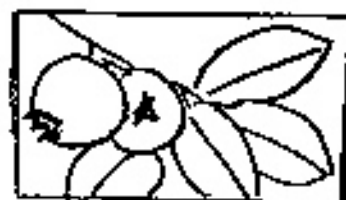




A-CHS



Alexander-Crawford Historical Society, Washington County, Maine

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(400 MEMBERS WHO LOVE MAINE!!)

NUMBER 29

A L E N D A R

TUESDAY, MARCH 15: 'SHOW AND TELL' -

Members are urged to take various artifacts to this 'almost' Spring meeting. Harold Fenlason, our vice president, will lead the discussion. Harold has some very interesting stories - and collectibles to also display.

June 21
TUESDAY, APRIL 19: 'SMUGGLING DOWNEAST'

This intriguing subject of earlier days will be covered by Jack Dudley during his informal talk.

Both Open Board-Program Meetings will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at the Dudleys' cabin on Pocomoonshine Lake. We will have a Sandwich Lunch at noon with the hostess serving dessert (*members & potential members only*).
The Executive Board thanks Tim Sanford and Ellie's "Mrs. Moonie" for their donations & efforts in obtaining 30 matching soup bowls for our chowder & salad lunches. We also thank Mary Williams and Margaret Neal for the soup bowls they have donated to A-CHS' future kitchen.

SCHOOL-IN-THE-WOODS 3-month Saturday sessions begin March 5. See Page 13 to read about some very special guests.

TUESDAY, MAY 17: COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The following members have volunteered to bake their de-licious Chocolate Cakes for our 3rd annual 'WALK' at the Alexander Grange Hall: Phyllis Archer, Marilyn Carle, Marian Cousins, Zela Cousins, Jane Dudley, Vicki Elliot, Duffy Flood, Albert James, Kay Keck, Melva Keene, Clarice Perkins, Ellie Sanford, Karen Sears, Ken & Kathy Smith, Jan Sullivan, Ethel Wallace and Mary Williams. **SURPRISE!** Read "Great American Cooks" by Susan Mahrke in LANKEE Magazine's forthcoming MAY issue. It features our A-CHS May 27th Chocolate Cake Walk!!

MAINE became the 23rd State, March 15, 1820 - which is also the 'Ides of March', and President Andrew Jackson's birthdate in the year 1751.



CRAWFORD FAMILY moved to Seattle 1889. Henry LeRoy Seavey & Rose Jane Fenlason married Aug. 23, 1874. Children: Ethel Charlotte, and (1 to 2) Chandler, Erman and Aubrey. (See Page 11)

Downtown Miracle

An A-CHS Miracle is occurring! In just 2½ years of our existence as a Historical Society, our membership has risen to around 400! Twenty-six have joined since our Jan/Feb. newsletter was mailed. (See Page 9).

It is with great appreciation that your society thanks the following Supporting Members for their thoughtful 1983 contributions: Gladys Ayer Bridges, Marilyn Carle, Doris & Marian Cousins, Zeta Cousins, Lois Dudley Donnell, Ruby Farris, Clinton & Dolly Flood, John & Pat Foley, Hattie Frost, Hazel Frost, Mildred Gay, Deanne L. Greenlaw, Hilda Greenlaw, Margaret Harmon, Sharon Howland, Pete & Alberta James, Gordon Lord, Fern Strout Mellon, Joy Malloy, Teresa Gray, Norman, Grace Usher, Glenn & Hilda Sylvia, Luther & Goline Thornton, Alice Varnum Williams, Lloyd & Mary Williams, Beulah Frost Williams, and Phyllis Cousins Hall who requested her donation go into our Building Fund.

MEMBERSHIP: Regular (one person) \$1.00;
Supporting, anything over a dollar;
Family membership (3 children or more) \$5.00.
ALSO: Six (20¢) stamps are required
to mail your yearly A-CHS newsletter.

St. Patrick's Day



It's Never too High
for the Likes of Us.

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ALEXANDER SCHOOLS 1981

BY PLINEY FROST

(The following text is taken from the introduction of Alexander-School's 1849-1981, a 45-page manuscript compiled and written by Pliney Frost, our Alexander historian who donated a copy to our A-CHS files. Thank you, Pliney, from all of us.)



In an attempt to put together as complete records of the several single room schools in Alexander as was possible, it was necessary to gather the information from various sources, such as old newspaper clippings, Selectmen's Ledgers, and Annual Town Reports where ever available. As a result we are indebted to the late Annaniah Bohanon, one of the first eight settlers of Alexander, for the account of the first schools in the then Township No. 16. This, according to Mr. Bohanon was in the year 1822.

He informs us that there were two log school houses built for that purpose: one near Mr. Scribner's, now the home of Mrs. Zela Cousins, the other on or near Burnt Barn Hill somewhere near one-half mile west of the Cooper road and on the road leading from the Cooper road to Breakneck Hill (Breakneck Hill road so called).

Mr. Brastos taught the school near Scribners', a Mr. Prince taught the school on Burnt Barn Hill.

The next account we have comes from the Selectmen's Ledger the year 1849, a lapse of twenty seven years. From then until 1870 the records are fairly complete as the reader will observe from the following pages. However once again in 1870 the record becomes silent as to whom the teachers were or their individual pay. However, through the courtesy of Gertrude Strout Winter we have a few brief accounts; they are listed as items one through twelve, pages 11 and 12.

Starting with the year 1893 the records are fairly complete with the exception of the years 1943 and 44.

Regards to where the several schools were located, this compiler had reference to the 1861 Map and 1881 Washington County Atlas. As to dates when the several school houses were built we have records of only two. The school house in District No. 4, later District No. 3 or Cedar School in 1901. Before this building was constructed District No. 4 was for the most part a joint district with Cooper sometimes referred to as North Union School.

The consolidated school was constructed in 1956.

The school building in District No. 1, it would seem, was at its present location, at least by the early 1860's. Prior to that the building may have been located across the road from where it now stands.

What we know today as the Alexander Community Club and Fire Department building was in the early days the North East School District School. This building stands on or near the plot of land conveyed by Cornelius Lyon to the North East School District at an early date. It is interesting to note that this conveyance was to the school district rather than to the Town.

(Please turn to Page 4)

The District 3 building was in place at least as early as 1849. It was discontinued about the mid or late 1920s. It would seem that this may have been a joint venture with the town of Baileyville, as there were families living on both sides of the town line. Nothing was found in the records to tell us that this was the case.

Old District No. 5 school near the home of Mr. J. Ward on Breakneck, was there prior to 1861. (Reference, 1861 Map). Perhaps much earlier.

Original District No. 6 school sessions were most likely held in some private home within the district, or combined with District No. 1, or the Crawford school on the Arm Road (perhaps all three, sometimes) until it was abolished in 1881. The school building near "Sears Corner" most likely was built after 1881 and was discontinued before 1920. Stephen E. Frost and Roy Hunnewell bought the building and removed it for their private use.

School year 1908-09 had Florence E. Frost as Supt. of Schools, the only woman in the 160 years history of Alexander's schools to hold this position. Miss Frost was a former teacher.

At least three people who taught in the schools here were then, or later Ministers of the Gospel - namely Abner S. Townsend, George M. Bailey and W. P. Greenlaw.

Thomas T. Abbott taught several terms in Alexander schools, later was Sheriff of Somerset County. Mr. Abbott's name appears frequently in the accounts as a town official of Alexander.

Belcher W. Tyler, another teacher in the Alexander schools, served two terms in the Maine House of Representatives in 1860, and again in 1866. He was also a Justice of the Peace and town official.

Alice L. Berry taught school in Alexander in the 1860s. She became the wife of John W. Dwelley. Three of their children also taught in Alexander, namely Sadie, Eda and Carrie. At least five grandchildren were to become teachers: Muriel, Lillian, Alice, Adla Varnum and Linwood Dwelley. Several great grandchildren, among them George, Norman and Harley Dwelley; another Rev. Aubrey, brother of George presently a merchant in East Machias.

George B. Berry taught in the schools of Alexander, also served as Supt. of Schools. He was Town Treasurer and Post Master several years. Mr. Berry was a brother of Alice L. Berry. Daughter Lula M. was a teacher in the schools here. She married

Ernest Perkins. Grandson Vinal Perkins taught in the schools of Alexander and Codyville. He now resides in Calif. This Compiler was a student of his at the Four Corners in 1926-27. George B., son of George Marshall, was also a teacher and town official living presently in Portland, Me. A great grandson Rev. Ernest Perkins resides in N.H.

Miss Adelaide Smyth (Smith) taught school in Alexander in 1855 and again 1857. She became the wife of Solomon O. Strout Jr. Their daughter Florence was teacher in District No. 5 in the Spring of 1877. Granddaughter Miss Blanche Seamans was teaching in 1902 and several years thereafter she married Ernest Wilson veteran of the Spanish American War. Miss Smyth was the grandmother of Gertrude Strout Winter.

Entry Selectmen's ledger July 1, 1903, teacher District No. 1, the name Lewis J. Frost; entries of Mar. 16, 1908 & Mar. 18, 1911 lists him as Supt. of Schools. The only time we found two members of the same family that were both school teachers and supt. of Schools. Mr. Frost was the third member of the Board of Assessors in 1907 with G. P. Flood and Wm. H. Crafts. He was Town Treasurer from 1913-23 at other times member board of Selectmen, Tax Collector and Republican Ballot Clerk. His public life spanned a period of more than 60 years. Perhaps a record in Alexander. We acknowledge and greatly appreciate being allowed unlimited excess to the Selectmen's Ledgers by the present board: Carleton E. Davis, Frederick A. Wallace and Kenyon Smith; to them we say 'Thank you'. * * *

CEDAR SCHOOL

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Photo lent by Evelyn Pottle of Perry. The Alexander building still stands, and is the present home of Larry and Kay Keck. (All three are A-CHS charter members).

Front row(left to right); Leta Flood, Leota Perkins, Jennie Bailey, Geneva Flood, and Neil Dwelley. Back row: Oliver Dwelley, Etta Flood, Avis Knowles, Ella Kinney Flood, teacher Belle Carlow, Marcia Flood, (?) Small; Raymond Flood, John Dwelley, Roy Carlow and Clayton Perkins.

(Can anyone supply the year this photo was taken? Contact the editor).



NOTES FROM OUR GENEALOGIST, Ellen Fenlason, Danforth, Maine: "In our book of records from microfilm are found the families of John Gooch and Rufus K. Lane. They list Eliza Jane Chase and Mary Eliza Gooch. I also went back several generations and sent the information to Rae Clinesmith of Nevada (last A-CHS P.8) who was interested.

Since I sent the information, I dug a little more. Rae is a direct descendant of William Vance. (The Town of) Baring used to be called Vance's Mills; Vanceboro, Me. is named for him; and Charlotte, Me. is named for his wife Charlotte.

Eliza Jane Chase, the daughter of Enoch and Ann (Vance) Chase was a stepdaughter of Rufus Lane. He married Eliza's mother after her father was drowned while river driving. The record says that Eliza Jane (Chase) Gooch was born in Township #17. Ephraim Abbott, the frontier missionary said, March 24, 1812, "In #17 (Princeton or Poke Moonshine) there are but four families and 29 people. Nineteen are children, and only three know the alphabet. Eliza Jane was born in October 1813. Evidently these families were not permanent settlers, for Moses Bonney is called the first settler of Princeton, 1815.

Mrs. Clinesmith is also in the Sevey family. Her ancestor is Betsy Sevey, daughter to Joseph and Sarah (Scott) Sevey. Ebenezer Gooch, father of John was one of the earliest settlers in Alexander, coming there in 1818. In the story of the well accident (see A-CHS No 11, March 1981) do you remember that one man who attempted to rescue Joel Gooch got out of the well alive? That was this John Gooch who lived on Breakneck Hill near the Phillips family (Carlow Place)." Ellen adds, "This research was fun!"

6. Letters from Our Members



Charlene Norman, 30 East Drive, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540: "I am interested in Ellen and Harold Fenlason's project copying films at the Maine State Archives and wonder if they have it all in Book form and if it is possible to put in my order for one. I feel that so many would like a copy."

(Ed. Harold reports it would cost about \$25.00 to have this 100-page manuscript photostated. Such an A-CHS printing project might be considered in the future if enough prepaid subscribers warranted such a publication. Ellen says a number of question marks have been placed through the text for further confirmation by researchers at the State Archives).

"Several years ago my Dad sent me copies of Crawford Marriages 1827-1900, if this is not something you have in your library I would be glad to send you a copy or answer any queries the readers may have concerning their ancestors who married there, such as Daniel A. Smith m. Emma Dwelley, both of Crawford, July 1, 1866 (Hello, Ken and Kathy!) Would like to correspond with any one researching the Crawford-Gray-Hanscom-Day-Bidell-Weed families." *(We are happy to report that your A-CHS Archives does have such a manuscript which members may examine on our library days...ed.)*

Fern Strout Mellor, 1160 Peerless Dr. NW, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311: Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 for 1983 dues and newsletter A-CHS. The extra \$2.80 isn't much 'support' but \$5 is such a low round figure for something that gives me much joy.

My husband died November 16 after a gallant fight against cancer.... While I was at my daughter's over the Christmas holidays I was browsing through a book she had brought home from the library where she works and found a reproduction of a watercolor done in 1927 by Edward Hopper entitled Captain Strout's House. The painting hangs in The Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn., from the Ella Gallup Sumner and Mary Cathin Sumner Collection. I wonder if this has any relevance to the Alexander Strouts? With all good wishes for the New Year."

Florence Daly, Augusta: "Your newsletter is astounding - such a lot of work - so many pages. I really don't see how you do it all! If you have so many members now, wouldn't it pay you to get a permit for bulk-mailing? Or do you have a way of distributing local letters without having to mail them? An organization must mail out a minimum of 200 each mailing - and you do pay \$40 for the permit and have to sort, bundle, weigh and compute a number of things each time. However the cost is 4.9 cents per item instead of 20c. Well, you probably looked into all this and decided against it - but I did wonder."

(Florence Daly knows of what she speaks! She edits a very fine monthly newsletter for the Kennebec Valley Art Association which maintains the 'Harlow Gallery' in historical Hallowell, Me. She is a professional artist with her 'Old Cannon Gallery' a studio at 7 Old Winthrop Rd., Augusta. Florence is past president of the art association.

A-CHS has been considering bulk mailing for a year now, but has two insurmountable hurdles: (1) bulk mailings are not forwarded to new addresses, but are thrown away rather than being returned to the sender. (This would distress your membership lady who keeps the records); (2) Your editor works on a breathless deadline each issue and just does not have the time to handle anyone's duties! She would require a strongly motivated 'circulation' staff to take over these extra responsibilities. Hopefully, these problems can be smoothed out in the not too far off future...ed.)

Year Of Our Pioneer Women

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HONORING EVELYN (KEENE) COUSINS

Charles Cousins (1864-1945) of Alexander took this 1913 picture of his fine family which has been loaned by his daughter Hazel Cousins Frost.



Evelyn (Keene) Cousins (center) surrounded by her children, sits before the Charles Cousins farmhouse on the Pocumoonshine Lake Road where now stands Joe Pennington's cabin near the Cousins' old apple tree. Back row (l to r) Harold Ruby, Hazel and Clarence. Middle row: (l to r) Leota, Elva, Mrs. Cousins, Linnie and Omar. Front row: Orris and Ronald.

Charles and Evelyn were wed July 2, 1891 by Rev. John D. McGraw. They had 11 children. There were five boys and six girls.

They were: Clarence (1891-1939) a soldier in World War I who was wounded in France, and died at Togus in 1939; Harold (1893-1974) of Alexander; Linnie (Cousins) McArthur (1895-1964); Mina, deceased at age two years; Elva (Cousins) Seamans (1898) Woodland; Ruby (Cousins) Farries (1900), Charlotte; Hazel (Cousins) Frost (1902), Alexander; Omar of Gray (1904); Leota (Cousins) Flood (1906-1953) of Alexander; Ronald (1908-1980), and Orris (1911), Alexander.

Charles passed away June 12, 1945; Evelyn died on August 18, 1941. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 2, 1941.

Evelyn (Evie) Keene Cousins was born on March 6, 1873 in Cooper and lived there until she married Charles at age eighteen. She was a great lover of flowers and worked continually with them. She had a large out-door garden and all kinds of house plants. She was one who was never idle, always busy making quilts, rugs, knitting, etc.

It has been written: "She kept up a wide correspondence with the young as well as the old. To know her was to love her. Each daily task was met with a smile. Her home was often filled with relatives and friends of which she had many. Strangers always found a welcome there."

J. Letters

Sharon Howland, 16 Union St., Waterbury, Vt. 05676: I read about the A-CHS in Calais Advertiser. While reading micro-films in Augusta 3 years ago I picked one up for Alexander. I knew that Belcher Tyler, buried in the Alexander Cemetery, was a nephew of my 4th Great Grandfather, Belcher Tyler who is buried in St. Stephen rural cemetery. What surprised me was to find my 3rd Great Grandfather, Isaac Howland and family listed. I had looked everywhere for him. He was living in what is now Lambert Lake in 1850. In 1856, in Alexander, was recorded Isaac Howland, his wife Elizabeth Taylor and their children. After that, I don't know what happened to them.
(More excerpts from this letter in our next Newsletter...ed.)


Deborah Rand, Brewer: "My Jan/Feb A-CHS newsletter came today and, as usual I am very impressed and pleased with it. Your Executive Committee is really blessed with hard and competent workers. How I wish I were nearer to participate and help. Sounds as though you are having a lot of fun besides the work. Good! I am putting your summer dates on my calendar in hopes I can come to at least one meeting."

Jeffrey E. Brown, RFD #3, Box 220, Winthrop, Me. 04364: "After seeing a few issues of your newsletter, I'm hooked! Enclosed find my dollar and stamps for dues and postage. I'm looking forward to the next issue already. In additions, I am looking for documentation that Moses Brown was the son of Samuel "Bog" Brown of Alexander/Princeton, as stated in Early Princeton -- and information on Moses Brown and his family in general; and though not Alexander, I'm looking for proof of the parents of John Vance of Princeton, who married Eliza Sprague--and information on all the Vances of the area.

Ruth Curran Van Order, Klamath Falls, Oregon: "Just a short note to let you know I did not receive my latest issue of A-CHS. My friend Leola Higgins received her copy two weeks ago. Grace's drawing of great uncle's (James) Jeffery's home was beautiful! You put out the nicest newsletter and so full of news. Being a member of A-CHS is very enjoyable."

Dear Mrs Dudley -

Enclosed are our dues, postage, and pin money for 1983.
 I very much enjoyed the sketch of the old Jeffery place in the most recent ACHS newsletter. I've passed the house so often and always thought how charming it must have looked in its day, and wondered who owned it. The little chimney in the ell always looks especially delightful to me.

A careful mason did a lovely job on it. The wind deflector is a brick arch:  A few bricks are missing or beginning to fall out of line now, but you can still see what pride and care went

 (From Mrs. Virginia Weston of Rumford Center): "Please send your newsletters to Mrs. Gertrude Mellows of Anson. She is a granddaughter of Sylvester McLaughlin of Alexander. I am a great granddaughter."

into its construction. I find details of that sort fascinating. They are emblematic of a quality once taken for granted, and now seldom seen.

A productive new year to the Historical Society.

CORRECTION: Ervin & Viola Robert's address was incorrect in our last letter. It should have read: 66 Hillcrest Ave., South Portland, Me. 04 06, NOT "Hillside" as printed...ed.

John and Pat Foley and their children live in a very handsome stone house on the Airline in Alexander which they built themselves using rocks from their own land which is not far from the old Jeffery Place...ed.

Best wishes,
 Pat Foley

Happy 80th, Rupert!

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Native son and daughters, celebrating their birthdays (75 years or older) this month include:

Rupert Day (b. March 28, 1903 in Crawford) Sunrise Apts., Calais 04619

Inez Lehan Frost (b. April 2, 1906 in Alexander) Sunrise Apts., Calais.

Edna Flood Perkins (b. April 6, 1894 in Alexander) Woodland, Me. 04694

Alberta Harriman (b. April 30, 1905 in Alexander) Sunrise Apts., Calais.

Alexander & Crawford natives, who have reached 75 years should register with Mary Williams, Waite, Me. 04492, our corresponding secretary, to receive a hand-written congratulatory card on their birthdays. Mary needs the date, town in which they were born, and the present address.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Fanola MacArthur Achley, Princeton;
Freda A. Adams, St. Cloud, Fla.; Max &
Mac Berry, Calais; Jeffrey Brown,
Winthrop; Linwood & Diane Brown,
Pleasant Lake; Carolyn MacArthur Cilly,
Woodland; Carleton Davis, Woodland;
David Davis, Crawford; Wyatt Edgerly,
Bangor; Vicki Elliot, Alexander;
Lois Griffith, Monmouth; Beanne
Greenlaw and Hilda Greenlaw, Alexander;
Florence Hutton, Charlotte; Lana
McArthur Hood, Woodland; Sharon
Howard, Waterville, Vi.; Floyd
Hunnewell, Alexander; Ormonda & Verra
Lowell, Waite; Bertha Cheney MacArthur,
Woodland; Elvira MacArthur, Alexander;
Vive Early MacArthur, Princeton;
Gertrude Pellows, Anson; Edward
Perkins, Alexander; Eula Perkins,
Cooper; Deborah Jane Reese, Upper
Montclair, N.J.; Eva MacArthur Sadler,
Woodland.

WELCOME TO OUR YOUNGEST MEMBER:
Mathew Joseph Lord, born Feb. 10, 1983
to Terry & Lisa (Gillespie) Lord of
Alexander. Grandparents are Lawrence
& Hilda Lord of Alexander, and
Mrs. Dale Gillespie of Meddybemps
(the former Jane Crosby of Cooper.)



To the One I Love

LATE 1800 GIFTS: Our director Eunice Thaxter of Addison, and her husband Lewis, have donated two beautifully illustrated books by Irene E. Jerome: One Year's Sketchbook (1888), and Nature's Hallelujah (1886) to our library. Also a handsome copy of The World of Birds by James Fisher & Roger Tory Peterson (Great Britain Pub.) and Clement's Nature Atlas of America (Ridge Press).

A-CHS BACK COPIES AVAILABLE:

1980 (Issues 1-8) out of print.
1981 January issue (1-page):
March, April, May, June,
July (2-pages).
1982: Mar/Apr. issue (10 pages)
May/Jun, Sept/Oct, 12 pages.
Cost of above: 15¢ each issue
regardless of number of pages;
plus mailing costs (envelope
and stamps.)

A THOUGHTFUL LETTER

(from a Lake George, New York member)

I have really enjoyed receiving the Newsletter from the A-C Historical Society. Also, I was referred to Rev. Verna Lowell by your genealogist and have received help on my genealogical problems, both from Verna and Mrs. Fenlason.

I have a suggestion to make. I realize that living out of your area that the project I have in mind is a lot of work, and that thinking up work for others to do may be somewhat out of line.

In my work on the Brown genealogy - I find frequently, on the sheets which Roberta Wheaton sent me and recently in my correspondence with Rev. Lowell that there are many small cemeteries - on farms, etc. which are in danger of not only becoming overgrown - but completely lost if those who now know about them do not do something to either preserve them - or to record the data on the stones.

My suggestion is that your organization could spearhead a project to record all the data on the tombstones on all of the small cemeteries in your area - and turn the data over to MOCA so that it would be available to many who are researching their ancestors in your area. I am sure that MOCA and perhaps other local groups would be interested in working on this type of project.

I have had a little experience - and had at least one friend that got very involved in cemetery data recording. It takes more perseverance than anything else. Persons of all ages can participate - including young people as long as they copy everything conscientiously, exactly as it is on the stones - it is not at all difficult.

I am sure that making suggestions that involve this much work are presumptuous - but it would be a very worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Nov. 18, 1982

LaRue T. Brown

A-CHS NEWSLETTER welcomes your comments, letters, old photos and clippings, heritage recipes, and suggestions for possible publication. (Material will be returned if requested). Write EDITOR, A-CHS Newsletter, RR #1, Box 1616, Alexander, Me. 04694

"Pliney Frost and I have started the project mentioned in Mrs. Brown's letter. We hope that publication of this information in an A-CHS newsletter will prompt members to inform us of any burying places we haven't found."

Dec. 1982

John Herbert Dudley
A-CHS director

Freda L. Adams, St. Cloud, Fla.: "I would like to become a member of A-CHS and am enclosing my dues and stamps for the year. I would also like to know if you have any back issues available. My sister Alberta James of Alexander sent me your July/August 1982 issue.

(We do have some back issues, and will list them elsewhere in this newsletter. Freda Perkins Adams was the eighth child of Lenora E. Perkins (1844-1968) of Alexander. Her sister Alberta Perkins James was the baby of the family which numbered 14 children.)

Hilda E. Sylvia, Bernard, Me.: "It was nice receiving the A-CHS recently, even if we only recognize a small portion of the people, they are Down-easters and this says it all! Soon Spring will return and we can again fish our favorite lakes, West and East Grand."

Charles Smith, Orono: "I received a very informative letter in response to your write-up for me. A Mr. L. Austin Gray of Wesley supplied information on a hitherto unknown (to me) brother of Haskel Smith, a George Washington Smith of Northfield. He also gave me a lot of other valuable information. Many thanks!"

"The Seaveys are genuine English. We can trace them back to the English 'Zevie' in the 1500s."

11.



Edward Sevey, Jr. (1812-1882) and his wife, Julia Ann Noddin Sevey. (1828-1905)

"Thomas Severy (b. 1628) in Devonshire, England, died March 15, 1707 in Portsmouth, N.H. He came to the Isle of Shoals in the 1640s to join his Uncle William Seavey who came over in 1632. Thomas later moved to Portsmouth, Rye, N.H. 'Married, Tamsen listed with 6 children'. Your A-CHS file has the lineage from Thomas Seavey down to Henry LeRoy Seavey (see front page.)

Edward Sevey, Jr. (1812-1882) was born in Machias. Married April 14, 1844 to Julia Ann Noddin (1828-1905), daughter of Robert Noddin of Cooper, and Betsy Pines of the same town. Edward Jr. was a Justice of the Peace in 1855. He lived and died in Crawford, Me.

The couple had 13 children: Angeline J. (1845-1864); Laura E. (1846-1864); Lorena E. (?); Lorenzo (1850); Henry LeRoy (1842-1910); Emma Ann (b. 1854); Addie (1856-1922); Augustus L. (1859-1900); Augustella (b. 1859); Abby Emma (b. 1862); Herbert LeRoy (1864); Julia Belle (b. 1866); Evie Larrie (d. 1934).

Grace Ober's informative 108-page papercovered book, "Woodland - The Village in Baileyville" was published in 1915 by the Calais Advertiser. There are still some copies left for the history buffs and researchers. Cost, \$5.00 if you pick it up at her home, 42 Summit Street, Woodland, Me. 04694; \$6.00 if you wish it mailed. Grace can be reached at 427-3220.



CORRECTION: Whoops! Did it again! Misnumbered your 1983 Jan/Feb. Newsletter. It should be marked No. 28, NOT 27! Sorry!

"There is no vacant chair,
To Love is still to Have."

Obituaries

VINAL M PERKINS

Oroville, California-Alexander, Maine. Vinal M. Perkins, 77, died at an Oroville, California hospital January 10, 1983 after a brief illness. Born in Alexander, Maine, December 30, 1905, the son of Ernest and Lou (Berry) Perkins. He is survived by his wife Ellen, 1 son Vinal M., 5 daughters Etoile Anderson, Myrna Lou Kaylor, Carol Wieties, Linda Franklin and Dale Grimm, all of Oroville. One brother G. Harold Perkins of Cool, California. 18 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 1 nephew, 2 nieces, and several cousins. Funeral services and burial were at Oroville.

Vinal Perkins lived in Alexander during his childhood and the first few years of marriage before moving to western Maine, and then to Calif. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

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LIBRARY NOTES



12.

A GIFT FROM GERTRUDE: A copy of the 1879 Reminiscences of a Newburyport Non-genarian, written by Sarah Anna Emery 104 years ago (1978 Heritage Books, Inc. reprint), has been donated to our A-CHS Library by charter member Mrs. George Winter, Jr. of Bucksport. The fascinating 344-page book, which will attract romanticists as well as researchers, is being presented in the memory of Martha Emery, wife of Nathaniel Bailey.

Martha was a Pioneer lady of our area from Cape Ann, Mass., whose travels took her to N.B., Canada, then to Calais, then to Bailey Hill and then Alexander! She married Nathaniel on August 6, 1761. (Her lineage in the book traces back to Gilbert D. Amery, a Norman Knight of Tours who in 1066 fought at Hastings with William the Conqueror. The Roll of Battle Abbey, where the names of the Conqueror's chieftains are recorded, gives the name as "Damery". See Page 134).

Mother of Nathaniel, Jr., who became the father of Lydia #1 and Ester #2, the wives of Solomon Strout #1, and Benjamin Strout #2, early settlers of Alexander.

And if this isn't quite enough, our Gertrude Strout Winter has donated a manuscript prepared by Jeffrey E. Brown of Winthrop (who since has joined our society) in memory of Martha Bryant, wife of Abial Sprague, Jr. who was an early settler of Sprague Falls, now called Woodland. Mother of six children (many descendants now living) at age 83 in 1830 she was "sewing pants for the young lumberman of Baileyville and South Princeton. She is probably buried in Baileyville on the South Princeton Rd. opposite the old Robert McLellan home, or under the Georgia-Pacific Mill which was an old cemetery.

What can I say, but a loving, thank you, Gertrude!

THANK YOU SO MUCH Sara Wilson, and the Washington County Extension, for the copies of Conifers of Maine booklets which will be distributed among those attending the School-in-the-Woods this Spring. Thank you, too, Mary Williams, for donating to our Archives the 1910 Snapshot Album of the Calais area created by Mabel Joyce; and Mildred Clarke for lending the editor her mother's and grandmother's precious scrapbooks of old clippings. Also thank you Ken & Kathy Smith for letting us keep your cherished 1903 'New Gold Medal Washburn-Crosby Cook Book' all this time!!!

A 'WASHINGTON COUNTY BIBLIOGRAPHY' for researchers and lovers of Maine books, has been compiled this winter by our charter member Roberta Wheaton of Princeton, who is also serving as librarian of the newly formed 'Grand Lake Stream Historical Society'. Roberta reports the listing does not include periodicals, and "is not to be considered a complete listing" though it runs to 6½ pages, indexing publications of which she has personal knowledge.

KILBY'S 1888 BOOK STILL AVAILABLE!

The 1982 reprint of 'Eastport and Passamaquoddy', compiled by William Henry Kilby, originally published in 1888, is now available at \$24.00, plus \$1.20 Maine sales tax, and \$1.00 shipping charge. Those interested should contact the 'Waterfront Research Committee', Border Historical Society, Eastport, Maine 04631.

A-CHS library has a copy of this marvelous account to which a forward and new appendices have been added. (Our copy was donated by the 'Grey Ghost of Pocomoonshine Lake.')

RESEARCHING OUR ANCESTORS:

Lewis Hardison of Texas has requested contacts for Portland, Bangor and Machias as he continues his search for his elusive 'Flanders & Lewis' ancestors: The Maine Historical Soc. 485 Congress St., Portland, Me. 04100; Bangor Historical Society, 159 Union, Bangor, Me. 04401, and the Machiasport Historical Society, Machiasport, Me. 04655. *Good luck, Lewis!* J.

JUNIORS' SCRAPBOOK

The 4th session of our School-in-the-Woods Natural History-Art Series, will be divided this Spring into three age groups:

MARCH, 11 to 15 years; APRIL, 8 to 10 year olds, and May 5 to 7 year olds. Dividing the group in this manner, we can program more interesting, suitable sessions for all of our Junior Members, and their friends who attend.

We will continue to meet on Saturday mornings, from 10:00 to 11:30, at the Durlays' cabin on Pocumtuck Lane. Following, are the March and April programs. The May sessions, for our youngest group, will be printed in the next newsletter.

MARCH 5th: "The Magic of a Pinch of Dirt" will be revealed by naturalist Doug Daw. at this meeting. Recently retired from Canadian Forestry Service, Doug is the Warden who planned & developed the beautiful New Brunswick 'Wren Trail'.

MARCH 12th: Washington County's Sgt. Carter Smith of the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Service will have some exciting tales for us!

MARCH 19th: Doug Mullen, Moosehorn Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge manager, will brief us on the 'Timber Doodle' who will soon be 'singing' on his spring nuptial flights over our Alexander-Crawford fields.

MARCH 26: "Rock Around Pokey" with David Libby of 'Calais Rocks and Mineral Club'. Dave says, "Be sure and bring your pet rock!"

APRIL 2: Naturalist Bill Townsend, from Acadia National Park, will be driving up from Bar Harbor especially to tell us about our 'Spring Birds'.

APRIL 9: A Nature Craft session will be conducted by Marlon Davis of Starboard Cove. Several of our Juniors know Mrs. Davis from the SCHOODIC CHAPTER children's summer weekend sessions at Crawford Lake.

APRIL 16: Spiderweb Party & Nature Treasure Hunt. (Bring your Golden Guide Non-Flowering Plants book.)

APRIL 23: 'Meet the Artists' is the title of this gathering. Ruth Hart of St. Stephen, and Barbara Kendall of Calais will bring some of their work to show us. They have some fun things planned, but won't tell your director what they are!

APRIL 30: May Baskets, and the Crowning of our 'Queen of May.'





Our Ancestors Receipts

DANDELION WINE #1

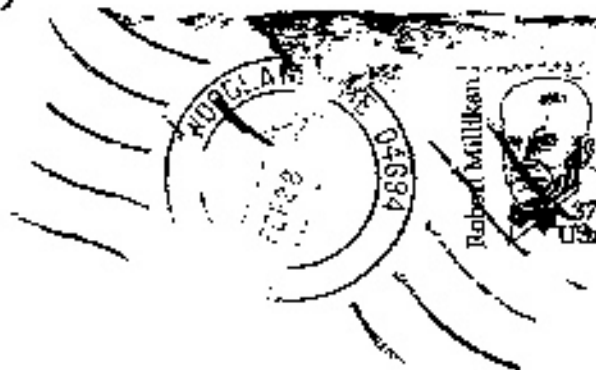
1 peck freshly picked flowers
3 gallons water

Boil 20 minutes and strain - to every gallon of liquid add 3 lbs. of sugar, rind of 2 oranges & 2 lemons.

Return to stove and boil 20 minutes more. Cool. When nearly cold, add 1 yeast cake and put in stone crock with pulp of oranges and lemons and $\frac{1}{2}$ box of raisins - leave to ferment for 6 to 7 weeks, then bottle.

"When I moved to this house," writes my niece Deborah Jane Reese, "I found, in the back of a kitchen drawer, two age darkened sheets of paper with two recipes for Dandelion wine in fine old handwriting like Poppie's. I never have tried them, but maybe you might like to." (Poppie was her grandfather Clifford Cooley Gerow 1874-1958, your editor's father.) A professional artist and writer (she didn't sketch the dandelion above) Debbie has donated two early 1900 cookbooks to our library, and an old tattered handwritten recipe scrapbook, author unknown. She will be receiving an A-CHS gift membership for Easter from her Aunt Jane.)

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