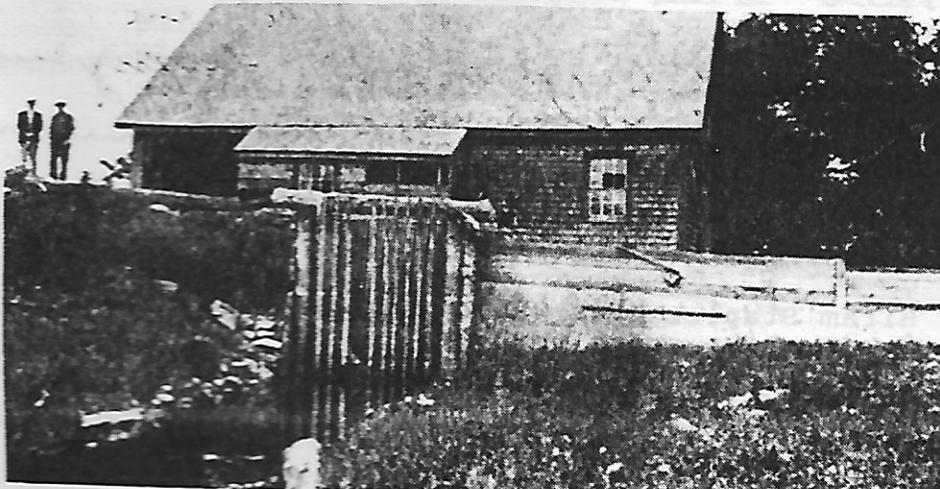
By 1913, we find Emery Frost selling groceries and Arthur W. Flood offering meats and groceries. Frost was located at the four corners and Flood was in the building in which Nelson lived after the house burned near the Cooper line.

In the 20's Henry McDunnah had a store, and Thomas Blaney ran one from his home on the South Princeton Road.

MANUFACTURERS: Fred M. Brown and Charles S. Hunnewell were blacksmiths and wheelwrights. Oren Hunnewell was a smith as was Walter Henderson. By 1922, the smith became rare and a new occupation showed up, Auto Repairs with Edward Niles and Leigh Dwelley in that business. Fred Brown also operated a feed mill in 1913.

The J. W. Dwelley mill continued to saw shingles, laths, and spool bars with his son George as operator. Harriman and Cheney were in the long and short lumber business from before 1913. Fred Harriman and Sidney Cheney had a steam powered mill on the shore of Pocomoonshine Lake. Sidney was married to Flora Harriman, sister of Fred. Peter Sears is descended from Fred Harriman, and Ruth Knowles from Sidney Cheney.

Samuel H. Brown was a stone cutter and marble worker in 1913. Oliver Dwelley and Fred Bohanon advertised as carpenters.



JULY 1935

ARTHUR STEPHENSON
HOWATT and "A MR.
DWELLEY" AT THE MILL
SITE THEN OWNED BY
CECIL HATFIELD.

Photo loaned by
Arthur Howatt

TELEPHONE: Albion Perkins was agent for the Lakeside Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1902. By 1907 the name had been changed to Forest T & T. In 1916, Moses Kneeland was its agent, and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company had Charles Brown as its agent. In 1922, Brown was agent for the Eastern T & T.

ASSOCIATIONS: Alexander Patrons of Husbandry #304 was meeting on alternate Saturdays by 1907. The local Grange was formed on August 24, 1889 and the hall was built in 1908. The 1913 Register lists two orchestras for Alexander, Browns' and Dwelley's. The leaders were S. W. Brown and Oliver Dwelley. We know that a dance hall stood near Dwelleys Lake where Tom and Sandy Smith now live.

FROM THE CENSUS: John Palmer was the Methodist minister in 1910. Wesley M. McDunnah was a paper mill man, likely the first of a long line of Alexander area men who have worked in Woodland. Moses P. Kneeland was the game warden in 1910 and in 1920. Cavanaugh Michel Hunnewell was a blacksmith at a stone quarry. Harold Cheney had joined his father as a millman.

In 1920, True Varnum and Charles Love were listed as teachers.

ALEXANDER FARMERS' UNION

One thousand shares of common stock was authorized at a par value of \$10.00 per share. \$290.00 was on hand on March 30, 1918. The thirty-three stockholders are here listed. Four had not paid.

Earl Varnum	Alexander	Ellery E. Frost .	Alexander
Hiram E. Staples ...	Baileyville	Geo. Seamans	Alexander
Ralph D. Howe	Cooper	Ernest Perkins ..	Alexander
John J. Ryan	Baileyville	E. R. Hitchins ..	Milltown
Frank E. Flood	Alexander	Freeman Frost ...	Cooper
Arthur W. Flood	Alexander	Lewis Frost	Alexander
Harry E. Frost	Alexander	Lindsay Varnum ..	Alexander
James H. Malloy	Baileyville	Geo. Vining	Cooper
Wendell P. Perkins .	Baileyville	Guy T. Lorraine .	Baileyville
N. W. Malloy	Baileyville	D. M. Berry	Baileyville
Horace W. Seavey ...	Crawford	Elmer E. Bacon ..	Baileyville
Geo. B. Berry	Alexander	R. H. McLellan ..	Baileyville
Stanley E. Jeffery .	Alexander	Ross Lawler	Baileyville
John Robb	Baileyville	Morton Scribner .	Alexander
Geo. V. Malloy	Baileyville	Lee Howe	Cooper
Fred M. Brown	Alexander	Lincoln Flood ...	Alexander
	Oliver Dwelley ..		Alexander

Earl Varnum was president, Hiram Staples was clerk and treasurer. In addition to the officers, the directors were Ralph D. Howe, John J. Ryan, Frank E. Flood, Arthur W. Flood, and Harry E. Frost.

If anyone has records of this corporation, we'd love to share them through our newsletter.

State of Maine.

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION OF A CORPORATION UNDER THE GENERAL LAW.

The undersigned, officers of a corporation organized at Alexander, Maine
at a meeting of the signers of the articles of agreement therefor, duly called and held at Alexander
in the Manly Hall of Alexander, Maine
on Saturday the 30th day of March A. D. 1918
hereby certify as follows:

The name of said corporation is Alexander Farmers' Union.

The purposes of said corporation are the buying, selling and handling, of
produce; the inspection of produce so sold or handled;
and the selling and consigning of produce as agent of the
producers; the buying and selling of real estate; the
buying and selling of stock in other associations;
the owning and operating of storage warehouses,
packing houses for produce, and other materials; the
building and maintaining of creameries, fertilizer plants;
the mixing and selling of fertilizer, poisons, feed, grain,
flour, groceries, and all such materials, articles or goods
in the opinion of the board of directors can be
conveniently and advantageously dealt in by the
corporation.

LOCAL BUSINESSES -- 1900 - 1925 -- COOPER

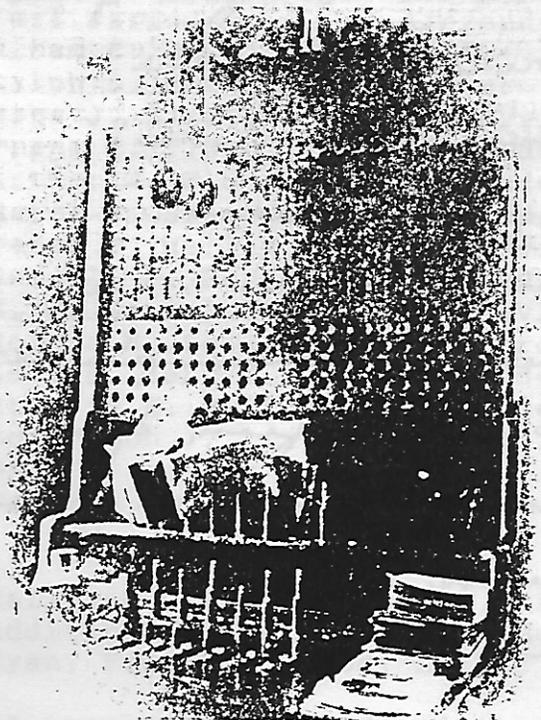
The Maine Register listed businesses in five categories for Cooper during the years of 1900 to 1925; Merchants, Manufacturing, Telephone, Hotels, and Boarding Houses. These lists were prepared by a local person, often the town clerk, and may not have included all the businesses. Even so, this source is definitely better than none.

MERCHANTS: At the turn of the century, Henry Howard Ellis had a store on West Ridge at his home, and Samuel Arthur Hayward had "General Stores" at his home on the North Union Road (where Alta Cousins lives). William Morton opened a store before 1907 at his new home, General Cooper's Ashley Farm. From the mid teens to the end of the quarter, we had "General Stores" at Ralph Sadler's on Middle Ridge, and at Arthur Flood's, which was really in Alexander. In the 1920's, William Ellis sold grain and flour near the West Ridge Cemetery.

MANUFACTURERS: The 1902-03 register indicates that the Ellis family was involved in three business ventures. William Ellis was a smith. Ellis and Beals were manufacturers of laths and shingles, and Ellis and McDonald produced shingles and long lumber. I feel that the first mill was the steam powered mill on the brook across the road from Will Morton's store. (See issue 89, page 10), and that the long lumber mill was on Cathance where Elmer McGlaulin has his camp.

In 1907-08 the only manufacturer mentioned was the American Molybdenum Company with D. H. Fergusson as superintendent. Could someone lead us to more information on the molybdenum mines? We printed what we had in issue 86, pages 16 and 17.

Jim Gould was a smith and wheelwright during this time at his home on the North Union Road. Mrs. Amelia Vance was a dressmaker from the early teens to the end of this reporting time.



Switch board - Charlotte ME
Dr. Brehaut's Line

By the mid twenties, Maine Metals Company had taken over the mining activity. William McGee of East Machias had a steam driven saw mill on Mill Stream near the Alexander town line. Some of the used machinery from this mill was stored in a barn at Keen's Corner and later used by Cecil Hatfield in his mill at the foot of Pleasant Lake in Alexander.

TELEPHONE: The Meddybemps Telephone Company provided service to Cooper as of 1916. By 1921, service was from the Eastern Telephone and Telegraph Company. Number please! Does anyone have info on these two telephone companies? Old telephone bills? Pictures of telephones, or the old lines? We copy and return pictures and documents.

SPORTSMEN HOTELS: Thomas Deering had such a business near the site of Ketchen's Store in the early years of this century. Ira H. Jones ran his hotel

throughout the 25 years near the top of West Ridge. In the 1920's, L. H. Goner had a hotel {Who knows where?}, and F. O. Keith was in business, maybe at the former Deering site.

BOARDING HOUSES: From 1913 to 1925 there were three boarding houses in Cooper, perhaps associated with the molybdenum mine. Those boarding houses were run by William Ellis near the cemetery on West Ridge, and Reuben Keen and William H. Morton, both at Keen's Corner.

COOPER CENSUS RECORDS: The 1900 census reported that George Clark was a log driver, and brothers Merton and Florian Lane were teachers.

In 1910, Jim Gould was listed as a blacksmith, Florence Howe was post mistress, and Daniel Fergusson was a mine prospector.

The 1920 census shows Gertrude Farmer as a teacher, John Moore a watchman at the mine, and Hubert Perkins was the clerk in a lumber business.

AND: Mildred (Flood) Holst reported that her father, Bert Flood, had a store in his house on Middle RIDGE toward the end of the first quarter of this century. Thanks Mildred for this addition before the fact!

LOCAL BUSINESSES -- 1900 - 1925 -- CRAWFORD

The Maine Register has little to say about business in Crawford for the first quarter of this century. Crawford, "on the Stage-line to Baring", got telephone service in the mid teens from the Equalized Telephone Company, a service that continued through-out the remainder of this quarter. Who in town knows where the switchboard was located?

The only other listed business was the general store run by Mrs. Laura Hatte which was in operation in 1916 and 1917. Laura and Lester Hatt lived on the Airline south of the old Crawford Cemetery.

The census records for Crawford contain a lot of details about what people were doing during these years.

1900: Darius Williams was a STAGE DRIVER.

1910: Joel Seavey was a HOOP MAKER.
George A Perkins, George M. Perkins, Herbert Ash, and Forest Woodruff were CHOPPERS.

1920: Fannie Archer was the POST MISTRESS. (Pokey Post Office)
William Cushing was a "CABBIE CAR DRIVER".
Andrew Grover was the MAIL DRIVER, Charles Grover was his assistant.
Adin McKeown was a DRIVER OF A PUBLIC CAR.
Herbert Seavey and his son Lester Seavey were BLACKSMITHS.
James Wallace was POST MASTER. (Crawford Post Office)

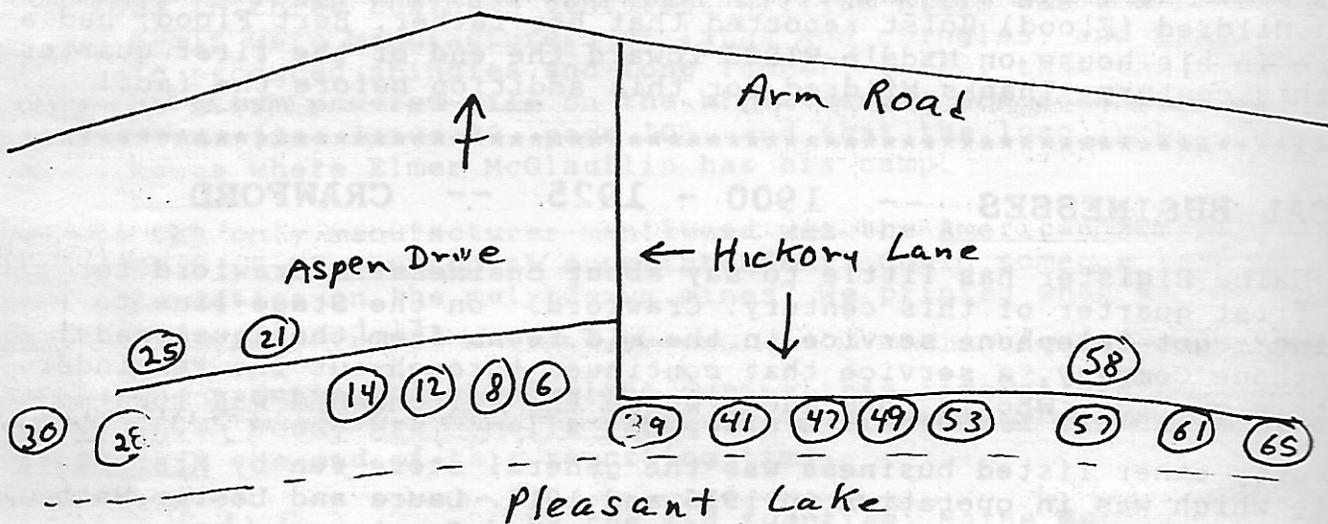
In the winter of 1919 and 1920, STANLEY JEFFERY had a woods camp. Crawford residents who worked at his camp were Robert, Rolla, and Victor ARCHER, Clyde CREAMER, Edmund DAVIS, Walter HATT, Manly JEFFERY, Frank and George MAGOON, Edgar, James, and George PERKINS, Fred POLK, Ernest SEAVEY, and Darius and Frank WILLIAMS.

DOWNEAST LAKES -- PLEASANT LAKE

HICKORY LANE and ASPEN DRIVE

The land on which these camp lots are found is part of town lot 87. Harvey Niles bought it from the estate of Truecellar G. Gray (1904 -1986) in 1947. Raymond Bohannon was her father and was the guardian for the estate. She had been committed to the mental hospital in Bangor. Later she was released and spent the last 15 years or so of her life at the home of her son, Cecil Gray of Columbia.

Road names and numbers used in this article are addresses assigned as part of Alexander's 911 project. Those who provided a lot of help were Norma (Frost) Donahue, Ray "John" Archer and Lindsey McLaughlin. Others who helped with details were Bud Chaffey, George Tracy, Louis Pettit, Doug Welock, Ed Snook, Edwina DiCenzo and Bob and Gloria Smith. Additions and corrections to this and all articles are welcome. Some dates are from deeds and some are from memory.



HICKORY LANE

(39) Paul McMillan and John Gay acquired this lot from Harvey Niles in 1950. Two months later Gay sold his share to McMillan. Paul McMillan built a camp on it. In 1964, he sold to Francis "Fran" Richardson of Massachusetts. Raymond "John" Archer bought the camp in 1988. He, his wife Linda, and children Jennifer, Mike and Brian have enjoyed the camp since. Fran added the east wing to the camp and John tore off the original camp and built the west wing in 1994. John is the son of Rolla Archer and his first wife.

(41) George Tracy of Calais bought this lot in the early 50's. He cleared the lot the first year, hauled in fill the next year, and built the camp the third year. It's been his home since 1978.

(47) "Buster" Holmes built this camp about 1963. It now belongs to his children, Beverly Hill, James and David, as the Holmes Realty Trust.

(49) Cecil Miller of Calais built about 1954. He sold it to Bob Peacock who finished it. Peacock sold the camp to Arthur Dwelley, who later sold to Larry and Beverly Hill of Woodland.

(53) Louis Pettit of Calais bought this lot in 1954. Louis and Mary built this camp and used it for many years. They sold to Larry and Beverly Hill in 1980.

(57) Norman Gibson and "Bud" Chaffee acquired this lot in 1954 and built this camp. After a couple of years Bud sold his share to Norman. Norman then traded the camp to his uncle Aubrey Gibson for a car. In 1959 it was sold to Charles Bernard and Elizabeth Donahue. It was transferred to their son and his wife, Charles Bernard "Bernie" and Norma Donahue in 1981.

BERNIE AND NORMA
DONAHUE'S HOME
SITE 58



(58) Bernie and Norma Donahue bought this lot from John Archer in 1989 and built this year round home here in 1990.

KEN POULIN HOME
SITE 61



(61) Walter and Catherine MacKay of Calais bought this lot in 1958 and built this camp. Carl and Marjorie Mahar owned the place for a number of years before selling it to Ken Poulin in 1972.

(65) Carroll Andrews bought this lot in 1956. He is a doctor who lives down south and the camp is used mostly by his family.

ASPEN DRIVE

Harvey Niles sold Alfred Rhoades a lot of land 160 feet deep and with 845 feet of shore frontage on Dwelley's Lake. Included in this deed was a right of way from the Arm Road and one parallel to the lake shore. This lot was sold to Durg Hinckley from Ellsworth who in turn sold to Lindsey McLaughlin and Robert Smith, both of Woodland. They had Darrell Frost of Alexander build the road.

Lindsay "Bunny" and Bob had married sisters Ruth and Gloria Gaddis. They split the land into two 400 foot lots and brother-in-law Raymond Gaddis had the narrow lot. Ruth McLaughlin's daughters are Deanna Lund and Daphne Vail.

(6) Louis and Elizabeth "Betty" Greenlaw of Calais built about 1966.



"BABE GREENLAW'S CAMP

SITE 6

(8) Edmund "Ted" and Martha McLean had this built in the early 60's. He was from Aroostook County and was working in Calais for Customs. About 1965 he sold to Rolla and Phyllis Archer who used it as their home for the rest of their lives. Many of us went to this house to pay our taxes and do other town business. Doug and Cindy Welock acquired the place in 1994 and are using it as their home.

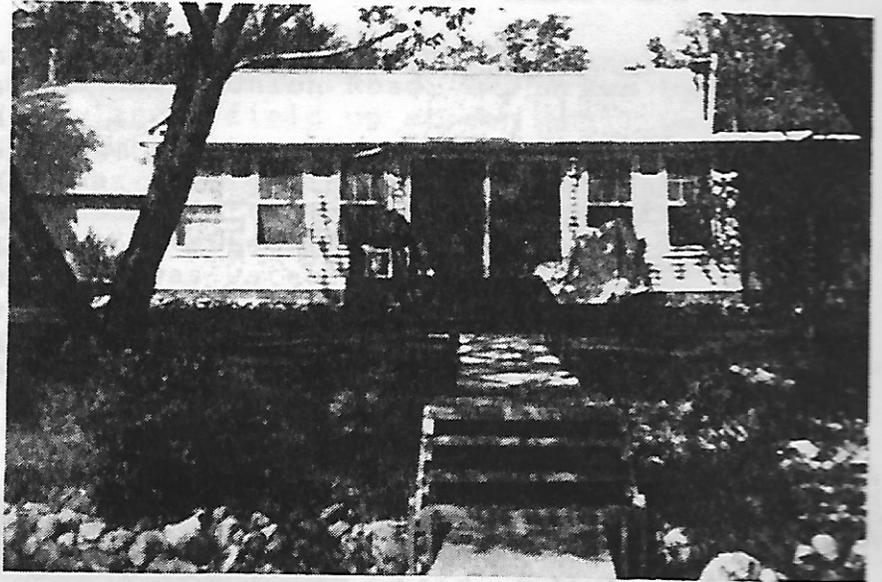
(12) Lindsey McLaughlin acquired one of those portable woods camps from St. Croix and moved it onto this lot in the early 60's. It was to be a camp for his daughter Daphne, but at the time she was not ready for a camp, so Lindsey sold it to Lloyd Cox. He used the camp off and on, then sold to the Archers about 1990. Ed and Judy Snook of Pomeroy Ridge bought this place in 1996. He tore down the old camp and in 1997 is building a new structure.

(14) This camp was built by Lindsey and Ruth McLaughlin in 1960. It was transferred to their daughter and son-in-law, Kenneth and Deanna Lund in 1983. In late July, 1997 this building was demolished and the Lunds are building a year round home here.

DOUG AND CINDY

WELOCK'S HOME

SITE 8



(21) David and Daphne Vail appear on the tax roles in 1980. They built this camp about 1990.

(25) This camp was built about 1960 by Robert Smith for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gaddis, his wife's parents. Robert and Gloria Smith used for a short time. Since the mid 80's, it has been used by their son, Martin Smith who has added to it.

LUND'S CAMP

"NOW HISTORY"

SITE 14



(28) Raymond Gaddis and Robert built this about 1961, and Raymond and his family used it for several years. It then was acquired by Robert and Gloria Smith who have enjoyed it since. The Smiths have a greenhouse in Woodland Junction.

(30) A vacant trailer has sat at this site for several years. It belongs to Robert and Gloria Smith.

Planned for ISSUE 95 -- A Crawford Lake neighborhood; the Equalized Telephone Company; maybe more Floods (the family, not the wet kind); and immigration to Alexander between 1811 and 1861.

SCOUTS and SCHOLARS

Grades five and six at Alexander Elementary School have been studying the Civil War. On June 5th, I went to the school and gave a 15 minute talk about the relationships between now and then, between Alexander and Crawford and the War, and between us and the people of the past.

We then went to the Alexander Cemetery where the students did rubbings of Civil War Veteran's gravestones. The children then visited the graves of their ancestors. The breeze kept the black flies away and the few drops of rain did not dampen the spirits of the students.

Involved were Brittany Ayers, Gordon Cameron, Mike DeMolet, Amanda Holmes, Christina King, John Knowles, Nicole Magoon, Joe McLaughlin, Katrina and Christina Polk, Katie Prout, Marie Provencher, Brandon Silk, Julian Tozier, and Travis Wallace.

Civil War veterans buried at our Alexander Cemetery are Isaiah Bailey, Albion Berry, Asa Berry, Charles Card, Hiram Crafts, Stephen Frost, Joseph Perkins, Robert Thistlewood, and Sumner Varnum.

Levi Flood is buried at the Flood Family Cemetery on the Cooper Road.

At the Crawford Cemeteries are buried Civil War Veterans: Azor Bridges, James Jeffrey, Daniel Sevey, Daniel Smith, and Robert Wallace.

Thank you Mrs. Silk and scholars for a pleasant afternoon. jhd

SCOUTS AT WORK

Before Memorial Day a group of Scouts did a great job of removing unsightly trash from the woods near the Alexander Cemetery. Over the years, some have thrown plastic and silk flowers and other items that don't rot into the woods. In the old days, real flowers would rot away and not look messy. But times change as does our garbage. Thanks for making our town a better place!

The following Monday we went to the two Crawford Cemeteries and put flags on the graves of veterans. Scouts involved in one or both projects were John Knowles, Caleb Lincoln-Troiani, Joey Mesereau, Jamie Provencher, Brandon Silk, and Travis Wallace. A special thanks to leaders Lynn Silk and Kathy Devine.

EXPLORING WITH CECIL

On May 6, Cecil Keen and I spent an enjoyable morning exploring in Cooper. We started out on the North Union Road. We parked by Dead Stream and hiked via Maria Leland's field up stream until we found a likely place for a dam. The dam had been breached but the wings were still intact. Above the dam was the remains of a beaver dam, also breached, and an old beaver house farther up stream. The 1861 map shows that a saw mill was at this site. This stream has a good flow of water and we feel that the mill was water powered.

In the woods along the way we spotted the remains of several cars, dating from the 20's to the early 50's. We also noticed that the old hayfield was coming into blue berries. (See issue 80, pages 14 - 16)



CECIL KEEN

We then drove to the West Ridge home of Bob VonRotz (his house is on the Vern Day place). We were looking for the dam that Harry Ellis had built. Bob took us to a breached beaver dam which we soon determined to be resting upon the base of the man-made dam, also breached. The dam wings were evident.

Cecil's father, Henry Keen had told Cecil about the site. The brook had a long island in it and Ellis had built the dam so as to force all the water into one channel. The island and dry channel can be plainly seen.

Harry Ellis also had a mill near this dam. This steam powered mill sawed lathes and shingles. Bob showed us a foundation north of the dam and up a steep bank. We found a ditch running from the foundation to the brook. Was this the mill foundation? What was the use of that ditch? Why did Ellis build the dam?

Cecil told us of another dam farther up the brook which Charlie Day built for a trout pond. He told about the ice house on the north side of the Vern Day barn which Cecil would fill with 400 ice blocks each winter. The ice was sold to the summer people on Cathance Lake in the days before electricity. (See issue 89, pages 9 and 10)

On our way home, just when we were passing the fire tower watchman's house, Cecil said, "There was a cellar hole right in there," pointing to the WEST side of the road. I jammed on the brakes and backed-up. We jumped out, crawled up over the bank, and started scouting around. After a few minutes we found a well, but no cellar. We started back for the truck for it was getting on toward dinner time. Cecil, who is

78, told me of seeing the cellar when he was a child and a crew was building this piece of road. As we approached the bank, we saw the cellar. When the road had been built, the men had dug a pit right up to the cellar wall, making that place too steep for us to climb.

This cellar is on the Moses Munson lot. The 1861 Map and 1881 Atlas place the house on the EAST side of the road. Cecil remembers the cellar on the EAST side of the road (likely filled in when the fire watchman's house was built). This cellar on the WEST side of the road must predate the other. It must have been Moses Munson's home. What happened to it? Did it burn? Did families later pipe the water from the well down hill to the home on the EAST side of the road? Do we have an archaeologist who can help find the answers? (See issue 86, pages 12 and 13)

On May 24, Cecil and I returned to Cooper. We walked to the west branch of Doten Brook looking for the source of the granite slabs we had found in cellars on West Ridge. Those slabs were also used in crossways (bridges) for the roads in that neighborhood.

We did not find a hole in the ground, nor an excavation dug into the steep hills in either side of the brook. We did find lots of exposed granite in the brook bed. This was in a layer of rock between 8 inches and a foot thick. Most of the natural angles were 90 degrees with only one end of each block being out of square.

The quarry operations appear to have been done along the brook. Slabs were dragged out of the brook bed by either horses or oxen. One side of the brook seemed to have a flat road along it about 4 to 6 feet wide. This would have been handy for dragging the slabs. Many slabs likely were used just as they were mined, but we did find a place with some broken ends that might have been where the stones were cut. WE found just one place where surface soil had been removed to get at the granite.

Farther up the brook we found a section of cedar rail fence, and then a granite wall about 150 feet long. This wall is unusual in that it was built only one stone thick. It is nearly three feet high in places and the only two areas where it is down is where a skidder operator had smashed it. The land on both sides of this wall is still rough and full of rocks. The wall and rail fence were probably built by the owner of the lot south of them. They roughly follow the property line. (See issue 88, pages 2 - 4).

We next joined Cecil's wife Melva (Clarke) at East Ridge and searched in vain for the family cemetery on the John Henderson place. (See issue 82, pages 12 and 13; and issue 83, pages 2 and 3). This cemetery is across the road from Melva's childhood home. It was visible from the house, but the field has become overgrown with alders and the like. The pasture next to the field had grown to a mature forest and recently was cut over. We put ribbons along the old fence line.

We were joined by a multitude of blackflies. Fortunately they were not hungry! Because of the late spring, the leaves were not out to block our view through the woods. Thanks, Cecil (and Melva), for the pleasant explorations!

John Dudley

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

I'm very sad to report that one of our hard workers of many years of whom I wrote in the November 1996 issue 91, has died. Athena Spooner took her leave of us June 15, 1997.

As you can see from her obituary one may give in her memory to the charity of one's choice. I am giving to A-CHS as the work we do was so dear to Athena's heart.

Athena was a dear, dear lady who was my good, good friend. I shall miss her terribly.

Mary

SUPPORTING MEMBERS since the May issue:

Michael Cousins
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Carl and Vivian Perkins

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All A-CHS work is done by volunteers.

Some ways to help A-CHS...

- * Serve on the board
- * Maintain files
- * Research and write an article
- * Plan and run a juried art show for the children at AES
- * Coordinate painting historic scenes on power poles
- * Work on newsletter production
- * Photograph houses
- * Create an IMAGE OUTREACH show

Be a volunteer! Call John Dudley at 454-7476.

THANK YOU

Debbie Cross, 58 Magoon Rd, St. Albans for writing articles and sending pictures about her Frost/Cross family. Readers, watch for these in future issues of this newsletter.

Madeline Flood, RR #1 Box 473-A, Machias ME 04654 for sending three photographs which we will be sharing. If you went to Cedar School with Nelson Flood, ca 1914 - 1919, I need help identifying faces! jhd

SCHOOL DAYS OPENING AND SHOW

Several members attended the opening of our SCHOOL DAYS photo - exhibit at AES. They enjoyed looking at the pictures which ranged in age from 1 year to 93 years. The children at the school and some of their parents commented positively about the exhibit.

B. ATHENA 'THENA' SPOONER

BAILEYVILLE - B. Athena Spooner, 79, died June 15, 1997, at a Calais Hospital. She was born in Baileyville, Feb. 9, 1918, the daughter of Fred and Bernice (Morse) McPhail. She was a life member of the W.T. Wren Post No. 23 Ladies Auxiliary of Woodland and served as unit president, secretary, and treasurer for 30 years. She was county president, secretary, and treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary and three time district president. Surviving are her husband, Claude 'Pat' Spooner of Baileyville; one daughter, Carol M. Cochran of Augusta; two sisters, Audria McCurdy of Conn. and Mavis Moholland of Princeton; three grandchildren, Charles Cochran of Oakland, Linda Ayer of Crawford and Randall Cochran of Dixfield; three great-grandchildren, Dustin Cochran of Chelsea, Kristina and Katrina Ayer of Crawford and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Woodland Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Cowger officiating. Funeral arrangements are by the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home of Calais. Friends may make donations to the American Cancer Society, Maine Division Inc., 52 Federal St., Brunswick 04011 or charity of their choice.

DOWNEAST MILESTONES

KATHLEEN 'KAY' A. SMITH

CALAIS - Kathleen A. Smith, 69, died May 10, 1997, at a Calais hospital. She was born in Alexander, May 18, 1927, the daughter of Linwood Miner and Leota (Perkins) Miner Worrell. She was a member of the Sherman Brothers Post No. 3 American Legion Auxiliary of Calais. Kay was employed at Clark's Variety in Milltown for many years. She was predeceased by her father, Linwood in 1926; her stepfather, Leslie R. Worrell in 1953; and her mother, Leota in 1989. Surviving are two sisters, Charlotte W. and her husband, Robert Haskins of Calais, Freda H. and her husband, John Ross of St. Stephen, N.B., Canada; five special nieces and nephews, Michael W. Haskins and wife, Judith of Limestone, Shari Doten and husband, Donald of Baring, John Haskins and wife, Lisa of Baring, Laurie Haskins of Bangor, Vicky Ross of Fredericton, N.B.; 10 grandnieces and grandnephews. Friends may call at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Bob Hinton officiating. Burial will be in Calais Cemetery. Friends who wish may make donations in her memory to the American Cancer Society, Maine Division Inc., P.O. Box 456, Brunswick 04011-0456.

HAZEL L. STROUT

ELLSWORTH - Hazel L. Strout, 87, died June 12, 1997, at an Ellsworth hospital. She was born Oct. 17, 1909, in Alexander, the daughter of Vernon and Flora (Vining) Perkins. She was a loving and caring mother with many good friends. She loved sewing, quilting and cooking. She was a member of the United Baptist Church of Ellsworth. She is survived by one son, Sherman LeRoy Strout and his wife, Lucy of Estero, Fla.; one daughter, Mildred Barton and her husband, Gordon of Winter Harbor; five grandchildren, Maureen Mahan, Richard Merchant, Deborah Nolan, Sandra Litchfield and Jack Wilson; 10 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one son, Jack; two brothers, Alton and Arnold; and one sister, Irene Frost. Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Woodbine Cemetery with the Ray Stephens officiating. The family suggests that if friends wish, they may make contributions in Hazel's memory to Courtland Activities Fund, Court Street, Ellsworth. Arrangements by Jordan Funeral Home, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

FLORACE J. YATES

HOULTON and SHERMAN MILLS - Florace J. Yates, 79, died peacefully July 14, 1997, in Houlton. She was born Aug. 3, 1917, in Alexander, Maine, the daughter of Orrin and Amanda (Carlow) Hunnewell. She is survived by two sons, Franklin Yates and his wife, Barbara of Orono, and Stephen Yates and his wife, Beverly of Patten; five very special grandchildren who will miss her very much, Tobias and Travis Yates of Patten, Melissa (Yates) Brady of New York, Sheila Yates of Sherman Mills and Crystal Robbins of Sherman Mills; many very special nieces and nephews whom she loved very much. Florace will be remembered by many friends in Sherman Mills and will be greatly missed by all her friends at the Kinney Boarding Home in Houlton, where she had resided for the last few years. She was predeceased by her husband, Emery Yates, in 1989; and one brother, Shirley "Bill" Hunnewell of Jonesport; three sisters, Edith Sprague of Grand Lake Stream, Doris Keene of Belfast, and Olive Taylor of Eastport. Friends may call 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Bowers Funeral Home, Island Falls, where funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Carlton Huntley officiating. Interment will be in Sherman Mills Cemetery.

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