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Alexander-Crawford Historical Society
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When small is big-525 members



George Whitefield Stephenson (staff in hand) was born in Alexander, Me., Jan. 24, 1847, and died in Scotia, Calif. 1926. He and his wife had 20 children, all of whom were born in California. The feature and photos in this issue were sent by his grandson Arthur Stephenson Howatt who lives in Whittier, Calif.

The Redwood tree was felled near a place called Ryam Slough, near Eureka, Calif in the 1890s. The man on the horse is his son William; the one holding the horse is his son-in-law William St. Claire.

Summer Calendar



HOME COMING +

Saturday, July 21, 3 p.m.
at Pocomoonshine Lake
Potluck Supper at 5 p.m.

*Music by the
'Wheaton Girl Singers'
featuring
Wendy & her guitar*

B L U E B E R R Y

FESTIVAL: Saturday, July 28
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Crawford
Town Hall, Route 9.
Co-chairmen: Ellie Sanford
(454-2862) & Audrey Ketner
(454-7443) request members
help in making this an
exciting annual event.

S T O R Y T E L L I N G +

by Folklorists: Jack Dudley,
Harold Fenlason, Frank Fender-
son and Sammy Saunders.
Tuesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.
Pocomoonshine Lake
Salad-sandwich potluck lunch

*Members may invite guests +
to these two sessions at
the home of the president.*

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Welcoming New Members

Louis & Lois Carlow, Waterville
Gloria Clark, Calais
Lida Cooper, Cooper
Dyer & Hilda Crosby, Cooper
Frank Dowling, Machias
Viola Dwelley, Alexander
Marion Gerow, New Fairfield, Ct.
Nancy E. Heald, Lincolnville
Muriel Cox Perkins, Woodland
Gerald & Mary Lou Wooton "

and Oscar & Mary Currier
of Rock Springs, Wy.

We Thank You

SUPPORTING MEMBERS for your
donations which make these
newsletters possible:
Jennie Boynton, Arthur Howatt,
Doug Mullen, Blanche Palmer,
Marjorie Stanhope.

And

We ALSO express deep affection
to Ellie Sanford & Maxine Seavey
who 'wore many hats' putting on
our spring CAKEWALK. They were
assisted by Elaine Farrands,
Tim & Jenny Sanford; Pike & Linda
Seavey, Nancy Oden & Jack Dudley
who constructed the two large
cake tables which he has don-
ated to our society.

And also

the 34 wonderful, wonderful
cake bakers; the fiddler
John Viselli trio from
Cooper, and Doug Mullen who
led the merry parade.

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Executive Board

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MEMBERSHIP in our Alexander-Crawford Historical Society includes
six yearly mailings of our 14 to 16 page A-CHS Newsletter, and
admission to our monthly luncheon meetings held at the home of
the president: Address: MEMBERSHIP 2-CHS: RR #1, Box 1616
Alexander, Maine 04694. DUES: Individual \$3.00 Family \$5.00
and Supporting Member, anything over the above.

George Whitefield Stevenson

by

Arthur
Stephenson
Hawatt



Grandfather Stephenson was the oldest child of Jesse and Sabrina (Knight) Stephenson, Jr. born 24 of January 1847 in Alexander. (His father was born in 1821 in Eastport, his mother at Calais in 1825).

As a young man Grandpa Stephenson worked at farming and logging in the Alexander area, and worked out of Eastport on the Codfish Banks of New Foundland. He could tie all kinds of knots and taught them to me when I was studying to be a Boy Scout.

Shortly after the Civil War he and his cousin Harlow Thompson, a Dwelley and a Lydick, boarded a ship at Boston and sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco, Calif. They all went to the redwood lumber town of Cuffeys Cove on the north coast (now non existant) where work was plentiful.

This fascinating scene was probably at Ryans Sloug. The man standing center is Jess Stevenson, the same as on the horse in Picture No. 1. The little old man not identifiec in the first picture is also included in this one.

PICTURE BACK PAGE: Arthur Hawatt's 'ancient cousin' informed him that the bearded man in this photo was his Grandfather Stephenson. However, there are two of them, so take your pick, he wrote. She also knew the 8descends of the California Dwelleys, he added.
