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Alexander-Crawford
History Society

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PLINEY FROST TO DISCUSS
'ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSES'
AT NOVEMBER 16 MEETING

The old school districts of our community, and their locations, will be featured in Pliney's talk when we meet at 10a.m. at the Dudleys' cabin. All members and potential members are invited to attend, and share the corn chowder which will follow. Bring a sandwich.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE DEC. 14

Samly Saunders of Calais will be the speaker for our 3rd annual Christmas Coffee 10 a.m. at Pocomoonshine Lake.

SOCIETY'S LIBRARY
RECEIVES VALUABLE BOOKS

Mrs. Gladys Ayer Bridges of Charlotte has just donated some very special historical books. The complete listing will be included in our Jan. newsletter. Among them are two 1866 leather-bound volumes of Horace Greeley's The American Conflict, a History of the Great Rebellion in the United States of America. The gifts have been made in the name of her father, William Ayer (b. Feb. 21, 1851) in Charlotte; an original oil of the famous Herald Tribune journalist, painted by Mr. Ayer, has also been donated by his daughter.



PETE (WALTER) JAMES of Alexander yards out the Spruce and Fir he cut with a chainsaw from his woods along the old Black's Rd. (now called the Airline, or Route 9). In earlier days his ancestors cut with bucksaw, axe and possibly a 2-man crosscut, then yarded out with horses. Pete holds a 'wood hook' in his right hand such as the oldtimers used.



Time to Renew!

A-CHS MEMBERSHIP 8½¢ A MONTH

DOLLAR MEMBERSHIPS DUE IN JANUARY:
 Due to the rapid increase in our membership (Now we are 351!) We are changing our records to a yearly basis, which means everyone's annual dollar membership fee will be due in January of each year.

To make this 'change over' easier, you will find a little red flower here if your 1983 dues are not paid. (For those who have partially paid their 1983 dues, credit will be given if requested.)

We have purposely kept the dues low (only 8½¢ a month) so everyone interested in our area history can afford to join the society, attend the functions free, and receive our newsletters.

MAILINGS: Some of our local members have arranged with the editor to pick up their papers at one of two community collection sites; all

others need to supply six (20¢) stamps to have their papers mailed directly to them. (Your editor will continue to notify you when your stamps run out.)

We would like to thank the following Supporting Members for their extra contributions since our last newsletter was mailed: Evelyn Carroll, John & Marie Dudley, Eva Filfield, Rose & Lois Frankel, Leona Keen, Don & Purriel Lovell, Geneva Perkins, Ruth Proctor Page, Lloyd & Eunice Thaxter, Lloyd & Mary Williams, Gene & Estelle Monahan, & Rhoda Bowman.

A regular membership is \$1.00 a year, a supporting membership is any amount over the dollar. (Of course, stamps remain at \$1.20 for the six yearly mailings.)

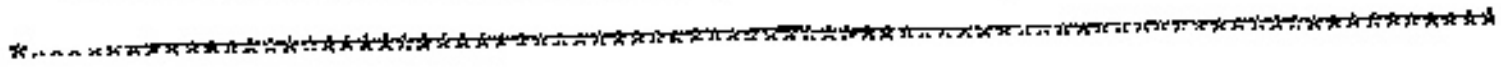
ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Coolidge and Mansfield in their history of New England tell us that the first settlers of Township #16, now Alexander, were Annaniah Bohanon, Samuel Cattel, William D. Crockett, George Hill, Paul Morse, Solomon Perkins, Caleb Pike and Cyrus Young, in the years 1810-11.

Annaniah Bohanon, by his own account in an article first published in 1870 and reprinted in the Calais Advertiser in 1935, tells us that he himself came to the Township in 1811 along with William D. Crockett, Eliab Spring and others.

Annaniah settled on lot #65 and built his home there near the south east corner of this lot which he acquired from the Bingham Heirs. It was here that he and his wife raised their family of several children, viz: Madford, Hiram, John, Amelia, Hannah, Margaret, Jones A., and Samuel, and here he lived upwards of some sixty years.

At about 1870, heeding the call of the West, he said his goodbyes to family, friends and neighbors and traveled to Minnesota; there to spend his remaining years.

The Machias Union takes note of his passing under date of June 21, 1880: "I have just heard of the passing of Mr. Annaniah Bohanon formerly of this town who died in Brooklin, Minn. the 3rd day of March last. When the place was a wilderness he was one of the first settlers. He lived here upwards of sixty years and was one of the Selectmen and Assessors almost continuously during all that time. He left this place some ten years ago, since to live with a son in Minnesota. He has one son and one daughter now living in this town. He was a man of sterling integrity."

When the township was first settled, and for some time thereafter, most families had their own private burial place, and the Bohanons were no exception. A short distance east of Annaniah's dwelling the departed members of his family were laid to rest. When John H. Dudley and this writer visited this burial plot this past summer we found the graves uncared for, and the stones marking the last resting places of the departed in sad disarray.

It would appear that here rests Mr. Bohanon's wife, a son-in-law Elijah Brown, and at least two grandchildren Ora and Walter C., children of son Jones., (a descendant says that Annaniah is also buried here), and perhaps others in unmarked graves. "Thus here in the silence the departed await the return of the redeemer."

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