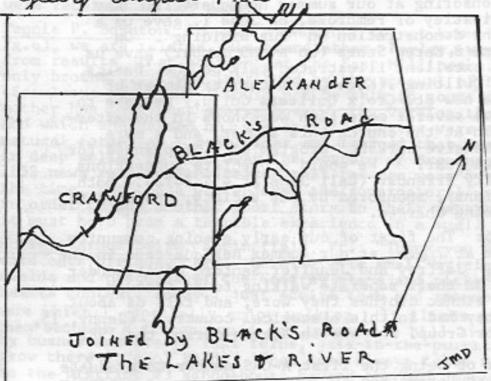
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CALENDER

Tuesday, July 6: 'Greek Odyssey' slide presentation by Jeffrey & Jennifer Sanford, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Crawford Church on the Airline, Public invited. No admission fee.

Wednesday, July 14: Members/ 2nd annual Family Picnic & Swim Party at the Dudleys cabin on Pocomoonshine Lake. Informal genealogy discussions begin at 3 p.m. Potluck supper at 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 18: We are holding a outdoor public FISH FRY, starting at 2 p.m. on the hill to the right of the Crawford Church. Our master chef will be Ken Smith of Memory Cove, Gardners Lake.

Saturday, August 21: Our 2nd annual HOMECOMING beginning at 3 p.m. at the Dudleys'. Potluck supper at 5 p.m. * * *

The airline

Howling wolves, 10-foot snowdrifts, wagon ruts and gangs of masked thieves plagued early travelers on the airline road from Bangor to Calais.

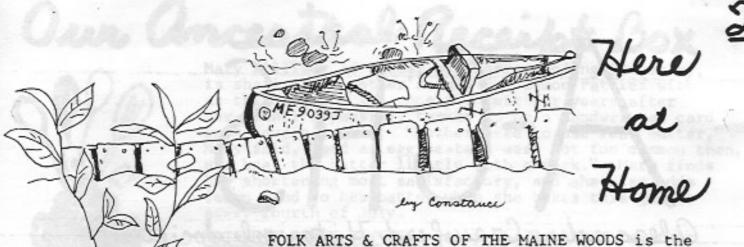
The 98 miles through primeval forest in Hancock and Washington Counties began as a series of interlocking Indian trails about three centuries ago.

Hunters, trappers and loggers started using them in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Then, in 1830, Col John Black of Ellsworth hired teams of men to cut back the brush and turn it into a wagon road. He was acting as agent for the Bingham family of Philadelphia, owners of huge tracks of timberland in the area. The Binghams wanted to encourage settlement.

In 1856, Calais Livery stable owner George Spratt convinced the postal service to give

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FOLK ARTS & CRAFTS OF THE MAINE WOODS is the title of the afternoon series we are currently sponsoring at our summer headquarters. Kay Priestley of Pembroke, on June 1, gave us a fine demonstration on 'Rug Braiding'. On June 8 Karen Sears (an A-CHS member) gave us an excellent illustrated talk on the 'Basics of Quilting'. (Karen is a charter member of the new St. Croix Quilters Guild.) We hope to have several more such workshops in the afternoon at the church this summer, and a more intensive workshop program will be planned for next year. We would appreciate suggestions

from our membership and community friends. (Call Jane at 454-8472). Both the afternoon and evening sessions, sponsored by our society, are open to the public. No admission is being charged.

GREEK ODYSSEY, TUESDAY, JULY 6: The first of our early evening community programs this summer will start at 7 p.m. at our summer headquarters in the Crawford Church on the Airline. Jeffrey and Jennifer Sanford of Alexander will show the slides each took on their seperate walking tours through Greece, display their handsome ethnec clothes they wore, and tell us about the many exciting adventures they had in this historical country. (Jenny, 15, is a senior member of our Junior Group. She was In Greece during the 1981 earthquakes.)

Jeffrey, 17, has the honor of being the first A-CHS member to graduate from High School since our society organized in Sept. 1980. He was recently appointed our official 'tape recorder' for A-CHS community program meetings. (He did a wonderful job the evening Reed Holmes spoke on his book "The Forerunners" in May at the Grange Hall. We have the tape in our library for

those who would like to hear about this fascinating episode.)

PAPER TALK: Arnold Brown, Don Phinney and Robert Wheaton are all pictured in PAPER TALKS (1982), an annual publication sponsored by the St. Croix Federal Credit Union of Woodland. Mr. Brown with the first graduating class of Woodland High School (1915); Don Phinney with the Calais High School Basketball Team (1926) and Robert Wheaton with the Champion Debating Team of Washington County in 1930 (Princeton High School).

THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Your Executive board members wish to thank the following members for their thoughtful donations, these past two months, which are supporting the printing of the newsletter, and helping us meet other necessary expenses: Gladys Ayer Bridges, Pearl Brown, Ruth Driscoll, John Pike Grady, Orris McKeown, Ellen McLaughlin, Jane Frendlick Oliver, Donald and Mina Phinney, Glenn and Hilda Sylvia, Gertrude Winter.



Letters from Own Members 3

Grace Jeffery, Rt. 1, Box 3320, North Anson, Me. 04958. (See Page 5) "I am sending along an old photo which I found among others I was sorting out. The oldest Jeffery in the photo is Orville, my dad. He was born July 16, 1878. He must have been at least 14 when the photo was taken, which would date it in the late 1800s. The older man in the background was my grandfather James Peter Jeffery. I believe he was on the (Crawford) school board as well as an active worker in town affairs. My father was the youngest son; Mae, the youngest child, died last December at the age of 96 years."(Ed: Mae Jeffery Ingalls was our A-CHS oldest member; many thoughtful donations to our Building Fund were received in her name.)

Jennie P. Boynton, Brewer: "Although I do not know P.V. Noddin (Issue 26, Pg.6), we are related. His grandfather, Perley, who died quite young from results of an accident at the East Millinocket mill, was my mother's only brother.... I was intrigued by the account of the Breakneck Tragedy, (See Issue 11, P. 2) I would not be able to count the number of times my mother has told that story; however the version that had come down to her, and which she passed on, was that the deaths were caused by a supernatural force. As I grew older and learned that deadly gasses will form in deep wells, it took away the mystery of Breakneck. According to the 1852 news release, the reason that the men were overcome was known at the time, but those who enjoyed the supernatural overlooked that knowledge in order to add another ghost story to their repertoire. In any event, it must have been a terrible experience in a small community.

Muriel Varnum Smith, Springfield, Vt.: "Thank you for the lovely little wild oats birthday card. When we were small my sister and I roamed the fields and pastures of the Godfrey place and picked wild flowers to our hearts content. Today I just admire them and remember. There is a road here which I especially enjoy walking. It climbs past the hospital, and then becomes a discontinued and impassable hill trail. It is bordered by bushes and trees. Tall ferns, jack-in-the-pulpit, and trillium grow there in cool shade. That road always takes me back to our walks to the District #3 schoolhouse beyond the old Sears place."

Charlene Norman, Jacksonville, NC: "Look forward to each newsletter, they are getting better and better, and feel you have a very successful historical society in your 'neck o' the woods', and I hope to one day visit there!"

Jane Frendlich Oliver, Short Hills, N.J. Your newsletter was most interesting. Please put us on your mailing list. Enclosed is a check to help your most worthy activity. It must be fascinating finding out about the different clans. My grandfather did this - so we have a good background for his side of the family. Stan's family came from England and we hope to go over soon to trace a few leads there. Everyone is getting rather ancient so we had better hurry."

Alta (Jeffery) Beal, Jonesport: I enjoyed the handpainted card and the note about the wild flowers which I remember so well. We found the first lady's slippers, and ate something we called "wild cucumbers'. They were white bulb-like root and tasted like a cucumber. I miss it all except the blackflies which we do not have. I am sending this little bit of my nandiwork (a handknit infant's sweater) which you can, perhaps, use in some project. (See Page 9)

4 The Long Search

Ruth Towle Driscoll, Box 222, easant Hill Rd., Freeport, Me. 04032:
"My mother, Mable Watson Towle, lived and owned a home in Alexander.
My grandfather's name was Frederick Watson, and he married Harriet
Fuller. My great grandfather was George Watson and he was married to
Esta Lowe. Any information of these would be appreciated or their
families."

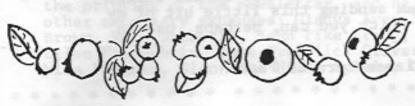
Pierre J.J. Kennedy, 27 Fernbrook, West Hartford, Ct. 06107: "Thanks for your letter of May 30th with the notice from the Machiasport Historical Society regarding Stephen & Lydia Connick. On May 18 I wrote Mrs. Fenlason as she had sent me a letter with lots of information on the Connicks and Longleys. She thought there might be information in the Alexander area on my great-grandfather John T. Kennedy of Nova Scotia who married Mary Ann Longley (b. Alexander 1834). I've never found their marriage. They were fiving in Salem, Mass. by 1870."

Leona Kilton, PO Box 169, Hartland, Me. 04943: Thank you for writing to me and sending me the Frost-Perkins Line. (This letter was directed to Ellen Fealason, our A-CHS genealogist..ed). I have the Frost line way back to George Frost, Winter Harbor, Me. He was born around 1600. The only part I didn't have was Mary Ann Perkins ancestors. Is there any record of where Simon Harrington Frost & Mary Ann Perkins are buried, or when they died? Their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth (b. Apr. 3, 1845); married my great-grandfather Lewis Cross (b. 1851), Topsfield, Me., and they are buried in Stetson, Me. My grandfather, Simon Harrington Cross (b. 1873) married Deborah Bessie Gardner (b. 1881). Deborah's father was William Gardner, but I haven't been able to yet find his father's name. William was born in Springfield, Me. in 1831..I'd like to hear from Pliney Frost, too. I'm enclosing my family sheet for you. If you want to put it in the group records you may."

LaRue T. Brown, R.D. #1, Box 78, Lake George, N.Y 12845: Do you have any means of either zeroxing or researching any of the volumes in your library? I was interested in the 'Alexander Marriages' as I do not have either a marriage date or place for Enoch Brown and Sopronia Farrer, (he was born in Alexander) - and possibly an earlier marriage for him. First child of Enoch and Sopronia was born in 1842. (Ed. note: At our June board meeting Zela Cousins looked through our 'Alexander Marriages and Intentions' listing but did not find what you are seeking. I wish we did have someone to "research" our library shelves, but unfortunately, not at present).

M.Maxine Holeman, 21002-78th Ave. West, Edmonds, Wash.98020: (This correspondence was addressed to our Crawford historian, Ethel Wallace). "My cousin and your cousin, Audrey Morford, gave me your address and information. I am enclosing a check for a year's subscription (membership) for the Alexander-Crawford Historical Society. I am also enclosing my 4 generation chart, as you see I certainly need more help - and maybe some subscribing member may help me!"

Ed.note: Ms Holeman's ancestor chart includes the Maine names of Hodsdon (Princeton); Sprague (no place), and Bridges (Crawford). It has been placed in our file. Those desiring a copy should send a self-addressed stamped envelop to our society, enclosing 15¢ for a zeroxed copy we can make at our bank in Calais.



Welcome back to maine aunt Kit, We're so happy ! you're coming home.

CRAWFORD SCHOOLCLASS (Circa: late 1800s)



lst row: Jamie Perkins, Ruby Brown Kimball, Olive Creamer, Albert Rogerson, Georgia Perkins.

2nd row: Rufus Perkins, Mae Jeffery, Nellie Cushing, Clara Averill, Sadie McDowell, Bertha Bridges

3rd row: Eddie Davis, Lowell Seavey, Erman Seavey, Harry Seavey, Maniford (Mannie) Jeffery, and Harry Jeffery

Back row: Orville Jeffery, father of Grace Jeffery of Anson,
who has presented the original, treasured old
photo to our Society's archives. (Grace reports that
Maniford, Harry, Orville and Mae were brothers
and sister, and that Mae Jeffery was her aunt.
See letter, Page).

Man in back of children to the left, with beard, is James Peter Jeffery.

Population Growing
May 5, 1982 - by Herb Cleaves
(BANGOR NEWS Machias Bureau)

ALEXANDER--The fastest growing community in eastern Maine is sleepy Alexander, a small town that is smaller now than it was 100 years

In the 1970-80 decade when Maine's population increased 13.4 percent, Alexander grew a whopping 127.8%. For a town with one store, a Grange hall, a cemetery and a garage for the fire engine, the idea of dramatic

change is a bit unnerving.

It isn't that Alexander doesn't have room for the 162 newcomers who arrived since 1970. The new population of 385, according to the 1980 census, is dispersed throughout the township's rolling hills and along its miles of lake-front. There is no built-up section or anything resembling a business district anywhere inside the town limits.

"We are not pleased at the prospects of a change due to an influx of people moving in," said Jane Dudley, who lives with her husband, Jack, in a 72-year-old log cabin on Pocomoon-shine Lake. "This is a wild, almost wilderness area...that (if changed) will become just like everywhere else.

Only four towns in Maine--Shapleigh, Lyman, Otis and Waterboro - showed a greater percentage of increase in population between 1970 and 1980.

Town Clerk Tina Smith said the increase in Alexander's population might be traced to the availability

of land in the town.

"Basically, most of the land in town has been available for turnover and quite a lot of real estate has changed hands. In some towns, large companies control a lot of land so there is not much available for buyers, she said.

Alexander is about 12 miles from Stephen Babcock Woodland and the Georgia-Pacific Corp's William Patterso pulp and paper mills. "Most of the Mark Fenlason working age people here work at the G-P Samuel Fenlason in Woodland, although some have special-Jesse Stephenson ized jobs in Calais," Mrs. Smith said. Samuel B. Lamb

The last time Alexander had more than 375 people was in 1880. That year the census takers counted 439 residents, but noted that the town's population was down more than 100 from a peak of 544 in 1850.

Alexander was incorporated as a town, Jan. 19, 1825. It was known as Plantation No. 16 before in-

corporation.

Mrs. Smith has more than 200
Alexander residents on her voting
lists. There are about 60 children
enrolled at Alexander Elementary
School. More than a dozen secondary students are transported to
high school classes in Calais.
Downeast Christian School, also
located in Alexander, draws
students from many Washington
County communities.

As president of the Alexander-Crawford Historical Society, Mrs. Dudley is aware of the town's rich history. The increased population, she said, will pose problems for the town, not the least of which

will be higher taxes.

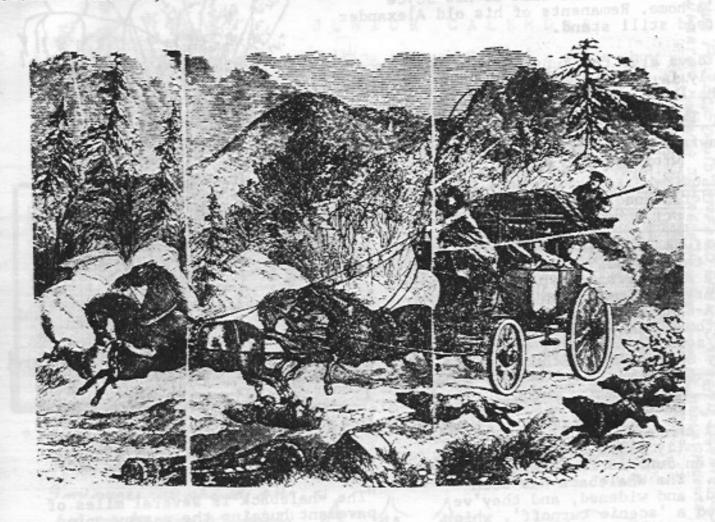
Mrs.Dudley's philosophy about future development of the tiny town is summed up in the words of a Downeast native who was talking to a tourist friend. "We want you to come - come anytime for a visit - come often - but just don't stay", she said. "I guess that's how I feel. I want to keep this as a precious little place to live, off the beaten track."

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD-ALEXANDER 1830

Peter Flood John G. Taylor Joseph Longley Joel Butler William Connick John Moholland Job Chase Seth G. Damans Jesse Fenlason Ebenezer Gooch Michael Noddin Godfrey Lydic Gideon Babcock Stephen Babcock William Patterson Mark Fenlason Samuel Fenlason Samuel B. Lamb Ebenezer Ingalls George Tyler Rufus K. Lane Cornelius Lyon Cornelius Lyon, Jr. Joshua Boynton Dexter H. Woodcock

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THE AIRLINE (Con't. from Page 1)...him a mail route along the road, won a \$5,000 annual contract to do the job, and began a feud with Route 1 businessmen that's still going on today. Spratt's inland route lopped six hours off the Route 1 shore road that had been used by mail carriers until then. But because it was (thought) to be infested with wolves and bandits, travellers were afraid to use it. He pointed out that the road was faster, that it went through beautiful forests and prime hunting land and that it cost less. A few listened, but not many. Route 1 merchants hired "pullers-in" to warn customers that they risked life and fortune by taking the air-line.



In 1860, New York City's leading illustrated newspaper carried a picture of wolves slashing at the throats of four horses pulling the air-line stage. What little commercial business Spratt had developed fell off drastically after the picture was published. But only for a while. He began a full-blown campaign urging adventurous hunters and travellers to ride his stage-coaches through the uninhabited Maine Woods. It brought considerable new business. It also lured gangs of thieves who found imaginative new ways to rob stagecoaches filled with money pouches and government payrolls.

The five-man Miller gang made off with several bags full of loot by laying in wait at the foot of a long steephhill. When the stage passed, the outlaws crept up behind it and cut loose the bags attached to the mail rack. They were nabbed on their fourth trip back and spent several years behind bars in Thomaston.

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- Happy Birthday Reid Seamons!

Reid Seamans of Pocomoonshine Lake Rd.,
Alexander, Me. 04694, will be celebrating
his 92nd birthday with his wife Grace
(Carlow) Seamans, on July 8th. Reid was born
on the Airline behind what is now Joyce
Frost's home. Remanents of his old Alexander
homestead still stand.

Happy days also to: Ruby Cousins Farries (b. July 14,1900 in Alexander), Pembroke PO, Charlotte, Me. 04666.

Vivian Thistlewood Munson (b. July 4,1901) in Crawford), Rte. 1, Box 443, Machias, Me 04654.

Elva Cousins Seamans (b. July 18, 1898 at Alexander), Woodland, Me. 04694.

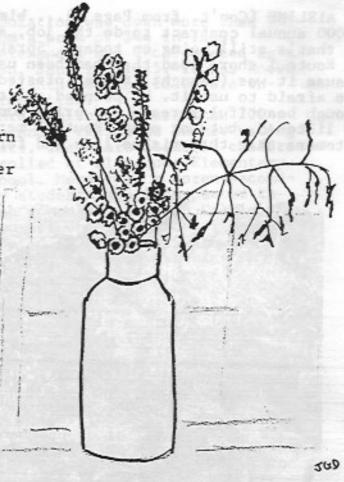
A-C natives 75 years or older should register their names in our birthday box to receive an individual, handpainted congratulary card each year on their 'special day'. A-C natives reaching 90 years of age automatically become honorary members of our society, and will receive our bimonthly newsletters without charge.

GOODBY, OLD FRIEND (editorial)

"It's all changed," called Susan as she and her family drove into the yard at the lake on June 18 for a week's vacation. "The Whaleback has been flattened, and widened, and they've even added a 'scenic turnoff', which it didn't need!" She exploded, "IT WAS ALL SCENIC BEFORE!"

Susan was reporting the construction along the two-mile long esker just west of Aurora along Route 9. And my nusband Jack and I shared her distress. Jack drove his Model T. Ford along the Airline when it was still a dirt coad.) And there are many others who treasured this Eastern Maine natural thenomenon and will miss it.

Whaleback', or 'Horseback' have been he popular names of this historical idge left by the last Ice Age. (My ictionary describes an 'esker' as a serpentine ridge of gravelly and andy drift formed by streams under r in glacial ice".)



Our newsletter welcomes your letters comments, old photos & historical contributions....editor

The Maine Sunday Telegram, June 4, 1978, described the area as follows:

"The Whaleback is several miles of pavement hugging the narrow spine of a high ridge. On each side the ridge abruptly plunges off into deep valleys. The road roller coasters up and over a long series of humps and dips that run the length of the section. The several miles along that stretch provide thrilling tales of narrow misses and close calls by imaginative travellers. Whether the stories are true or not, highway engineers in Augusta want to widen the roadbed, strengthen the shoulders and smooth out the humps along the length of the Whaleback."

This Spring of 1982 they did just that, and our natural esker has been lost for all time!

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JENNIFER BROOKMEYER ADAM CARSON, LISA CLARK, BONNIE CARLOW, TRICA CLARK, BRIAN ANGELA PERKINS, CATHY PERKINS CARRIE PERKINS MICAH PERKINS MICHELE PERKINS WALLACE TRACEY WALLACE JILL WHEATON, LEIGH WHEATON, ROBIN WHEATON,

(There are 46 of us!) *

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OUTDOOR PAINTING SESSIONS to be conducted around our community every Wed. for Juniors, ages 11-15 years. First session meets July 28; last meeting set Aug. 25. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch and painting materials. Call Mrs. Dudley for further information.

The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should sel be as happy as bungs.

CALENDAR JUNIOR

Walking through Greece, a slide show by Jeff and Jenny Sanford. at the Crawford Church on the Airline Tuesday, July 6 from 7-8 p.m. (Juniors under 10 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult). * *

A-CHS FAMILY PICNIC, swim party and potluck supper at 5 p.m. on Wed., July 14 at the Dudleys' cabin. (Juniors must be accompanied by adult family members. Call Mrs. Dudley for 'Junior' reservations and time.)

FISH FRY, Sunday, July 18 at Chuckie Church's house in Crawford on the Airline near our church. This is a public affair sponsored by A-CHS, servings begin at 2 p.m. (Special priced children's plates). *

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School-in-the-Woods SUMMER REUNION on Saturday, August 7 at the cabin. Bring your bathing suit and picnic lunch. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



WHO WILL BE OUR BLUEBERRY BABY???

A 'blueberry baby' is one that is born when the blueberries are thick in the fields and along the edge of the woods.

The first baby born in August to parents living in Alexander-Crawford community this year will be honored with a framed citation to hang on the wall, an A-CHS Junior Membership Card, and an adorable little white sweater, with attached hood, knitted

by our talented A-CHS charter member, Mrs. Alta (Jeffery) Beal of Jonesport, and donated for just such a good purpose. These gifts will be presented at our society's 2nd annual HOMECOMING, Aug. 21st.

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Other new Junior Members
bearing an old area name
are: Carrie Anne Perkins 7;
and her brother & sister Micah 5,
and Cathy Lynn 4. They are the
children of Peter and Carmen Perkins
of Calais, and they plan to attend
our Greek Odyssey slide program at
the Crawford Church on July 6th, and
our family picnic on July 14.

ADULT MEMBERS joining since our last newsletter are: Carol Perkins, Baring; Peter & Carmen Perkins, Calais; Becky Wallace Fielder, Carmel, Me.; Gordon Gray, Cranston, RI; Dedi (Mailman) Greenlaw, Alexander; M.Maxine Holeman, Edmonds, Wash.; Mr. & Mrs. Merle Knowles, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Merle Knowles,

Sr., of Alexander; Ellen McLaughlin of Birmingham, Ala.; Ferne Strout Mellor Cleveland, Tenn; Jane Frendlick Oliver, Short Hills, N.J.; Otis E. Powers, Bucksport, Me.; Alice Maker Seeley, Fort Myers, Fla.; Glenn & Hilda Sylvia, Bernard, Me.

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Alexander-Crawford Historical Society Executive Board invites anyone interested in local history to join A-CHS by mailing \$1 annual dues, and 6 (1st class) stamps for the bi-monthly newsletter, to the membership chairlady, Jane Dudley, RR #1, Box 1616, Alexander, Me. 04694.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A nominating committee for our 1982-83 officers was appointed by the president at the June 15 board meeting. Serving are: Marie Dudley and Zela Cousins, of Alexander; Ethel Wallace and Ellen Wells of Crawford. Members wishing to suggest names should contact Marie (454-7476), or write her at RR #1, Box 1597, Alexander, Me. 04694.

Elections will take place at the 2nd annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21st.

new Books Received

THE JOURNALS OF JOHN EDWARD GODFREY, BANGOR, ME. 1863-1869: Published by Courier-Gazette, Inc., Rockland, Me. (1979). (Mrs. Charles H. Sawyer, and her sister, Mrs. Ivan Orcutt, hold the copyright of this fascinating diary which was edited by James B. Vickery. The volume is dedicated to the memory of their mother, Ethel Godfrey Loud, poet and author (1878-1957). Mrs. Sawyer writes from North Edgecomb, "I am sending you the 63-69 Journals for your society; we are ready to take the last 'journal' to the printer but it will probably take a year before the work will be completed.")

BEGININGS: The Settlement of the St.Croix Valley, by Rev. I.C. Knowlton (1975), and donated by Susan Dudley Hertz. This is a soft cover reprint recently published by Print'N Press Ltd., St.Stephen, N.B. in soft cover:

DONN FENDLER: Lost on a Mountain in Maine, a hard cover reprint of the 1939 edition of the true account of a 12-year-old boy lost for 9 days on Mt. Katahdin. (Your librarian couldn'st put the 224 page book down, and read it in one evening.) Printed by N.H. Pub. Co.

THE AIRLINE (Con't. from Page 7)... Another bandit fooled government agents for months. Stages would leave Bangor with the mail pouch, travel all the way to Calais seemingly undisturbed, but when it arrived the bag would be gone. Investigators didn't catch on until one day they saw an arm reaching over a high wooden fence at the Amherst way station. The thief had been waiting until the horses were changed and the driver was seated on his bench and ready to leave. Then he'd quickly reach over the fence and snatch off the pouch. He spent 15 years in Thomaston.

Except for sporadic attempts to fill unusually large potholes and level out the road ruts, there was little maintenance done on the road until the early 1940s. Several communities along the route began raising money then to improve the road. They graded it, kept the brush cut back and plowed it during the winter. During the early 1950s, several towns joined forces, won state and federal aid and covered the dirt and gravel trail with its first layer of pavement. It was designated a "state aid" highway, allowing state crews to handle winter plowing. More than \$6.4 million was funnelled into capital improvement projects on the road during the next 18 or 20 years. During that time, it was accepted as a state highway. Written by Tim Elledge

POWERS FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Charles and Frances (Fanny) Proctor Powers will be holding a family reunion on Sat., July 31, noon to 6 p.m. at the Snowmobile Club at the old Hathaway place, Medway, Me. Contact Otis E. Powers, Star Rte., Box 140, Bucksport, Me. for further information. Incidentially, Mr. Powers is seeking descendants of a Michael Powers

Maine Sunday Telegram June 4, 1978 who drowned in Edmunds, Me. in 1837,

and his wife Louisa and their four children. Michael was born in Georgetown, Me., but there is no record of his wife and their children other then their Edmunds birth records.

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

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Our ancestral Receipt Box



Mary Williams of Waite, our Corresponding Secretary, is sharing her mother's rule for Lemon Patties with us this Issue. The receipt, lost for years after her mother's passing, turned up on a handwritten card in a cousin's file. "Mother used to use real butter," Mary said, "and as egg beaters were not too common then, she beat the batter lightly with a fork." Mary finds the shortening most satisfactory, and she also adds lemon rind to her batter when she bakes this goodie every fourth of July.

MOTHER'S LEMON PATTIES: Patty Shells - Mix together 2 cups flour, 3/4 cup Crisco, salt and 5 tablespoons of water. Filling: Put 1 cup sugar and 3 tablespoons hot water in a double boiler to melt. Then add two eggs (beaten lightly), and the juice of one lemon, blending together. (Do not cook this filling before pouring into the shells.) Bake in a hot oven for ten minutes. Reduce heat until done.

A-CHS expresses its appreciation to the First National Bank of Bar Harbor, Calais, for subsidizing the 'Junior Scrapbook', page 9, in this issue...the editor

Alexander-Crawford Historical Society Jane Gerow Dudley, Editor RR #1, Box 1616 Alexander, Maine 04694 ************

Thank you, Gertrude Strout Winter for the copy of 'Elisha Stephenson's Genealogy, by Emily McNamara, which has been added to our files.