

# A-C-H-S

Alexander-Crawford Historical Society

May-June 1982

Membership: 233 adults

Number 14

Resident voters of Crawford attending their annual Town Meeting, March 29th, voted unanimously to let us rent their little church on the Airline for our summer headquarters. Early plans include replacing broken window panes, putting up our sign and installing two flower boxes in the front. (See editorial Page 11)



## THANK YOU CRAWFORD!

A L E X A N D E R

Saturdays, May 1-29: School-in-the-Woods for our local Junior members (ages 5-15 years). This is the 2nd quarter of our Spring Session. We meet 10-11:30 a.m. at the Pocomoonshine lakeside cabin of Jack and Jane Dudley. A CHECKERS PLAYOFF contest will conclude the term. Winner will receive a citation for the best "A-C Checker Player of 1982". (The school will reconvene in September).

Tuesday, May 18: Community Program meeting and Chocolate Cakewalk. Public invited to attend. 7 p.m. Alexander Grange Hall. No admission.

Tuesday, June 15: Monthly board meeting open to members and their guests. Session begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Dudleys', and is followed by the program (see Page 2), genealogy session and brown bag lunch.

A-C-H-S Library Hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. third Tuesday of every month for members only. Library currently housed at the Dudleys'.

Wednesday, July 14: 2nd Annual Family Picnic at the Dudleys. Genealogy talk begins at 3 p.m. over dish supper at 5 o'clock.

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2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 18 at 7 p.m.  
ALEXANDER GRANGE HALL

Our May 18th speaker is related to our Downeast: Wentworths, Seaveys, Smalls, Fernalds and Hopkins - and he divides his winters and summers between Jonesport, Me. and Independence, Mo.

His name is Reed M. Holmes and he has written a book entitled The Forerunners, a true tale of 156 passengers (men, women & children) who sailed on Aug. 11, 1866 from Jonesport, Me. to Jaffa, Palestine, with the intention of establishing a model farming community on "the waste lands" with their Yankee expertise - in preparation for the coming of the Messiah and the returning of the Jews from all over the world to their Holy Land.

The colonists sailed on the Nellie Chapin which was built for this voyage. Her hold held prefabricated houses and pine shutters built by the voyagers, and the best farm equipment then available. This story is one of great courage, and misguided faith in an unstable leader - and, as the introduction writer puts it: "In this case history's lessons come as an extraordinary tale of YANKEE SAINTS ABROAD."

Chocolate Cake Walk will precede the program at 7 p.m. Proceeds will be used to purchase liability insurance for our summer headquarters.

# Activities at Home



**TUESDAY, JUNE 15th:** Members are inviting guests to hear the fascinating story about Col. John Allen's canoe trip (July 1777) with 500 Indians in 128 canoes, from 'Schoodic Lake' (the St. Croix), through Big Lake and down 'Allen Stream' through Princeton, Plantation 21, Alexander and Crawford Lake to the East Machias River, which will be detailed by our guest speaker. This is a fine time to meet Dr. John Howard Ahlin of Machias, historian and author of the now famous book MAINE RUBINCON: Downeast Settlers During the American Revolution.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th:** has been set for our 2nd annual FAMILY PICNIC. Thirty members and their families signed the 1981 guest book. We're wondering now how many will be attending this year? Yes, we're having it here again at Pocomoonshine Lake. The covered dish supper will be served around 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 18th FISH FRY:** Your society will be sponsoring a public FISH FRY, under the expert direction of our favorite chef, Ken Smith of Memory Cove, at our summer (church) headquarters on the Airline. The ways & means committee, headed by Ellie Sanford & Audrey Ketner, will be meeting May 25 to finalize the details. More about this in the next newsletter.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21:** We will be honoring our teachers at our 2nd Annual HOMECOMING potluck supper at the Dudleys' lakeside cabin this date. It will be a potluck supper at 5 p.m., but our curator, John Herbert Dudley, suggests that serious genealogists come around 3 p.m. to allow more time for uninterrupted family history discussions.

**DONATIONS:** We are most grateful to these members who have made recent contributions to our General Fund. Without such assistance it would be impossible to put out this newsletter: Truman & Eva Day, Norma & Leland Day, Susan Spearin Leach, Alta Jeffery Beal, Nancy Winter, Catharine Walter, Donna Baughman, Millie Winckler, the Dudleys, Bruce W. Hazelton, Mary Hatfield, Paul V. Noddin, Lois Donnelly, Mona Brothers and Muriel Varnum Smith. We also thank Lilian Thompson for her handknitted contributions to our School-in-the-Woods TRAVELING BASKET which helps to support sundry expenses.

## ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1981 - 1982)

President	Jane Dudley	Alexander	454-8472
Vice-President	Harold Fenlason	Danforth	448-7781
Treasurer	Millie Winckler	Calais	454-3695
Acting Secretary	Ken Smith	E. Machias	259-3677
Corres. Secretary	Mary Williams	Waite	796-5519
Directors:	John & Marie Dudley	Rumford Center	
	Pliney Frost	Alexander	
	Donald & Audrey Ketner	Pocomoonshine Lake	
	Tim & Ellie Sanford	Alexander	
Building chairman	John M. Dudley	Alexander	
Newsletter & Membership	Jane Dudley		
Public Relations	Harold Fenlason		
Ways & Means	Ellie Sanford & Audrey Ketner		
Genealogist	Eileen Fenlason	Danforth	
Alexander Historian	Pliney Frost	Alexander	
Crawford Historian	Ethel Wallace	Crawford	
Church & cemetery research	Ruth Dwelley	Alexander	
School research	Millie Winckler		
Curator	John H. Dudley		
Current events record	Orris & Marian Cousins	Alexander	

# Letters from our Members

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Alta Jeffery Beal, Jonesport: I was glad to note that the old church may be used by the society. Our two grandfathers, James P. Jeffery and Frank W. Fenlason were carpenters who helped to build it. My mother had public suppers in her home to buy furnishings for it. Many a visiting minister was "put up" at our home after an evening service.

Bruce W. Hazelton, P.O. Box 67A Cumberland, Maine 04021: I have no geneological connection with Alexander-Crawford. I collect town histories of Maine. My primary interest is in the Postal system with emphasis prior to 1900. I would like very much to see an article on the dates, people, locations, etc. of the Post Offices of A-C. I would even pay extra for a thorough research including photos of where the P.O. were.

Mary Hatfield, Newport, Me.: Thank you so much for sending along the two newsletters! I have been thoroughly enjoying them! Alexander is my home town. My mother, Edith Hatfield, and my sister, Emma Turner, still live there by the school. I am a second grade teacher in St. Albans.

Audrey Ketner, Pocomoonshine Lake: Nothing like a week in Florida to make one yearn for the woods and temp of Maine. Certainly enjoyed last historical letter. It was a super issue.

Marjorie Marsh Quigg, Bangor: It was delightful to read in the news of your dedicated efforts in connection with the Alexander-Crawford Historical Society. Bravo! I am eager to see your newsletter, and if you have back issues containing local history items and genealogy, I will be pleased to have them if you will let me know the cost. I have long been interested in town history books and genealogies, and look forward to adding your newsletters to my collection. (Curator of Brewer Historical Society)

Sue Jellison, Lake Luzerne, N.Y. I've been meaning to write to let you know that as much as we enjoy the newsletter monthly, every-other-month would be all right with us. It must be very difficult to put together such a wonderfully educational & newsy letter every month. Please say "Hello!" to Jack and all the Extension and Historical Society people for me.

Jennie P. Boynton, RFD #2, Box 294, Brewer, Me. My grandparents lived in Crawford and/or Alexander, Ephraim (sp.?) and Alice Jameson Noddin. He died and is buried down there, after which the rest of the family 'migrated' to the Medway area. An outstanding characteristic of my ancestors was their great belief in the supernatural. 'Ghosts' and 'Signs' ran rampant. But of course this probably used to be true of all rural areas, in Maine and elsewhere. I have read that the nearer people lived to the ground, the more superstitious they were. My folks lived as near to the ground as one could get - they were very poor people.

Lewis M. Hardison, 212 Spanish Oak Lane, Kerrville, Texas 78028: You are all doing a fine job in Washington Couty & wish I was closer so could work with you. Received a lot of good information from Pliney Frost. Someday I will find out where the James Flanders shown on Bingham Lands list 1823-1830 came from and names of his parents.

Dr. Albert W. Bailey, Longboat Key, Fla.: Congratulations on your expanded newsletter, and also on the probable use of your own headquarters. The list of those early settlers on the Bingham Land in Alexander is very useful. We did the same thing in our Baileyville Book and have used it many times. How family names in the early days bring back memories! Keep up your good work.

Note: Just above D.F. Woodward are the names of W.H. Clark and J. Stevens. No buildings are shown on this map.

# INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CRAWFORD

Petition of Elkanah Hanscom et als, inhabts. of Township No. 20  
E. Division County of Washington, that said township may be  
incorporated under the name of LIBERTY 12.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, of the  
State of Maine, inc. Legislature assembled at Portland, the first  
Wednesday of January, Anno Domini 1828.

The undersigned inhabitants of Township Numbered Twenty,  
East Division, in the County of Washington, respectfully represent,  
that said Township and its inhabitants would be greatly benefitted  
by being incorporated. They therefore pray, that said Township and the  
Inhabitants thereof may be incorporated into a Town by the name of  
LIBERTY. (signed) Elkanah Hanscom

Jedi Dwelley  
Eben L. Hanscom  
A.J. (?) Munson  
Thos. Nason  
Abraham Bedel  
Henry Hanscom  
H. R Nason  
John Hanscom

Edward Sevey  
Howard (?) Nason  
Elisha Bedel  
Joel Hanscom  
George Dwelly  
Aaron Sevey  
Wm Sevey

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House of Representatives, January 4, 1828  
read & referred to the committee on Incorporation  
of towns. Sent up for concurrence (signed) John Ruggles, Spr.

In Senate January 8th, 1828  
Read and concurred (signed) Robert P. Dunlap, Pres.

(Photo copy donated by the Fenlasons)

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To the Legislature of the State of Maine, January 1828 -

We the undersigned inhabitants of Plantation No 20 in the  
County of Washington having recently understood that said Plantation  
has been incorporated by the name of ADAM beg leave to represent  
that said name does not suit us on account of there being many towns  
of that name and other reasons, therefore request that said name  
may be altered and that said town be allowed to take the name of  
CRAWFORD.

Plantation No 20 February 2, 1828

Elkanah Hanscom  
Ebenezer L. Hanscom  
Elisha Hanscom  
John Hanscom  
H R Nason  
Henry Hanscom  
Abm Bedel

Thomas Nason  
Abram Fletcher  
Elisha Bedel  
Jedidiah Dwelly  
Wm Sevey  
Aaron Sevey  
Joel Hanscom

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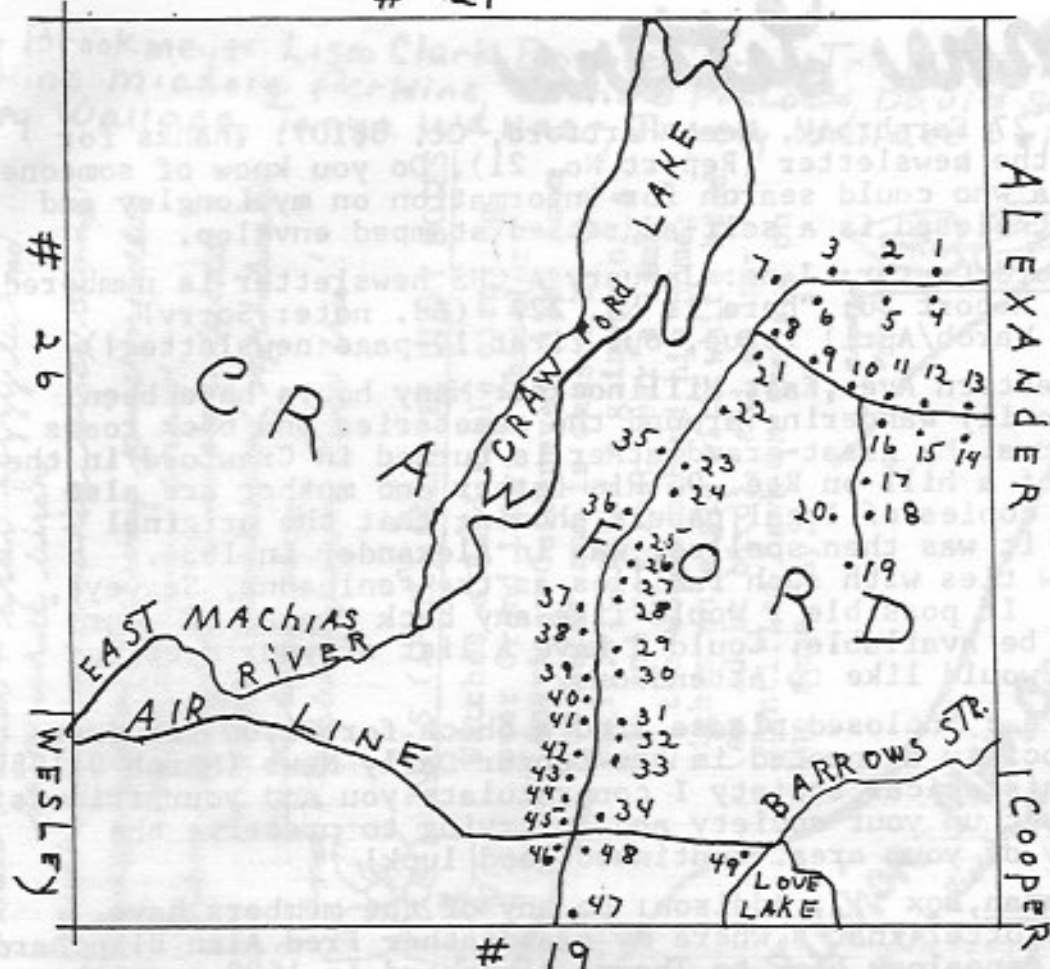
House of Represent atives, February 12, 1828  
Read and referred to the committee on Incorporation of towns  
Sent up for concurrence. (signed) Geo. Ruggles, Speaker

In Senate Febry 12, 1828  
Read and concurred (signed) Robert P. Dunlap, Prest.

(Photo copy donated by Sandy Ives)

School records  
Curator  
Current events record

Willie Winkler  
John H. Dunlap  
Orin & Marian Cousins Alexander



This 1861 Map of Crawford was copied from "MAP COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, MAINE. ACTUAL SURVEYS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF H. F. WALLING (1861)," by John Murchie Dudley.

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| 1. N Bailey        | 26. Baptist Church   |
| 2. J Seavey        | 27. A. Averill       |
| 3. J Seavey        | 28. School           |
| 4. J. Perkins      | 29. G. Russell       |
| 5. A. Bailey       | 30. A. Seavey        |
| 6. W.H. Wheaton    | 31. S. Hanscomb      |
| 7. J. Darling      | 32. J. Dwelley, P.O. |
| 8. H.J. Fenderson  | 33. J. Dewey         |
| 9. D.F. Wormwood   | 34. R. Ford          |
| 10. E. Seavey      | 35. Cemetery         |
| 11. No name given. | 36. H. Sprague       |
| 12. A.J. Grover    | 37. J. Hanscomb      |
| 13. J. Davis       | 38. E. Fenderson     |
| 14. W. Morrissey   | 39. Ad. Dwelley      |
| 15. R. Noddin      | 40. L.G. Seavey      |
| 16. J. Davis       | 41. G. Doke          |
| 17. D.S. Seavey    | 42. D. Ford, Jr.     |
| 18. D. Lydick      | 43. Mrs. C. Graham   |
| 19. L. Frost       | 44. B. Emerson ??    |
| 20. L. Frost       | 45. School           |
| 21. School         | 46. E. Hanscomb      |
| 22. G. Fenderson   | 47. N.S. Fenderson   |
| 23. H.R. Collins   | 48. J. Love          |
| 24. J. H. Dightnan | 49. J. Love          |
| 25. S. Hanscomb    |                      |

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# And More Letters

Pierre J.J. Kennedy, 27 Fernbrook, West Hartford, Ct. 06107: Thanks for sending the copy of the newsletter (Report No. 21). Do you know of someone in the Alexander area who could search for information on my Longley and Connick ancestors? Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelop.

John H. Dudley, Rumford Center: Jane: January A-CHS newsletter is numbered Report 21; February, Report 23; "here is No. 22" (Ed. note: Sorry! Report No. 22 is our March/April issue, our first 10-page newsletter!)

Paul V. Noddin, 30 Western Ave., East Millinocket: Many hours have been spent by me and my family wandering around the cemeteries and back roads of this particular area. My great-grandfather is buried in Crawford in the old cemetery on top of a hill on Rte. 9. His father and mother are also buried there. I have copies of legal papers showing that the original Noddin or Nodding, as it was then spelled, was in Alexander in 1834. Marriage records show ties with such families as the Fenlasons, Seaveys, Babcocks and Pineos. If possible I would like any back copies of your newsletter which may be available. Could I have a list of your meeting dates. If possible I would like to attend one.

Joy Malloy, Pownal, Me.: Enclosed please find a check for \$1.00 for dues to your historical society as quoted in the Bangor Daily News (March 9, 1982). As treasurer for my historical society I congratulate you and your friends for your efforts to set up your society and in trying to preserve the history and genealogy of your area. Continued good luck!

Donna Blanchard Baughman, Box 117, Addison: Do any of the members have connections with Charlotte? That's where my grandfather Fred Alan Blanchard was born. I have the genealogy back to Thomas Blanchard in 1639 - another Huguenot family. Fred Alan's parents were David and Saviah Bennett Blanchard. Their house, known as Blanchard's Corners, is still occupied. I've been hoping someone might have personal information about them, and above all photographs! David Blanchard was a powder boy on "Old Ironsides" in 1812.

Eunice Thaxter, Addison: Enclosed you'll find a few things I thought your Junior Group could use. They don't amount to too much, but didn't want to throw them away. (ed.: Thank you, Eunice!) We intended to come up to the March meeting - maybe we can make it in April, hopefully by then the roads will be a lot better! I do want to get a chance to talk with Pliney Frost again.

D. Bradford Damon, 412 Stratford House, 3120 Naaman's Rd., Wilmington, Del. My interest lies in my hobby of the Damon (or Demmons) genealogy, which has been a hobby of mine for nearly 50 years. Gamaliel Damon (later changed to Demmons) settled in Machias about 1780; Abiah or Abiel Damon settled in Perry, then to Pembroke, about 1788. I am interested in descendants of these two Maine settlers, regardless of what the current surname may be because of marriages of daughters, granddaughters, etc. John Kendall Damon, a son of Abiah, born in Pembroke, Dec. 12, 1803, married Elizabeth Gooch and settled in Alexander. They had 8 children of whom 7 were living at the time of the 1850 census. These were: Roseanna or Roxanna, age 16; Livingstone, listed in the census as John S. age 15; Ursula Elizabeth who married Abner Winslow Libby, age 14; Adaline, or Hannah A., 13; Rose (or Deborah R.) age 10; Ebenezer, not listed in 1850; Diantha A., age 7; and Uriah W., age 6. Rose married James M. Flanders. I would like to see a notice in your publication that I am interested in corresponding with any and all descendants of any of the above families, or in fact with any descendant of a Damon or Demmons. Postage will be refunded.

Jenny Brookmeyer Lisa Clark, Bonnie Carlow, Tricia Clark, Brian Davis  
 Perkins, Michele Perkins, Joshua Pohlock, David Sanford, Emily  
 Joey Wallace, Tanya Wallace, Tracey Wallace, Leigh Wheaton,

Mark McDonald, Kevin McDonald, Robert McArthur, John Mitchell, Elizabeth Olson, Angela  
 Amanda Sprague, Heather Sprague, Danny Sullivan, Hanna Sullivan, Jeff Wallace,

Seth Davis, Matthew Day, Alexis Hertz, Rachel Hertz, Nathan Holst, Nathan Jellison, Russell Goettel,  
 Sanford, Jennifer Sanford, Alecia Sears, Jenny Sears, Timmy Sears, Linda Seaver, Oliver  
 Wheaton, Wendy Wheaton.

# HUKWEEM, THE LOON

Pink Lady's Slipper



a loon  
 had a musical tune  
 they live in water  
 but they're no boaters  
 they have baby loons  
 they also sing a tune  
 they go under water  
 and catch some fish  
 so they can have it for lunch  
 so much  
 they feed their baby loons  
 and they say many words  
 their other name is

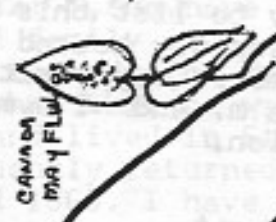
HUKWEEM. By Lisa

See the Alexander Village Joey Wallace  
 designed & built, with Lisa Clark  
 assisting...to be displayed at our  
 society's summer headquarters, the  
 little white Crawford Church on the  
 Airline.



## TOD'S (APRIL) WILDLIFE DIARY NOTES

Watches a Bald Eagle circling  
 over Grand Lake; a Whistler  
 (American Goldeneye) rises from  
 the water and is chased by the  
 eagle...Catches a glimpse of a  
 doe and her last year's lamb  
 in the woods behind his home;  
 sights an eagle with white head  
 (an adult bird), and an un-  
 identified hawk in the sky on  
 the same day.



## 48 JUNIOR MEMBERS!

(if we count right)

From Wendell's Diary  
 I saw brown & green fuzzy lichens  
 on a white larch,  
 mushrooms on a white larch stump.  
 Imprints of Norway pine needles  
 in the crusty snow.  
 many different kinds of birds  
 such as: chickadees, grosbeaks  
 and blue jays.  
 and thrushes in a Pine tree!



BURBERRY

VIOLIN

Arwyn Kaminsky, Lorien Kaminsky, Ted Smith, Quintin Souza, Tiffany Smith,  
 Smith, Sarah Smith, Amanda Kubinak, Cory Kubinak,

# Additions to our Library

We are happy to list this issue recent additions to our growing library which is presently housed at the Pocomoonshine Lake home of Jack and Jane Dudley. Members may visit the library on the third Tuesday of the month, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when our executive board and genealogy confabs are in session.

EARLY RESIDENTS OF ALEXANDER, ME. compiled from microfilm at the State Archives, Augusta, Me. by Ellen & Harold Fenlason (1981-82).

THE ALEXANDER STROUTS manuscript compiled by Gertrude Strout Winter and indexed by John Herbert Dudley.

SIX HUNDRED ACRES, by poet Fred R. Dingley (1980) and donated by Mary J. Williams. (See Page ).

HISTORY OF ALEXANDER (1976) by Ruth Dwelley, donated by the Alexander-Crawford Extension.

THE FORTS OF MAINE (1607-1945) by Robert L. Bradley, and the MAINE STATE HOUSE: A Brief History & Guide, by Shettleworth & Beard (1981), donated by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

ARCHEOLOGY and the Historical Society by Harrington (1965); ORAL HISTORY for the Local Historical Society (1969); by Baum: & HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN SMALL TOWNS by Ziegler & Kidney (1980); donated by Elizabeth Keziah Olson, South Windsor, Conn.

DEDICATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAINT CROIX ISLAND AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT (1968) donated by Frank H. Fenderson of Smuggler's Cove.

HOW TO TALK YANKEE by Gerald E. Lewis (Thorndike Press), donated by Doug Storey, Washington, D.C.

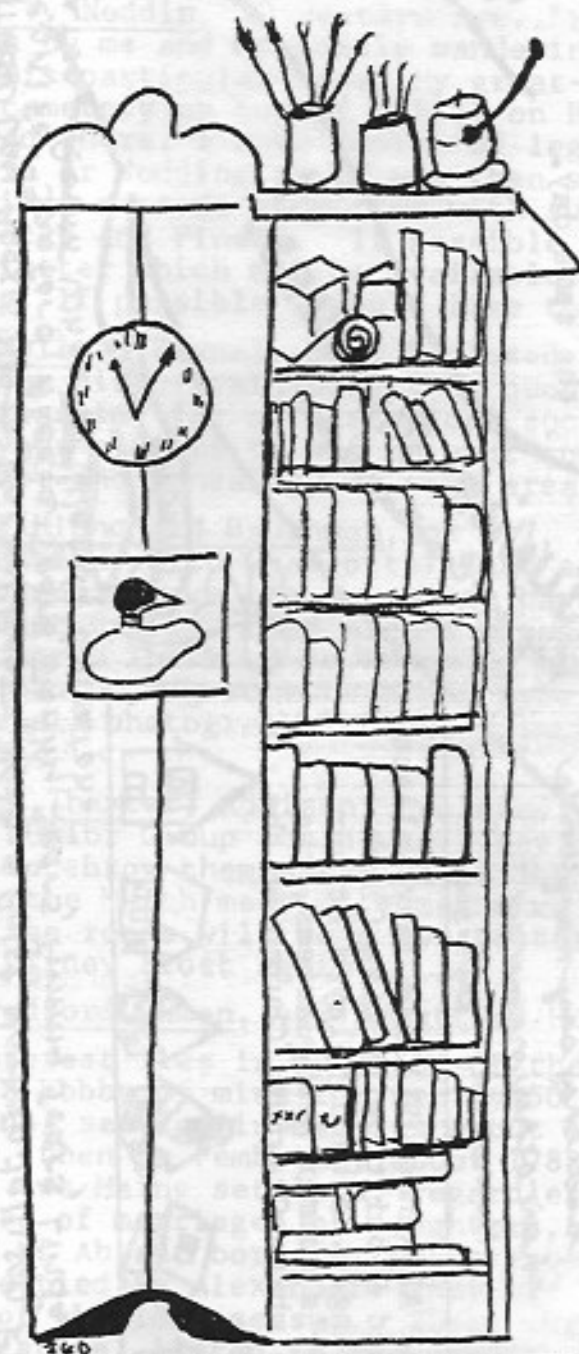
Copy of a handwritten essay HISTORY OF BAILEYVILLE by Helen Agnes McNabb (Leeman), mother of Bertha Leeman Williams, donated by Mary J. Williams.

ST. CROIX ISLAND and THE STORY OF THE LOST RIVER (with map) prepared by Edward Boyd of Calais (1982).

Some 'Alexander marriages (1858', paper donated by Charles Jones, Machiasport Historical Society.

DOWN EAST GROWTH (Georgia-Pacific current newsletters) from Ray Kozen, Public Relations manager.

PAPER TALKS in the St. Croix Valley issues donated by Grace Ober, Linda Wallace and Peter Sears.



Bruce W. Belmore's collectors' book, EARLY PRINCETON, MAINE (1945) is being reprinted by the Princeton Women's Club. Pre-sales are necessary for this non-profit community service effort. Price will be around \$16.00 a copy.

# Still More Correspondence!

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Kenneth Field, 4 Phillips Manor, Towaco, N.J. 07082: I, too, have some roots in your area. My g.g. grandfather Robert Field and family lived in Alexander in 1833. His family listing is shown in the vital records for March 1833 in the Archives at Augusta. So far I have established that he was born in Kittery, married Pamela Benson in Carmel (1817), and lived in St. David (1820), Alexander (1830+), St. Stephen, and subsequently returned to Carmel in 1833 and presumably died there between 1850 and 1860. I have no record of his death, where he was buried, or who his parents were. My search continues and recently I have learned that he may have lived in Providence RI in 1790's, thru early 1800s, and may have been married twice. Another g.g. grandfather was James Carlow. He was born about 1795 in Perry or Whitefield, Me. James married (1) Mehetable (2) Clarissa Ficket. Their daughter Mehetable was my great grandmother. The Carlows lived in Calais and appear in the early census records. I might be distantly related to the Town Clerk of Wesley, Me., Georgia S. Carlow. Her husband is Charles Otis Carlow and his progenator Benjamin Carlow might have been a brother to James.

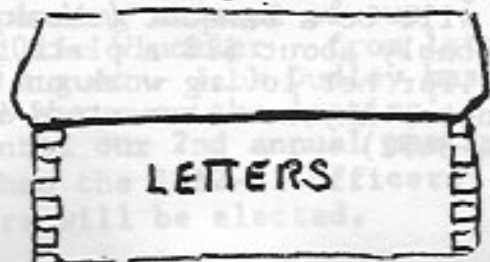
Edward Zip-Kellogg, special collections librarian, Univ. of Maine, Orono; Would it be possible to put us on the mailing list for your society's newsletter? We would like to add to our historical holdings of the Washington County Region. We were alerted to the existence of your newsletter through the article in today's (March 9) Bangor Daily News. If it would be possible to send us a copy of each issue that you've produced so far we would be most grateful.

Olympia J. Snowe, Member of Congress, 2nd District, Maine: I enjoyed reading the newsletter and commend you on your work informing the people of your area about the historical significance of Alexander. My best wishes for continued success.

William S. Cohen, United States Senator: Just a note to thank you for your recent letter and for enclosing a copy of the A-CHS Newsletter. We are flattered, indeed, by your thoughtfulness in placing our card (1981 Christmas Card) in the A-CHS scrapbook file. Diane, Kevin and Chris join me in sending you our very best wishes.

Richard H. Bagley, Machias: I have today called my brother in Boston who together with myself were co-executors of the Estate of Frances Longfellow Coolidge (wife of the late Philip T. Coolidge author of the renown "History of Maine Woods"...ed.) We believe that we have the authority to give the Alexander-Crawford Historical Society permission to use material from the book. We would appreciate copies of any publications that might contain any references to the book. (This letter dated, Mar. 15, was in answer to a letter written by your editor to Mr. Bagley.)

Muriel Varnum Smith, Springfield, Vt.: Another year! Enclosed is a check for my dues and a little extra for something needed by the Historical Society. How I enjoy the Society's letter.. How fortunate the children of the area are! You are giving them so many opportunities to become more aware their natural and beautiful surroundings. How I love that country of my childhood! I enjoyed watching many a sunset staining the waters of Pocomoonshine on Friday evenings in the autumn as my father and I rode down from Princeton.



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# happy '90th, Victor!

(from our 'native birthday box')

Native son, Victor Archer, of Crawford and Meddybemps, Me., will be celebrating his 90th birthday May 10th. His address is: Star Rte. 68, Box 7, Pembroke, Me. 04666.

Happy Birthday also to: Mona Jeffery Brothers (b. May 28, 1906) 8 George Street, Box 251 Berwick, Maine 03901.

Hazel Cousins Frost (b. May 11, 1902)  
RR #1, Box 622, Alexander, Me. 04694

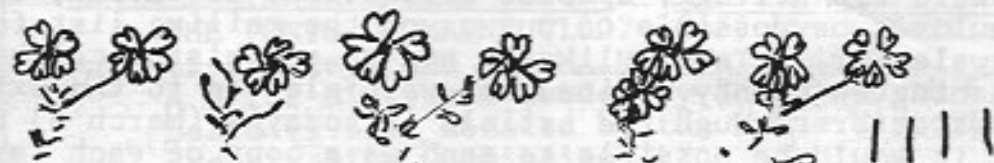
Kenneth McPheters (b. May 14, 1903)  
% Richard Frost, North Street, Calais 04619

Vira Lehan McPheters (b. June 1903)  
same address as above.

Muriel Varnum Smith (b. June 1903)  
46 Harlow Road, Springfield, Vt.



Hobble Bush blossoms  
on an embankment  
along the old Spearin  
road in May.



*What a full Mail Bag we had this issue....*

Susan Spearin Leach, RFD # 4, Box 533, Gilford, N.H. 03246: I am compiling all Spearin(g) information. As you probably know it has never been done! I have enclosed sheets of information taken from your area. If anyone can find out more on them, such as parents, dates, etc., I would be most happy to reimburse them:...Remember the name in older times could be Spear, Sperrn, Spearin, Sparen, Spearing...Enclosed find my family chart to keep and my "Perkins" who were from around your area, too.  
(ed. note: We are so sorry not to have room to print Mrs. Leach's research, but the papers are available in our library for members to pursue.)

Ed Boyd, Calais: This is just a note to extend my congratulations to you and your energetic staff for the excellent work you are doing in the A-CHS, but also the wonderful job and face lifting that you have given to the official "News Letter". A task for which you and your executive committee should be justly proud of the results from their efforts, and from this corner you certainly deserve an Oscar. And you can rest assured that I will be looking to each new edition in the future, and I am certain that statement would apply to all your members across this country, "GROW WITH US" and keep up the good work.

Sandy Ives, Northeast Folklore Society, Inc., S. Stevens Hall, Univ. of Me., Orono, Maine 04469: There will be a meeting of the Northeast Folklore Society on Sat., June 12, on the University of Maine (Orono) Campus. The business meeting will be in the morning; in the afternoon there will be presentations by people working on different folklore projects in the Maritimes Provinces of Canada; and in the evening there will be a banquet (steak or lobster) is what we have planned. Cost? Probably about \$12 a plate).... Guest of honor will be Dr. Helen Creighton...for her loving work on the folklore of the Maritime Provinces. (Ed. note: Anyone interested? We might arrange to go together. Call Jane 454-8472)

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## *We Like to Crow*

MARYLAND became our 20th state in March with a gift membership for Margaret Ann Harmon of Rockville from her aunt Alta Jeffery Beal of Jonesport.

Two DOWNEAST infants, born this Spring, are the youngest members of our Junior Group, which now totals 49 :

Emily Bridges Sanford, born at home on March 7 to Tim & Ellie Sanford of Alexander, on their Wedding Anniversary, AND Heather Lynn Sprague, born April 27 to Cathy and Ormond Sprague of Dennysville.

Heather has received a gift membership from her happy grandparents, Ken and Cathy Smith of Memory Cove, Gardner's Lake. Her little sister, Amanda Elaine Sprague, also received such a membership in March. (Amanda will be four in July). Both girls are related to the Seaveys in our A-C area.

OTHER ADULTS joining us in March and April were:

Sawyer Allen, Machias; Jennie P. Boynton, Brewer; Joline Cockran, Princeton; D. Bradford Damon, Wilmington, Del.

Kenneth Field, Towaco, N.J.; L. Austin Gray, Machias; Edith M. Hatfield, Alexander; Mary Hatfield, Newport; Bruce W. Hazelton, Cumberland.

Susan Spearin Leach, Gilford, N.H.; Gordon Lord, Calais; Mrs. Joy Malloy, Pownal; Paul V. Noddin, East Millinocket; George & Gail Pozzuto, Olympia, Wash.; Marjorie Marsh Quigg, Bangor; and Lee Stover, Calais.

ALSO, receiving Junior gift memberships this Spring were: Joshua Pollock, son of Chris & Carol Pollock of Alexander; and Quintin Souza, son of Ken & Cathy Souza, Pocomoonshine Lake rd. \* \* \*

Due to the pending absence of our treasurer Millie Winckler - from late May through August - Jack Dudley has consented to serve as the 'acting' treasurer until our 2nd annual meeting Sept. 21, when the 1982-83 officers and directors will be elected.

A-CHS memberships make interesting gifts for family members, friends or acquaintances who have a 'tie' with our community. Only \$1.00 yearly dues, and stamps for the 6 mailings of our newsletter. Gift memberships this Spring & Summer will be tucked into colorful 'Pocomoonshine Lake wildflower cards' painted by your membership chairlady. These will be mailed with the latest issue of our newsletter, with a note stating it is a gift membership from you. (Address your request, check and stamps to: A-CHS MEMBERSHIP, RR #1, Box 1616, Alexander, Me. 04694).

## E D I T O R I A L

*What a joy to announce the leasing of Crawford Church for our summer headquarters, (til we find a suitable, permanent home.)*

The following is a reprint from our January 1981 Newsletter:

"GOALS: To work toward the establishment of a local headquarters where we can preserve our area's history & hold our meetings; where we can also invite community residents to join us in learning to master the almost forgotten skills of our ancestors & early settlers; where we can encourage our school children's interest in their heritage, and their appreciation of the beautiful forested community in which they live; and where other community meetings & activities would be welcome."

A SHOWER of friendly, loving notes might brighten the day of: Melvin Hunnewell who underwent serious surgery last month. (Mel celebrated his 91st birthday las November. ), and Grace Seameans who was also hospitalized last month.

Grace & Reid Seameans were cited by the Bangor Daily News recently for being among the Maine Couples Recognized for their Marriage Longevity. They were married on November 25, 1916.

We at home are eagerly looking forward to your return. See you at the Family Picnic in July, or the August HOMECOMING. *Love, Jane*

# Our Ancestral Recipe Box

Seasoned cooks around Waite & Talmadge have been baking Margaret Neal's soft, molasses cookies for over 40 years, ever since she brought the rule with her from Canada. It was named "Telephone" by her mother, as directions were given to her by a neighbor prone to listen in on her party line. The originator of the receipt was said to be very secretive about her baking, and that particular day was giving the directions to a very special friend unaware someone might be listening.

## MARGARET NEAL'S TELEPHONE COOKIES (1920)

1 cup sugar	4½ cups sifted flour
1 cup shortening (bacon fat is best)	2 tsp. each cinnamon & ginger
1 cup molasses	1 tsp. salt
2 eggs	½ cup sweet milk
	3 level tsp. soda in milk

Beat sugar, shortening & molasses together. Add eggs, one at a time and beat well. Add flour sifted with spices and salt alternately with milk, in which soda has been dissolved.

THIS DOUGH will be too soft to handle. Chill in refrigerator over night. In morning roll out quite thick (½ dough at a time). Cut with 3-inch cookie cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet- don't give too much room. (They do not dry out at edges if they touch during baking).

Bake in 400°F oven 10-12 minutes. Watch carefully. Take out of oven before you think they are quite done.

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