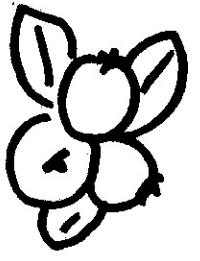


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Alexander Crawford Historical Society, Washington Cty., Me.
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C A L E N D A R

TUESDAY, NOV. 15 at 7 P.M.

COLONIAL COOKING demonstration by Valdine C. Atwood will be featured at our 7 o'clock monthly meeting in the downstairs dining room at the Alexander Grange Hall.

Members are inviting guests to this evening session, and interested community residents will be made welcome.

Valdine promises "samples for the tasting", and will be displaying authentic antique cookware such as our ancestors used in their fireplaces.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE
SATURDAY, DEC. 17
AT POCOMOONSHINE

A merry throng is expected at our 4th annual Christmas Coffee, beginning at 10 a.m. at the little cabin in the woods.

A 'Christmas Story Telling' session, with members contributing their memories, will be followed by a short reading, by Jack Dudley, from YANKEE Magazine. Members are asked to take Christmas goodies for the coffee table, and your president is seeking someone who plays a stringed instrument for background music.



CRAWFORD SCHOOL (Circa 1914) Back row: Lyra Thistlewood, Hattie Seavey, Verna Wallace, Flossie Chushing, Mary Thornton, teacher; Bill Cushing, Ray Moraisey and Lorin Moraisey. First row: Berle Grover, Della Seavey, Gladys Grover, Vera Wallace, Bessie Wallace, Stella Seavey, Sylvia Grover, Ivan Jeffery and Herman Wallace.

(Photo loaned by Joline Thornton)

'CHRISTMAS AT CREEPY CASTLE'

This is the intriguing name of the puppet show to be shown by Jane Sax and Donna Stover of the 'Once Upon a Time Puppets' of Calais at the A-CHS JUNIOR MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10. All of our Juniors and their family members are invited to attend this delightful entertainment which will begin at 10 a.m. at the Dudleys'. (Christmas cookies for refreshments will be appreciated from mothers.)

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END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP TALLY

Have you sometimes wondered where all of our 500 plus members live? Well, in Maine we pull our largest membership from:

Alexander.....	106
Calais.....	47
Princeton.....	26
Crawford.....	25
Woodland.....	18
Machias.....	14
Machiasport...	14

*a Very
Happy
Christmas*
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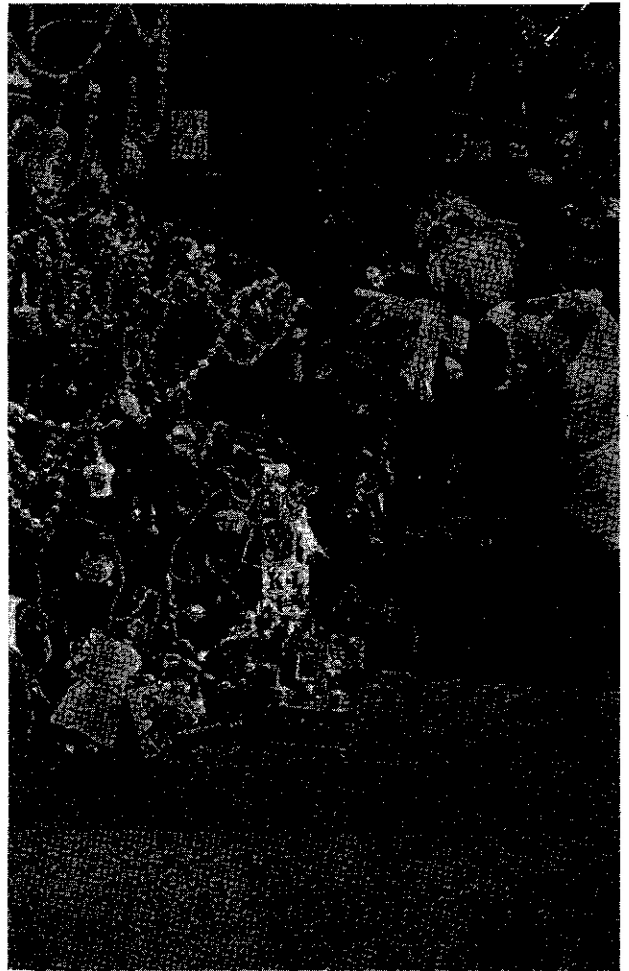
We also have many members scattered over the state in: Addison, Anson, North Anson, Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Belfast, Bernard, Berwick, Brewer, Brooklin, Bucksport, Cape Elizabeth, Carmel, Centerville, Charlotte, Cooper, Cumberland, Darforth, Darmarscotta, Dennyville, Eastport, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Falmouth, Farmington, Freeport, Grand Lake Stream, Gray, Gorham, Hampton, Houlton, Hartland, Hollis Center, Jacksonville, Jonesport, Jonesboro, East Machias, Madison, Manchester, Millinocket, Milo, Monmouth, North Monmouth, Orland, Lewiston, Pembroke, Perry, Portland, North Portland, Pownal, Presque Isle, Rockwood, Rumford Center, Surrency, Talmadge, Topshfield, Union, Waite, Wesley, Westbrook, North Windham, Whitneyville and Winthrop.

OTHER MEMBERS "from away" live in 31 states, which include:

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OTHER AREAS: Canada, with members in Kings and Charlotte counties, N.B. And one member, a missionary, living in Taiwan.

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The Heart of the Home 3

The heart of the home to the
household band,
Was that square old-fashioned
room.

Unpainted, but polished with soap
and sand,
And swept with a hemlock broom.

It's splint-bottomed chairs were
the easiest known,
Tilted against the wall;

And the rocker that creaked, that
was grandmother's own,
Was the restfullest of all.

It's dresser shelves were the
kitchen's pride,
With pewter plates crow.



And platters and porringers, small
and wide,
That gleamed in the firelight's
glow.

While General Washington's honored
face,
On a pitcher of high degree,
Tranquilly shared the topmost place
With a tankard from over the sea.

O'er the mantelpiece shadow fell
from grandfather's trusty gun,
That served the country, sure
and well,
In the battle of Bennington.

Below, there were candlesticks
quaint and old,
And a lacquered sniffer's tray

With candles drawn from a shapely
mold,
And a tinder box alway.

But the cheerest, dearest sight
to see
Was the fireplace glowing
bright,

When the blaze rolled upward, clear
and free,
And the chimney back shone white.

The iron teakettle sung on the
crane,
The ashes filled down,

While grandmother stirred the coals
again,
That the spider cake might brown.

There was plenty of work for all
to do.
Borne on the seasons' tide;

Carding, and spinning, and weaving,
too -
Bleaching and dyeing besides;

Corn, and pumpkins, and apples to
dry,
Butter and cheese to make,

Sausage to chop, and donuts to
fry,
And such overfulls to bake.

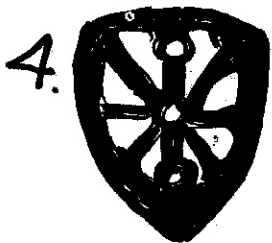
There was music in the spinning
wheel,
There was music in the loom;

The common work, for the common
weal,
Kept hearts and hands in tune.

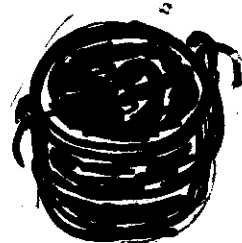
O, there's nothing memory finds
more dear,

Searching a lifetime through,
Than the homely thrift, and the
hearty cheer
That grandmother's kitchen
knew.

(Author unknown)



Grandmother's Kitchen



IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS: KITCHEN WORK AND WORKERS: "The capabilities and capacities of that old fireplace in the farmer's kitchen were well-nigh inexhaustible, and would be almost incredible to one who had never seen its workings, or had not been well informed thereupon by veritable history and legendary lore."

(This essay, by Hope Harvey, was discovered in a scrapbook of yellowed clippings compiled years ago by Susie Vance Frost (1863-1949), of Cooper. Susie was the wife of Samuel Frost of Cooper, and it was their lovely daughter, A-CHS member Mildred Clark of Woodland, who lent us her scrapbook.) Titled IN GOOD OLD DAYS: Kitchen Work and Workers, the essay continues:

"The crane was a prominent adjunct, fixed firmly in the masonry of the chimney side, holding out its long arm suggestively as an assistant.

Often there were two arms, one projecting from either side with a row of movable hooks like the letter S, the upper loop to slide upon the crane, the lower to hold the bails of the pots and kettles suspended thereon.

Those heavy iron kettles! To be hoisted up and lifted down with all their contents by the weak, aching leverage of sister woman!

To be sure brother man lent an amiable helping hand when present, otherwise woman stood at the fore, and did it all.

The great brass kettle for washing days was lighter, but it held five pailfuls of water and the garments for a family of five or ten. (Query: Could the "new woman" manage all this business any better than the old woman?)

In this kettle in large quantities was made the cider apple sauce, a favorite and necessary confection of old. Sweet cider just from the press was "boiled down half", and the empty space replenished by sweet apples, quartered and cored, all cooked until the fruit was red and the syrup thick.

And the rising generation may be skeptical if they wish, but surely

this five-pail kettle was none too ample for the making of strawberry preserves, real preserves, "pound and pound" of sugar and berries. Ah! the luxury of the home of those wild strawberries, growing away down in the southeast field, near the great rock and the spring, among the buttercups and grasses, and close to the dim, green cool woods.

And the mother and the girls went and picked them by the bushel basket full "on the stems", and made their preserves, and "put them down" in rows of big stone jars, where they kept by their own sweetness and strength, never suspecting any need of modern glass cans, or the "cold process."

On the crane also hung the "two-pail pot" of iron for the "boiled dinner". This, though immense, was prepared quickly and deftly. The salt pork or corned beef, or both, were set to boil in early morn, followed by the various vegetables at intervals according to their needed time for boiling.

There were beets, cabbages, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, turnips, at least, and if the family affection, in they were plumped with many a tear, not of sorrow, but of anticipation of the prime dinner. This was served as one dish on a broad, white, blue-edged platter,

and without fine dishes, flowers, or perhaps even a table cloth, was so appetizing and satisfactory that even "doughnuts and cheese, wife!" were seldom called for.

The usual dessert for this dinner consisted of "Indian dumplings" made of cornmeal mixed quickly with boiling water, formed into round balls the size of a coffee cup, and dropped into the boiling liquid the moment the vegetables were removed.



'Conway House' kitchen

Camden-Rochport Historical Society

By the time the latter was eaten, the dumplings were cooked and served piping hot with a hot sauce made of molasses, a little vinegar and butter, and a dash of nutmeg, and were light and delicious. The doughnuts were fried in a shallow kettle, broad and flaring, hung on the crane over a steady hard wood blaze which should furnish no "snappers" to fall into the clear, hot lard where the cakes, made in rounds, or twists, or diamonds, or dolls and animals for the little folks, were delightfully done brown.

The teakettle boiled and sang on the crane, as every reader of poetry knows, but the tea itself was steeped in a small tin teapot on the coals below, drawn out on the capacious floor of the brick hearth. There also was the majestic spider enthroned on a heap of live coals which had fallen between the andirons and lifted out on the huge iron shovel which in company with the big tongs stood at the right of the fireplace.

The spider, thus attended, fried the fresh fish from the brook, the fresh pork, the mutton chops, the sausages, the ham and eggs, or made the rich cream toast, or produced the widespread delicate flapjacks which were poems in themselves, all with equal celerity and success. If steak was wanted the gridiron attended to that over another bed of fresh coals, while the potatoes roasted in one corner of the brooding fire, perfecting the ideal of a cooked potato; and so another inviting dinner or breakfast was ready, evolved from that magic fireplace.

But the baker must not be neglected, the bright tin baker which stood upon the hearth, with three of its sides enclosed, and the fourth broadly open to the glowing fire, containing a long sheet-iron baking-pan, for the cooking of the various goodies... Standing at its work, so knowing, yet noncommittal, with its back to the company. its contents were a source so charming speculation to the children as to whether "marm" were baking therein those great, white, puffy biscuit (no stove cooks such now!) or johnny cakes, or soft gingerbread, whose fragrance would sometimes betray itself, or caraway seed cakes, or mince turnovers."

(Editor's note: Space permitting next issue we will be publishing the 2nd part of Hope Harvey's beautiful description of "THE GOOD OLD DAYS: KITCHEN WORK AND WORKERS." Is it possible that a reader can tell us something about this fine historian of the past???)

1861 - 1865

Compiled by Pliney E. Frost



Isiah Bailey, Born Baileyville, Me. Jan. 29, 1823
Pvt. Co. H. 10th. Me. Inf.
Ent. Oct. 5, 1864, Dis. July 16, 1865
Buried in Alexander Cem.

Atkins Brown, Born Alexander, Me. April 5, 1844
N. F. R.

Amos Horace Cole, Born ca. St. David, N.B.
Killed at Gettysburg.
The family lived at St. David, N.B., Alexander
and Norridgewock, Me. (See Mem. to Loyalist
families by J. E. M. 1898)

Hiram Alonzo Crafts, Born Waterborough,
Queens Co., N.B. June 15, 1828
Served Me. Coast Guards Unatt. Inf.
En. March 29, 1864, Dis. Sept. 6, 1865.
Died March 22, 1891, Buried Alexander Cem.

Michael Fola, Born Alexander, Me. June 13, 1840. N. F. R.

Benjamin Putman Frost Sr., Born Alexander, Me. Aug. 4, 1838
Served in Co. K. 6th. Reg. Me. Militia, Died Aug. 23, 1916

George Thompson Frost Jr., Born Alexander, Me. 1845
Served in Co. F. 22 Reg. Me. Vol.
En. Oct. 1862, Dis. Aug. 1863
Died of T. B. Calais, Me. 1864

Stephen Decator Frost Sr. Born Calais, Me. Nov. 20, 1815
Served Me. Coast Guards Unatt. Inf., En. Feb. 9, 1864, Dis. Sept. 6, 1865
Died Aug. 14, 1891, Buried Alexander Cemetery

Levi Henderson, Born ca. Cooper, Me., Pvt. Co. F. 22nd Me. Inf.
En. Sept. 10, 1862, Dis. July 16, 1865
Died and buried Alexander (?)

Calvin Jellison Hunnewell, Born Alexander, Me. Feb. 23, 1837
Enlisted July 15, 1861, Co. E. 6th Me. Inf.
Killed in action at Rappahanock Station Nov. 7, 1862

David Ebenezer Hunnewell, Born Alexander, Me. May 29, 1842
Enlisted Co. I. 13th. Me. Inf. Dec. 12, 1861
Dis. for disability Aug. 23, 1862, Died on way home
Buried at sea.

Greenwood Lyon Jr., Born Alexander, Me. Jan. 14, 1843
En. Sept. 10, 1862 Co. F. 22nd. Me. Inf. (Pvt.)
Left service Oct. 26, 1862
Died of Fever Nov. 1862, Baton Rouge, La.

* VETERANS CONTINUED:

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Joseph Perkins, born Grand Lake, N.B. July 16, 1820
Pvt. Co. H. 20th, Me. Inf. En. Oct. 4, 1864; Dis. June 14, 1865.
Buried Alexander, Me. Cemetery.

Martin Jellison Hall Perkins, Born Alexander, Me. Jan. 4, 1844.
A soldier 6th. Me. Reg. Died June 13, 1863 at McDougal General
Hospital, Fort Schuyler, N.Y. from wounds received May 3, 1863 in
the battle of Marys Hill near Fredericksburg, Va.

Jeremiah Spearin Jr., Born Alexander, Me. Feb. 11, 1829. Served in
Co. I. 16th. Me. Reg. (Taken prisoner confined near Richmond, Va.)
Died June 27th, 1909, Buried Calais Cemetery, Me.

T. Jefferson Spearin, Born Alexander, Me. March 24, 1839
Served 22nd Me. Regiment
Died No. Anson, Me. Oct. 28, 1921, Buried No. Anson.

John Spearin, Born in Mass.
Received injuries in service (Hence the nickname 'side-hill John')
Mar. Mary Brownlee of Alexander, Dec. 19, 1875. Resided in
Alexander for some time (See Census 1900)
Date and place of death unknown.

Robert K. Thistlewood, Born Alexander, Me. April 13, 1839
Pvt. Co. B. 6th. Maine Vol.
En. August 1862, Dis. April 1865, Shell wound in left leg.
Died 1904, Buried, Jacksonville Cemetery, East Machias, Me.

Sumner T. Varnum, Born Princeton, Maine 1847.
Served in Co. A. 9th., Me. Reg. Died 1918, Buried in Alexander Cemetery
(See stone), also see Belmores' "Early Princeton".

The foregoing list of veterans of the War between the States has been
compiled from the several family records and microfilm at the U of
Maine at Machias, library with the assistance of several other sources.

The writer is indebted to the late Lewis Frost of Alexander, and
Mrs. Nellie Hatt of Baileyville, for most of the information regard-
ing John Spearin. Mr. Spearin it appears lived at Frankfort, Me.
before moving to Alexander.

To Mrs. Muriel Smith of Springfield, Vt. for assistance on her
grandfather Sumner Thompson Varnum.

This is probably not a complete listing, and any information on
others would be appreciated.... Pliney Frost, RR #1, Box 1530
Alexander, Maine 04694

Black Bean Soup (1900 Cook Book)

Soak overnight one-half pint
black beans. Put them on to boil
in three pints of water, adding
one-half saltspoon soda if the water
is hard. When the beans begin to
soften pour the water away and renew,
adding some bits of fat meat; ham
is good, but not more than an ounce
of any kind should be used.

Add one small onion sliced, and
one clove. It may boil fast and
the beans may be mashed with a

potato masher; do not try to strain
until perfectly soft or the soup
will have a granular feeling on the
tongue, and it should be as smooth
as cream.

Strain through a fine sieve.
Add more water or stock if it is
thicker than liked.

Season to taste and serve over
hard boiled eggs cut in quarters,
and the thinnest possible slices
of lemon.

8 Letters from Our Members

Alta Jeffery Beal, Jonesport: "The last issue of A-CHS was wonderful. How well I remember Mark Levi. Many times he has spent a night, or had a meal with us. I grew up on Wilbur Day stories and he and George Magoon were sort of folk heroes to us. George came to our home often in later years and the stories he would tell made our eyes pop. He was a good man but loved to chase deer." (Ed. Mrs. Beal, one of our cherished charter members, had an eye implant this fall, and we all wish her a splendid recovery.)

T H E M A I N E D R E A M (or how others see us!)

(This letter from Ann A. Bohr, of Pine Grove, Pa., was postmarked August sixth; your editor regrets that space did not permit it being printed in the last newsletter).

Thank you so much for that very interesting article you sent.

(Maxine Seavey's ALEXANDER column, in the Calais Advertiser) I sure did enjoy the A-CHS newsletter. We will be coming to Maine in August. My sister and her husband want a vacation in Maine, this will be their first trip up. I told them one week is not enough to see all the beautiful parts. I hope we will be able to see the blueberries being picked, and also attend the Blueberry Festival in Machias. There are always so many things we miss. I hope we can get to a supper somewhere. I read in the A-CHS that the home you live in was built in 1910. I bet it is a lovely place - the way the people are - the way they live slow and easy - not the fast pace life we lead here in Penna. makes Maine and its people special to us. I hope that it never changes. I'm looking forward to the time we can retire and, God willing, we can spend a few months a year in Maine.

I read in the newsletter the man who wrote the Logging article is from a family of 15. I am, too. And I feel myself very privileged to be one of such a big family. I know my mother and father had their hands full to care for us. I am the second oldest and when I was eleven we moved on a farm and that sure was wonderful to have all that fresh beef and pork at butchering time. My father always made scrapple sausage and pot pudding besides. He rendered out his own lard. Those were days! My father passed away five years ago. My mother is 78 and is fairly good health. She does most of her own housework and cooking. We truly have a lot to be thankful for. I am enclosing a check for membership and the extra is to be used for whatever. Thank you so much."

(We sincerely hope this little group thoroughly enjoyed their August week's vacation here...)

Leona Kilton, Hartland, Me. "I just wrote a note to Verna Murphy and told her I'd send her my copy #27 with the story of her grandfather, Jones Bohannon. I'd like to say I think genealogy page would be good. I'd like to do a page for it if you will let me know the price, and how it should be done."

(Thank you, Leona, that was very nice of you! I hope to have our first genealogy page in next issue - will let you know the particulars when I do a little more research. Ed.)

Interested in Huguenots

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Marjorie Marsh Quigg, 207 Seventh St., Bangor, Me. 04401: "I was much interested in your Gerow Family Association Reunion notice. I have at least one Huguenot line and have longed to go to New Rochelle where I understand the headquarters are. The line I would most like to find is FADRE - Nathaniel and Isanna Fadre were early in Boston - by 1734, probably much earlier. The only thing I have on Nathaniel is that he was fined for sailing his sloop out of Boston Harbor on the Sabbath Day! I am absolutely delighted to have found this precious tid-bit!! Nathaniel and Isanna Fadre were the parents of Isanna Fadre, b. 21 April 1712, m. 14 January 1734-5, Thomas Michborn Thomas and Isanna were parents of Robert Michborn, my "Boston Tea Party" grandfather. I have interesting material on Robert, etc., but have nothing on the Fadre line." Wish I could come by the Pocomoonshine lodge and help you with your many tasks! Watch carefully on the use of rubber cement/glue, after a few years it turns brownish and shows through newsprint.

Ruth Gerow Galm, Jacksonville, Fla. (Ed. My sister Ruth sent me the following newspaper clipping with a note, "Did you know this? You Huguenots up north are nothing but 'Johnny Come Latelys!'")

"Fort Caroline was the first European settlement in the United States, established on the banks of the St. Johns River in 1564 by 300 Huguenots. The colony was named in honor of King Charles IX of France. Later, British loyalists and Spanish occupied it. It was also the scene of a Civil War battle." * FLORIDA

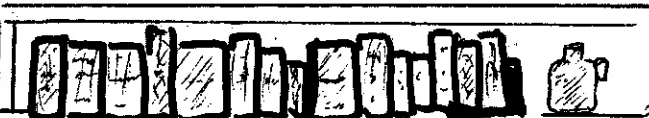
Barbara Minnick, Hollis Center: "We certainly enjoyed the latest issue of the A-CHS! - from cover to cover! Sure wish I were near enough to give you a hand with some of your "sorting" items, or whatever else you might need. On a visit to Connecticut this summer I happened to see the enclosed (newspaper clipping) in The Newgate Script and the name 'Gerow' caught my eye. I thought perhaps you might be interested. I always enjoy the recipes, too, and the story about the French Huguenots was most interesting. Wish I could be at the 3rd Birthday Party - have a super time!"

Ellen Wells, Falmouth, Me. "I just sat down and read every word of the newsletter that arrived today. FIVE HUNDRED MEMBERS! Speaking of Fr. Huguenots, however, you're a bit off on your cultures, since Martin Luther didn't nail his theses to the door until 1517 (16th C.); so you must mean 16th & 17th centuries, not 14th & 15th. Actually their persecution continued up to the French Revolution when the National Assembly granted freedom of religion in 1789, so add the 18th century to the list!"

Hazel Calligan Chambers, Grand Lake Stream, Me. 04637: "When I was a small girl my father took me over to South Princeton to a John Bonney and to a Mabel Frost. Under your article I see where a John Bonney married an Annetta F. Calligan. I was a Calligan and both of my father's parents were Calligans. His mother was a Calligan and married a Thomas Calligan. I think some of their people came from Machiasport. I am wondering if you have any more information on Annette Calligan?"

(Is there anyone out there who can help Hazel with this research? Incidentally Mrs. Chambers writes the 'Grand Lake Stream' column in the Calais Advertiser.)

Library Notes



Downeast Ancestry: A gift subscription has been given to us "by the staff" of this fine Maine genealogy magazine published bi-monthly in Machias. (Interested persons may contact Valdine Atwood, P.O. Box 398, Machias, Me. 04654 for membership subscription information).

Woodland - The Village in Baileyville, a 1975 edition sponsored by The Woodland Public Library, and written by our Grace Ober (who has a few copies left). The 108-page, 11 x 8½", paper-covered book is filled with interesting historical information and pictures. It costs \$6.00 if you wish it mailed; \$5.00 if you pick it up at her home, 42 Summit St., Woodland, Me. 04694. (Incidentally, Grace has recently donated an autographed copy to our Archives.)

A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk (A Boy's View of the Great Depression), written by author Robert J. Hastings, has been donated to our Library by the author and his wife. (Should you wish your own copy you might write them at 98 Laconwood, Springfield, Ill. 62703.) This illustrated book of 175 pages is beautifully bound and illustrated. It comes with a matching cover; both book and cover bear the same gold etching of a young boy carrying a pail. The 1972 edition was published by Southern Illinois University of Carbondale. We thank the Hastings for their thoughtful addition to our Library.

We understand from our Margaret Jones that there are a few copies left of Kilby's Eastport and Passamaquoddy (1982 reprint) of this fascinating Downeast history book published in 1888. Contact the QUODDY TIDES newspaper, Eastport, Me. 04631 for this handsome hardcover edition of 533 pages.

Rev. William Hatfield of Union, Me. has sent us zeroxed copies of drawings and "rules for reading the language of the Abnaki Indians" from Eugene Vetromile's 1860 Book for our archives.

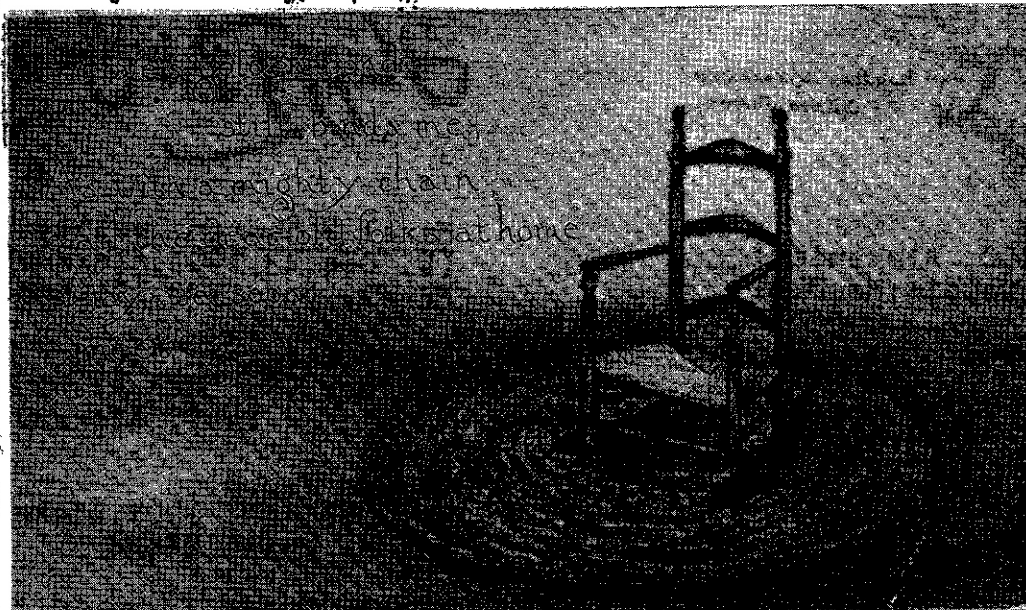
A copy of the 1983 Senate and House Registers (111th Legislature, State of Maine) has been donated to our Archives by our vice president, and former legislator, Harold A. Fenlason of Danforth. (Incidentally, also in our library are copies of Starkey's Maine, It's History, Resources & Government 1947; Tarzen the Terrible by Edgar Rice Burroughs, and The Borden Region by Zane Grey, also donated by Harold!)

Ellen Fenlason has reported "The Fogler Library at Orono has large collection of town reports after 1892. Their collection of Maine newspapers on microfilm is largest in state. 'The Pike Papers' are in this library, and available to Calais residents."

YOUNG LIBRARIANS: A-CHS (Note: Rachel and Alexis Hertz, of Madison, Me., granddaughters of Jack and Jane Dudley, have stamped the collection of books donated to our library by Gladys Ayer Bridges of Charlotte. The books are now housed on a five tier shelf, built by Jack, at the Pocomoonshine cabin while they wait for their permanent home.)

Your president is seeking a volunteer librarian in the A-C area to index the books on our shelves. Incidentally, we are missing our A-CHS paperback copy of H.A. Davis' An International Community on the St. Croix, and would appreciate having it returned by the borrower when convenient.

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REID A. SEAMANS ALEXANDER — Reid A. Seamans, 93, died Oct. 2, 1983, at a Calais nursing home. He was born in Alexander, July 8, 1891, son of George and Georgia (Strout) Seamans. He was a member of the People's Methodist Church of Woodland. He was employed for 28 years by St. Croix Pulp and Paper Co., after which, for many years, he owned and operated Seaman's Grocery Store and Cabins in Woodland. He is survived by his wife, Grace (Carlows) Seamans of Alexander; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Theora) Wheelock of Woodland; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis Peterson of Calais; and several grandchildren. Friends may call at Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Interment will be in Woodland Cemetery.



by Wendy Wheaton

LEONA H. KEEN

Calais: Leona H. Keen, 70, died Oct. 6, 1983, at a Calais nursing home. She was born in Alexander, October 15, 1912, the daughter of Bert and Ella (Kinney) Flood. She was a member of the Sherman Brothers Post, American Legion Auxiliary, the International Order of Eagles and senior citizens of Calais. She is survived by three daughters, Winnifred Demmons and Jean Kelley, both of Calais and Virginia Burke of Eastport, two sons Philip Keen of Melborne, Fla., and Richard Keen of Louisville, Ky., 19 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, one sister Jean Dwelley of Millinocket, one brother Lawrence Flood of Killingsworth, Conn., three half sisters Mildred Holst of Alexander, Pauline DeWald of Colonie, N.Y. and Carolyn Clavette of East Hartford, Conn. She was predeceased by three sons, Frederick, Francis and Wayne. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Scholl Funeral Chapel. Interment in Alexander Cemetery.

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October 1983 - A-CHS members

This postcard (from our Gladys Ayer Bridges Collection) was mailed July 18, 1915, to William Ayer, Ayer, Maine, from East Pepperell, Mass. with a one-cent stamp. The message is signed by Jessie.

MAINE TIMES newspaper, Oct. 21, 1983, carries an A-CHS 4-page feature. For copies write: Maine Times, Circulation, 41 Main, Topsham, Me. 04086. Fifty cents each, plus mailing charges.



CONGRATULATIONS
(from our 'native' birthday box)

Happy Birthday

Belle Carlow
(b. Nov. 30, 1900, Alexander)
4 Brook St., Calais, Me. 04619

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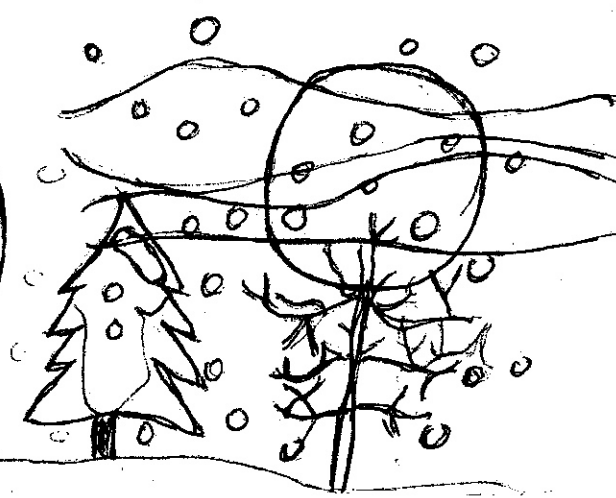
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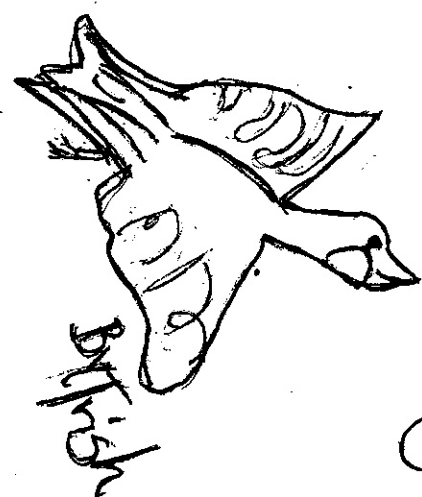


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THE AGONIES OF RAKING

My rake is broken,
 My fingers are bent,
 Just can't wait til my pay is sent.
 My back is aching,
 My teeth are blue,
 If you don't believe me,
 TRY RAKING (blueberries) TOO!

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