

ALEXANDER - CRAWFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 1980

REPORT NO, 8

Our first heavy snowfall, Nov. 17, cancelled our monthly board meeting here at the cabin. But your officials did confer over the telephone. By unanimous vote it was agreed to grant honorary charter membership to the three senior resident natives of our A - C Community. To be honored this Christmas Season will be Victor Archer (b. May 10, 1892); Mel Hunnewell (Oct. 6, 1891) and Reid Seamans (July 8, 1891). It is hoped they can be present at our 1st annual Christmas Coffee to be held Tues. Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Pocomoonshine Lake home of your president.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS (\$1.00) close Dec. 31, 1980. They are available to any persons who really care about our Alexander-Crawford Community, and its history, folklore and family genealogy. (You do not have to be born here to join). Presently we have 53 charter members whose names will be listed on a plaque to be hung in our society's future headquarters. (Perhaps you would like to give an A-C native, who lives far off, a ^charter* membership for Christmas? A handpainted watercolor card will be mailed to such a recipient with your name on it. (Jane Dudley is handling membership this year).

SUNDAY^ DEC. 1: Our members have received a personal invitation, from the Hachiasport Historical Society, to attend their lovely Christmas Party at Gates House on this date. The Open House begins at 2 **o'clock** in the afternoon.

PRESERVATION OF THE OLD ARTS program begins this winter with a 'Knitting and Tatting Workshop* led by Millie Winckler and Kay Keck every 3rd Tuesday of the month, weather permitting, at 1 p.m. at the Dudley's cabin. Everyone in the community is welcome. January 20th will be the first session,

ONE-ROOM SCHOOL PHOTOS: Millie, also our 'Schools' Researcher' is collecting old photographs of the one-room buildings to have copied for our records. (The photos will all be returned to their owners). She would also like to take duplicates of pictures of former pupils with their teachers, but can only accept those that can be identified by name.

PRIVATE CEMETERIES; Ruth Dwelley would like to hear from any persons knowing of existing gravestones in A-C's private cemeteries. She and Millie are registering these for our files also

DONATIOINS: We were happy to receive the Marriage & Intentions papers, 1827-1900, and early death records from Gertrude Strout Winter of Bucksport; the newspaper account of the Breakneck Mountain 1852 Fatal Occurrence from the research of Ellen & Harold Fenlason of Danforth; and the copy of the Alexander 1881 Map (with names of the home owners) from Dr. Albert W. Bailey in Florida. These are valuable additions to our research files. (Dr. Bailey has donated genealogical material on early families of Baileyville to the Woodland Public Library, "he writes, "While Baileyville is named from my ancestors we also have genealogical notes from many other early settlers both in Baileyville and Alexander. Gertrude has frequently said, ^Everybody ^ in Baileyville and Alexander in the early days were related one way or another. It is almost true! In fact, more of the early Baileys lived in Alexander than in Baileyville

We also gratefully acknowledge the generous cash donation to our Building' Fund from Virginia Harmon of Saco; and the Memorial Donations, (in memory of Charles Ronald Cousins (b. 10/26/1908 d. 10/28/80) and Stephen W. Dwelley (b. 2/28/1911 d. 10/18/80) also for our future building. And we express appreciation to Sandy Ives and Alta Jeffrey Beal for their contributions to our general fund (which helps pay for mailings, paper, tapes, etc.)

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