

A-GHS

Alexander-Crawford Historical Society

March/April 1982

Membership: 213 adults

Number 22



* Crawford Church (1979)

Coburn Wallace, 1st selectman
Board of Selectmen
Crawford, Maine 04694 Feb. 1, 1982

Dear Coburn: We are writing to have the following article placed in the Crawford Town Meeting Warrant in March.

- "That the Alexander-Crawford Historical Society be permitted to rent the town-owned vacant church on the Airline, for a nominal fee, to be used as its summer headquarters until a suitable permanent headquarters can be found."

Our 1982 program may include: Junior Member activities for all community children; Junior Library, free craft instruction & community evening programs; our 2nd annual HOMECOMING, board and genealogy sessions, and a Ways & Means Project to underwrite cost of electricity, insurance and minor repairs.

Sincerely, Jane Dudley, President

C A L E N D E R

Tues. March 16: Monthly board meeting 10 a.m. followed by program, genealogy session, and sandwich lunch at the Dudleys', Pocomoonshine Lake.

Monday, March 22: Crawford Town Meeting 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the Airline
Sat., April 3rd: School-in-the-Woods 1st spring session, 10:11:30 a.m. at the cabin, to continue through May 29 with the exception of April 17, when the director will be away.

Tues. April 20: Monthly board meeting 10 a.m., followed by program, genealogy session, and sandwich lunch at the Dudleys', Pocomoonshine Lake.

Tues. May 18: 2nd annual Community Spring Meeting & Cakewalk at the Alexander Grange Hall beginning 7 p.m.

Sat. August 21: 2nd Annual A-GHS HOMECOMING, time & place to be announced

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Activities at Home

TUESDAY, MARCH 16: Our vice president Harold Fenlason, former state representative from our District, will present an informal talk of historical interest (subject to be announced), at our executive committee's monthly coffee meeting which begins at 10 a.m. at the Dudley home on Pocomoonshine Lake. During the session we will finalize plans for our 2nd annual Community Meeting & Cakewalk, to be held on May 18, 7 p.m., at the Alexander Grange Hall. Members and potential members are invited to these monthly confabs. Take a sandwich for lunch, and enjoy the 'genealogy' talk which follows the program.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20: 'The History of St. Croix Island' will be the topic of the talk Frank Fenderson, of Smuggler's Cove, Calais, will present when he and Ruby join us at 10 a.m. for coffee at the cabin. Frank led the effort for the Oct. 2, 1981 'Commemoration of Historical St. Croix Island': and his home, on the banks of the St. Croix River, overlooks this region's first settlement in 1604. (This program was planned for our Christmas Coffee, but the weather did not cooperate). Marie Dudley will be hostess for the day; bring-your-own-sandwich-lunch will follow the program.

JUNIOR SCRAPBOOK: Our young co-editors of the Junior Page, Lisa Clark, Joey Wallace and Wendy Wheaton, are all native-born and descendants of early settlers of this area: Wendy is a descendant of Moses Bonney, 1st settler on Pocomoonshine Lake; Joey, a descendant of Edward Seavey (1783-1842); and Lisa, of Jacob Davis (1833-1910). The Davis Homestead in Crawford now belongs to Ethel Wallace, Joey's grandmother.

SCHOOL-OF-THE-WOODS: So much interest has been shown by our young juniors (ages 5-9 yrs.) who attend the Saturday morning nature study program, that your director has asked for help. Our co-editor trio has volunteered to be 'counselors', and will be attending Saturday morning training sessions this month in preparation for the spring session which will run from April 3 to May 29 (excluding April 17). Ethel Wallace has also consented to assist the director, to the delight of everyone!

AN INVITATION: One bitterly cold windy day in January we received a hastily written note in our rural mailbox from Key West, Fla. It was from Janis Schlenz one of our artist members, who maintains a summer home and studio at Roque Bluffs, Me. "What would you think of a 'July Art Workshop' one day a week, and perhaps later in the summer, also?" she wrote. "Bring a sandwich; draw-paint, pen & ink, or whatever anyone wants to learn? Think about it. Anyone interested?" she concluded. Well, right off I knew one. Me! And perhaps three others: Ruth, Ruby, Ellen - and a 4th, Barbara? Contact your editor if interested.

MEMBERSHIP: The month printed on your mailing address indicates when your \$1.00 annual dues are in order. If they are overdue, a little blue mark will be placed there. A check will appear here ___ if stamps are needed (4 of them) to complete your 1982 mailings. (Our red 'Community Box' is now functioning at the Alexander Grange Hall, contact your editor if you wish your letters left there.) Our dues do not cover the cost of printing this newsletter. (We need 400 members to break even). If it were not for the generosity of some of our members, who pay more than their share, we could not pay the printer. **THANK YOU:** Members contributing to our General Fund during the past month are: Evelyn Carroll, Harold & Ellen Fenlason, Hazel Frost, Clinton Flood, Sandy Ives, Richard Olson, Geneva Sadler, Pike & Maxine Seavey, Lilian Thompson, Linda Wallace, Lloyd and Ellen Wells. Thank you also, Verna Merrill and Janis Sullivan, for your continuing support of our Birthday Box and Traveling Basket.

Letters from our Members

Ellen Wells, Portland, Me.: As much as I would miss receiving my newsletter every month, I think the every-other-month newsletter is an idea whose time has come. Even in Portland one gets cabin fever in February because the streets are a mess and impossible to walk in. The sidewalks disappeared long ago. The news from Pocomoonshine touches my homesick bone and makes it ache - but it's an ache which can be smoothed by leaning back, closing the eyes and conjuring up a little brown cabin in the woods with a moosesled hanging by the door and an enormous wreath hanging in the window, chowder simmering on the stove and muffins perfuming the air. P.S. I think I like the Junior Member Scrapbook the best. May I be a Foster Junior Member?

Grace Jeffery (niece of Mae Jeffery Ingalls 1885-1981) Box 3320 Rt. 1, No Anson, Me. 04958: Thank you so much for your very pretty note and the newsletter. I am very interested in compiling a history of the Bailey & Jeffery family tree. So far I have gone as far back as Peter Andrew Jeffery, and Campbells from New Brunswick, Canada.

Leona Kilton, P.O. Box 169, Hartland, Me. 04943-0169: I received your letter this morning and I would like to receive the newsletter. I am a descendant of both the Frost & Perkins families, through the marriage of Simon Harrington Frost & Mary Ann Perkins. I have done quite a lot of research on the Frost family, but don't have too much on the Perkins family yet. Would there be anyone you know who could write and help me with the Perkins family ancestry?

Deborah Rand (another new member) Box 121, Brewer, Me. 04412: Am looking forward to more interesting news in my mail. Perhaps I can help somebody with my Seavey line some day.

Lewis M. Hardison, 212 Spanish Oak Lane, Kerrville, Texas 78028: I am looking for a record of the deed by which he (James Flanders, ancestor) acquired the 160 acres in Alexander as it might show where he was from. I can find no record of his birth in Jefferson (Maine), and he was born there according to information by Taylor, in town records of Alexander. There was a James Flanders in Jefferson (b. 1766) but no record of any children. I have found record and copy of deed when he sold his 160 acres farm in Alexander, Sept. 18, 1837, to a brother of his wife, Charles Munroe; he signed the deed James, Jr. I also would like to see a copy of proprietors map of Alexander by Benj. R. Jones as deed from James to Munroe mentions this map. (See page 7, Mr. Hardison)

LaRue T. Brown, R.D. #1, Box 78, Lake George, N.Y. 12845: We have with the help of Roberta Wheaton managed to trace our Brown's back considerably - but we still have many gaps in this family. Enoch and Sophronia are buried in the Princeton cemetery and their three elder daughters all remained in that area - marrying men named Yates. Amos (next in line) was my husband's grandfather. Amos, Wash and Frank moved to Wisc. Wash and Frank stayed there, perhaps, 20 years and then moved to Washington or Oregon. Just by chance in searching some Wisc. marriage records I found also Turner and Eugene - also in Wisc. - bearing out the mention in the newsletter (ACHS JAM.) that many men from the Washington County area went to Wisc. and Minn. to work in the woods. I am seeking documentation of some children of Enoch and Sophronia Farrer Brown. Need birthdates or place of birth of Susan Deborah (b. 7 Jan. 1844 md. Osgood Yates), Phebie A. (b. abt 1850 md. Michael Willett), Turner, Washington, Leonard Frank, Eugene - all males moved to Wisc. Also, need documentation of parents of Sophronia Farrer - said to be Abner Farrer and Susan Sherman of St. David's, Charlotte, New Brunswick, Canada.

