

ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 1980

REPORT NO. 5

CHARTER OFFICERS; Our newly named officers, selected by the nominating committee are: President, Jane Dudley of Pocomoonshine Lake; Vice President, Audrey Ketner of Pocomoonshine Lake and Newark, Del.; Treasurer, Millie Winckler of Pleasant Lake and Calais, and Acting Secretary, Ruth Dwelley of Pleasant Lake.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE; After much thought and discussion, your executive board members, at their first open meeting, voted unanimously (but reluctantly) not to accept the generous offer the Murtaughs have made of the little historical schoolhouse and the property on which it stands. According to Carleton Davis (Jack Dudley Don Ketner and Lloyd Wells) we would have to spend \$5,000 (and this is figured low") right away to raise the building, cut off 2 feet of dry rot all the way around, hand dig the space under the rotting floor, etc. before we even could begin work on the leaking roof, side walls, rafters, windows, etc. Gad! We have \$58,00 in our building account! There are a few interesting alternatives which we are about to investigate. Ruth, Millie, Jane and Jack have been appointed to do so.

SEPTEMBER 23 FIELD TRIP; A visit to historical RUGGLES HOUSE in Columbia Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 23. We will lunch at The Rusty Anchor and in the afternoon visit Cape Split Place in nearby Addison to view the work of Maine artist John Marin 1870-1953; then (and this is optional) have a car-tour of Jonesport and Beals Island on our way back home. How about that! ARE YA ALL COMING? Jane Dudley (454-8472) is handling reservations.

SHOEBOX FILES; L.L. BEANS, INC. was known for years to keep its records in shoeboxes. What was good enough for BEANS is good enough for us. We have started indexing (under individual family names) clippings of weddings, births' deaths, family reunions, etc. Should you wish your family included, please send such clippings, and individual family member statistics on 5 x 7<sup>1/2</sup> cards (recipe cards) to your president.

DONATIONS; Mrs. Hale Tongren of Clifton, Va. has donated 15 or more valuable Maine History Books now out of print These will be listed when space allows. Ellie Sanford has also donated an antique glass jar butter churn and a darling little wooden-framed slate,

CLIMBING ^breakneck" ON SEPT, 3rd; According to Ruth Dwelley transportation may be available when our members and friends climb Alexander's historical mountain on this date. Contact Ruth for further particulars (454-2385),

PRIVATE CEMETARIES; Ruth would also like to be contacted by readers who know of any old cemeteries in Alexander and Crawford, She and Millie are doing a survey. Carleton Davis has been a great help to them!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE; Ellie will be conducting a door to door membership drive this September. Dues in our newly formed Society are \$1.00 per year. (Printed membership cards are being designed, printed and donated by Millie.) Please remember that the charter membership list closes December 31, 1980. If you would like your name to appear on the charter membership plaque along with the other founding members (to be hung in our future headquarters), contact Jane and so indicate.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS; We now have newsletter subscribers living in Philadelphia (Whites), and in Portland, Me. (Bonnell), as well as in Brewer, Bucksport, Eastport, Machiasport, Princeton, Waite, and in Pepperell, Mass. What wonderful moral support!

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE; Chairwoman Ellie Sanford has some wonderful plans for a really fun project next summer to swell our building fund. Serving on her committee will be; Marion Cousins, Zela Cousins, Jane Dudley Marie Dudley, Hazel Frost, Su e Jellison Kay Keck, Audrey Ketner, Evelyn Klod, Bev Lawless, Jane Manza, Kay McNaulty, Barbara Minnick, Clarice Perkins, Karen Sears, Ethel Wallace, Ellen Wells and Millie Winckler