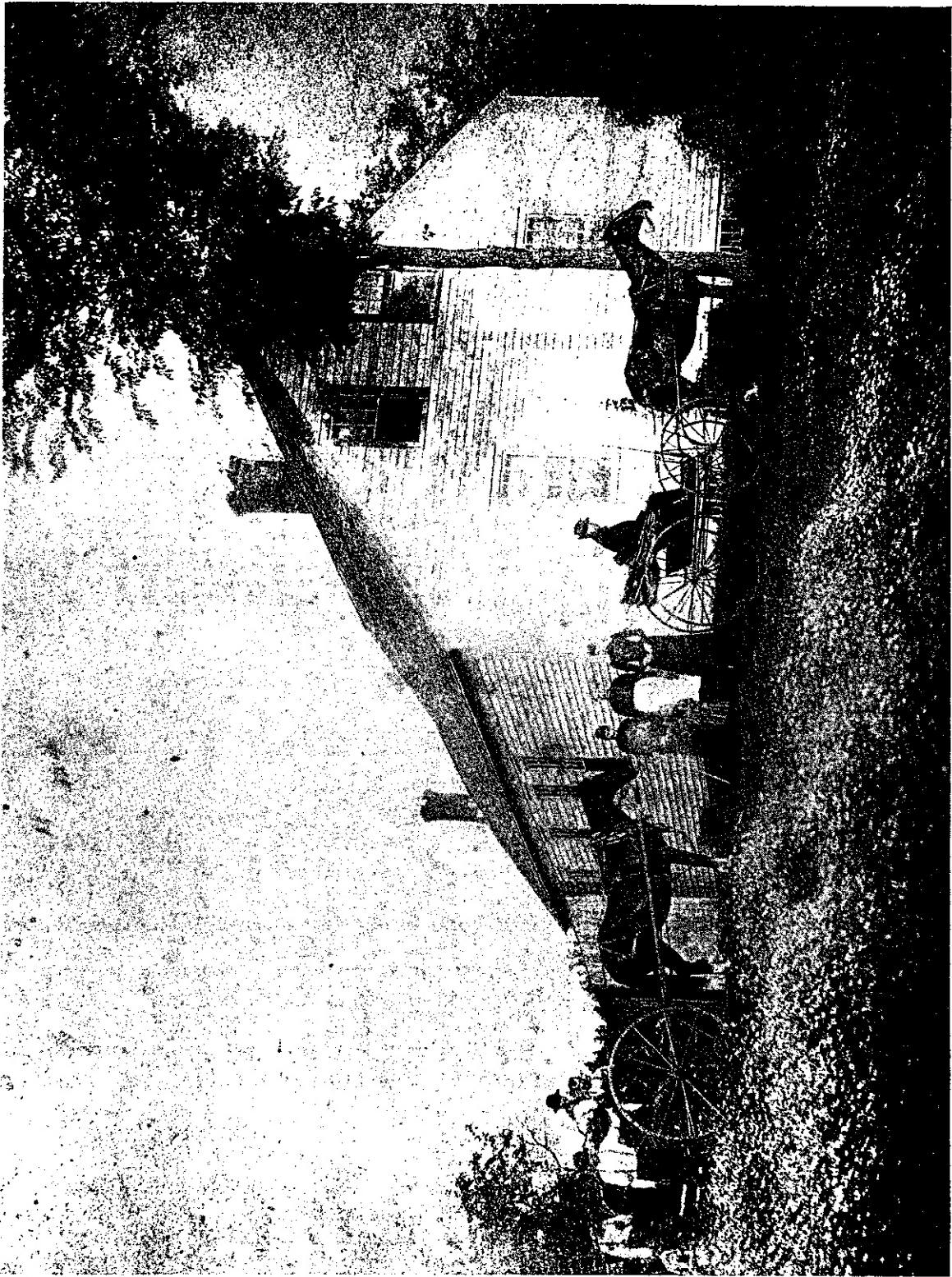


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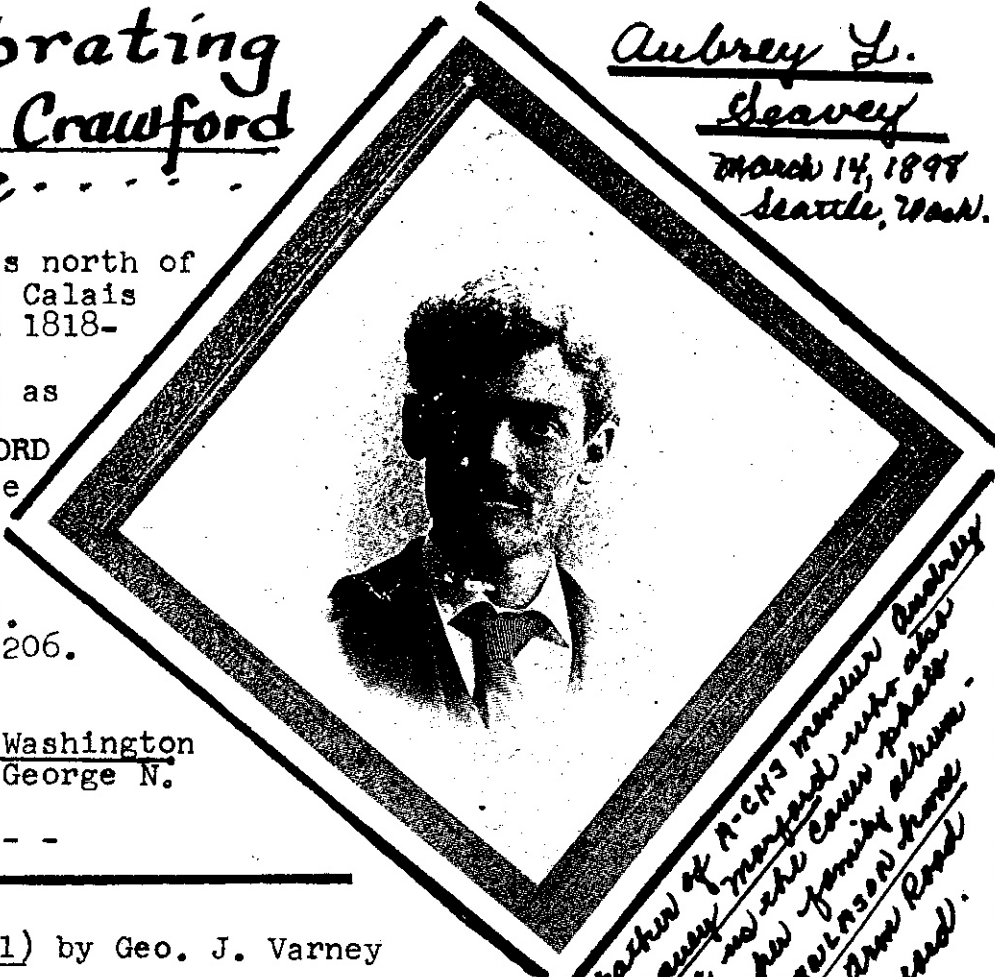
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We are celebrating the Town of Crawford in this Issue

CRAWFORD about 24 miles north of Machias, on mail route Calais to Machias. Settled in 1818-20 by Hanscom, Nasen, Averill. Incorporated as 'ADAMS' Feb. 23, 1828; name changed to CRAWFORD Feb. 23, 1823! The late M. Jones Talbot of East Machias was principal proprietor, purchased of the State. Inhabitants 1880 were 206. Valuation \$29,584.

Copied from: 'Atlas of Washington County, Maine 1881' by George N. Colby.



Aubrey L. Seavey
March 14, 1898
Seattle, Wash.

Taken of A-CHS member Audrey Seavey Morford with photo from her family album in the Fairson home in Crawford.

GAZETEER OF MAINE (1881) by Geo. J. Varney

CRAWFORD is located a little east of the centre of Washington County. It is 24 miles north of Machias on the stage line to Calais...The Town of Alexander lies on the east, Cooper on the southeast, and Wesley on the southwest. Some parts of the town are very uneven. Harriman Mountain is the greatest elevation. Pokey, or Crawford Lake, lies on the northern border, and extends to the centre of the town. It is 5 miles in length and 2 miles in width, and is the source of East Machias River. Other sheets of water are Barrow's Lake, forming a part of the eastern line of the town, and Love Lake lying on the Southeastern line...The water-powers are three on East Machias River, one on Barrows Lake Stream, and one on Seavey Brook, Beech and hemlock constitute the larger part of the forests. The soil is a good clay loam. The chief crops are hay and potatoes.

Crawford was incorporated in 1828 previous to which time it was known under the name of 'Adams'. There are Baptists and Methodist societies in the town; and the first have a church edifice. The Town has two public schoolhouses. The entire school property is valued at \$1500. The valuation of the estates in 1870 was \$30,351, in 1880 it was \$29,584. The rate of taxation in the latter year was 25 mills on the dollar. The population in 1870 was 209. In 1880 it was 206.

AUDREY (SEAVEY) MORFORD would like to know if anyone can identify the people in her family album photo on our front page. She wrote, "I'm pretty sure one is my great grandmother Lottie, and perhaps my grandmother Rose, and possibly Nolia and Flossie. I can't place any of the men. Your A-CHS editor would like this information also. Audrey's address is 425 No. Electric Ave., Alhambra, Calif. 91801.

