

# Alexander-Crawford Historical Society

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## YOUR SPRING-SUMMER CALENDAR

Tues., March 20: OUR EARLY POSTAL SERVICE as recounted by Sammy Saunders, Calais Postmaster, retired (1982); and one of Washington County's past rural mail carriers, Rupert Day of Crawford. (See 'Birthdays' Page 2 )

Tues., April 17: NAMES AND NICKNAMES FROM OUR FAMILY TREE is the intriguing subject this Spring meeting.

Sat., May 19: 4th annual CHOCOLATE CAKE WALK to be held this year at the Crawford Town Hall (opposite Thyrlle & Dolly Hanson's store) on Route 9, at 7 p.m. More about this next issue.

Tues., June 19th: HOW OUR ANCESTORS DRESSED. Members are urged to dress colorfully for this session.

Sat., July 21: 4th annual HOMECOMING at Pocomoonshine Lake beginning at 3 p.m. Potluck supper at 5 p.m.

Sat., July 28. BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crawford Town Hall.

Tuesday, Aug. 21: STORY TELLING SESSION featuring Frank Fenderson, Smugglers Cove; Sammy Saunders, Border City; Harold Fenlason, Grand Lake & Jack Dudley, Pokey Lake.



ALEXANDER (Circa, early 1900s)  
Bert Thistlewood, his wife and two daughters, and Lewis Frost and Blanche Pickett...Left to right:

Mae A. (Fenlason) Thistlewood (1877-1944, daughter of Frank Willis Fendalson and Martha Angevine Bailey. She was a cousin to Harold Dwellley.)

Lyra F. Thistlewood (1898-1962);  
Vivian Thistlewood (1901 - )  
Albert C. Thistlewood (1872- 1939);  
Mabel Blanche Pickett (?)  
Lewis Frost (1885-1969) Photo loaned  
by Pliney Frost

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Unless otherwise specified, all of our monthly meetings are held at the Dudleys' Pocomoonshine Lake cabin at 10 a.m. Members each take a sandwich for the noon hour lunch, and the hostess serves a soup or salad.

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MEMBERSHIP inquiries are being directed to A-CHS, RR #1, Box 1616, Alexander, Maine 04694.

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## 2. *Native Birthdays*

Rupert Day

(Born Mar. 28, 1903 in Crawford)  
Sunrise Apts. 7850 16D  
Calais, Maine 04619

Inez Lehan Frost

(Born Apr. 2, 1906 in Alexander)  
Surrey, Maine 04684

Alberta Harriman Leighton

(Born Apr. 30, 1905 in Alexander)  
Sunrise Manor, Apt. 14F  
Calais, Maine 04619

Edna Flood Perkins

(Born Apr. 6, 1894 in Alexander)  
Woodland, Maine 04694

Best  
Wishes



*Your birthday is your day to acknowledge the unique event that is yourself. For you are a unique event, a private miracle, an original creation of the Creative One, who has not made two blades of grass or two stars or two atoms alike--- and above all, not two human beings. (Author unknown)*

## State of Maine Birthday, Mar. 15, 1820

STATEHOOD: Following the Revolution, frontier settlers who resented being ruled from Boston pressed for separation from Massachusetts. Coastal merchants, who held the balance of political power at the time resisted the separation movement until the War of 1812 showed that Massachusetts was unable or unwilling to provide adequate protection for the people of the district against British raids. With popular sentiment unified behind statehood, the separation movement went forward. Congress established Maine as the 23rd state under the Missouri Compromise of 1820. This arrangement allowed Maine to join the Union as a free state with Missouri entering a year later as a slave state, thereby preserving the numerical balance between free and slave states in the nation. By this time the population of Maine had reached nearly 300,000. The new state had nine counties and 236 towns.

*The above article is taken from the MAINE ALMANAC (1978) by James E. Brunelle, which has been donated to our Library by Harold Fendalson (Copied with permission of the writer).*

### NORTHEAST BOUNDARY DISPUTE:

The precise boundary line between Maine and New Brunswick, (Canada) remained a matter of often-heated argument for years after the close of the Revolutionary War. The dispute festered and smoldered until 1839, when it threatened to erupt into open warfare. The Maine Legislature that year raised funds to support a military force of 10,000 to protect the state's border claims at Madawaska. Several hundred British regulars were dispatched to the scene from Quebec. At this point the U.S. Congress enter the picture, approving \$10 million for military expenses should war break out. Nearly 50,000 troops were readied for action, and Major General Winfield Scott was dispatched to the scene. Scott managed to work out a temporary agreement between the two parties before the so-called "War of Aroostock" reached the point of bloodshed. The Webster-Ashburton Treaty, hammered out in 1842 by U.S. Secretary of State Daniel Webster and English special minister, Lord Ashburton, finally settled the question of where Maine's northeast boundary lay.

# Maine Register 1876

information furnished  
by Ernest Scott  
of South Princeton, Me.

THIS ISSUE WE SALUTE OUR EARLY MAIL SERVICE

ALEXANDER is described as being 30 miles N. of Machias, and 14 from Calais. First settled, 1810. Formerly Plantation No.16. Incorporated, Jan.19,1825. Population: 1850, 544; 1860, 445; 1870, 455. Valuation 1860: Polls, 96; Estates \$54,154; 1870, Polls, 95, Estates \$73,997.

Postmaster: J. Spearin, jr.  
Selectmen: C.M. Huff, B.A. Strout,  
Jeremiah Spearin, jr.  
Town Clerk: A.H. Perkins  
Treasurer: W.M. Lee  
Constables: C.M. Huff, B.W. Tyler,  
H.A. Crafts  
School Committee: Howard Lee,  
George Berry,  
J.K. Thistlewood  
Clergyman: Charles Rogers,  
(Wesley) Meth.  
Justices: C.M. Huff, Feb.11, 1873  
Quorum: B.W. Tyler, Feb.18, 1874 T.  
Merchant: Wesley Flood  
Manufacturers: John K. Thistlewood  
M. Brown, carriages; J. W.  
Dwelle, lumber; B.A. Strout,  
smith  
Hotel: Elisha Perkins

CRAWFORD: 24 miles N of Machias. stage-line to Calais. Incorporated under the name of Adams, Feb.11, 1828. Name changed to present one, Feb. 23, of the same year. Valuation: 1860, Polls 68; Estates, \$28,883; 1870, Polls 54; Estates, \$30,351.

Postmaster: Daniel L. Seavey  
Selectmen: N.S. Fenlason  
H.A. Averill, A.J. Dwelle,  
Town Clerk: D. F. Wormwood  
Treasurer: D. F. Wormwood  
School Committee: D.F. Wormwood,  
N.S. Fenlason  
Justice: D.F. Wormwood, Jan.14,  
1873.

BAILEYVILLE: 35 N. of Machias. On stage-line from Machias to Calais. Incorporated Feb.19, 1828. Population: 1850, 431; 1860, 363; 1870, 377. Valuation: 1860: Polls, 75; Estates, \$50,624; 1870: Polls, 64; Estates, \$53,641.

Postmaster: James Robbins  
Selectmen: H.W. Anderson,  
Eli Thornton, N.B. Spearin,  
Town Clerk: James Robbins  
Treasurer: John D. Lawler  
School Committee: J.F. Staples,  
H.W. Anderson, N.B. Spearin  
Clergymen: Vacant. Bap.  
Justice: J.D. Lawler, Feb.4,  
1874 Quorum

COOPER 24 miles N. of Machias. Terminus of stage-lines from Machias and Calais. Formerly No. 15, and included Meddybemps west of Denny's river. Settled 1812. Incorporated Feb.6, 1822. Population: 1850, 562; 1860, 468; 1870, 360. Valuation, 1860: Polls, 91; Estates, \$39,272; 1870, Polls 84; Estates \$34,809.

Postmaster: Alice C. Sawyer  
Selectmen: T.J. Burbank, L.C.  
Foster, Alvah Doten  
Town Clerk: Jason L. Doten  
Treasurer: Thomas J. Burbank  
Constable: S.T. Sadler  
School Committee: C.N. Yeaton,  
H.W. Smith, J.L. Doten  
Clergemen: M.S. Dunton, Meth.;  
Vacant Cong.  
Justices: W.B. Doten, Feb.10, 1875,  
Quorum: T.J. Burbank, Feb. 17,  
1875 Trial.  
Manufacturers: J.W. Cary, wheel-  
wright; L.C. Foster, W. Creamer,  
smiths.  
Hotel: Nathaniel Sawyer

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# CALAIS WEEKLY TIMES (Aug. 1, 1901)

PRINCETON: The good people of South Princeton are rejoicing over the fact they are to have a post office. It was secured through the influence of Congressman Powers with the co-operation of local parties. For all these years the people in this part of town have been obliged to travel some six miles to secure their mail at Princeton proper. The new office is to be known as the Bonny office in honor of the late Moses Bonney who settled there as early as 1815. The first man who cleared a farm in Princeton was James Bonney, as early as 1817. In 1808 he moved his family from Moosepeck Reach on the Maine coast. At that time it was the wild lands of the Bingham Purchase. In 1824 Col. Black of Ellsworth came and surveyed the township and bonded lots to the settlers. This has always been one of the prettiest parts of our town. Isaac A. Colwell has been appointed postmaster.

*This postcard sent March 14, 1904 from Ayer, Me. to Jane Ayer in Haverhill, Mass. bore a one-cent stamp.*

## Bruce is still waiting!

March 22, 1982

Dear Jane, I have absolutely no genealogical connection with Alexander-Crawford. I collect town histories of Maine. My primary interest is in the Postal system with emphasis prior to 1900.

I would like very much to see an article on the dates, people, locations, etc. of the Post Offices of A-C. I would even pay extra for a thorough research including photos of where the P.O. were.

Cordially, Bruce W. Hazelton  
P.O. Box 67A  
Cumberland Center, Me. 04021



In 1843 there were 34 Post Offices in Washington County. Among them were:

| <u>TOWN</u> | <u>POSTMASTER</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Alexander   | Jessie Stephenson |
| Baileyville | William Thornton  |
| Calais      | William Goodwin   |
| Cooper      | Asaph Sawyer      |
| Charlotte   | Ebenezer Fisher   |
| Princeton   | John Rolfe        |
| Topsfield   | ? Foster          |
| Waite       | John Dudley       |



# POSTAL RATES WERE HIGHER IN BYGONE DAYS

undated Newspaper clipping  
from Susan Vance Frost (1863  
1949) scrapbook - ad

Six Cents Required for Letter Going  
Not Over 30 Miles. . . .

Three cent postage on letters, not local, may seem rather high to people unless a comparison is made of the prevailing rates before the introduction of the more modern postal service.

In 1825 letter postage on single sheets (no envelopes being known at that time) was six cents for a distance no over 30 miles. Then, up to and not over 80 miles, the rate was 10 cents; up to and not over 150 miles, 12½ cents; up to and not over 400 miles 25 cents. Two sheet letters were double rate; three sheet letters triple rate, and four sheet letters quadruple rate.

The natural query is, would not social correspondence languish if such rates were in existence today.

Before the introduction of envelopes, letters were folded into a convenient size and were sealed with wax.

The postage stamp first came into use in 1847; stamped envelopes in 1853; registered letters in 1855; newspaper wrappers in 1861; railway mail service in 1864; money orders in 1867; postal cards in 1873; rural free delivery service in 1896; postal savings bank in 1911, the parcel post service coming a few years later.

In 1790 Bangor received its mail from Wiscasset; in 1796 from Castine and in 1800 from Bucksport.

## UNITED STATES POSTAGE...1876

Every letter, or written communication, weight not over half an ounce, any distance wit in the United States, 3 cents; for each additional half ounce, or fraction, 3 cents in addition. Post cards, with stamps impressed, one cent each.

Newspayers will be sent free of postages to subscribers in the County where published.



1907 card, printed in Germany  
of the 'Custom House and Post  
Office, Eastport, Me.' from our  
'Janie Ayer Postcard Collection.'

## Postmaster asks rate hike to 23¢

By United Press International

Washington

Postmaster General William Bolger says the United States mail will still be a bargain even if the cost of posting a first-class letter is raised from 20 to 23 cents.

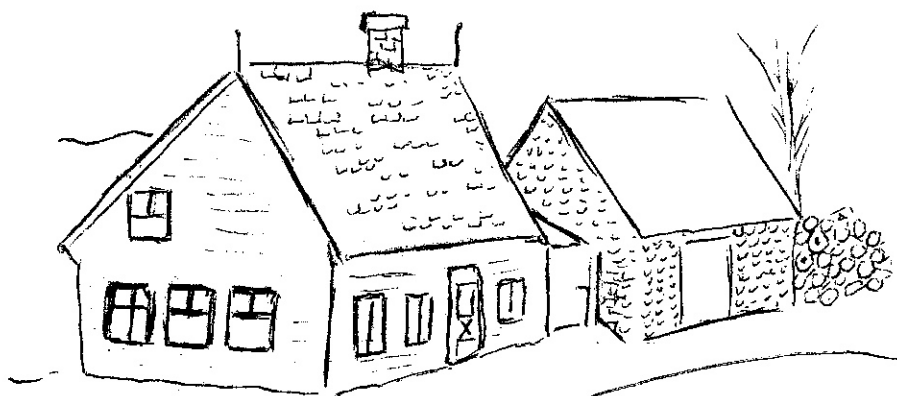
In addition to the hike for first-class mail, the Postal Service wants to raise the cost of mailing a post card from 13 cents to 15 cents. Other postal costs also would go up.

The request for the increases must be approved by the Postal Rate Commission, a process that takes about 10 months. The hikes likely would go into effect in October 1984.

Mr. Bolger said increases for most classes of mail are needed to avoid a projected \$800 million deficit next year.

He announced the 15 percent rate request Nov. 1, saying, "It's still going to be a bargain to mail a letter."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1983



home of Nelson + Madeline Flood

**More on Alexander (undated clipping)**

Bert Flood of Alexander called to say that he had omitted the most important part of his item on his great grandfather. The three early settlers to Alexander came from Eastport. His ancestor settled about a quarter of a mile from the Cooper line on a hill overlooking Meddybemps Lake.

Nelson and Madeline Flood of Alexander will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on Armistice Day, November 11, 1984. They live in a cozy home atop a hill on the Cooper Rd., which overlooks our famous Meddybemps Heath (which becomes inflamed with red blueberry leaves in fall) and the lovely large lake bearing the same name.

The home in which the Floods now live was a store "in the horse and buggy days" run by his father Arthur Wesley Flood (1869-1939). The family homestead next door had been maintained by Nelson's mother, Annie Watson Flood (1869-1963).

In 1957 the Floods' family home was ravaged by fire. The newspaper account, published in an area paper, was discovered pasted in a scrapbook kept by the late Lenora Carlow Perkins (1894-1957). It appears as follows:

"FIRE DESTROYS ALEXANDER HOME---ALEXANDER: April 18: A fire of unknown origin leveled the home of Nelson Flood in Alexander, Wednesday despite the attempts of neighbors who tried to extinguish the blaze after forming a bucket brigade. Their efforts in addition to a favorable wind saved a large barn, garage and henhouse.

The fire was first discovered at about 10:30 o'clock in the evening by the housekeeper, Mrs. Leila Bohanon. She called to Flood and a boarder, Clifford McLaughlin who had just gone up stairs to bed, and the three fled to safety. Another member of the household, Alden Battron, was not at home at the time. The belongings of all were lost.

The fire is believed to have started in the shed adjoining the two-story house. No estimate of loss is available but the building was believed partly covered by insurance. Another building, formerly a store, is being used by Flood for living quarters at the present time."

## Machias Union:

APRIL 2, 1889: Weather has been delightfully warm for usually tempestuous month of March. Snow is disappearing rapidly and wagons have been in vogue quite a while. Old settlers up this way do not remember so pleasant a March....Quite a number of townsmen are selling out and moving away. Last week two families moved. William C. Strout and family left for New Brunswick. Edward McClain, who recently sold his farm, has moved to North Anson. They leave a large circle of Friends....Freemont Stephenson is down to Meddybemps teaching. He is inside of a school house most of the time and is quite successful teacher....Stillman Little is teaching school in district #5.

# Happy to Hear from You!



Stanny  
Dulman

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Phyllis G. Hall, 22 Morse St., Freeport, Me. 04032: "I loved the genealogy page in the last issue very much. The whole booklet is read by all three of us the minute it arrives. You see, Fred and his father are also 'down-easters' from St. Stephen. Were the Gerows that lived in Woodland of your line? This was back in the 1939-1940s. I am having a 'ball' researching my family lines. With Rachel Hamilton's help have got back to John Alden in one of the lines; back to 1785 on another; 18? on the Keene line; and 1740's on the Gower. "

Bessie Dwelley Wheaton, 405 Walter Ave., Frostproof, Fla. 33843: "I was so sad over the demolition of my great grandfather's home on the Lake. (Pleasant) His name was John Dwelley. The mill burned (so I'm told) some time ago. How I loved that mill! Everett Dwelley and I used to 'bundle' shingles, not very many, when Uncle George Dwelley would let us."

Janis Schlenz, Key West., Fla.: "I was the one who sent you that poem... dinny! ("How True, How True") Loved Wendy's picture and poem, would love to paint that picture soon- maybe not tomorrow, but soon..." (Janis is our Roque Bluffs artist, who also maintains a studio (in an old railroad station building, ) in Wyckoff, N.J., and spends a few weeks each winter in the Keys.)"

Richard M. Newcomb, P.O. Box 193, Hampden, Me. 04444: I am looking for information on a relative who lived in East Machias. His name was Winfield Severance. He was listed as living there in 1907. " (*Richard is vice presi. of the Hampton Historical Society & writes he is bringing THREE cakes to our Chocolate Cake Walk, May 19th!!!*)

Gertrude Winter, Bucksport: "That was such a nice thing you did for my mother (See "Honoring Grace McLellan" P. 3, Issue #34). "She would be so happy to see and read the account, but the first to say- 'there were so many like us.'"

Muriel Frost LeDuc, Springfield, Mass.: "Millie & Venetia were my aunts, and the 'Hawovel' that was mentioned was my father, Hawovel Frost. Clifton was my father's brother who died in the Flu time of World War I. Mabel, my father's mother, was my grandmother! (See 'Great Grand Uncle's Cookbook', p. 10 A-CHS #34). Please thank Phyllis Scott Wheaton for me. I think she is also a relative of mine!"

Robert H. Sparre, RR 2, Box 107 Chestertown, Md. 21620: "In about the year 1942 I was in officer candidate school at Fort Sill, Okla. with a young man named Sprague, from Maine. We shared a hut with 2 others whose names began with S. Can't remember his first name. He would now be 60 or so. You mentioned the name Sprague several times in your Jan.-Feb. issue, hence this wild shot."

Ruth L. Driscoll, Box 222 Pleasant Hill Rd., Freeport 04032: "We sure have enjoyed reading A-CHS newsletter. My husband Eugene Driscoll has many cousins from around Wesley and my mother, Mabel Towle, lived in Alexander at the top of a big hill between there and Princeton."

Martha Weaver, Mount Vernon, Ohio: "We did enjoy your newsletter for '83. Even though we don't know a soul it was interesting to read the articles and letters. One could feel the enthusiasm and love for the community. And it is interesting to learn what people are doing in a different part of the States. I am reading 'Blue Highways' a Journey into America" by William Least Heat Moon (William Traydon). It is so interesting for he travels the back roads of America. So it is introducing me to places I cannot possibly go myself?"

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Jo Gallant, Woodland: "I really enjoy your newsletter as both of my grandparents on my mother's side were born and raised in Alexander. (Roy Hunnewell and Lima Carlow). My grandmother was a sister to Grace Seamans, who still lives in Alexander on the Pocomoonshine Road. My grandfather Roy was a brother to Mel Hunnewell who just passed away last year. My grandparents used to manage the Adams camps on Pocomoonshine Lake. Gram was the cook. My mother still has some old photos of the camps back then."

*An Alexander native living in Dearborn, Mich., would appreciate hearing from old friends and relatives. He is Leonard V. McDonough who was born on Feb. 8, 1900. In a letter dictated to a friend, and sent to A-CHS president, Leonard wrote: 'When my wife passed away last year we had been married 63 $\frac{1}{2}$  years. (Adelaide or Lyda). I am now living alone - have hired help. I remember a lot of the people back there and I still miss them. I'm sending some money for dues and good behavior. I cherish the pamphlet 'A-CHS' that I get from you and send a special 'thank you' to Ethel Wallace who served us a nice dinner when we were there on vacation. My brother Clarence died about seven years ago", he added, "and I'm wondering about relatives I might have in this society:'. His friend at the end of the letter added, "Leonard is in very poor health, can't hear and recently had an operation. I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from anyone that knew him there".*

Charlene Norman, Jacksonville, N.C. "Enjoyed Jan/Feb issue so much, as I do all of them. The article on Tree Squeaks caused quite a stir in this household, a nice yankee explanation, nicely done. Love to read about my ancestors' way of life in the north woods lumber camps."

Marianne T. Palm, Grayslake, Ill.: "Just a few lines to thank you for your wonderfully and enjoyable newsletters. I read them with such joy. And now after receiving so many I feel as tho I'm beginning to know the Dudleys, the Frosts, the Bonneys, and all the other names that crop up with interesting stories of the good and not so good old days! How did Pocomoonshine Lake get it's name? Was an Indian pokin' around a still?

*We're still trying to find out ourselves, Marianne. The earliest maps call the lake 'Shining Lake'. Early settlers on the South Princeton Road lived in a section called "Pokeshire", perhaps it ties in with this.*

Ethel Bonnell, Portland. "It is a joy and pleasure to read of a perhaps happier time in our history. It is a relief from the headlines of today."

Hattie Frost, Rte. 1, Box 434, Carmel 04419: "Am sorry to be so late with my dues but I have been sick with a heart attack, as you can see my hand is not so steady now. I would like to have two cook books and the rest of the money you use as you need, but don't want to miss one issue. I hope I am able to visit you this summer when I go down to Donald's. I love to hear all about the people I used to know and those that I just heard of - there are a lot more that have not been mentioned."

Genenieve D. Partridge, North Anson: "I wish I lived in your vicinity so that I could attend your interesting meetings. I am putting July 28th on my calendar hoping I can attend your Blueberry Festival."

Lewis M. Hardison, 212 Spanish Oak Lane, Kerrville, Texas 78028: "I am still looking for information on James Flanders of Alexander and Baileyville!"

Mary Jane McArthur, Cohasset, Mass.: "My husband and I think that your newsletter is most interesting and look forward to each issue. We do spend sometime in Woodland each summer at our camp at the Lamb Farm. We hope to be up there this coming summer to participate in some of the activities you have planned."

# Roberts' Plan Reunion

John and Carrie Roberts standing in the doorway of their Wesley, Me. home in 1932. The couple had 12 children, and this summer the family will gather for its 31st consecutive reunion.

At the request of your editor, Maxine Seavey of Alexander, wife of The Roberts' Family Association president, Pike Seavey, wrote the following report of the 1963 summer reunion:

The descendants of John & Carrie Roberts hold a reunion each year in Wesley. We have a church service on Sunday after which we place flowers on the Roberts' grave site. On Monday we have a supper, a business meeting and a talent program.

Oh, yes, we also have a coffee following the church service.

The officers are elected each year, also committees for flowers, church services, talent show, mailing, etc. The president is Pike Seavey, and secretary-treasurer, Gayle Sprague. This coming year will be the 31st consecutive year



John Milton Roberts, Sr.  
1858-1939

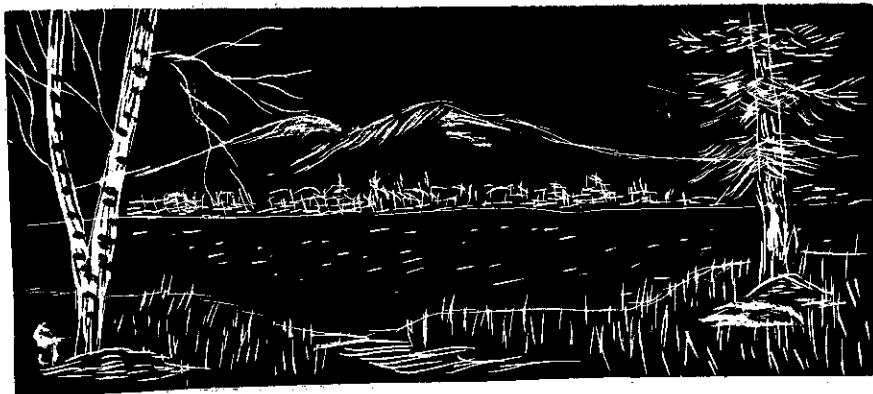
Carrie Evelyn Hawkins Roberts  
1869-1949

1. Nora Mae Roberts  
Aug. 1, 1887 - Feb. 1974
2. Gertrude Bradbury Roberts  
Jan. 31, 1889 - Oct. 13, 1977  
(Pike Seavey's mother)
3. Nellie Grace Roberts  
Dec. 14, 1890 - Mar. 24, 1968
4. Annie Laurie Roberts  
Dec. 24, 1892 - Mar. 1963
5. Fred Orris Roberts  
Oct. 14, 1894 - 1959 ?
6. Walter Roscoe Roberts  
Nov. 2, 1896 - 1917

7. Ethel Roberts,  
Dec. 20, 1897 -
8. Hazel Pearl Roberts  
April 4, 1900
9. Ruth Roberts,  
Jul. 31, 1901 -
10. Evelyn Marie Roberts  
Aug. 8, 1903 -
11. Kenneth Paul Roberts  
Sept. 21, 1906 - Dec. 31, 1977
12. John Milton Roberts, Jr.  
Dec. 10, 1911 -

**CORRECTION:** ISSUE #34: Teacher at Four Corners School, page 3, was Miss Marcie Flood (1896-1924) daughter of Lincoln & Lizzie (Perkins) Flood. She later became the 1st wife of Harold Cousins ALSO, according to Norma Marship, her uncle Frank Frost thought the 1916 date was wrong. He would have been only four years old when the picture was taken, he said.





STANLEY E. JEFFERY (1871-1948)

(from Lenora Perkin's scrapbook.)

An etching by Grace Jeffery of North Anson who has been compiling a history of the Bailey & Jeffery family tree. So far, she reported, she has gone back to Peter Andrew Jeffery and Nathaniel Bailey #1, 2, & 3. Grace is the daughter of Orville Jeffery, brother of Stanley Jeffery. The Jeffery family homestead still stands along Route 9 in Crawford.

*Memories are as dear today!"*

GENEALOGY PAGE

"The late Stanley E. Jeffery of Crawford, Maine, whose passing occurred March 23, 1948 at his home, was laid to rest at Crawford cemetery on March 31. Rev. Harold J. Rowley of Woodland officiating. The bearers were four nephews of the deceased: Wayne, Harold, Frank and Everett Dwelley.

Mr. Jeffery was born Oct. 22, 1871 at the home where he raised his family and where he passed away. His early life was spent in the Western part of the state in the long lumber era where he was known as an expert river-driver and woodsman in that period when logs were transported from forest to mill by water only. For eight consecutive seasons he worked on the Kennebec River for a log driving company, following the drive from its start and remaining on at the sorting gates at Hallowell throughout the summer, proceeding on up river in early September with the woods crews to chop the virgin spruce until March or April and start on another drive. In those days the woodsman bid goodbye to homes, families and villages knowing that their return to them would not be earlier than the advent of Spring, of breaking camp. Thus Mr. Jeffery spent his early life until his marriage in 1900 to Laura E. Fenlason.

"From then on his operations for the Eastern Pulp wood Company across Crawford Lake, and for lumbermen on the Machias River kept him away a great deal up until the death of his father in 1920. -

"From then on he took smaller contract jobs near his home working his farm in conjunction with them, and thus he continued to live an active and useful life directly up to his last illness.

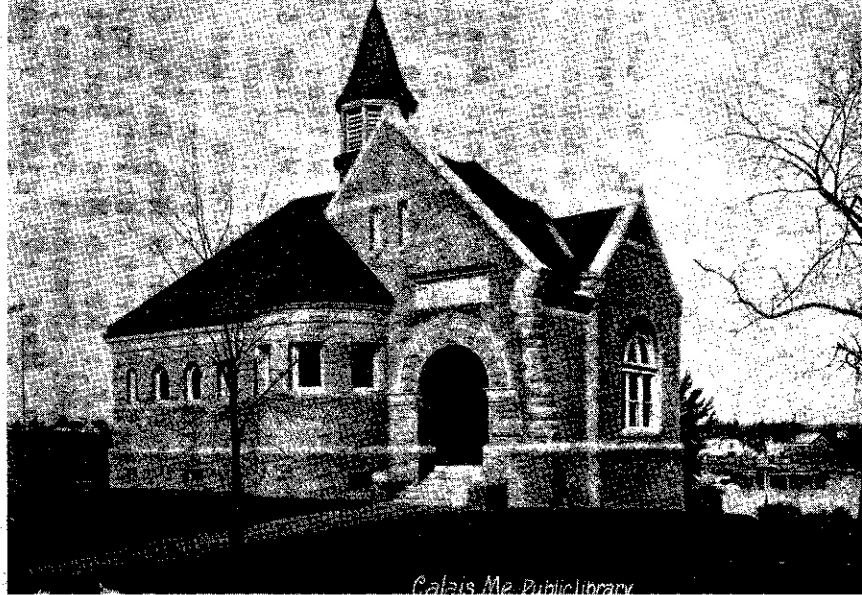
"He will be remembered for his honesty and integrity by those who knew him. In matters of personal and business nature; and for his unusual drive and energy which led him to be outstanding as a provider."

Those who survive him are his wife: Laura E. Jeffery of Crawford; a son, Ivan C. Jeffery of Princeton; four daughters, Mrs. Austin Beal of Jonesport; Mrs. Edwin Patten of Bangor; Mrs. Austin E. Harmon of Crawford; and Miss Margaret Jeffery of Calais. Also seven grandchildren: two brothers, Arthur A. Jeffery of New York City; J. Orville Jeffery of Vanceboro, Me., and a sister, Miss Mae E. Ingalls of Boston, Mass."

Vivian Jeffery Emery, Fairfield, Me.  
"I don't suppose there are many left who remember my dad, Orville, and his family, but I wouldn't be surprised if there were many 2nd and 3rd cousins there I have never met."

# We ♥ Our Library

This 1907 postcard of our Calais Free Library was printed in Germany, and mailed with one-cent stamp from the defunct AYERS Post Office to Miss Janie Ayers of Charlotte who was working at a mill in Medfield, Mass.



*Miss Janie Ayers had a letter at  
did you receive my letter of  
right this lady of Calais was  
the one who had the first  
library. She was a very  
kind and helpful woman.*

The lovely old brick building, raised in 1892 has become too small to accommodate the growing number of card bearing members, the expanding volumes and the need for

additional space for the increasing library-related programs for adults and children of the City of Calais and its surrounding towns. (In fact, your editor was amazed recently to discover that our little Town of Alexander, with less than 500 residents, has 200 card holding members!)

The Library has been awarded this Spring a \$150,000 Federal grant to build an addition if we can raise matching funds (actually \$155,000) by the end of May. The addition is needed to enhance present space which should double the book stacks, provide a reading room overlooking the St. Croix River, install study carrels, a general purpose meeting room, and a staff workroom. The addition will be in keeping with the physical character of this handsome and unique little edifice. Donations to the fund may be mailed to Helen Oliver, librarian, Calais Free Library Calais, Me. 04619. Checks should be made out to Calais Free Library Building Fund.

Of interest to area historians and genealogists at the Library is the large collection of Maine author books and histories of town and state which Mrs. Oliver has been collecting over the years. The volumes now fill an alcove off the main room which is furnished with a long table and comfortable chairs. A-CHS board members are very appreciative of this opportunity to research and pursue many books long out of print. It is here also where a complete file of our A-CHS newsletters are available in stiff-covered looseleaf notebooks.

In earlier days the large framed home of the Pike family was situated on this property. When James Shephard Pike died he left his home and \$10,000 to convert it to library use. However, his brother Fred Pike and Truman Todd each put up \$5,000 each for a new library, and had the house moved to Calais Avenue (opposite the Masonic Hall) where it stood for many years before being demolished. Frank Fenderson, Library Board chairman, told us that a few years after the library was built \$500 turned up and was used to give the finishing touches to the interior, such as the oak paneling, and the rococo ceiling trim.

# Welcome to Our New Members



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On behalf of our Executive Board we welcome the following new members: Rolla Areher, Alexander; Dana & Natalie Bean, Alexander; Jon B. Cole, Plantation, Fla.; Dorothy Colwell, Penryn, Calif.; Eleanor Day, Crawford; Phillip & Virginia Doyle, Chelmsford, Mass.; C. Culbert Gerow, Wilmington, Del.; Arline Hill, Fort St. Lucie, Fla.; Eric & Paula Hinson, Calais; Paul Jellison, Lake Luzerne, N.Y.; Cecilia M. Kirby, Clinton, Mass.; Earl McArthur Cohasset, Mass.; Lillian McPike, Waite; John & Ginger Minnick, Hadley, Mass.; William & Joanne Minnick, Cupertino, Calif.; Diane Nodding, Millinocket; Carl & Rhondo Oakes, Alexander; Benjamin Perkins, Cooper; Kenneth Prout, Freeport; Mr. & Mrs. David C. Sanford, Aiea, Hawaii; Robert Schlensz, Roque Bluffs & Wyckoff, N.J.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Sparre, Chestertown, Md.; Frances Sullivan, Alexander & Clinton, Mass.; Virginia Varnum, Woodland; Vernice Cousins Young, Bar Harbor.

OUR NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE: Heather Jellison, year-old daughter of Paul & Susan Jellison of Lake Luzerne, N.Y. (formerly of Alexander); Mikey Oakes, young son of Carl & Rhondo Oakes of Alexander; and Stephanie Doten, infant daughter of Kenneth & Joannie (Greenlaw) Doten of Pleasant Lake. Maternal grandparents are Allen and Hilda Greenlaw of Alexander. Bernard Doten is the paternal grandfather.

(Sketch by Elizabeth Kaziah Olson, age 2, granddaughter of Jack and Jane Dudley)

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# Hurrah for 'Chocolate'

*Too late for our Cookbook  
but too good to miss  
Annabel Hatfield Zyra's  
receipt for Chocolate  
Pound Cake.....*

## CHOCOLATE POUND CAKE

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 3 C. sugar        | 1 tsp. baking  |
| 1/2 lb. butter    | powder         |
| 6 eggs            | 5 tbs. cocoa   |
| 3 C. sifted flour | 2 tsp. vanilla |
| 1/4 tsp. salt     | 1 C. milk      |

Cream sugar and butter. Add eggs, one at a time.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa together twice. Add the vanilla to the cup of milk.

Add flour mixture and liquid alternately to the sugar-butter mixture. (Adding flour at the last).

Pour into prepared tube pan. Bake at 325° for 1 1/4 hours.

AMONG the 50 delicious chocolate cake recipes, and 15 varied frostings, there are some very unusual rules planned especially for the more adventurous bakers, such as: sauerkraut chocolate cake, eggless chocolate cake, chocolate cold-water cake, green tomato chocolate cake, chocolate zucchini cake, chocolate cheesecake, coca cola chocolate cake, marble cake, etc.

*Jean Alley's Chocolate cake rule is one our Mary Williams of Waite has saved in her favorite recipe file for over forty years. She said, "I think it was geared to real cream and butter which we haven't had since we had a cow."*

## Pocomoonshine irresistible Chocolate Cake

receipts



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Price \$1.50

WHAT FUN! Our first two cookbook orders were mailed from the Empire State building in New York, and from Matinicus Island, Maine the same day!

## JEAN'S CHOCOLATE CAKE

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 1/2 C. flour    | 1 1/4 C. sugar  |
| 1 1/2 tsp. baking | 2 eggs          |
| powder            | 3/4 C. milk     |
| 1/4 tsp. salt     | 1/2 tsp. soda   |
| 1/4 C. butter     | 2 sq. chocolate |

Dissolve the soda in one tablespoon boiling water. Cream butter and sugar well - add beaten egg yolks, then flour (sifted with baking powder and salt) alternately with the milk. Add dissolved soda and then the melted chocolate and vanilla. Last fold in egg whites which have been beaten stiff but not dry. Bake at 350° about 30-40 minutes.

# 14. *mysterious War Verse*

(From Susie Vance Frost Scrapbook)

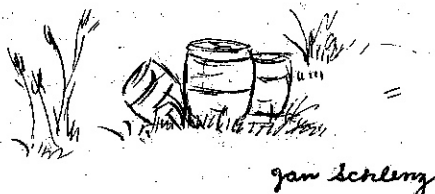
"Do you see anything unusual about the lines in the following verse?"

"Hark, hark! the trumpet sounds!  
The din of war's alarms  
O'er seas and solid grounds  
Doth call us all to arms.  
Who for King George do stand,  
Their honor soon will shine;  
Their ruin is at hand  
Who for the congress join.  
The Tories of the day,  
They are my daily toast;  
They soon will sneak away  
Who independence boast.  
On Mansfield, North and Butte  
May daily blessings pour--  
Confusion and dispute  
On congress evermore.  
To North, that British lord,  
May honors still be done,  
I wish a block and cord  
To General Washington."

"At first glance you will say that the verse is poor--very poor in fact. It is jerky; "join" is pronounced "jine", and there are other defects. However, the verse was famous in Revolutionary War days. It has a hidden meaning.

"The peculiar thing about it is that when read straight through it is decidedly British in sympathy, but by reading every other line, starting first with the top line, then again with the second line, it is decidedly American in sentiment.

"There is still another way to read it. Read the first and third lines, then the second and fourth lines - and so on - two odd, then two even number lines."



## GENEALOGY CHART (Scotty Chalmers)

1st cousins: same grand parents  
2nd cousins same great  
3rd cousins same gr.gr. "  
etc.

One has grandparents, these same grandparents are great, grand-parents of other persons.

## House Squeaks

Helen Gerow Burke New Paltz, N.Y.

Jack's account of the "Tree Squeaks", A CHS #34 Page 12, fascinates me. I don't know anything about Tree Squeaks except in a wind storm, but this house, which is about 112 years old, must have a large population of "House Squeaks". They seem to live under the floors or in them - and protest loudly when I walk in certain places. They like door hinges too, and often turn up in other odd places. Bob has something in a can that he sprays on door hinges. I have called it "squeak juice". That keeps them quiet for a while. I have no specimens, but will watch for one!

Your Horace Greeley portrait sounds interesting. When I see his name I think of "Go West, young man, Go West!" I have an old book published 1867. The author traveled West - "Beyond the Mississippi" and in 1859 was with Horace Greeley in Colorado.

That school teacher, Grace McLellan Strout, had a hard life! Most of the one room schools in this area have been re-modeled and are used as dwellings now. The one I attended in Plattekill - Gerow District #8 had a big playground and I still remember the games we played."

"Second cousin once removed" of your editor, Mrs. Burke is our latest member. She is also a Charter 1984 Subscribing Member of the new MAINE (N.B.) CONNECTION newsletter whose 1st issue appeared in our last A-CHS edition.



James Gerow<sup>6</sup> (b. 1816 St. John, N.B.) Stephen Gerow<sup>5</sup> (b. 1794, LONG ISLAND, ST. JOHN RIVER) DANIEL GEROW<sup>3</sup> (GIRAUD) b. 1725 NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. d. 1791 NEW MARLBORO (PLATTEKILL)

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# the maine (n.b.) connection

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Dear Cousin, Sept. 19, 1861, St. John

I embrace this opportunity writing to you by my brother George. It seems to me a long time since I have seen you but I often think of you all and should feel pleased to see you. I did intend to visit you this fall, but we are going to go on long voyage soon across the Atlantic. Mary Ann has not enjoyed good health for some time past and she thinks a trip to England will do her good. I hope it will prove so. Father and Mother are very well and wish to be remembered to all the friends. We would be pleased to see you in Saint John but I suppose it is no use to urge you to come at present. This war I may say unfortunate war is which you are at present engaged and I feel will last for some time will engage your attention until it is ended and peace restored which I hope will be sooner then I anticipate.

We have a fine season for the farmers in this part of the country great crops of hay and potatoes much better the friends in the country are all well and doing well as far as I can learn. I should be pleased to hear from you when George returns. Please remember me to all the cousins and friends and I hope that should we be permitted to come home again in the spring we may call and make you a short visit should we come by the way of New York. I will bid you farewell hoping this will find you and all the friends in good health as it leaves us at present.

I remain your, *James Gerow*

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10 Charter Members are receiving this mailing. They live in: Bangor, Houlton, Millinocket, Unity; Hudson, N.H.; New Paltz, Wilmington, Del.

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## JAMES GEROW<sup>6</sup> OF ST. JOHN N.B.

According to the late Frances Lathrop, historian of the Gerow Family Association, Huguenot Historical Society of New Paltz, N.Y., James Gerow<sup>6</sup> was a son of Stephen Gerow (son of Daniel<sup>3</sup>). James was born in 1816. He married (1) Mary Ann Humbert. She died in 1871, and James married (2) Bridget Agnes Ferguson.

"Brother George" was George William Gerow. He used to visit the cousins in Plattekill. George W. was born in 1830 (St. John). He married (1) Julia Ann Travis; (2) Evelyn Lasee. Evelyn was a step-daughter of Peter C. Gerow of Plattekill. George and Eva lived in St. John, N.B.

James grandfather, Daniel<sup>4</sup> Gerow was a United Empire Loyalist who left New York at the close of the Revolutionary War with his brother James and sister, Catherine (Gerow) Yerxa.

They were from a family of 12 children. Their father Daniel Gerow<sup>3</sup> served on the Patriots side in the War.

It is fairly certain that many of their descendants are living in Maine and New Brunswick.

QUEEN'S CTY, N.B. d. 1871 BURIED FERNHILL CEMETERY, M. ELIZABETH GEROW<sup>5</sup> (1795-1875) daughter of James Gerow<sup>4</sup> AND NEW YORK, M. ELIZABETH COUTANT (b. 1729?) NEW ROCHELLE, d. 1816 PLATTEKILL; DANIEL GEROW<sup>3</sup> (1697-1757)

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# First Class



# Juniors' Scrapbook

RACHEL TANYA HERTZ, AGE 11



"My family and I own nine sheep. Two of them are wethered rams and the rest are ewes. They are all white except for one ram named Albert. He has light brown ears. Two of the ewes named Rosemary and Tansy are going to have babies in a few weeks. They were bred to a black ram so they might have black lambs. Our sheep's names are Margaret, Demi, Daisy, Louisa May, Albert, Amy Juliet, Rosemary and Tansy. Demi and Daisy are twins and their mother is Margaret. Albert is Amy's lamb. In the winter the sheep stay in our barn. In the summer they stay outside and graze. At night they have to be put in a shed so the coyotes won't hunt them. They love to jump and butt each other. All the times that lambs were born at our house it's been a surprise. When Juliet was

born it was in July. We were going to have supper when the sheep started blattting. We went outside and there was Juliet. When Albert was born it was 11 degrees below zero at 10 o'clock at night on February 10. He almost froze to death.

My mother brought him inside and rubbed him down by the fire, then took him back to his mother. Demi and Daisy were born on St. Patrick's Day at seven thirty in the morning. They were all strong and healthy. I like to have sheep for pets. They are a lot of hard work, but they are worth it."

## \*\*\*\*\* THE LITTLE BROOK \*\*\*\*\*

The laughing shouting giggling brook,  
All the cold and snow it took.

Down to its house it goes with a shout,  
to wait the long hot summer out.

Then some spring I shall hear,  
the giggling brook running clear.

(Written when 8-years-old)

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