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## PLINEY FROST 1920 - 1997

by John Dudley

My friend Pliney has "gone down that road along which no man returns". When one first met Pliney, one would note the long hair, the beard, and his quiet way. Knowing Pliney was to realize his straight forward honesty, his intelligence, and his open acceptance of all people and all circumstances. He was a source of knowledge on local affairs and families and always freely shared his knowledge. Besides family, activities that occupied Pliney's life were:

**GRANGE:** Pliney received his first and second degrees in April of 1937. Max Berry was master at that time. He was Gatekeeper, Overseer, Secretary, and

Master for eight terms of Alexander Grange #304. He was in Washington Pomona #16 Grange from which he received the fifth degree in 1941 at Pembroke. He received his sixth degree in the Maine State Grange at Lewiston. In 1948, he received his seventh degree at the National Grange meeting held at Portland.

**TOWN OFFICES:** Pliney was elected selectman and assessor in 1942. He was to serve his town in these positions for at least 15 years. Over the years he was also elected to and served as tax collector, and treasurer. He served as moderator of our town meetings, a constable, and was a member of the planning board. He had a deep interest in the welfare of his town, a knowledge of its past and of the laws and policies that control us.

**JOBS:** Pliney grew up at a time when our local economy was changing from self sufficient farming families to a time when most people work a job away from home. Pliney never really left the farm. He grew crops and always kept livestock. He worked for Stowell MacGregor at its mill on Pocomoonshine Lake, the Maine State Highway Department, and Guilford Industries. He was for many years an insurance agent.

**GENEALOGY and HISTORY:** Pliney grew up in a home surrounded by older people who were interested in local families and local history. Pliney was a good listener. During the last two decades of his life, he researched and created a written record of the Frost family and many related families, and of many aspects of local history. He wanted this material to become part of the A-CHS archives. A partial list of these items appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

# JEREMIAH FROST: EARLY SETTLER

## HIS ANCESTORS AND HIS CHILDREN

Albert Bailey prepared an ancestral line of Jeremiah Frost of Passamaquoddy. Following is an outline of the family based on that work. This page provides background for the articles prepared by Deborah Cross. jhd

1. George Frost was in Winter Harbor on the Saco River in 1635.
2. William Frost (ca 1635 - 1690) was killed by Indians. He was married to Mary Wakefield and fathered five children.
3. James Frost married Margaret Goodwin. They lived in South Berwick where he was a mill owner.
4. James Frost (November 5, 1707 - March 1785) married Sarah Morrel Mason and they had eleven children. This James was at Passamaquoddy around 1765. He traded at Schoodic Falls and later went to St. John. He then lived and died at St Andrews.
5. Jeremiah (1744 - March 3, 1820) married Esther Rolf. They were the first or among the first settlers in St. Andrews, St. Stephen, and Gagetown, New Brunswick and in Baileyville, and Baring, Maine. They has a dozen children including Mary who married Nathaniel Bailey. Jeremiah died in Alexander at the home of his son Joseph.
6. Jeremiah Frost 2nd was born at Gagetown on June 6, 1779. He married at Machias Sally Thompson, daughter of George and Hannah (Sevey) Thompson. They lived in Calais or Baring and several of the children were born in Calais. They are listed on the 1830 census as Alexander residents. Their children:
  - a) George (1804 - 1862) married Eliza Bridges,
  - b) Charlotte (1805 - 1805),
  - c) Jeremiah (1811 - ) married Elizabeth Niles,
  - d) Charlotte (1813 - 1891) married Solomon Chubbuck,
  - e) Stephen D. (1815 - 1907) married Mary Ann Bean,
  - f) Hannah (1817 - ),
  - g) Simon (1821 - ) married Mary Ann Perkins,
  - h) William (1823 - ) married Jane Pollard,
  - i) Joseph (1824 - 1824),
  - j) Susan (1826 - 1827),
  - k) Sarah (1829 - ),
  - l) Charles (1831 - ) married Eunice Andrews,
  - m) Clarissa (1834 - ) married Martin Chubbuck.

Jeremiah and Sally lived in a log house on the south part of lot 66. No remains of the house have been found. Field stones mark their graves and that of one of their children.

Additions and corrections to these articles can be sent to A-CHS or to Deborah M. Cross, 58 Magoon Road, St. Albans ME 04971

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## JEREMIAH FROST JR.

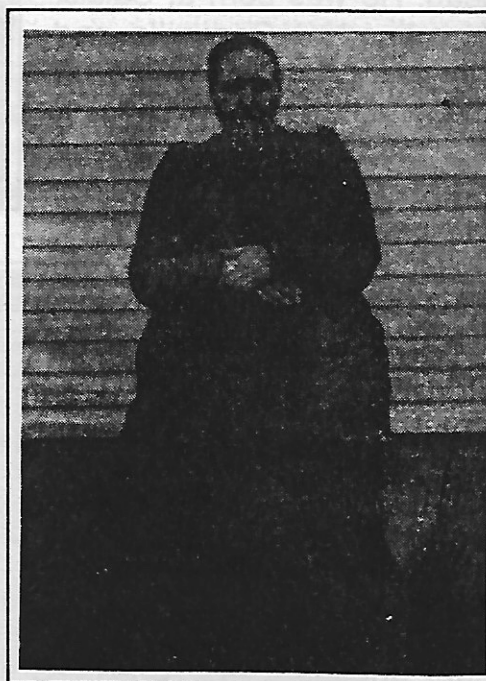
### DESCENDANTS OF HIS SON: SIMON HARRINGTON FROST

This article is based on research by Deborah May Cross.  
(Simon, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, James, James, William, George)

VII. Simon Harrington Frost was born at Calais, Me. on Jan. 19, 1821. He was the seventh child of Jeremiah and Sally (Thompson) Frost Jr. He married at Alexander, Me. on April 19, 1844, to Mary Ann Perkins, the daughter of Elisha and Margaret (Ferris) Perkins Sr. Mary Ann was born at Grand Lake, N.B. on April 13, 1826. Simon and Mary Ann lived on the Lyons Rd. in Alexander, about a half mile north of Rt. 9, on the east side of the Lyons Rd. at appx. the site occupied by Ben and Linda McArthur today. (1996) Theirs is not the old house. Simon and Mary Ann lived there for quite some time, as their 11 children were born in Alexander. In the 1870 census of Princeton, they were living there. In the 1880 census; Simon was not on it, just Mary Ann and the children. Mary Ann died at Princeton on May 5, 1920. She is buried at the Village Cemetery.

There Frost children of record, all born at Alexander, Me.

A. Caroline Elizabeth was born on April 30, 1845. She married at Princeton, Me. on Nov. 6, 1869 to Lewis Cross, son of Simon and Abigail (Atkinson) Cross of Topsfield, Me. Lewis was born at Topsfield on Dec. 1, 1850. They lived at Topsfield, Carroll and Codyville until 1898, when they moved to Stetson, Me. They bought a farm on the Blaisdell Rd. on May 13, 1902 containing 100 acres, more or less. It was the Thatcher S. Anderson Homestead. After they bought it, everyone called it the old Cross farm in Stetson. Their son Lewis E. was on the deed also. On June 15, 1903 Lewis and Caroline bought another farm in No. Newport, just over the Stetson line. It contained 150 acres. In back of this property it was just a short distance to their land on the Blaisdell Rd. This place in No. Newport was where Lewis E. lived, after he married, and most of his children were born here. Caroline died on the old Cross farm. Lewis was staying with his son Lewis E, and wife Viola on the farm in



Caroline

No. Newport when he died. Caroline died Oct. 13, 1913. Lewis died Aug. 29, 1929. Both are buried at Clarks Hill Cemetery, Stetson, Me. There are seven children of record.

B. Elisha Perkins was born on Oct. 23, 1847.

C. Manley Edwin was born on Jan. 25, 1850. He died at

