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Alexander-Crawford Historical Society
September/October 1982 Membership: 319 Number 26

EARLY PRINCETON

PRINCETON: Formerly township No. 17, eastern division of Bingham's Purchase, connected with Calais 20 miles by the St. C. & P.R.R., on the St. Croix River, 44 miles north of Machias. Incorporated Feb. 3, 1832; settled in 1815 by people from Calais; has a tannery and a woollen mill. Noted as once the residence of the old Indian "Lewey", who had a house, and lived on the island; hence the name of "Lewey's Island" by which the place was known for many years. In 1880 population 1038. Valuation \$176,518. (From Atlas of Washington Co. Maine, by George N. Colby & Co. 1881)



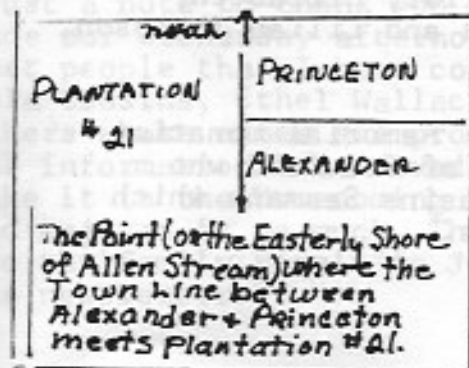
ATHION LEWEY INDIAN GUIDE. GRAND LAKE MAINE

C A L E N D E R

Tuesday, Sept. 21: Members are inviting guests to our 2nd Annual Meeting & Birthday Party, where they will meet Dr. John Ahlin of Machias, author of "Maine Rubicon", and former professor of American History at Wheelock College. "Local inhabitants attitudes toward nature and the wilderness in our past" has been selected as his topic. (A potluck luncheon is planned.)

Tuesday, Oct. 19: Princeton historian Roberta Wheaton, who will be on vacation from GP, will be our speaker at this open board meeting. Her subject? Why EARLY PRINCETON of course! Roberta is a charter member of our society. A chowder and sandwich luncheon will follow her talk.

(NOTE: All our fall/winter monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday mornings, beginning at 10a.m. at the Dudleys' home on Pocoomoonshine Lake.)



Activities at Home



Thursday, Sept. 9: St. Croix Island will become an International Park when high officials of the U.S. and Canada meet to sign an 'memorandum of understanding'. The program will open at 9:30 a.m. at the 'Island Overlook' site at Red Beach, Calais. After the program spectators will be taken by boat to cruise around the island. The signing ceremony at 2 p.m. will be conducted at the Algonquin Hotel in St. Andrews, N.B.

Saturday, Sept. 11: The 3rd Joint International Canadian-American Family History Conference will take place on this date in Eastport and Lubec. The all-day session is being co-sponsored by the Sunrise Research Institute, Inc.; Historical Resources Administration (Providence of New Brunswick); and the Border Historical Society of Eastport. (Roberta Wheaton and your president are planning to attend.) For further information call 454-8472, or John Bodger, SRI secretary at 255-8077.

FIRST SUMMER IN OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS: Our two evening programs held at the Crawford Church this summer were very successful. The first, "Greek Odyssey", as presented by Jennifer Sanford, 15, (WHO HAD BEEN THERE!) was delightful. And the August 3rd presentation, "Alaskan Adventure" by our director Audrey Ketner, made us all want to visit that beautiful state RIGHT AWAY! (We have another member, Millie Winckler, who has been having adventures in Alaska this summer. Perhaps she'll tell us about them later).

Visitors signing the attendance book came from Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Colorado and Connecticut. Homefolks were from Alexander, Crawford, Calais, Wesley and Woodland. And a couple, from St. George, N.B. drove over both evenings because, "We like to hear about far away places."

We also had two fine craft programs at the church this summer. One was a Rug Braiding demonstration by Kaye Priestley of Pembroke; the other, "Basics of Quilting" by member Karen Sears of Alexander. Both were excellent but poorly attended, because they were poorly advertised. We hope to continue these free "Folk Arts & Crafts of the Maine Woods" series next spring and summer. We would appreciate suggestions you might have. We have just discovered a member who can do 'cording' expertly. What can you share with us?

CONTRIBUTIONS: It is through such 'supporting members' donations we are able to meet our bi-monthly printing bill for this newsletter, purchase stationary, additional stamps, and supplies for our hospitality basket. We take this opportunity to thank the following members for their recent generosity: Victor and Stella Archer, John M. Dudley, GEORGIA-PACIFIC Corp.; Audrey Ketner, Ferne Strout Mellor, Elizabeth Olson, Mr. & Mrs. Harley C. Pulk; Elva Cousins Seamans and Lilian Thompson.

BUILDING FUND: We acknowledge with deep gratitude the Memorial Donation in the name of Chuckie Church (Clarence Brady Church) of Crawford who died on August 21, 1982, and the donation from Eva Cousins Seamans which have brought our Building Fund to Four Hundred Dollars.

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Letters from Members

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LOVES HER HOME COMMUNITY: "I have been a member long enough to receive three newsletters which I enjoy very much. My husband and I and our family were welcomed into Alexander in June 1942. I was 40 years old that month. Now I have lived here 40 years. I like this town very much and hope others who move in will like it well enough to stay." Edith Hatfield, RR #1, Box 753, Alexander, Me. 04694.

Kenneth A. Field, 4 Phillips Manor, Towaco, N.J. 07082: "In your July/Aug. 1987 A-CHS newsletter (p.6) it states that Alexander was known as Plantation No. 16 before incorporation. Do you know where Plantation 17 is? A Pamela Field was born there in 1827, and her parents were Robert and Pamela Benson Field who were my great great grandparents. Incidentally, Robert is listed on the same page as a household head in Alexander in 1830. I have enclosed a return envelop."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Town of Princeton was Plantation 17 until incorporated on Feb. 3, 1832. The naming of the town is interesting as reported by Bruce W. Belmore in his book 'Early Princeton, Me.' "Prior to the application for incorporation there had been much discussion among the townspeople as to what name to give to the new town. Some favored Bonney, others favored Bonneyville. According to the records of James Spencer, Ebenezer Rolfe held out for Princeton in honor of the town of that name in Massachusetts from which he came; and Ebenezer won. And a pretty name it is and widely so taken, inasmuch as practically every state in the Union has a town of that name, a fact well known to many of us who have had our mail missent."

Gertrude Strout Winter, Bucksport, Me. "Just a word about Pliney (Frost) and John Dudley (2nd). I have seen in the society's letters that some of my scrapbook collections were being given to it - copies I have gathered along the way. I gave some things to Pliney, those he could use in his town history. I told him to use the papers as he wished and when through with them, give them to the society or keep them. All credits belong to him. In your last letter I read where he gave the Stephenson genealogy to you. This was written by a wonderful woman, great, great granddaughter of William Bonney (Moses) and Rhoda Pike.

In the spring I received a letter from Mary Williams thanking me for Strout papers for the society. I had given them to John (#2) Dudley. I wanted these boys to have credits for these papers, and I felt sorry they gave me the credits. Jane, it belong to them! It was such a good unselfish thing they did. So many have copied from those scrapbooks, used the articles and never gave any credits, even to the Calais Advertiser et al where much came from. Alexander-Crawford Historical Society should be proud of these boys - you're lucky to have them on your team.

Ellen McLaughlin, 5604 12th Ave., South, Birmingham, Alabama 35222:

"Just a note to thank you for your hospitality and warm reception that made our Wednesday afternoon with you so pleasant. It was good to finally meet people that I have corresponded with over the past months - especially Zela Cousins, Ethel Wallace and Jane D. I also enjoyed getting to know others whose names are prominent in the newsletter. I am going to collect all information I received and find out where the gaps are. Perhaps I can make it to the Homecoming and fill them in. My foks had a wonderful time and enjoyed it so much. They were certainly glad they decided to come (to the 'Family Picnic' in July) My mother is going to try some recipes in the newsletter."

Athion Lewey, pictured on the postcard (which was donated to our society by Phyllis Archer) was the son of Princeton's first settler who "occupied his island in splendid isolation" until around 1840. The following narration from Bruce Belmore's Early Princeton, Maine is only one of unnumbered colorful historical stories in this 1945 book which is presently being reprinted by the Princeton Women's Club. (You might contact Mrs. Kenneth Savage, Princeton, Me. 04668 for further information.)

"The year 1820 was memorable in these parts for several reasons. In that year Maine ceased to be a province of Massachusetts and became an independent state in the Union; the first bridge to be build over the St. Croix River was constructed at Baring; and what was most intimately important to this section was the arrival of another settler who was to play no small part in the annals of the Princeton-to-be.

"One fine spring day of that year a Poke Moonshine lumberjack received an earful of news which he hurried home to relate to the Bonneys and Browns and their interested neighbors. As he was picking his footing over the shallow water where the Princeton bridge now stands, he came in view of the beautiful little island in the middle of the river a little below Ralph Storey's (present) house on the tip of Goose Point. He stopped short midstream to gaze at the canoe and small fire on the beach of the island. While he was thus speculating curiously as to who the intruders might be, a stalwart young Indian of about twenty years pushed out in the canoe and started upstream toward him.

weighing over two hundred pounds; and his stocky build was heightened in stature by a tall beaver hat which tilted a little to one side in a rakish fashion. The lumberjack watched with fascination the flimsy structure of cedar and birch-bark as it careened and leapt forward against the current under the powerful strokes of the odd-looking stranger.

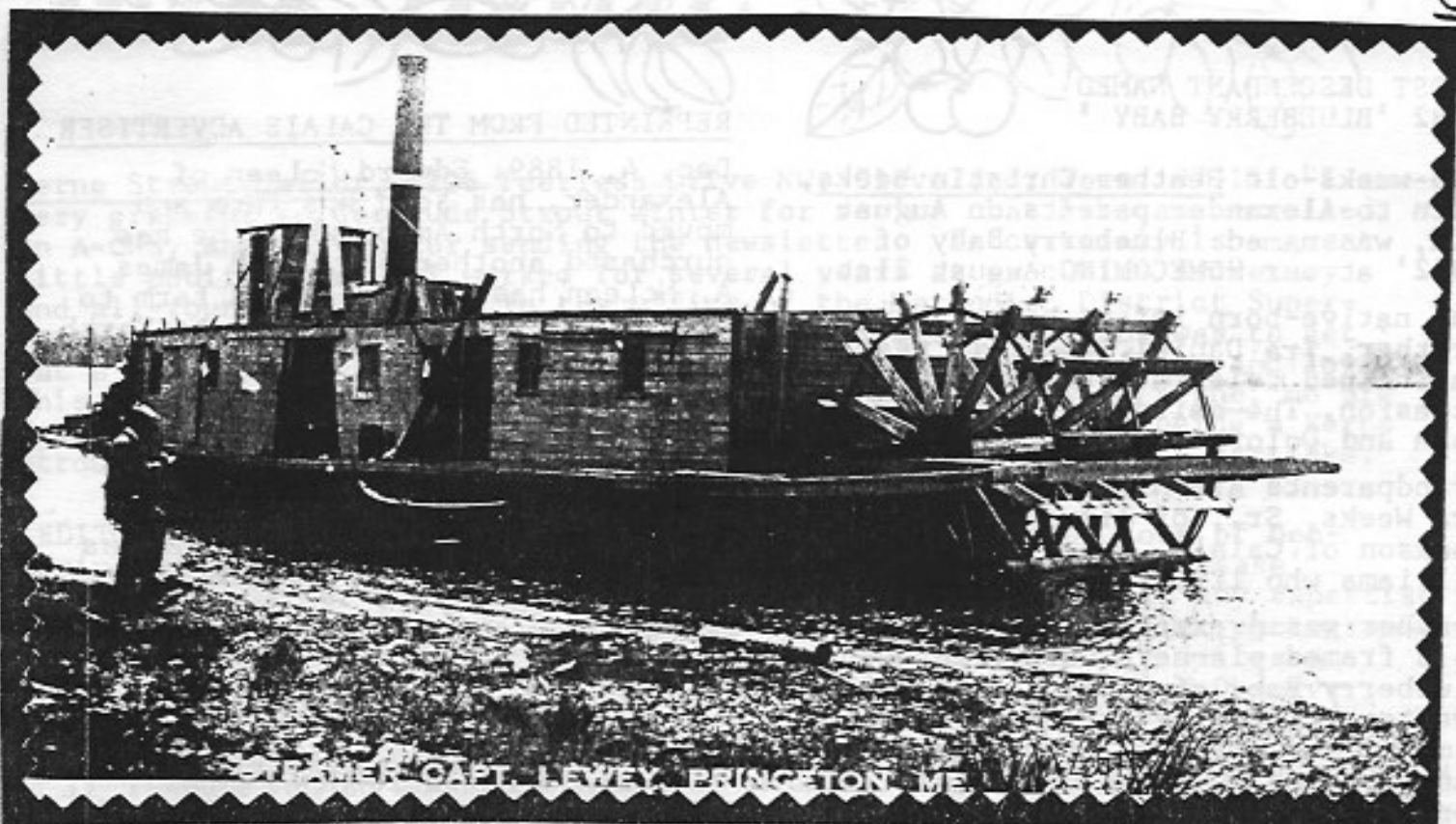
"In the conversation that soon took place the white man learned from the Indian that his name was Louis; that he had come up from 'salt water' meaning Calais; that he had brought along with him his squaw and other earthly belongings including of course his pitch-pot, the inevitable accompaniment of the birch-bark canoe; and, what was more important, he had come to stay.

"Strangely enough this new-comer, the first human being to settle in what is now Princeton proper, came in his canoe from the vicinity of St. Andrews near where was born our Moses Bonney's Elizabeth who five years before had come to Poke Moonshine overland in an ox-drawn sled. Here was started between white man and Indian a close partnership which prevails in the Princeton of today.

This young Indian pioneer was part French which fact accounts for the name Louis. The white settlers spelled his name as it sounds when pronounced in French. Lewy's surname, if he indeed had one, was never known. He was called merely Lewy until 1853 when the first steamboat was built by Charles Spooner and Abbott Moore. Lewy naturally in his vast experience in the waters of the nearby lakes had acquired a knowledge far beyond any white man of the natural channels; so when the new stern-wheeler was constructed for towing logs, Lewy was looked to for guidance through safe waters.

"The boat was named Captain Lewy in his honor. Stationed proudly in the bow he motioned to the man in the wheel-house what direction to take. From that time on he was known to all as Captain Lewy."

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THE CAPTAIN LEWEY

By Grace Ober

Some years ago a picture appeared in the Bangor Daily News of a model of the Captain Lewey and its builder. It triggered interest in the old steamer and in the summer of 1975 Jeff Wheeler and Richard Goggin explored the area in the lakes around Princeton and located the sunken hulk. Jeff donated a rod and an iron around which the anchor ropes were wound to the mini-museum which we had for the Bicentennial. He also donated pictures which he took of the derelict which showed the outline of the hulk beneath the surface. The pictures are now in the scrap books. The pieces are on my front porch because a suitable place couldn't be located for them in the library.

The Captain Lewey is a ghost out of the past, a relic of the Lumbering Age in the St. Croix Valley. To quote from an article thought to have been written by Cliff Chase of Baring: "Log driving in the St. Croix started about 1830, when John Polleys, grandfather of your editor, came from Nova Scotia to take charge of the river, and was given the title of River Master. He built the first dams, piers and abutments and took charge of the drives for many years. One of the important installations was the abutment and wing dam at Sprague's Falls where log jams formed and were hard to break, often delaying the drive for days and sometimes weeks.

The dam was near the location of the present finishing room of the St. Croix Paper Co. (1950's?)

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APPOINTMENTS: Your president is pleased to announce that these fine people have consented to represent us:

Grace Ober as Woodland Historian
42 Summit St., Woodland, Me. 04694
Telephone 427-3220 (Mrs. Stanley Ober is a freelance historical writer and weekly columnist for the Calais Advertiser & St. Croix Courier. She is also the author of Woodland--The Village of Baileyville book published in 1975.)

Lizzie Perkins, Cooper Historian
34 Church Street, Calais, Me. 04619
Telephone 454-2254 (Mrs. Hubert Perkins, who writes the Cooper column for the Calais Advertiser, served as town clerk of Cooper for 50 years before retiring.

Marjorie Marsh Quigg, our Bangor Area Representative. (Mrs. Paul H. Quigg is a director of the Brewer Historical Society & its curator. She will represent us at the Penobscot County historical conferences and workshops.

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FROST DESCENDANT NAMED
1982 'BLUEBERRY BABY'



Two-weeks-old Heather Christin Weeks, born to Alexander parents on August 9th, was named 'Blueberry Baby of 1982' at our HOMECOMING August 21st.

The native-born infant has a young brother, Ira Daniel Weeks, 2½ years who helped celebrate the happy occasion. The children's parents are John and Dolores Weeks.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Ira Weeks, Sr., of Alexander; Ross Cookson of Calais, and Joyce Frost Williams who lives in China, Me.

Heather was presented with a small gold framed plaque proclaiming her Blueberry Baby of 1982; a tiny white sweater knitted by our charter member Mrs. Alta Beal of Jonesport; and a handpainted blueberry card containing a Junior Gift Membership in the society. The junior group now numbers 59.

The infant is the 2nd native-born child to receive this colorful distinction in our A-C community. First Blueberry Baby was Joshua Pollock, born July 18, 1979. His parents are Christopher and Carol Pollock. The presentation was made at the 1979 Blueberry Festival held at the Alexander Grange Hall by the A-C Extension Group. Little Chris also holds a membership card in our A-CHS Junior Group.

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Our Society invites anyone interested in our area's history to join A-CHS by mailing \$1.00 annual dues to the address on this newsletter.

If you already hold a membership, and it is time to renew your annual \$1.00 dues, it will be so marked on your address.

If 20¢ stamps are needed for your six yearly newsletters, a red check will appear here. ☐



REPRINTED FROM THE CALAIS ADVERTISER

Dec. 4, 1889: Edward McLean of Alexander, has sold his farm and moved to North Anson where he has purchased another one. And James A. McLean has also sold his farm to Freeman Stevenson and moved to North Anson. Stevenson now owns the whole of the Townsend farm.

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July 14, 1900: John Seamans, who lost his buildings by fire last spring has received his insurance through the Grange. Mr. Seamans has purchased the Colwell homestead at South Princeton.

WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

We have added 16 new members, plus our 'Blueberry Baby' since the mailing of our last newsletter early July.

Five of these 'newcomers' live in Conn. which brings that state's total to nine members.

We've also added St. John, N.B. Canadato our growing membership list, and two new Maine towns (North Windham and Union) which gives us current membership in 45 Maine communities. HURRAH! (Our membership also covers 23 states.)

We warmly welcome the following into our Washington County historical family:

Etta Moraisey Chase, North Windham; Melvin L. Clark, Machiasport; Louise McArthur Dechene, Princeton; Rev. William A. Hatfield, Union; Libby Hillhouse, So. Windsor, Conn.; Melva Keen, Woodland; Jean Kelley, Calais; Barry King, New Brunswick Museum, St. John, N.B.; Don & Muriel Lavelle, Southbury, Conn. & Pocomoonshine Lake; Robert F. Manning, So. Windsor, Conn.; Merle & Winnie McLaughlin, Sarasota, Fla., & Bottle Lake, Me.; Lizzie Perkins, Calais; and Mrs. Maurice Wining, North Windham.

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More Letters



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Ferne Strout Mellor, 1106 Peerless Drive NW, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311: "I am very grateful to Gertrude Strout Winter for seeing that I became enrolled in A-CHS, and to you for sending the newsletter. It certainly is a great little publication. I worked for several years as executive secretary and all-round Girl Friday in the office of the Methodist District Superintendent (although I am an Episcopalian), and one of my jobs was to get out a newsletter, so I'm interested in format as well as content and loved this on both counts. Incidentally my first name is spelled Ferne, no big deal, just thought I'd mention it. Gertrude mentioned there being a Ferne Strout in Alexander. Do you know her? I'd love to hear from a namesake."

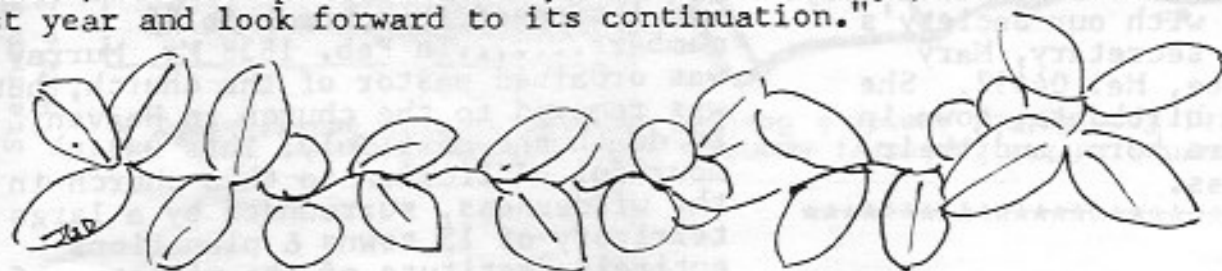
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our records show Ferne Strout Mellor to be "one of Benmamin Strout's great granddaughters via Will Strout." Her namesake Fern Strout Garner now lives in Kansas City, Mo. And to explain any expertise your newsletter might show, your editor was a newspaper reporter, photographer, women's editor, & nature writer for many years. She currently writes a food column for the Calais Advertiser and Machias Valley News-Observer.

Marjorie Marsh Quigg, 207 Seventh St., Bangor, Me. 04401: A-CHS May/June 1982 p. 3) "Thank you so much for your dear note on the beautiful card! I love it! and think it fun that I am 'the Representative of the Alexander-Crawford Historical Society in the Bangor Area'. I am enclosing some items I thought would be of interest to you: Bangor Daily News clipping of May 4, 1982 telling about the workshop at Hampden Historical Society; Program from Brewer Historical Society Dedication Day held June 13, 1982., and two booklets printed by Maine Historic Preservation Commission: The Maine State House - A Brief History and Guide, and 200 Years of Maine Housing - A Guide for the House Watcher. You might want these booklets for your personal collection - or for the library of the Historical Society. I'll keep you posted about the possibility of an association of historical societies. Probably not too much will be done on this before autumn."

John Herbert Dudley, RR #1, Box 1597, Alexander: "Do you know that M.B. Townsend of Alexander was the President of the Maine State Senate in 1845? Other Washington County people listed for this office are: Harold Murchie, (1933-34) of Calais; Stephen C. Foster (1840) of Pembroke, and John C. Talbot (1837) of East Machias."

Zella Archer, Star Rte. 68, Box 19, Pembroke, Me. 04666: "I must be in arrears in my dues and my share of postage so I'm enclosing a check to catch up. Your paper is very interesting, both Victor and I enjoy it. I notice that Lewis Hardison of Texas is still following his hobby, genealogy. He has looked up as far as possible his grandfather's Lewis side. Mine, too. All success in the future."

Kitty Mitchell, Crawford: Enclosed please find a check to cover John's (junior) membership for another year. We have enjoyed the newsletter this past year and look forward to its continuation."



CONGRATULATIONS

(from our 'native' birthday box)

Happy
90th
Birthday,
Cora May



Cora May Flood Kinney will celebrate her 90th Birthday on October 5th. She was born to Lincoln Byron Flood and Lizzie May Perkins Flood, of Alexander, in 1892. She was the second oldest of eleven children. Mrs. Kinney now lives at 130 North Street, Calais, Me. 04619.

Happy Birthday also to:

Zela Wallace Cousins (b. Sept. 11, 1904) in Alexander), RR #1, Box 995, Alexander, Me. 04694.

Vera Harriman (b. Sept. 1, 1902 in Alexander) Sunrise Apts., Calais, Me. 04619.

Leta Flood Hatton (b. Sept. 6, 1903 in Alexander), Pembroke P.O., Me. 04666.

Neil McArthur (b. Sept. 11, 1903 in Alexander), Star Rte. 71, Box 51, Machias, Me. 04654.

Mel Hunnewell (b. Oct. 6, 1891 in Alexander), Alexander, Me. 04694. (Ed. note: Mel, who will be 91 this October, has been very ill this year. A shower of cards may help make his day more pleasant.

Velma Dwelley McLeod (b. Oct. 7, 1900 in Alexander), Princeton, Me. 04668.

Alexander and Crawford natives, who have reached 75 years or more, will receive a hand-painted congratulatory card each year on their special day, if registered with our Society's corresponding secretary, Mary Williams, Waite, Me. 04492. She will need the birthdate, town in which they were born, and their present address.

REMEMBRANCES: Jack Dudley wishes to know how many people remember the old birchbark canoe that used to be pulled up on the shore of Pocomoonshine Lake next to Fred Harriman's fish shack. AND who remembers the old dugout canoe that was up on the shore at Dog Brook?

Crawford Man Ordained 1839

(From "History of the Baptists in Maine" as reprinted in the Hodgdon Maine 1832-1982 Sesquicentennial Album, written by Geraldine Tidd Scott, Pioneer Heritage Pub. (1982)

"The delegates and ministers of 16 churches in Wash. County met at Columbia in Aug. 1835, and organized the Washington Association. At this meeting the church at Hodgdon was added to their number, making 17 churches, with 1,203 communicants..... Hodgdon: This town is in the remote eastern part of the state, and on the road leading from Calais to Houlton. It is a newly settled town and by emigrants principally from the neighboring provinces. Some of them were Baptist. The church was organized in Jan. 1835. Elder Elisha Bedell, a missionary sent there under the Maine Baptist Convention, was elected their pastor. But instead of a blessing, he proved the occasion of many painful trials to them. He also secured his own downfall. After much difficulty and painful suffering, the church convened a council from the Churches in Calais, Bering and Crawford, in 1839, and by their advice he was deposed from the ministry and excluded from the church. The church then had a rest. In 1838 a brighter day began to dawn upon this church, though surrounded by clouds of darkness and trial. Some indications of a divine blessing appeared in connection with the labors of Thomas Murray, a licentiate of the Crawford church. The blessing came in 1839. Mr. Murray became a member of the church, and a revival of the work of God increased the church to 88 members.....In Feb. 1838 Mr. Murray was ordained pastor of the church, but was removed to the church in Heaven, by death the next July. This was a mournful affliction to this church in the wilderness, surrounded by a large territory of 15 towns & planations entirely destitute of the ministry of the gospel.

Jenny Brookmeyer; Bonnie Carlow; Adam Carson; Summer Catts; Lisa Clark; Tricia Olson; Angela & Michelle Perkins; Carrie, Cathy & Micah Perkins; Joshua Pollock, and Wendy Wheaton.

Junior Members Scrapbook

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OCTOBER'S PARTY



OAK



PAPER
BIRCH

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came---
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gayly fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "Hands Around".

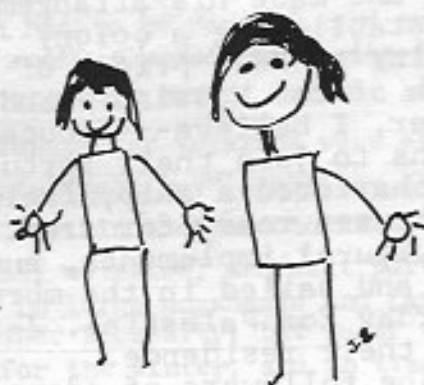
...George Cooper



SUGAR
MAPLE



CHESTNUT



Happy Birthday, Pineneedles!

SCHOOL-IN-THE-WOODS first fall session will be on Saturday, September 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at 'The Cabin' on Pocumoonshine Lake, and will feature a walk to the Brook, and a 1st year Birthday Cake.

Our Scrapbook page
this issue Complements
of 'The Studio Gallery'
at Roque Bluffs, Me.

Who will be
OUR 1st Bellringer?



Clark; Brian & Seth Davis; Matthew Day; Russel Goettel; Alexis & Rachel Hertz; Nathan Holst; Nathan
David, Emily & Jennifer Sanford; Alecia, Jenny & Timmy Sears; Linda Seavey; Oliver & Sarah Smith;

Jellison; Arwyn & Lortien Kaminsky; Amanda & Cory Kubinak; Beckery; Quentia Souza; Danny &
Tiffany Smith; Todd Smith; Amanda & Heather Sprague; Mark, Nerley

Stephen Knowles; Kevin & Mark MacDonald; Robert McArthur; Michael McArthur; John Mitchell; Elizabeth
Hanna Sullivan; Jeffery, Joey, Tanya & Tracey Wallace; Heather Weeks; Jill & Robin Wheaton; Leigh

BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE STATE LIBRARY
(Listing compiled by L. Austin Gray)

Hinckley Township: written in 1800s about Grand Lake Stream, includes family histories. Tells of wolves & grave of the British Drummer Army Boy at the Stream.

The Revolution, Life of Hannah Weston (with history of Jonesboro, Machias, and neighboring towns) by George W. Drisko. Includes genealogies of Seaveys and Hanscoms, etc. of Crawford. 1st edition 1857; 2nd edition pub. 1903.

Drisko's History of Machias, published 1904.

Earliest Records of Machias, Maine 1767-1827, by Beulah H. Jackman. Births, deaths, marriages, etc.

Averill Genealogy (in two volumes) includes Averill, Seavey, Harmon, Hanscom, etc. in Sandwich, Mass; Machias, Northfield, Wesley, Crawford, etc.

Memorials of the Loyalist Families of William Moore, Josiah Hitchings, and Robert Livingston of St. David N.B. Written by John Elliot Moore and published in 1898.

The Annals of Calais Maine & St. Stephen, New Brunswick by Rev. I.C. Knowlton (1875) also gives general on Moores & Hitchings. Recent reprint in soft cover now called Beginings: The Settlement of the St. Croix Valley: published by Print 'N Press Ltd., St. Stephen, N.B.

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HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD-CRAWFORD 1830

John Morrice	Thomas Nason
Robert Noddin	Hiram R. Nason
Ebenezer Ayres	John Love
Simon Philbrooks	James Love
William Noddin	George S. Dwelley
John Bird	Aaron Sevey
Oliver Huntley	William Sevey
Simeon Ayres	John Sevey
William Fenlason	Jedediah Dwelley
Jacob Stevens	Daniel Gooch
Edward Sevey	Ebenezer Hanscom
Jonathan Babcock	James Hanscom
Jeremiah Staples	Elisha Beedle
Joseph Sevey	Henry Hanscom
Jacob Sevey	Elisha Hanscom
Joel Hanscom	Abraham Fletcher

WE WILL MISS YOU, CHUCK! Many of our members will remember Chuck Church of Crawford as a very kind, community minded man. It was he who organized volunteers to paint the little Crawford Church two years ago; and it was Chuckie who so generously offered his yard for our July 18 'Fish Fry' which turned out to be a fine success despite the hot humid afternoon and occasional shower. I recently learned through Ken Smith's column, Machias Valley News-Observer, that our master chef is a cousin of Kay (Cushing) Church, our dear member and Chuckie's wife. Our hearts go out to his family this time of bereavement.....JGD

Machias, Sunday, August 12, 1866

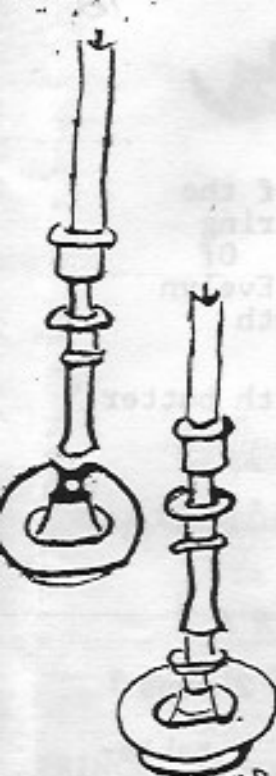
My Dear Sons,

I came directly here in the "City of Richmond," a beautiful boat, first put upon this route this season. Landed at Machias Port and came up here in a stage--4 miles--last evening. We touched at S.W. Harbor, Mt. Desert, Milbridge and Jonesport on the way.

At Jonesport there had been great excitement yesterday before we reached there. A Mr. Adams, who has a scheme of reconstructing the Holy-Land, having visited there and made his arrangements for establishing a colony---claiming to be a priest of the Church of the Messiah---and its founder, I believe---induced 150 persons to join their fortunes with his, chartered a ship, freighted it with houses ready for erection, agricultural implements, supplies, etc., and sailed in the morning of yesterday for Palestine. Jaffa is to be their residence.

The followers of Adams are represented as exceedingly enthusiastic in regard to their prospects. A man who sympathised with them came on board and said they went off with great courage, and he wished he was with them---should go. I was told that Adams people had more confidence in him than they had in Christ, whom they hold to be merely a man.

(From The Journals of John Edwards Godfrey, Bangor, Maine 1863-1869.
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AN OLD NAMING PATTERN

The first son was named after the father's father.
The second son after the mother's father.
The third son after the father.
The fourth son after the father's eldest brother.
The first daughter after the mother's mother.
The second daughter after the father's mother.
The third daughter after the mother.
The fourth daughter after the mother's eldest sister.

(Note: The above 'Naming Pattern' has been passed along by our genealogist, Ellen Fenlason, who reported, "Life would be easier for me if they had all followed this pattern." She reported it was passed on to her by Joseph Foss whose ancestors came from the Machias area. It was first published in the Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society April 1980, and reported in the Oregon Genealogical Society Bulletin, Winter 1980.

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PIONEERING AND PIONEERING by Millie Winckler

When we think of the pioneers most of us envision the tall, gaunt men and heavily skirted women behind plows or in front of "soddies" somewhere in Nebraska or the great plains area. Little do we realize how hard the pioneers of our own St. Croix valley worked and struggled, moving into the valley by ox-cart and finding more than stumps and trees to be removed before edible crops could be planted.

Before a garden spot could be cultivated or a field cleared for a hay crop, tons of rocks had to be removed, and every year's plowing turned up more rocks. Pasturing on rocky slopes carried the family cow or horse or ox through the summer but hay and corn were needed for the long, cold winter.

Revolutionary War veterans were enticed into the Robbinston, Perry, Pembroke area when their "back pay" could buy them a plot (usually 160 acres) of land but little else. On this they had to subsist.

Corn meal, molasses, and salt port were important staples in the diet. Molasses was imported in large hogsheads and family jugs were filled by the storekeeper. Salt was another necessity, but sugar was a luxury. Turnips, carrots, and potatoes stored well for the winter, and in time apples became the staple fruit. These could be dried and stored, but berries, though plentiful, required precious sugar which many could not afford.

These early settlers had to be completely self-sufficient. They bred a few sheep, spun their own wool and wove their own cloth. They made and repaired their own shoes, and knitted their own socks, mittens, and caps. Undoubtedly yankee ingenuity developed from necessity.

Yankee thrift became a characteristic. Nothing could be thrown away. Wash it, turn it, patch it, re-dye it, "make it do". "Waste not, want not" was the watchword.

Not all was hardship. The people loved the land and their independence in it, and we all owe a great debt to the sturdy qualities of character they were able to hand on to us, their descendents.

Our Ancestors Receipts

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Our charter member, Mrs. Wesley Carroll (who is also co-founder of the Machiasport Historical Society and its president emeritis) is sharing her Grandmother Warren's splendid old recipes with us this issue. Of the 122 members who joined our A-CHS in its charter year (1980), Evelyn was the very first - and she has been most supportive in our growth ever since.

GRANDMOTHER WARREN'S BLUEBERRY CAKE: " Bake on sheet and serve with butter."

1 egg	2 teaspoons cream tartar
1 cup sugar	2½ cups flour
butter size of an egg	1 pint blueberries, floured
½ cup milk	Cinnamon to flavor
1 teaspoon soda	

ALSO HER RIBBON CAKE:

Cream 1½ cups sugar with ½ cup butter. Add 3 eggs, ½ cup milk and 2 cups flour sifted with 2 scant teaspoons baking powder.

Take out 1/3 of batter and add to it spices and ½ cup currant, 1 table-spoon molasses.

Bake two 'light' layers and one 'dark' layer in three pie tins of the same size. Put together: light, dark, light using jelly or any preferred icing.

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