

**ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**JUNE 1981**

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

**REPORT NO, 14**

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

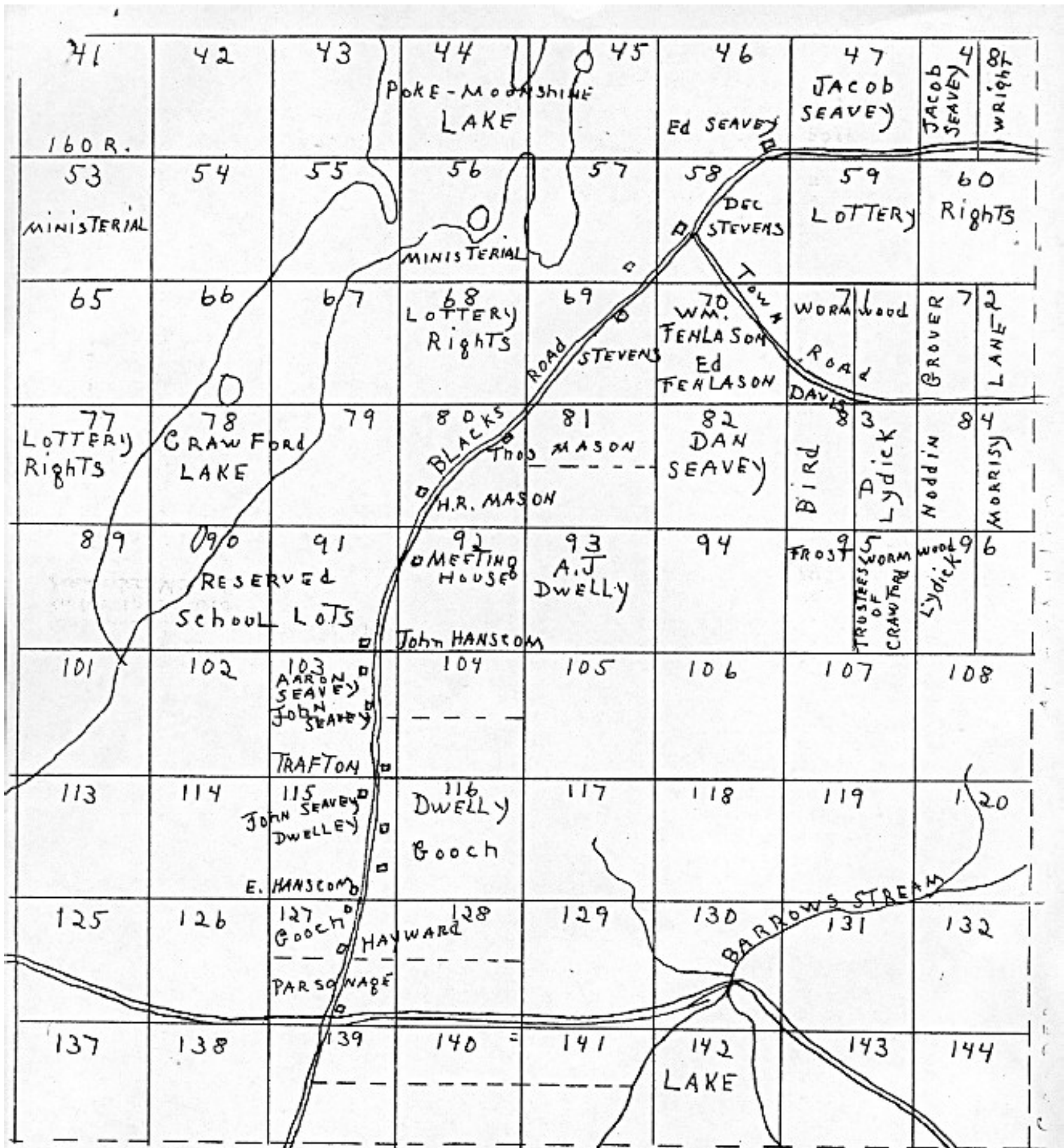
**HOMECOMING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th;** Several of our away members have written saying when they were back for a visit a year or so ago, they could find no one to talk with about the earlier days. Our society's 1st annual summer homecoming, an Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, will be held this date at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

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

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

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

**OUR SOCIETY GREATLY APPRECIATES** the General Fund donations this past month from Omar Cousins, Harold Fenlason and Samuel A. Saunders; and from all those who donated cash and wonderful homemade cookies May 19 at the Grange H^ Plus the linen bureau scarf, (hand-embroidered in colored silk by Catherine Davis Watson,) by her great-granddaughter Geneviene Flood Poole, President Jane Dudley; Vice Presi. Audrey Ketner; Alexander historian Pliney Frost Millie Winckler Treasurer & Acting Secretary; Crawford historian Ethel Wallace Ways & Means Ellie Sanford; Genealogists; Harold & Ellen Fenlason Building chairman. Jack Dudley



Southeasterly part of Crawford Township. Copied from Plan of Richard V. Hayden Dec 28, 1840. Copied by John M. Dudley March 28, 1981.  
 Note- Blacks Road is present "Air Line" or Route No. 9. Town Road is present "Arm Road". Poke-Moonshine Lake is northerly part of Crawford Lake.