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TUESDAY, NOV. 20

SPEAKER: Historian-  
author of Waite,  
MARY WILLIAMS  
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TUESDAY, DEC. 18

A-CHS 5th Annual  
CHRISTMAS COFFEE

This year we will  
 conduct a Xmas  
Cookie Exchange  
 beside the friend-  
 ship tree...

Both session start  
 at 10 a.m. at the  
 Dudley's Cabin  
 (454-8472) at  
 Pocomoonshine Lake.

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SUNSET LODGE (1917) John McAdam Murchie (2nd  
From right), and Merle E. Hoare (4th from r.)  
 of Princeton who "later was a Game Warden  
 known as Dick Hoare - and a fine gentleman".

John McAdam Murchie, grandfather of your  
 A-CHS sec-treas. John Murchie Dudley, and  
 Gr. Grandfather of our director John  
Herbert Dudley, was born in N.B., and  
 during his later years resided on Germain  
 Street in Calais.

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happy  
 holiday

## Gentle Reminder:

Our 1985  
 membership  
 fees are  
 due january  
 first!

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# Annual Meet

Among those attending our 4th Annual Meeting, Sept. 18 at Pocomoonshine Lake were (left to right) Jack Dudley, Oscar Currier, Walter Whitney, Pliney Frost, Maxine Whitney, Margaret Cole and Mary Currier. The Curriers live in Rock Springs, Wyo., and the Whitneys, Cranston, R.I. Margaret Cole resides in East Machias.



## We welcome 16 new members:

Edith Maude Ayers, Calais; Waldo & Jackie Bogucki, Pocomoonshine Lake & Petersburg, N.Y.; Elsie Dennison, East Machias; Pricilla Townsend Drew, St. Johnsburg Center, Vt.; Dana & Jean Dwelley, Lakeland, Fla.; Arthur Falkenstrom, Columbus, Ga.; Dr. & Mrs. Harvey A. Tanner, Stuart, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Chester Ward, Meddybemps; Mary Wallace, Princeton; Pauline Williamson, East Machias; Doug & Jane Wright, Meddybemps Lake & Lakehurst. N.J.

## We Thank

## our donating members:

Valdine Atwood, Gladys Ayer

Bridges, John & Allegra Brown, Paul & Dana Catts, Scotty Chalmers, Joline Cochran, Mel Clarke, Harold & Ellen Fenlason, Jean Kelley, Donald & Audrey Ketner, Donn & Dory Ketner, Mary Jane & Carl McArthur, Leonard McDonough, Mary Wallace and Catherine Walter.

## Invitation to Membership!

### OUR 1984-85 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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V. Presi. Harold A. Fenlason  
Sec.-treas. John M. Dudley  
Corres. Sec. Mary Williams

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Pliney Frost  
Rachel Hamilton  
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.....over the above

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# A Letter from Orono

"At last some progress!  
Thanks to Ruth Higgins  
of Oakland, Me. who  
found most of the info.

Haskel Smith's father was John Hancock Smith, and his mother was Lucy Pearce. Haskel's brothers and sister were; Francis Warren, George Washington, Rogers Pearce,, John Hancock and Ezra Whitman. He had one sister, Rhoda H., who married Girdon Palmeter.

John Hancock Smith's father was James Smith of New London, and we believe his mother was Mary Hancock. John had several brothers and sisters: James, Sally, William Enoch, Amos, Polly and Nancy.

Mary Hancock's father was probably John Hancock, Gent., and her brothers and sisters were: Thomas, Nathan, John, William, Fanny, Prudence, Sarah, Lydia, and Nancy.

Lucy Pearce is the daughter of John Pearce III, of Marblehead, Mass., b. 1752 d. 1827, and Elizabeth Rogers, widow of John Dotifer (sp.?) Her brothers and sisters were: Lydia, Lydia (one probably died), Elizabeth, Samuel and John.

John Pearce III was probably the son of John Pearce II who married Elizabeth Dixey in Marblehead on Aug. 19, 1746. John Pearce II was probably the son of John Pearce who married Elizabeth Merritt on Nov. 30, 1715 in Marblehead.

\* Rhoda (Smith) Palmeter's daughter Eunice Jula Shurtleff, wife of Fremont E. Shurtleff, of Concord, N.H. was born in Cooper, Me, and applied for membership and was accepted in the D.A.R. on the basis of being a descendant of John Pearce.

In her D.A.R. application the Statement of Service reads: John Pearce appears with grade of Master's Mate on the Master's Payroll of Officers & crew of Frigate Boston commanded by Samuel Tucker. Time of entry Dec. 12th, 1778. Also on the Ship Thorne in 1780 he was brought a prisoner in the first cartel from Rhode Island.'

We are pretty sure of the above information, but it will take a long time to document all of it. I have some dates, places, etc. of the above, but just summarized. Thought your genealogist would like this."

Sincerely,

Charles Smith, Fairview Farm, I.R.A. Main Rd.  
Orono, Maine 04473

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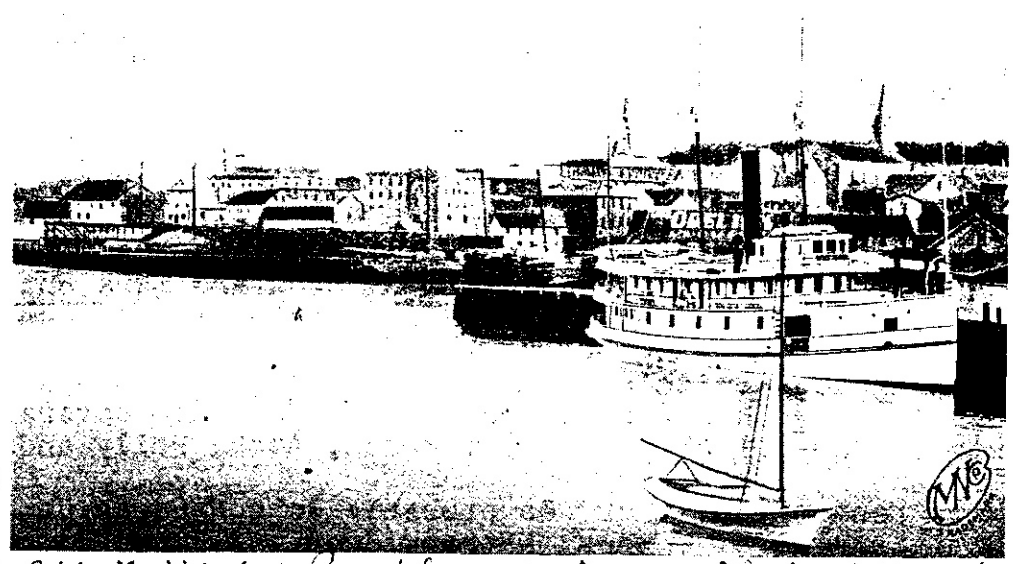
Edith Hatifield, Alexander, Me.:

"My brother Horace Keen read this on a tomb stone many years ago:

Hi, there friend, as you walk by  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, some day you'll be,  
So tip your hat and follow me."

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# "Fond Memories" of the Townsends



Calais, Me., Water front. Pa got home Wed. noon. The boat did not get in. in time for him to get the train Tues. night. Gady.

(1906 Postcard from our A-CHS Janie Ayer Collection)

"I was born in Calais and lived there until I was eight years old, then moved to Woodland and lived there until 1918. I have many fond memories of that part of the State of Maine and I hope sometime to visit the cemetery there.

PRISCILLA TOWNSEND DREW

Box 66, Saint Johnsbury Center, Vt. 04863

"My grandparents were Dr. George Frederick Townsend who was born in Calais on July 17, 1834, and died there Dec. 5, 1906; and Phoebe Priscilla (Crafts) Townsend who died in 1896. I was named for her.

"My parents were Harry Porter Townsend, born in Minneapolis, Minn. on Feb. 28, 1867. He died in Woodland, Me. Jan. 31, 1920; and Maude (Hanscom) Townsend. My mother's family was in Machias, and were owners at one time of the old Burham Tavern where I spent my summers with her sisters and brothers.

"I have a copy of my grandfather's death printed in the Calais Advertiser on Dec. 6, 1906. If you are interested I could mail you a copy. There is also a piece about Manly B. Townsend (1803-1849)."

*(An Alexander, Me. resident, Manly Townsend served as President of the Maine Senate in 1845)*

Maxine Whitney, 78 Sagamore Rd., Cranston, RH 02920: "Whit and I had an enjoyable time at September's Annual Meeting. When we left you we went to Gates House, Machiasport for our appointment with John Brown. Looking through books and papers we found church records that Westbrook Berry and Jane Freeman were married in 1755 at Scarborough, Me. I had seen this date at the Mormon Library, and Weston, Mass., and other places have listed the marriage in 1763 - but this was the date Westbrook, Jane and three children left Scarborough for Machias. The third child is John Berry who I now know as my ancestor born in 1760. I do not have John's address and want to send along the Berry genealogical sheet as soon as I fill in the gaps. Found the 'missing link' in St. Andrews which John suggested I try. I will be sending Pliney the information I gleaned on the trip, as he has been corresponding with me and gave me so much information and facts on the Perkins family.

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