

ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 1981

(Still we grow - 165 members)

Report #15

FAMILY PICNIC SET JULY 21st: Members and their families are invited to our society's 1st annual summer picnic on Tuesday, July 21st, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Pocomoonshine Lake cabin of Jack and Jane Dudley, (This event will take the place of our July board meeting). Informal entertainment has been planned; casseroles, salads, rolls and desserts are requested for our covered dish supper. Bring your suit if you wish to swim, (Rain date will be the following evening,)

BLUEBERRY PIE EATING CONTEST for children will highlight our old-fashioned Ice Cream Social & Annual Homecoming on Saturday Aug, 8th at the Crawford Church on the Airline, The contest will open the festivities at 1 p.m. Contestants will each pay \$1,00 and the winner takes home the 'gate, (Our 'Social* chairperson Ellie Sanford, and Jane Dudley, will be baking the contest pies),

A '**BLUEBERRY PIE TASTING CONTEST**' will follow. We are hoping that Frances Brown and Frank Frost will be available to serve as our judges, Members and community residents are being asked to bake for the social; any who wish may have their pies entered for judging. The honorary award will be a framed citation with a large gold seal; (The pies will then be cut and sold with great scoops of vanilla ice cream),

During the afternoon Jack Dudley will demonstrate how to freeze ice cream with a hand-turned freezer. Interested persons will be welcome to take a turn at the crank. The luscious cooling result will be used for ice cream cones'

ART EXHIBIT CANCELLED; Due to circumstances beyond control we will not be holding the mini art exhibit as planned. Two of our key artist members cannot be present that day to help with arrangements. Maybe next summer? MEMBERS' LETTER BOX; A new member, Stephen Dwellcy Murray (MRA Kelley Rd, Box 183, Orono, Me, 04473) writes; "I am a descendant of Jedediah Dwelley who is buried in the old cemetery in Crawford. I have his line quite well researched, should any of your members be interested - but also have some missing information which somebody may be able to help me with. At any rate, I've often wished I could find out more about the people who settled the area,"

OUR LIBRARY SHELF IS GROWING TOO; Contributions have included two Northeast Folklore Books (from Sandy Ives) "Suthin" (it's the opposite of nothin) about Grover Morrison's woods operation at Little Musquash Lake 1945-47); and "Me and Fannie" an oral autobiography of Ralph Thornton of Topsfield, Me, Harold Fenlason has also given us a first edition of Jim Brunelle's Maine Almanac (1978), and we have received many historical copies from the Maine State Archives (via Ellen Fenlason) • These include; Town of Alexander 1825 Incorporation paper; Damon Land 1838 Annexation to Alexander, paper; Lydick land 1859 annexation from Alexander to Crawford, and the Rufus Putum's lottery lands map, Pliney Frost has given us many interesting Alexander newspaper clipping copies, and genealogy information for our files on; Carlow, Dudley, Flood, Frost, Hunnewell, Keen, Perkins and Seavey families, We are most appreciative,

We are also very grateful to Catharine Walter for her thoughtful cash donation, and are happy she will be moving back to her Maine early 1982,
President Jane Dudley (454-8472) Vice pres, Audrey Ketner
Alexander historian Pliney Frost Treasurer Millie Winckler
Crawford historian Ethel Wallace Secretary Kay Church
Curator John Herbert Dudley Corres.Sec., Mary Williams,
Genealogists; Harold & Ellen Fenlason Ways and Means; Ellie Sanford

**LIST OF SETTLERS ON THE BINGHAM LANDS IN ALEXANDER &
CRAWFORD Washington County, MAINE from June 1, 1823 to
June 1, 1830**

The following information was copied from a photostat made of the original papers, by Harold and Ellen Fenlason, on file at the State of Maine Archives in Augusta. The handwritten original papers are entitled Settlers on the Bingham Lands in the Counties of Hancock & Washington from June 1, 1823 to June 1, 1830. Ineligible words and names have been marked so (---)•

<u>Alexander</u> No. 16 E.Division (47) (21)		Crawford No. 20 E.Division Nathaniel Bailey
Job Frost	Simeon Ayers	
Abraham Bailey	Robert (---)	Ebenezer Ayers
Moses E, Bailey	James Flanders	John Babcock
Widow Mary Bean	Ebenezer Ingallis	George Babcock
Enoch Brown	Francis (lnyder)	Oliver Dwelley
Samuel Brown	Hiram Knight	Asa Fletcher
William Bonney	Porter Knight	Ephraim Fletcher
Solomon W. Blackley	Cornelius Lyon	William Graham
Joel Butler	Cornelius Lyon, Jr,	Oliver Huntley
Joshua Boynton	Samuel B. Lamb	James Hanscomb
Adam Campbell	Joseph Longley	Luther Hanscomb
William Cole	Godfrey Lyddick	Henry Hanscomb
Charles Cottle	George Lord	Elisha Hanscomb
Levi Connick	John Moholland	John Morricey
Job Chase	William Moholland	William I (Naudain)
Isaac Crafts	John Moore	Hiram R. Nason
Vivien Crafts	Nathaniel P. Merserve	Thomas Phipps
Thomas Davis	James Perkins	Simon Philbrick
John H. Damon	William Patterson	Ephraim Sims
Seth G. Damon	John Spencer	Jacob Sevey
Nathaniel Fenlason	Soloman S trout	Jeremiah Staples
Samuel Fenlason	James Taylor	
Joseph Frost	Dexter H. Woodcock	
Jeremiah Frost		

Note; A list of settlers placed on the above lands during the above term (Dec. 9, 1830) who have died & left no widows or family thereon, included John Sevey who died in 1829 in Crawford. List of settlers placed on the above lands during the above term who have removed there from, included William Cilley, removed, Crawford 1830.

"We, the subscribers hereby certify that we have recently been upon the Bingham Lands, so-called, in the Counties of Hancock and Washington for the purpose of ascertaining what settlers have been placed on said lands since the first day of June 1823 and prior to the first day of June 1830, and we have found the whole number to be 540 of whom 10 have removed off and 7 have died; and we further certify that we have carefully revised and compared the within, which from the best information we have been able to obtain, we believe to be a true and correct list.. .In comparing the within list with the former list of Settlers, we find several of the same name in different towns or places, many of whom we know to be different persons; but there may be four or five in the Towns of Alexander, Bailey-ville & Crawford, who were included formerly as settlers in Baring although we do not know it to be a fact - In all cases where we have found settlers in any town or place who were returned as settlers in any other town or place at former enumerations we have excluded them from the within list -we have no personal knowledge that any of the within list has been returned before Signed--
William Alien, Jr, & James Dinsmore

Norridgewock, Dec. 9, 1830