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Alexander-Crawford Historical Society, Washington County, Maine

MAY/JUNE 1983 *"God gives all men all earth to love,
But since man's heart is small,
Ordains for each one spot shall prove
Beloved over all..."* NUMBER 30

C A L E N D A R

SATURDAY, MAY 7: "A Morning with Marion" is scheduled for our Saturday morning session, for ages five through seven, at the School-in-the-Woods, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dudleys' cabin. Special guest will be Marion Davis of Starboard Cove, Machiasport. *Our older juniors will be serving as counselors during these May natural history programs. See P.13*

TUESDAY, MAY 17: "Folklore" is the colorful subject to be given by Commissioner Arnold Davis when we hold our 3rd Spring Community Program at the Alexander Grange Hall on the Cooper road.

The PUBLIC is invited to attend this early evening session which will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with our annual CHOCOLATE CAKEWALK which is now appearing in the May Issue of YANKEE Magazine. Admission will be free, but entrants in the cake walk will pay \$1.50.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21: Topic for our monthly meeting will be "Smuggling Downeast." *This program by Jack Dudley was set for April 19 but rescheduled so that our director, John Herbert Dudley, might present his fine "The European and North America Railroad" report while on school vacation. John is a teacher at Virginia School in Ruxford.*

'REVIVING THE OLD ARTS' Workshop: Tuesday mornings, June 7, 14 and 28 at our Crawford Church Summer headquarters. PUBLIC INVITED, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee pot will be simmering. Free admission.

TUESDAY, JULY 19: Our 3rd annual "HOMECOMING" starts 3 p.m. at the Dudley's, Pocomoonshine Lake. Potluck supper at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30: Our "Blueberry Festival" at A-CHS Crawford Church Summer Headquarters. Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11: A-CHS is sponsoring a fantastically beautiful slide program on our "COMMON LOON" by Princeton naturalist Buz Knapp, nationally known wildlife photographer. The PUBLIC is invited to the 7 p.m. showing at the Crawford Church. Refreshments. No admission.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16: "Poachers and Poaching" is the exciting title of the talk our very special guest, Edward (Sandy) Ives, will give when we hold our monthly open board session at Pocomoonshine Lake. Members will be inviting guests to meet the renown Univ. of Maine Folklore professor, and stay for the lakeside salad and sandwich luncheon which follows.



Crawford Schoolchildren (Circa?): First row: Gene Moraisey, Della Seavey, Stella Seavey, Georgia Seavey, Arline Grover, boy (?). Middle row: Mona Jeffery, Alta Jeffery, Lorin Moraisey, Berle Grover, Eva Seavey, Alice Moraisey, Syliva Grover. Back row: Herman Wallace, Vera Wallace, Berle Grover, Teacher Bert Legacy, Vivian Thistlewood, Gladys Grover, Ivan Jeffery, Zela Wallace. (photo loaned by John Thornton)

(Editor's note: Berle Grover's name appears twice in the identification on this photo, can someone straighten this out?)

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L O G G I N G

FALL 1952 - SPRING 1953

by Donald McLellan
of South Princeton Rd.



My brothers Marshall, Delwin, Avar - and our cousin Alton McLellan - started cutting pine logs in the Dog Brook area, north end of 'Poke' Lake. The first time was Fall of 1946 - Spring '47. We cut with crosscut saw and axes. We yarded logs out with Avar's bay horse "Barney", and paired him up with a black horse Marshall owned to yard large logs.

I drove Marshall's 1939 Chev. truck towing sleds we loaded at edge of woods where Dog Brook flowage ends. We delivered them on lake shore just above Alexander landing. A man by name of Labelle had a saw mill about where Stowell McGreagor used to have spool bar mill in 1930s. By Fall of 1952 Alton McLellan and I were the only two working cutting pine in that area.

(cd. note: Stowell McGreagor's spool bar mill - and later Labelle's saw mill were located between, what is now, Zela Cousin's camp and Dr. John Plunkough's home on the easterly shore of Pocomoonshine Lake.)

From where Dog Brook crosses Princeton road on way from South Princeton to Princeton, it makes a large circle up to the large truck road known now as 'Poky' road.

We traveled in the old West Princeton road always known as Jerusalem road, about half way from lake to Poky road, then we swing down toward the lake and crossed Dog Brook on a beaver flowage.

The hovel was built across flowage so if brook flooded we could still have our horses to work till water went down again. The old town bridge was still across brook on West Princeton road, and at times we had to walk clear in to that bridge and down brook to work and feed the horses.

"Barney" was hard to shoe. We had to rope each leg and get him down and tie each leg to trees so we could shoe him.

I think now his legs would itch and he would hoist one hoof to scratch, and would cut himself something terrible. When we got horse to edge of flowage it was froze over about six inches and all smooth. Being late in the afternoon we thought we could get him across that once to hovel so to have a day ahead to shoe him.

He was really a fine horse. He tried to make it with very little urging, but slipped and fell. We had to get on his head and quiet him down to lay still. We tied ropes across flowage and to us, then another to the horse's head and dragged him across. He slid across real easy.

We cut and piled logs and kept waiting for a bulldozer to make our road on other side of brook. About six inches of snow came and

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we cut the ice across brook and sunk ice to freeze deeper - we got about two feet of ice. Tommy Stewart had bought Nason mill about this time on Mill Street, Princeton. He hired the St. Stephen Highway Dept. dozer with Henry Bagley to operate. Tommy would not put it across on ice. But up brook, at a narrow place, there was a log laying lengthwise, so it was decided to fill brook full of pine tops and walk across them.

Well, Henry took one top, pushed it toward the brook, kept on going till lag of dozer caught that old log in the middle of the brook, swinging the dozer straddle the log. There it set all high - and the lags just spinning round.

Tommy Stewart went to Princeton to St. Croix Pulp Co. and got some large chains to hook in lags and to a stump. As the lags turned to tighten chains it pulled dozer off log and toward bank. The hauling gear hitch on dozer went under the bank of the brook and there it set again, going neither ahead or back. The fan was dishing water up over the rest of the machine, then forming ice.

We could get a car within a short way from the place. I went home, got coffee, whiskey and plenty of food and four of us stayed all night by a fire, talking and hearing that old dozer hammer away.

It was three o'clock the next afternoon before Walter Higgins and some men arrived with Alley Nason's large dozer to pull St. Stephen machine out. They broke the big tow cable on Alley Nason's machine, but on the third try made it high and dry. They drained all the gear casings and left that machine there about a week.

They should have taken it right to garage and warm place, but Tommy told me he had to pay \$3,000 damage to St. Stephen. We never got a road dozed, we hauled logs out by sled. Emerson Cilley drove Ken Wheelocks truck hauling to Princeton.

One morning as Alton and I were riding on top of logs across brook flowage, the trees were covered

real heavy with frost. I said, "Look, Alton, that is a sure sign of rain." Alton said, "No, that is sign of moisture in some form." Well it was, about two feet of snow.

We got logs all cut in that sledding area and began cutting in the spring down near where the brook comes out of woods and through meadow ground before reaching the lake. We put logs on ice everywhere we could and put boom logs across below them till ice was clear and we could tow them down lake.

Alton and I took turns cutting and driving, horse yarding. His day to cut, about 3 p.m., as the horse and I came back for last log for day, I heard moaning in brush. Alton had cut a pine which went off line and landed in a big clump of grey birch. He went up on the pine and cut off some limbs, then some of the grey birch. The tree started down and one of those birch caught him, breaking three ribs.

I helped him walk to the hovel till I put the horse in for the night. It was about one mile altogether to the car, which we took in woods across brook from hovel.

I hired Vernon "Sonny" Wentworth to drive the horse the rest of the job. We piled two tier of logs to be rolled in brook after ice went out.

We waded horses across brook near where the dozer went in; the water was shallow and running. We were lucky because two days later rain came and everything was flooded.

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We would not have been able to get them home for some time. Alton and I went up to tow the logs down one morning about 2 a.m. Alton used my 12 foot Sears Roebuck row boat with a 2½ horse Scott Atwater out-board motor which I still have.

I had a homemade row boat with the front end rotted out and I guess about one of the first old time Johnson, two lung, small motor. Everything was alright as long as I was in the stern and weight of motor held bow out of water. When water got a little rough I put my coat up in bow, then bailed what water came by my coat.



Alton's Logging Camp. The Loggers' "Bunk" house.

We each had a can of gas and plenty to eat in the boats. We must of been close to two hours getting logs to move, both boats pulling left then right to swing logs till we got entire boom started. It was about 11 a.m. getting out of brook flowage and into lake.

By noon we were about opposite South Princeton landing. Things began to happen then, the wind began to come up lake from Alexander way. At 1:30 we hauled and drifted to first little cove in middle ground. There we drove stakes here and there around the boom and tied legs till some day when wind was right, or a calm to bring them across to George Clark's landing, which was known when I was a kid as Seaman's Landing, also known as Black Cove.

One day I said to Alton, "We better get those logs." He said, "Too late. George Clark already brought them over." George took them out of the water and hauled them to Princeton for us.

There was about 60 thousand, not a large boom, but a lot to bring down in those little boats swinging first right, then left to keep them moving. That spring being 1953 - and this being written Spring of 1982 - 29 years have past and I cannot recollect any log drive on Poke Lake since. It may well be the last of an era as log driving or booming becoming a thing of the past.

George Clark cut 500 thousand on Allen Stream below Poke Mountain in 1947. These were boomed and towed down Allen Stream, and up Poky outlet to George Clark's landing.

Fred Levitt and Paul Towe were two of Alley Nason's crew who drove long log trucks and trailers up off the lake and into Princeton mill. Well I remember those trucks roaring up the lake road, those drivers having their toe right on the floor boards.

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Edith Harriman Grouse

Handsome Edith Harriman Grouse (1882-1940) was the daughter of Fred M. Harriman, Sr., and Clymina Brann Harriman.

In the 1890s her father purchased Lot #18 from Jasper Bailey bordering the shore of Pocoomoonshine Lake. The family home was situated where Dr. Peter Sears, (Fred's great grandson,) now has his summer home.

Fred's little log camp on the lakeshore (now a guest house) still stands. About 1934 it was rented as an office to Stowell-MacGregor when the company set up a Spool Mill on Lot #19 east of the Harrimans' home (between what is now Zela Cousin's little white camp and Dr. John Murtaugh's property.)

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(Harold Fanshawe found the following explanation in the book: The Lakes of Maine: A Compilation of Fact & Legend by Daphne Winslow Merrill...ed.)

POCOMOONSHINE LAKE just below but separate from the Washington County Grand Lake complex, has been in controversy as to its Indian name.

Two historians give its original name as Menikpadik, one giving its meaning as "shiner lake" and the other as "place to get cedar bark". Penobscot Indian Peter W. Ranco, a well-informed individual, claims that the name was first used to identify the outlet where, because of flowage from a dam, there was a large amount of dri-ki, and that the

lake was called Pokwajanak-i-tagook or Stumpy Brook. Rutherford says it is possibly an Abenaki-English blend meaning "pond as clear as moonshine." Fannie Eckstorm humorously suggests that the term could imply that there was little ("poco") liquor ("moonshine") available.

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One reference to that log drive I remember. I loaded two boats on my truck in November 1978 and brought them up from the lake. The next day I saw Alton at the filling station in Woodland, and went over to talk to him. He said he saw me bring the boats up. I said, "It reminded me of when we towed the logs down." He threw his head back and laughed. I said, "It was hard work but still fun." He said, "Gosh yes, you out there with the whole end out of that boat!"

Alton passed away one week later.

"RAILROAD TO PASS THROUGH

ALEXANDER" by John Herbert Dudley

(The photograph illustrating John's article is from our Gladys Ayer Bridges Collection of old Postcards and Photos).

This headline might have appeared in a local newspaper in the late 1860s.

I discovered this "might have been history" recently while looking through Well's book which reported a two-year Study of Water Powder which was underwritten by the State Legislature.

The Map of the River Systems shows a few roads, including Blacks' Road (Rte. 9), and some proposed railroads, one being the 'European and North American Railroad' passing through Alexander.

The 'European and North American Railroad' was discussed as early as 1850 and had terminals in St. John, N.B., and Vanceboro, Me. in 1871.

Two years earlier, the 'E & NARR' took over the Veazie RR up-river from Bangor. The 'E & NARR' desired to provide service between the Penobscot and the St. Croix. To this end the State of Maine granted (between 1860 and 1867) the railroad some 700,000 acres of land valued at \$300,000. I don't know if this was to be used to connect the Penobscot line to Vanceboro, or to the 'Lewy's Island Railroad' (between Princeton and Calais from 1856-1935). I have long understood that the line was to go from Princeton and that the right-of-way had been partially cleared when the depression of 1873 stopped the work. George Colby's Atlas of Washington Co., Me. (1881) shows a line in place going from Vanceboro west toward the Penobscot.

Back to the headline! Well's map shows the proposed 'E & NARR' line leaving the Lewy's Island Railroad at Baring. The line travels westerly, north of Meddybemps Lake; along the south shore of Pleasant Lake; north of Barrows & Love lakes, parallels Blacks Road from just west of the 19 road Love Lake Road intersection to the East Machias River.

At that point the Railroad crosses Blacks Road and goes through the wilderness to Milford. A station is indicated at the outlet of Pleasant Lake and marked in bold print, "Alexander".

Did the 'European and North American Railroad' really plan to build a line through Alexander?

(Additional source: History of the Maine Woods by Phil Coolidge (1965)

SURPRISED IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.: Mrs. Muriel (Frost) LeDuc writes, "I opened my May copy of YANKEE Magazine. Lo and behold, there is an article on my friends, and maybe relatives, on Pokey Lake! I was Muriel Frost, daughter of Howard Frost and Inez McLellan. I was born on the McLellan farm that used to be on the four corners of South Princeton road. The Frost farm is now the Hagenaars' place on the lake. I would love to have a copy of your paper!" Muriel's address is 4 Elmshade-way, Springfield, Mass. 01100.

Follows Ancestral Trail

Arthur S. Howatt, 11527 Stamy Rd., Whittier, Calif. 90604:

"My grandfather was born in Alexander, Jan. 24, 1847. His name was George Whitefield Stephenson. He died June 6, 1926 in Scotia, Calif.

"He left right after the Civil War with three of his cousins, all from Alexander: Dwelley, Lydick and Harlow Thompson. They went around Cape Horn to San Francisco.

"Dwelley established a ranch on EEL River, Mendo, Cino Cty.; Harlow Thompson established a ranch near Westpoint, Mendocino Cty., right on the ocean. He is buried high on a hill overlooking his ranch.

"Grandpa bought horses in the Willamette Valley (Oregon). Met my grandmother Ada McNutt) and they were married in Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory. They went to Mendocino Cty. where Grandpa started teamster work with the horses he drove down from Oregon. They traveled in a covered wagon through some of the most hostile Indian tribes west of the Rockies. He logged and lumbered all his life, and had a family of ten children, the youngest died just a few years ago. Years ago I discovered his and Grandmother's first cabin in Mendocino Cty. Grandma had planted flowers in a big redwood stump, and some of them were still growing when I located it back in the 1950s. They are now growing in my yard.

"I was an orphan and grew up without contact with either my mother's or father's families, so I know very little first hand about them."



"My Great Grandmother,
Mrs. Jess Stephenson,
Alexander, Maine"
(Circa 1880)

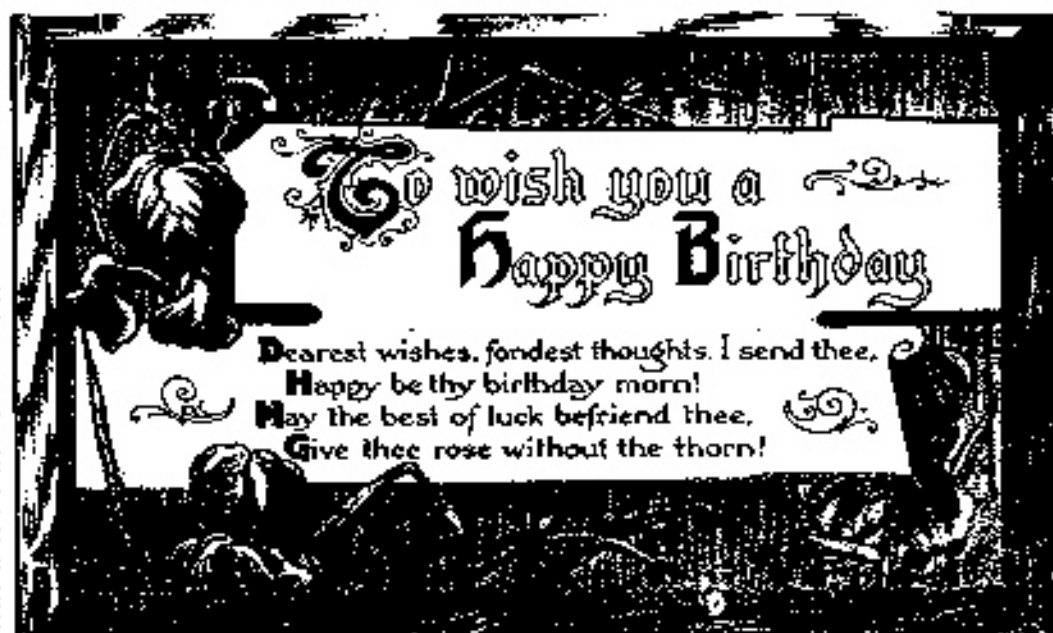


This 1935 photo of the former Lumber & Shingle Mill which was situated at the outlet of Pleasant Lake, was taken by Arthur Howatt (left) when he was attending college in Placerville and came north seeking Stephenson descendants. He notes on the photo's back, "The other man is Mr. Dwelley, a distant cousin that now or then ran the mill. It was later owned by Cecil Hatfield, another distant cousin."

(Photos donated to A-CHS)

Native Birthdays

Alexander & Crawford native birthdays should be registered with our corresponding secretary, Mary Williams of Waite, 04492. Birthdays reaching 75 years or more will receive each year a special handpainted original congratulatory card.



Victor Archer (b. May 10, 1892 in Crawford)
Star Route 68, Box 19, Pembroke, Me. 04666

Mona Jeffery Brothers (b. May 28, 1906 in Crawford)
8 George Street, Box 251, Berwick, Maine 03901

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

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

Vira Lehan McPheters (b. June 13, 1903 in Alexander)
(same address as above)

Muriel Varnum Smith (b. June 1903 in Alexander)
46 Harlow Road, Springfield, Vermont 05156



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(includes cost of 6 news'l. stamps)

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anything over above.

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(includes children up to 16 years).

Welcome to our new members

(Our phenomenal growth continues)

A warm welcome to the thirty new members below who have joined since our March/April newsletter was mailed:

Mrs. Joseph Amato, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.;
Valdine C. Atwood, Machias; Frank N. Beckett, Jr., Calais; Lloyd and Mazie Blaney, Princeton; Belle Carlow, Calais; Veronica (Scotty) Chalmers, Machias; Charles Cousins, Princeton; Horace E. Cousins, Brewer; Janet and Judy Day, Northfield, Vt.; Burgess Gruss, Shakopee, Minn.;

Vera Harriman, Calais; Arthur S. Howatt, Whittier, Calif.; Alberta Leighton, Calais; Leon & Carol Ann MacKechnie, Fortworth, Tex.; Ben & Linda McArthur, Alexander; Mr. & Mrs. Donald McClellan, South Princeton; Charlotte Renaud, Waite; Norman P. Sprague, Alexander; Mary Smith, Snow Hill, Md.; Carl Thompson, Machiasport; University of Maine of Machias; William Vose, Crawford; Marguerite White, Alexander; Maxine B. Whitney, Cranston, RI; Michael Zimmerman, Machias.

Our Members Write

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Lois M. Griffith, RFD 1, Box 27, Monmouth, 04259: "Perhaps you can help me, especially if some of your members are descended from Craft or Bridges families. Who were the parents of Samuel Craft and Ann (Nancy) Peters, who were married Oct. 23, 1823, at Gagetown, N.B.? I'm sure they were Loyalists from the New York area, and I have all kinds of clues from microfilm I have borrowed from the New Brunswick Archives, but cannot find any birth or probate records that name them. Who were the parents of Joseph Bridges and Polly Moody (their son was Jacob Bridges) and when and where were they born? Could he be the Joseph born Mar. 13, 1737-8 to John and Elizabeth Bridges of York? I can't find Polly Moody anywhere (probably that's a nickname), but could she be connected with the Moodys of Exeter and Brentwood, N.H.? I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope in case you come across anyone who has answers - thank you very much!"

Gordon Gray, 101 Fordson Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02910: "I look forward to each issue of the newsletter and in my first year as a member have come to know much about the town of Crawford, home of my paternal great, great grandfather Elkannah Hanscom. The map of Crawford as it was in 1861, is alone well worth a year's subscription. We all owe the hard workers of the executive committee a vote of thanks for all their efforts. As we approach vacation time I hope you are planning to remind us all of the schedule when the library is open. I have always felt a close friend to any one from the State of Maine, having been born in Maine by design. My father left home (East Machias) shortly after high school but part of him was always down home. When my birth was scheduled for the summer of 1918 my folks timed their stay in East Machias so that at least one of their children would be a downeaster. I've always felt fortunate to have been the one."

A-CHS Library, currently housed in the living room of your president, is open to all members on the afternoon of the third Tuesday of the month until 3:30. Your membership card serves as library card... ed

Deborah Rand, Box 121, Brewer 04412: "I was pleased to see the Henry LeRoy Seavey family's picture as well as Edward Seavey, Jr. and his wife Julia in the last issue of A-CHS. I am also working on the Seavey line. However my line branches off before Henry LeRoy, but we do have the common ancestor Thomas! Of interest, perhaps, my lineage is: Thomas,¹ Henry², Joseph³, Joseph⁴, John⁵, Aaron⁶, James Hiram⁷, Heman Loring⁸, Hattie Aurelia⁹ (All Seaveys) and then myself, line 10! John³, Aaron⁶, James Hiram⁷ and Heman Loring⁸ were of Crawford. Ethel Wallace helped me pinpoint the households of John and Aaron, really exciting! No doubt but what my great grandfather and grandfather were born on Aaron's land, according to my notes. Keep up the good work. As soon as I finish my Seavey work, I shall make sure your budding library has a copy."

Jennie P. Boynton, RFD #2, Box 731, Brewer 04412: "Do you know any members of A-CHS who are interested in dowsing, and if so, would you like to have the American Dowser Quarterly Digests in your library, I have them for the last couple of years which I would be glad to pass along. They are not bulky, 8 1/2 x 5 1/2" - a year's issues taking up the space of a small book. Although I am a member of the ADS, I am not a dowser. One does not need to be in order to belong to the society. I have attended the Annual Convention in Danville, Vt., a few times along with people from all over the U.S., Canada, and always a few from foreign countries - some bringing an interpreter with them. It is a fascinating subject."

We would be pleased to accept the copies of the American Dowser Quarterly Digest, Jennie. Thank you very much, GGD

Maxine B. Whitney, 78 Sagamore Rd., Cranston, R.I. 02920: "My father Winslow Herbert Berry was born in Alexander in 1880, and died here in R.I. His father was Albion Keith Berry, and his mother was Sara Elizabeth Perkins. I have their birth and death dates from records at the Maine Archives at Augusta. When I was in Alexander I was unable to find anyone at home at the house near the Grange, and did not find the cemetery where the Berrys are buried. I hope your society has, or is going to have all those names and dates as it was certainly frustrating to be right there. I have not been able to go back beyond Elisha Berry who married Margaret Ferris. They were married in Grand Lake, N.B. and were living in Alexander in January 1846, as a sexton's journal read, 'Went to Alexander and dined with the Elisha Perkinses'. Another family name is Samuel Berry who married Cordelia Grey or Gray. I know her parents (Sarah A. Caldwell and Daniel Gray) but haven't been able to find out who Samuel's parents were. So headstone information would be a possible clue."

Gettue E. Berry (1862-1925); Harra (1807-1887), Francis E. (1848-1871)
Rhoda A. Berry, wife of George B. Berry (1851-1884); Asa L. (1850-1923);
Samuel b. April 24, 1970 at 58 yrs.) hope this helps somehow, (Maxine. ed.)

Frank N. Beckett, Jr., Calais: "I would like to have heard the talk on the 'Jaffa Expedition' (referring to Rev. Percival Holmes slide lecture on 'The Fore-runners' at our May 1982 Community Meeting at the Alexander Grange) as my mother's grandfather and grandmother were on that ill-fated expedition, and I have purchased several copies of "The Fore-runners". Mother is a descendant of John Howard who came over on the Mayflower in 1620, and married a girl who came over with her parents. She died shortly after arrival. Harold Davis wrote a bulletin on the Jaffa Expedition which is at the Calais Library. Helen Oliver, Librarian at the Calais Free Library has an excellent collection of books in her Maine History section which features many publications on Washington County history...ed.)

Barbara Minnick, Hollis Center: "A-CHS is getting to be quite a publication, you are doing a great service! We especially enjoyed Pliney's picture and article. The suggestion of taking information in 'Farm Cemeteries' can apply everywhere. I'm going to do it in one near us - a Palmer family burying ground."

Maxwell E. Gray, Machias: "Last fall Fremont B. Gross visited with me (Fremont Industries Inc., Shakopee, Minn. 55379). His great grandmother was Mary (Hanscom) Brown, wife of John Brown. We were unable to establish any connections. I have a suspicion that he might be a descendant of Hanscoms of Crawford. One lead is that his middle name is 'Burgess', which was a Crawford name. The Burgess property was on the #19 road, below Elkannah and Ellsworth Hanscom property, where Carl Hanscom Day now lives."

Albert Sawyer Allan, Machias: "It happens that I am a direct descendant of Col. John Allan. My sister, Sarah Allan Moffett, has a mass of data on the Allan Family since the time of Cromwell. She is an active member of DAR and we have card indexed quite a few cemeteries in this area. After forty years or so I can still get a laugh from some inscriptions I have found in long forgotten family lots: 'Tears will never bring her back/ Therefore do I weep'. (Most brilliant diagnosis on a stone-woman, age 23, who died about 1734. Died of bilious colic and complications. They didn't know what was the matter, probably appendicitis.)"

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIPS KEEP YOUR A-GHS NEWSLETTER GOING

Our very modest dues do not cover the printing cost of our bi-monthly newsletter - and it is only made possible by the generous assistance of our 'Supporting Members'. Many, many thanks to the following whose dues came in since our last issue:

Vera Cousins Amato, Alta Beal, Charles Cousins, Evelyn Carroll, Scotty Chalmers, Janet and Judy Day, Rupert and Gertrude Day, Truman and Eva Day, Ruth Driscoll, William H. Dunbar, Georgia-Pacific Corp.; L. Gordon Gray, Maxwell Gray, Edith Hatfield, Ruth Knowles, Donald McClellan, Merle and Winnie McLaughlin, William and Barbara Minnick, Marjorie Quigg, Geneva Sadler, Janis Schlentz, Mary Smith, Marian Spinney, Lee Stover, William Vose.

Our building fund is also \$100 richer with a donation from a member on the board.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING A-GHS DOCUMENT POLICY

A committee to recommend policy on the use of our society's Historical and Genealogical Documents was appointed by the president last month. Serving our John and Marie Dudley, and John M. Dudley members of our executive board.

After due consideration the committee recommends the following which will be presented to members at the June meeting for discussion and action:

All such documents presented to the society become the property of the society.

Members only, have the right to peruse such documents at the society headquarters.

If any of said members wish to make copies or have photostats made they shall have the right to take the document from the headquarters for such a purpose. A reasonable time limit for their return should be set.

Copies should not be made for the purpose of selling them.

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GARDNER'S LAKE (WEST SIDE)

As in many springtimes past, I stood amid the drenching rain and watched as the old lake shook itself free of the bonds of winter. A friend stopped his car and tapped me on the shoulder before I was aware of his presence. For some reason this great change taken by the lake each spring rekindles memories of our childhood here. . . And in Memory I can see "Mac Bogue's" car sitting in our driveway and again I can hear her request. . . Kenneth, write a poem about your father. . . your favorite and best remembrance. . . and I remember, too, that she was found dead in bed the following morning. She had died in her sleep. . . But I wrote the poem and it is a memory of our father. . . and of his five sons. . . and of our life here on the shores of Lake Gardner.

"MY DAD AND HIS BOAT THE LOLA"

I stand alone on the shore tonight
And stare through the gathering mist
For a ghost ship sails the lake these nights
And a voyage on her I wish.

For the Lola sails the waves once more
On the lake she so long knew
The figure at the helm is straight and tall
And his boys make up his crew.

Oh, I would ride with them tonight
Through mist and wild moonbeam
Where my Dad again steers the boat
Down the thread of a beautiful dream.

I'm a boy again with freckled face
And hair bleached by the wind and sun
And I laugh as the wild spray hits my face
As through the waves we run.

A break in the mist as I stand on the shore
And I can see her saucy bow
A figure leans on the tiller ropes
I can discern his features now.

His face is burned by wind and rain
But his eye is clear and blue
He smiles and waves then looks away
As the Lola glides from view.

Oh, I would ride the Lola once more
One more trip I would make
To stand by that figure at the helm
For one last trip across the lake.

Oh, to watch the wild waves rushing by
To feel the sting of wind whipped rain
Legs braced wide, let me stand by his side
As we cross the lake again.

I'd ride with him to that distant land
Whence comes the moonlight and mist
Watch him wind his way, though the night be dark
Or the water with moonlight kissed.

Now I turn me sadly from the shore
The mist and the moon have fled
And the Lola, too, and her memory crew
With the mist and moon have sped

*(Written by our Renaissance man
Ken Smith of Memory Cove,
Gardners Lake, East Machias)*

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THE MACHIAS VALLEY NEWS OBSERVER

JUNIORS' SCRAPBOOK

'Spring Wildings' Meeting in May!



*Old photo from the Gladys Apple Bridge
A-CHS Collection.*

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL A-CHS ESSAY CONTEST

"What Is It Like Living in Alexander?" is the theme of a spring essay contest being conducted for K through 8th grade students at the Alexander Public School.

Sponsored by our society, the contest will be judged by Michael Ashmore principal of the two-room school-house on the Cooper Road, near the site of the old town pound now grown to weed trees and bushes.

Winning entries will appear in our newsletter beginning with the Sept. issue. Awards, to be presented at the graduation exercises in June, will include citations framed for hanging, a junior membership and free mailings of our A-CHS historical newsletter.

ART EXHIBIT AT BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL:

Our School-in-the-Woods Junior Art Work will be on display at the Crawford Church, July 30th, during the A-CHS Blueberry Festival.

Our School-in-the-Woods Juniors and their friends (ages 5-8) meeting in May on Saturday mornings, 10 to 11:30 a.m., have some very special programs planned for just their age group. Director Jane Dudley would appreciate hearing from parents if their children will be attending: 454-8472.

May 7: "A Morning with Marion"

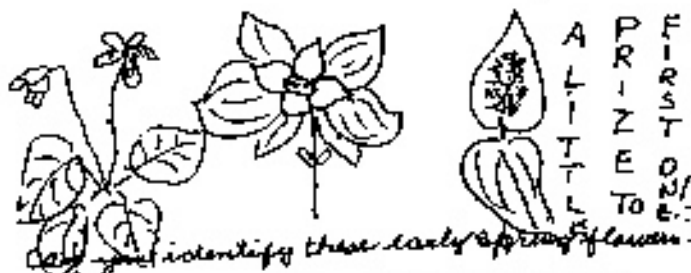
Our 'Spring Wildings' will thoroughly enjoy this session featuring nature walk & crafts, with special guest Mrs. Davis of Starboard Cove.

May 14: "A Little Birdie Told Me" is the morning's theme. If you have binoculars, bring them along.

May 21: "Teddy Bear & Doll Picnic" Bring your sandwich and your favorite Bear or Doll. Director will supply beverage & dessert.

May 28: "Our Spring Wildflowers" We will collect and press wildflowers.

Our older Junior members, who have been attending the March and April sessions, are more than welcome to attend those in May as senior counselors.



Can you identify these early spring flowers.

May/June JUNIOR SCRAPBOOK
compliments of Merrill Trust
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Our Ancestors Rules

ORANGE - RAISIN CAKE



- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
- 2 beaten eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour milk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 whole orange

Cream together the sugar and shortening. Add the eggs. Add alternately the sour milk and the flour, soda and salt. Add last the raisins and orange which have been ground together. Bake at 375°F until done (test with a straw or cake tester). Makes two loaf pans or one large round pan.

Peggy Cole of East Machias has given us this splendid old recipe passed down from her mother, Mary Ingalls Donaghy (1898-1980), and her grandmother Alice Hanscom Ingalls (1871-1925). She said "This is an old-fashioned cake - quite heavy and moist. It is not a really sweet-tasting cake, and perhaps that is the reason why it is so popular with the menfolk. It can be frosted, or sprinkled with confectioners sugar, but most people seem to prefer it plain," she advised.

Peggy's mother worked as a cook for about 30 years. She was the cook at the boarding house at the Jacksonville Methodist Campground for many years. She also was employed as a pastry cook for Longfellow's store in Machias for a number of years, and she used to make this cake to sell in the bakery there. It was so popular that, when she left her employment, the Longfellows requested the cake recipe so they could continue to provide it to their customers, which they did until the store closed.

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