

Margaret Dutil, the granddaughter of Lillian "Dot" Brown found a calendar with notes written in pencil on the back side. Realizing these notes, written by her grandmother, were starting to fade with age, Margie began the task of copying down these precious words of the past. A special thank you goes out to Margie for sharing this treasure with us. If you can help fill in the blanks please contact us!

Here is the "History of Albany" as written by the hand of Lillian Brown.

## **A-LOTTIE LILLIAN 'DOT' BROWN'S ALBANY, ME. NOTES**

### **Starting at the Albany-Stoneham town line.**

The first home in Albany north of "Toad hill" was once the home of Charles Buck and wife Ada who had a son Fred and a daughter Fannie who married a Frost and lives in So. Paris. Will McAllister and family were there for some time and later occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. McKeen. Then by Mr. & Mrs. John Files (Ethel Adams) when it was destroyed by fire. Thus we have cellar hole #1.

The next place on the other side of Toad Hill was the home of the Harry B. McKeens who were there in the 1890's. This was later the home of the Charles McKeens when destroyed by fire. They built a place up above on the knoll where they resided for a time and this too was burned, neither being rebuilt. At the present time {prob. 1960's mbd note} there are two camps on this land. One occupied by Robert Grant until the fall of 1961 and the other owned by \_\_\_(1)\_\_\_ who occupies it occasionally.

The next place on the left was built by \_\_\_(2)\_\_\_ who used a wagon shed which was located on the lower side of the rd. as part of the bldgs. After living there for a time they swapped it with Ananias McAllister for a place near the 4 corners. Ananias McAllister lived here for some time, when I picked and hulled field strawberries and delivered for 10 cents a quart. It was later the home of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Kimball until his death when later Mrs. Kimball married Harville Allen who was there for sometime and had a well kept garden from which he exhibited vegetables to some of the fairs. After his death I believe a son of Mrs. Allen, Charles Jordan who mar. Ruth Stearns moved in and was there until he had employment in Farmington, where he moved his family. Later his mother joined them and died there. This is now the home of John Grover Jr. and wife Joan Hobson, their two daughters Debbie and Diedra \_\_\_(3)\_\_\_

Nearby on the same side is the big two tenement house and stable now the home of Carl McKeen whose wife was Dorothy Allen, parents of two children, Sandra, wife of Robert Brown and Freddie, a student at Fryeburg Academy. This was built by his grandfather, Silas McKeen who had seven children: Ana M., Minnie, Susana B., Mary F., Eugene O., Everett J. and Fred J. Fred J. married Flora Stearns and lived on this place many years before moving to the next place which was built by his son Lawrence who has a home in So. Paris. Carl was the 2nd son of Fred J. and a daughter Gertrude who lives in So. Paris is the wife of Harlan Hammond. The upper rent was occupied by Minnie McKeen, the Robt. Browns and Grace Allen.

On the same side is the newly acquired home of Robert and Frances Files Grant who moved there after their marriage \_\_\_(4)\_\_\_ 1961. He has employment at Dwight Grover's mill, No. Waterford. She is a shoe shop operator at Norway. Formerly this was the home of Perley and Eva (McKeen) Adams who lived there many years as he drove stage from N. Lovell to Norway. They had 2 daughters, Thankful

and Irene. Before this in the 1890's & early 1900's the Ellsworth Meader family lived there. Here was known as "Pell".

The next place on the right is the home of Otis & Thankful Adams Cobb and his mother, Mary F. Mr. Cobb has employment at the spoolmill in No. Waterford which is owned by Earl D. Brown, son of Harry Brown. Thankful Cobb is the granddaughter of Burnham McKeen and Jeanette McAllister who lived in this place for many years.

Across the road at one time was the home of Walter Newcomb & wife Adelia. The place was later the home of a game warden Alfred Jackson & family. This building was sold and moved away.

A little further down the road on the right was a large pleasant set of buildings build by Austin McAllister. Later occupied by Melvin Allen and wife who was Grace More. Then by Hector and Nellie Cobb Ross.

This brings us to the fork of the roads, the right hand one leading to upper Lynchville & the road straight ahead to Lower Lynchville or the 4 Corners so called.

At the foot of the hills on the left is a home of the Earnest Browns who purchased it in 1956 from Minnie and Alton White. The Whites kept a Sporting Store there; also raised turkeys. Minnie derived title to the place from her parents, the Jim Guptills who lived there several years. It was earlier occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Cephas Cobb & family for many years. Mrs. Minnie White purchased a few acres across the road from Mary Lebroke.

This takes us to the new cement bridge at Lower Lynchville so called.

Now back to the right hand road leading to Upper Lynchville. Continuing through the pines, to the right of the main road are several roads leading to cottages on the shore of Proctor Pond which have been built not too long ago.

A little further on the road opposite the long field where they play ball was a set of buildings. Where many families lived while employed at the nearby mills. The next place also on the right was the home of Will Palmer who married Lena Burnham. They had two sons Millard & Carl. Will's brother Leon Palmer also made his home there.

Just beyond, only a few rods was the home of L. Howard Burnham and wife who were parents of Lena Palmer.

About 1793 Benjamin Proctor who had come to Sawin Hill was hired by the proprietors of Oxford plantation, as an inducement to settlers, to erect a sawmill also a grist mill about the same year. These mills were owned and operated by Mr. Proctor until sold to Daniel Brown about 1830 together with about 2500 acres of valuable timberland. These mills were on the stream running from Proctor pond. So let us presume that Proctor pond derives its name from Benj. Proctor.

These mills passed into the hands of many: namely an Osgood then about 1840 to Moses Petty then in 1850 to John Lynch who at one time had a match factory and a box factory. Then owned by Samuel Spring and sold by his heirs in 1890 to Clark and Burnham. Soon after Mr. Clark sold his interest to his partner L. Howard Burnham who operated there many years. (Whose word was good as gold)

Continuing back down the sand hill (which is still there) toward the four corners of lower Lynchville on the left at the foot of the hill is a cellar hole where once was the home of Fordyce McAllister whose wife

was Flora Plummer and their family. A son Archie is now a deputy sheriff of Oxford County. Later it was the home of Stephen McKeen and wife, Mr. & Mrs. E.K. Shedd while he was patrolman on the looad, Nelson Wilbur and others.

A little further on there was a bridge across Crooked River -- now gone and the road discontinued.

Across the river on the right were four sets of bldgs. Out to the 4 corners or main road known as the Waterford-Stoneham road where Della Ricker now operates "Della's Lunch" doing a good business. It has bee a restaurant operated by Nona Grover, Eva Ring, \_\_\_\_\_(5)\_\_\_\_\_, Hart and a store by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Langway.

The other three sets of bldgs. Were two tenement affairs occupied by employees of the spool mill, except one which was used for a store by a Bovee and Charles York who hired P. W. Saunders as clerk and later used as a millinery shop by a Lilla Rice who with her husband occupied the other apartment. Dome of the families living these rents as I remember were the Wallace Elliotts, Elmer Cordwells, Will McAllisters, Ephraim E. McAllister, David Lebroke, Lula Merrill, Riley McKeen, Hector Ross, Willoughby York and many others.

Where Della's Lunch is located, the bldg was built by Clifton & Frederick Pinkham after the old house was destroyed by fire when the E.P. Hobsons were living there. Before this it was the home of Frank H. Pike & family, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lord, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford N. Eastman and son Andrew J. and for many years before this the Addison Holt family lived there. Mrs. Holt was Ida Allen and there were six children, I believe: Addie, Hiram, Elizabeth, Ida, George and Addison Lee.

After we crossed the bridge on the left is the flat and where in 1871 a spool mill was erected by Elliott. Bartlett and Lynch. Soon Mr. Lynch sold his interest to Elliott & Bartlett who carried on a successful business for about forty years employing thirty men at the mill. This mill was destroyed by fire and the onen and many of the employees with there families moved to Andover, Me. Where they operated a spool mill for some time: that section had vast quantities of white birch from which the spools were made. After a while they eventually drifted back to their homes in this area.

Sometime after Ray Jewell erected a garage on or near the site of the spool mill and which he used until it was removed when the new road was built and finished in 1961.

On the flat & near the site of the garage is a small house now the home of Chet Osgood and family who purchased it from Ray Jewell who built or moved it there not many years ago and where the family made their home until they purchased the set of buildings across the road opposite the garage and just southeast of the afore- mentioned cement bridge. This set of buildings was known as the Henry Plummer home many years ago and later owned by Willis Plummer, the Roger Watson's who also ran a garage, Joseph Flanders and family, the Edward Tafton's from whom the Ray Jewell's purchased the property and who are present owners this Feb. 1962. The Henry Plummer's were the parents of 7 children I believe, all whom I remember: Willis, Flora, Florence, Pearl, Archie, Ernest and Myrtle.

Just beyond the Jewell place on the same side was an old garage once owned by E.P. Hobson & used by Mr. Jewell until he built the new one. This was razed and hauled away about 1959 or 1960.

Nearby was a pavilion which was built by Mr. Hobson where dances were held every week with a large attendance. This was later broken down by heavy snows and eventually hauled away. It was on this site between the Bethel road and Stoneham-Waterford road where much earlier a store was located & run by N. Jordan also a Cobblers Shop by a Mr. Butterfield.

This takes us back to the 4 corners at Della's Lunch Room.

Going on the road to N. Waterford from Della's. I remember when there was only two sets of buildings. Those were near the Waterford town line. This was a narrow sandy road and a woods road led off to the right to Crooked River where there was a mineral springs. Some people filled their jugs with rusty looking water for drinking purposes they believed good for their health. Today in 1962 there are eleven sets of buildings and a saw mill and the site of another mill just a short distance from the lunch room. This mill was operated by W.A. Hersey who sold later to Raymond Langway before it was destroyed by fire. At one time an attractive home set back on the knoll in the pines occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hobson.

The next house was built by Mr. Hobson, bought later by Ray Langway who lived there and built a large chicken house, doing business there until buying a filling station at Lockes Mills where they moved after hiring help to care for their chickens. Many families lived in this place before purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Murray Ring, who are the present owners keeping chickens.

Across the road from this place is a sawmill built by Francis Vail and Richard Jones who did quite a good business for a time, but has been closed down for a couple of years now.

The next place on the right is owned by a Mr. Plummer from N.H. who with relatives and friends occupy it occasionally during the warmer season.

Just beyond this on the right is a place which was started by Ernest Clifford and later bought by Bruce Smith who has made a very attractive home there for himself and his family.

The next place was known at the Jellerson house and which Mr. Smith has recently purchased and rents quite recently to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Brown who have now moved to Stoneham.

The next place on the right was the home of Robert Rugg and family.

Across the new road which they recently finished is Mud Pond which is opposite the last five sets of buildings here mentioned. Until the road was built this pond was full of beautiful water lilies from June until Sept. (not as many now) It was said the mud there was 32 feet deep.

The next place is the home of Bertrand Rugg Sr. & family who purchased the house from Thankful Cobb and moved it to this spot.

Across on the left of said road and near the foot of the pond is the newly built home of Bertrand Rugg Jr. and family.

The next on the right was built and occupied by "Lafe" Flint and his wife Myra until forced by ill health to go to a nursing home where Mr. Flint died. Mrs. Flint is a spry woman for her age, wintering with Bernice Littlefield. The Flint place was sold to a Plummer family of N.H. who at present is renting it to Francis Vail and family.

Back of this place on the bank of Crooked river is part of the buildings which was the home of "Al" Bird and family who purchase it from and sold it to Lillian Brown after moving to Oxford. Mrs. Brown (Dot) sold this to Bell Rugg Jr. who after moving into his new home sold it to Charles Kimball the present owner.

Next place down on the left is the site of the place once occupied by Henry Coolidge, Elmer Henley, Roy Lord and by Chas. Grover who enlarged the bldg. It was the home of Elmer Cordwell when destroyed by fire.

Just below this on the right is the home of Winfield Rolfe who built the house.

Below the Rolfe place on the left is a nice camp which was purchased from Winfield Brown by Maud and Henry Kittredge where she makes her home part of the year. She has employment for several years during the summer at the Constance Warren home on Warren Hill.

This camp is near the site of the P. Bryant and four children: Charles, Mabel H. who married a Clough, Mattie L. who married Henry McAllister of Lovell and Rose M. who married a Bancroft, dying soon after leaving a daughter Thelma to be brought up by the grandparents. She married Ralph G. Merrill. This was the home later of Ernest Paine and his family when it was destroyed by fire.

This brings us to the Albany-Waterford town line near the mill of Dwight Grover, who operates just over the town of Albany line.

At the Albany-Waterford line on the Sawin Hill Road...the first building on the left is the hunting camp of Herbert Drew who accommodates many hunters from and near Kennebunk.

The next place, house on the left, barn on the right is the home of Lewis and Lydia Abbott Sawin who were the parents of three children: Lewis A, Lottie & Merritt N. After the death of Mr. Sawin and about the time of the marriage of the two sons the house which was very small was remodeled and enlarged into a two tenement house this was patterned from one which had recently been built by John Lord. They used the old house and made it as nearly as they could like the Lord house. Valmore Edwards was carpenter.... the upper rent was the home of Lewis A. who married Martha Brown and were the parents of three children - Phyllis a school teacher, Holden who married Emma Wentworth & Charlotte who married a Silver and lived in Rumford. The lower rent was occupied by the mother, Lydia A. Sawin and her son Merritt & family whose wife was Nettie Hersey & three daughters. Annie who married H. Holt now a widow living in So. Paris, Grace was married to A. Millett & after his death at Waterford moved with a son Dwight to Harrison where she had a home. Hazel the youngest married Merton Kimball who had an attractive home in Waterford near Mutiny Brook. Through all the years these two places have been mistaken by many. At one time a couple came from Paris and drove in to the Sawin yard thinking they were at the Browns (John Lord's building). They alighted and were part way up the stairs when Merritt opened the door and said "where are you going, old gal ?" She, who was Madlyn said "up to see Don & Ev." Merritt said "I guess you have made a mistake, old gal, they live over to the next place." The Sawin brothers carried on the place until Feb. 1902 after which Lewis and family moved to a beautiful old home near Keoka Lake in Waterford Flat where they lived till his death. Merritt always had a pair of sleek oxen and a few nice cows from which he sold cream to W.K. Hamlin's creamery at S. Waterford. And for many years raised corn for the factory and had some nice veal calves for market. Because of ill health sold to Holden & Emma (Dec., 1935) when her brother, Fred Wentworth went there for a few years. The place had been in the Sawin family for over 90 years when Mr. & Mrs. Holden Sawin sold to J. Ernest and Lillian Brown in Jan. 1949. The Browns lived there for 7 and 1/2 years when they moved to Lynchville & sold to Berkley G. Henley, Mar. 1957, reserving the pasture back of the buildings, which is now owned by Donald Brown & June Bachelder (children of the Browns) {now owned by Margaret Bachelder Dutil -10 acres as of Oct. 1992}.

Mr. Henley, about 1959 or 1960 sold the buildings and about 3 acres of land to Richard S. Holt, a grandson of Merritt so the title is once more in the Sawin family. At first this was not a large farm but as time went on land was acquired by Lewis H. and Lydia M. Sawin until there were 160 acres. In 1854

Mr. Lewis H. Sawin bought 1-3/4 acres of Charles Whitney and 90 acres from Martha Whitney. In 1881 a parcel of 20 acres was conveyed to Lydia M, Sawin by John Lord. In 1886 Perley French conveyed a parcel of land which was situated in Waterford and Albany. Berkley Henley now owns all but the Sawin buildings and approximately 3 acres of land. South of the barn is a road that leads over the little hill and up through the lane in an easterly direction. At the right back from the road are the buildings where Calvin Abbot lived. Then a son George Abbot there and married a widow Nora Grover, who had two sons John and Ernest Grover lived there for many years. After they moved away several families found it their home. Among whom were the Will McAllisters, the Ezra Lebrokes who were the occupants when lightening struck and burned the barn when Mrs. Lebroke went into the burning barn and saved a valuable horse and Ezra saved the barn, but was badly scotched by the flames. It was owned several years by Herbert Drew, Ezra Mitchell and 2 other gentlemen from Kennebunk. Later sold to Armand St. Pierre of N.H., who comes there occasionally. The buildings and a few acres of land was at one time owned by Lydia L. Shedd. The timberland was owned by Walter Cullinan and Elmer Henley. A short time later Mr. Henley sold his interest to W. Cullinan, who then sold to Ernest Wentworth who sold to Berkley G. Henley in Aug. 1961. About 25 A of field land is owned by Rodney Kimball of Waterford. Going a little further up the lane and to the left was the home of Geo. Berkley and family. This nice fertile farm with a field running to the shore or French or Chalk pond. After the Berkleys moved near the Albany Town House, John Perry Mason and his family lived here. He had two sons- Victor who married Almeda Flanders, and John Jr. who married a minister's daughter and lived on the place for a short time. Two daughters - Millie who located in R.I and Jennie who married Edwin French & died sometime later when Ed lived alone for a time. He & Walter Lord who was a young fellow at the time were hoeing corn one day for Merritt Sawin when a shower came with lightning that struck the buildings and burned them and a nice horse. Merritt and Edd who had seen the lightning strike started for the fire afoot, while Walter rode by on his bicycle. Edd said save my coat on the back of the bed. Walter knowing where his bedroom was broke the window, went in and got the coat which contained \$85/ The burning roof fell into the room as Walter was going out the window. Mr. French built a new set of buildings further down the lane where he and his second wife Minnie Paine lived until his death.

The timberland was sold to W.H. Chadbourn and the farm part was the home of many after this - the Elliot Kimballs, the Ernest Browns, Walter Lord owned it once, the Will McAllisters and it was finally purchased by M.D. Kimball who moved them to Waterford.

Beyond the house that burned and now thick woods is a cellar hole where thee home of a family by the name of Palmer lived - she being a sister I believe of Mrs. Geo. Becker.

The Becker farm now known as Dundee is owned by Sadie, the widow of Hermon Holt.

## **OLD HOME**

Starting back at the Sawin place and a short distance north was the Elsie Moore place where she and her husband Seth lived in one part of the long house and Sylvester Abbott & his family in the other part.

Mrs. Moore conveyed this to John F. Lord when Mr. & Mrs. John (Lydia Whitehouse) Lord moved there where three children were born-Roy, Walter & Dot when the house was destroyed by fire. The family moved into a small house nearby where June was born and where they lived until the new two tenement house was finished. They moved in where Harold Dean was born April 7, 1982. He died October 1 the same year. Mr. Lord bought two farms joining his which made about 300 acres. He had a large herd of cattle at all times. He bought and sold for many years. The family lived here until about 1896 when part of the family moved to the Albany Basin place but continued carrying on the farm on Sawin Hill with the help of his sons Roy & Walter and some hired help. Walter with Frank McAllister a hired man who lived on the place and milked 32 cows for a time. The cream going to W.H.H., the milk fed to the calves

& pigs. Roy and his family & Walter & his family lived on the place at different times until about 1906 when Mr. & Mrs. Lord & their two daughters moved back to the old home. The two daughters soon married: June to Ralph Penfold who was later the first motorcycle policeman in Portland and who rec'd injuries which caused his death. Two children were born to them: Mae who lives in Oxford, wife of Erwin Cummings, and Jack a Capt in the Naval Air Force. He married Alice Powell of N. Y. is now stationed in England with their family.

Dot married Ernest Brown and lived at the aforementioned Geo. Berkley farm before purchasing the old home place where they lived for about forty years.

Two children were born to them - a daughter. June Isabelle (graduate of Bridgton Academy, Farmington State Teachers College, also with many credits from University of Maine) She is a successful teacher in the school at Norway. She is the wife of W.G. Bachelder and has two daughters - Margaret & Candace. A son, Donald, who was a road patrolman, corn inspector & farmer, worked for RK Brown, presently employed by the state. He married Evelyn Cummings of Paris, a clerk and schoolteacher. Don & Evelyn occupied the upper apartment at his parents home for a time until they bought a home in Bisbee town and moved there with their daughter Barbara. Later they moved to No. Waterford, then to Lake Keewaydin in Stoneham where they now reside.

The Ernest Browns sold the two farms to Ernest W. Wentworth, who re-deeded the buildings. And approx. 50 Acres of land back to Ernest Brown who continued living there until he sold to Roy Moxcey who moved in May 21, 1949. The Browns moved to the Sawin place which they had purchased from H & E (Holden Sawin) in 1949 and lived there 7 1/2 years. The Moxcey's lived on the Lord place until it was destroyed by fire, then they moved to the Norway road owned by Ernest Brown~ which they later purchased and which was recently destroyed by fire.

Fred Wentworth moved into the upper apartment at the Sawing place and occupied it until the Browns sold to Berkley Henley in March 1957.

The John Lord farm today is divided into nine parcels owned by Albert D. Nutting, Berkley G. Henley, Fred A. Wentworth, Ernest Brown, Donald L. Brown, P.H. Chadbourn, Walter Garnett, Hugh Roaks and Robert Gann.

Our next place above the original Lord home was known as the Washington French farm, lying west of French or now called Chalk pond. His son Geo. French lived there later when the buildings were destroyed by fire and the family moved to Sumner. This farm was purchased by John Lord, except a small parcel at the northeast of the farm on the upper side of the main road which had been conveyed by Washington French April 6, 1884 to the inhabitants of District No.2. This was known as the Dresser school house, a nicely constructed bldg. with its granite underpinning and stone steps was heavily enrolled with pupils for many years. After the discontinuation of the school it was used as a game warden's haven for sometime who razed and hauled it away.

Our next place just above on the left hand road was the home of Perley French, the house on the right & barn on the left of said road. The buildings are long gone and only the cellar hole remains. This place containing about 70 acres was all cleared at one time, but heavily timbered since then. It was owned by George Farnsworth of N. Bridgton for a time when he pastured several nice horses there. He later sold to John F. Lord and since owned by Lydia Lord, Donald L. Brown, Ernest W. Wentworth & at the present time by B.G. Henley

Next place was known many years at the Flint place. Three brothers came from Mass. & settled near each other. One on this place who I have been told built a log cabin near the site of the present house, a hovel and a sheep pen made from logs. He returned to Mass. In the fall & returned in the spring with his

family in an ox cart with a cow and some sheep to this new home then known as Oxford, but later changed to Albany.

One night as Mr. French was in the hovel milking his cow there was a great commotion in the sheep pen and some of the sheep ran in around the cow acting very frightened. Mr. French ran out to find a bear had killed a sheep and was carrying it away. Mr. F. gave chase shouting as he ran and the bear dropped the sheep as he went over the wall and disappeared in the forest. Mr. F. did not disturb the carcass, but set traps around it. The next morning he had Mr. Bruin fastened in two traps. Later one spring as he was plowing a small bear walked out of the woods onto the plowed piece acting dazed as though he could not see. Mr. F. edged around and killed the beast with the butt of his goad stick and a knife. The oxen left the place still hitched to the plow. No great damage was done when found at the hovel.

After a time Mr. F., son Daniel & his wife Ann lived there many years. After his death his widow was left to carry on the place with the help of a son Charles until his death. Charles' widow was Laura Patch whose mother disappeared in the big freshlet of (unable to make out this word) and never was heard from. After failing health Mrs. F. sold out to a son, Oren who sold to the Walter Canwells. They came from Oxford with a son Harold to make their home here where 3 daughters were born: Marjorie, Edith & Beatrice. This was their home for about 40 years when they sold to RK Brown and moved back to Oxford.

Mr. Canwell sold another farm he owned known as Valley farm later to H. Logan. Raynor Brown sold the buildings and some of the open land to Gertrude Learner of N. Y. who spent a few summers there. It is now the permanent home of the George Marocks who have remodeled and finished a beautiful home there where a magnificent view is enjoyed.

Continuing down the hill in a northerly direction across a bridge on the left is the sight where one of the three Flint bros. settled for a time. It was later occupied by James Bennett, then by Ed Paine and family, also by the Chas. Eames family for many years. After the death of Mr. & Mrs. Eames it was sold by a daughter Gladys Swan to George Logan. The buildings were burned and the land now owned by \_\_\_\_\_(6)\_\_\_\_\_.

To the east through a strip of woods and where once was a carriage road is where the other Flint brother settled. This is known as *the* Valley farm. It has been the home of many, namely Joseph Briggs, A. Meserve family, Elliott Kimball, Ed Rand, Hollis McAllister, P.B. Henley and others. This was purchased by Walter Canwell. These buildings are gone and land owned by \_\_\_\_\_(7)\_\_\_\_\_.

Starting again at the Eames place and going north about 1/2 mile (which is about the distance between all the buildings from the Albany-Waterford line), we arrive at the Preston Flint turn and the Four Corners about 1/2 mile in at the end of the right hand road, is the sight of the once attractive home of Isaac Flint who married Etta Flint. They had four children: Lizzie who mar. David Merrill and lived in N. Bridgton. Emma, Preston and Susie lived at home and never married. After the death of Mr. & Mrs. Flint, Preston and his sisters remained there where a few head of cattle, a horse, some sheep, a pig and a flock of hens provided them the necessities of life. Timber from the wood lots were either cut or stumpage sold every year. After the death of his sisters Preston stayed on awhile at the home when friends were with him most of the time. The buildings were destroyed by fire and he was compelled to go away after living there his lifetime. Never being away from home but part of one night. He was taken to a nursing home in Fryeburg where he died shortly after with, no doubt a broken heart.

Back at Pres tons turn ...the left road leading to the river road on the left at the 4 corners is a cellar hole. Down on the right is the Saunders place where Ora and Mrs. Etta Sanborn Saunders lived for many



years. Mrs. Saunders had a daughter, Minnie who married a Paine, then Ed French and later Roland L. and Fred R.L.. She died many years later at the Beckler place near the Town House which was their home. They had two sons Carlton & Elmer Saunders. Elmer passed away in Dec. 1961? These buildings are gone too.

Down the hill a short distance on the right was the Joseph Rand place whose daughter, Flora married Chas. McAllister. They had a daughter, Marjorie who married Cliff McAllister (by a previous marriage) and lived at Lockes Mills. Another son Clarence E. lived on the place after the parents' deaths.

Below the turn to the left leads to a place once owned by Dr. C.M. Coolidge and where Frank Grover's family lived and later by Ruggs. Tom Logan and wife, Carlton & Clayton Penley (Barker?, Dr.?) and owned by E. Walker Abbott of So. Paris when burned. This is now owned by \_\_\_\_\_(8)\_\_\_\_\_.

Starting at Della's Restaurant at the four corners, we will now go up the Bethel Road. Just beyond on the right is the attractive home of Mae Hobson, widow of E.P. Hobson. Next is the site of a home built by Will Hobson, father of E.P. later the home of Margaret Witham, who sold June 8, 46? to Winfield H. Brown & who sold to John V. Emerson, et al. In Nov 1946. Later the Casco Bank and Trust Co conveyed the property to Frank and Ann Hart, who later moved to Berwick and sold out to Clayton Penley in Dec. 1958. Mr. Penley sold the buildings. To Donald Rugg who with his family lived there for a while after his house burned on Jan. 18, 1960. He moved this building onto a lot just north of the Penley home in 1961. Next is the home of Clayton Penley and his Mother Carrie Logan who purchased the home from Alhur Curtis who bought it from the town of Albany and lived there with his family. His wife was Louisa McKeen and they moved to Norway.

This was the Lynchville schoolhouse which had a large enrollment until after the spool mill burned and many of the families moved elsewhere. On the north side of the Penley house is a road to the right that leads to a large field. It was known as the Howard Burnham field, owned by several before purchased by Chas. Learned, who had a home there for several years and always had some fine Durham cattle including a pair of well-broken steers. He later sold the place to Bertrand and Abbie Rugg. He moved to Norway where he died.

Then Don Rugg & family moved a bldg. there and live there till 1960/ Just beyond the turn is the Rugg home of which I have spoken. Next up the road is the trotting track and on the left is a camp on the bank of Crooked River owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Brown who purchased it from Aline Stratford of N.Y. This land formerly owned by Hem-y Bickford, then Stanley B. Lord who sold it to Mrs. Stratford. I believe the track was a 1/2 mile affair. Years ago about all the horse owners tried out their colts and where many have lost bags of oats.

A road at the right of the head of the track was a camp which had been used by loggers. It could be seen from the main road, and was spoken of as Gambler Inn. Many met there to gamble. It was said that a man from Waterford, whom we shall call Freeman and a man from Stoneham we will call Alfred met there often.

Freeman came with his horse and Alfred on a bicycle to see who was really the best player. They played for some time when Alfred had lost all his money. Still thinking he was pretty good or that his luck would change, Alfred insisted on continuing and put up his wearing apparel, a piece at a time which was won and packed away by Freeman. Down to only undergarments, Alfred was at the jovial Freeman's mercy. Liking fun Freeman thought he would make Alfred think he had got to go home in this condition; so he let him beg long and hard before consenting to loan him only his pants. People were a little more modest in those days. He begged for his shirt, shoes & stockings, but to no avail.

Next was a road to the right from the main road which led to a big opening known as Henry Warren pasture. Also another opening north of this on the north cant of the mountains known as Horr pasture. This is where Ernest Pike who married John Horr's daughter turned some of his oxen during the summer.

Back to the turn and along a little distance is the Albany Basins turn which was part of a US Mail route was established about 1825. It ran past the Basins from No. Waterford to West Bethel and on to Lancaster, NH. On one such trip the driver near froze to death. Soon the old route thru Hunts Corner was resumed.

On the right as you turn toward the basin house in the opening was a log cabin which was the home of "Sainty" Hastings (St. John) who operated the mill across the bridge on the bank of the Crooked River. Several camps nearby were occupied by mill workers' families.

Just beyond this is there is a woods road to the left which leads to Burntland Pond and where not many years ago a cottage was built on the island there and later destroyed by fire. Back to the turn and along a short distance on the right was the Daniel Clard meadow later owned by Fred Clark who harvested some stately timber there. To the left before you enter the opening there was a house at one time. Mostly valuable timberland, it was Cyrus Kneeland who first lived there as I remember and it has been said he was the one who cleared the land and built the fine old 13 room house with a very nice basement. The barn also with a nice basement. The ice house near the brook has been made into an overnight cabin in recent years. Mr. K. had at least 2 different mills on this lot where many men found employment. The Kneelands boarded much of the help and there were several families who lived beyond the fields toward the basins. At least two lived up over the hills where there has been thick forests for many years. The red schoolhouse at the end of the field had a large enrollment. This building was later used by Clarence Potter, a miner. Then by a party from S. Paris as a hunting camp. I am told now it is an overnight cabin. This is near Kneeland Pond. The Kneelands had a son Freemont who settled in Livermore. His son Raymond settling in Adamsville, RI. He and his son John enjoyed the Maine Hunting. John found his (dear) game last fall as he married one of our fine ladies of Waterford – Lorraine Libby. A daughter of Lois married Alonzo Littlefield who lived far up over the hill from the basin house and where seven children were born to them – Clayton, Addie, Flora, Roland, Lillian, Jesse and Fred R. Only Lillian is left who has a home with Mrs. Mill Sampson, where she is employed at Norway. Another daughter married David Jordan and lived on Jordan Hill in Albany. I believe they had a family of 5 children – Mertie who married a Stiles, Gertie who married Dr. Littlefield, Annie who married a Beck, and Mattie who married a Cummings. I don't think Roy was ever married. I think all have passed on.

Eventually all the families moved out from the Basins and it was vacant for some time when about 1896 my father John F. Lord bought the place – 1000 acres and buildings for \$1250 from a bank in Norway. The family moved there in the spring and before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Lord had built a large dance hall where a celebration was held July 4<sup>th</sup> with several hundred people in attendance. Sterns Orchestra of Norway furnished music during the afternoon and an all-night dance. This orchestra played there for some time. Mrs. Lord with the help of her daughters, myself and June, furnished meals for the crowd. After a year or two a dancing school was held at this hall with Chas. Maserve as master. He came from Fryeburg on a bicycle for the sum of \$4.00 per night plus means and lodging. Later Mr. Lord build on two more bedrooms making 15 rooms when they accommodated many New York and Mass. Boarders during the spring, summer and fall seasons. These returned every year until the Lords moved away. During the winter months there were always logging crews working there. One winter Joe P. had nine men there cutting pulp and which was hauled by Mr. Lord and his crew to the bank of Crooked River. When spring came the river drivers would arrive and when the water was right they would throw the

pulp from the banks along Crooked River where they bought from many of the farmers, and it was driven down stream to \_\_\_\_\_(9)\_\_\_\_\_.

At this time there were no automobiles, so hundreds of boarders from far and near came in two and four horse teams to visit the Albany Basins which is especially beautiful in high water time. They would most always bring their lunch and spend a day at the basin which was one mile from the house, walking this distance. They left their horses at the barn to be fed and ready for their return to their hotels. Many soft drinks, home made ice cream, candy & fresh roasted peanuts were purchased. Sometimes lunches were also supplied for a price.

Back to the Basin turn and going up the Bethel road on the right was a large camp just below Furlong bridge where Ernest Pike lived when hauling lumber with four oxen across Burntland Pond & through Stoneham. This home was later inhabited by Geo. Keniston whose wife was Etta McKeen and their family of four children - Arthur, Dorothy, Leslie & Mary E. Mrs. Keniston now a widow has a home in S. Paris.

Continuing on up the road on the left we come to what was the home of Wm. B. Rice who lived alone. He had three sons - Frederic, a physician and surgeon in Boston, MA, Frank an agent in GA, & William a bookkeeper in Boston. It was said that he was one of the finest housekeepers to be found. Mr. Rice received a pension of \$8.00 a month and many would say "he doesn't have to worry - he's well provided for".

This place was later owned or occupied by many -namely: Fred Edwards, Chas. Green, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Brown (who bought paper and paint and went one morning to stall work & found windows & casings removed so took the paint & paper home & swapped the place for an automobile with James Leipold. Ernest & the George Wentworth family lived there and fixed it up in grand shape. The Hatstats and Chas. McAllister were there for sometime. It is owned at present by a Norway party and known as Warden's Delight - Bob Cat Inn. Continue up the road on the left is a cellar hole where \_\_\_\_\_(10)\_\_\_\_\_ had a home at one time. This is near the cement bridge and a right turn known as the Ora Saunders bridge & turn.

Starting again at the Dresser schoolhouse on the Sawin Hill Road going right in the hill on the right is the camp owned by Fred Wentworth who also owns the land on lower side of the road together with a ten acre plot which he purchased from M. Morse of Oxford. This is now used as a pasture. It is part of the place where Parker P. Dresser's home was. He married Mary Wardwell and had five children: Lizzie who married Lincoln Chaplin of Oxford, Adria who mar. Doughty of Providence R.I., Jacob who mar. Nora Fiske, Edna who married a Sessions of Providence, R.I., Maud who married Harry Brown of N. Waterford. Mr. Dresser owned large acreage on the north side of the main road from which he harvested many thousands of bushels of apples each year, mostly baldwins. This is owned now by Herbert Drew who has a camp in the field. After Mr. D.'s death Mrs. D. went to N. Waterford to live with her daughter Maud and part or all of the property was sold to H. Brown and later the buildings and farm were owned by several - Mr. & Mrs. John McAllister & family lived there coming from the Ezra Hersey farm in Bisbeetown and finally moving to the Will Kilgore place at N. Waterford where their son Winfield lived. A daughter Frances married H. Ben \_\_\_\_\_(11)\_\_\_\_\_ and has a home in Bethel. After moving to N. Waterford the place was sold to Lester Walker & his mother from Grafton Notch. It was later owned by Ernest Brown, Fred & David McAllister when the buildings were destroyed by fire. Theodore Brown and wife moved a camp there where they stayed awhile then swapped the farm with E. Brown for one they moved to in Stoneham. Ernest Brown sold the property to Fred A. Wentworth the pasture owner who occupied it occasionally during the warm weather.

On up the road on the left on the upper field was a house which set back from the road and used as a home by \_\_\_\_\_(12)\_\_\_\_\_, later used as an apple house by Mr. Dresser. This was later razed and hauled away by Walter Canwell who bought it.

A little further up the road at the top of the hill on the left is a cellar hole which is the sight of a home once owned by David Jordan. His wife was \_\_\_\_\_(13)\_\_\_\_\_ Kneeland and their five children was mentioned earlier. This was later the home of Ingalls McAllister & family who later moved to Stoneham. A little later one spring some of the family were there making maple syrup. While they were gathering sap the buildings caught fire and were burned. The farm was known as Grand View from which one could see for many miles west, south and east.

The next place - the house on the left and the farm on the right was the Thomas and Albert Jordan home, who owned many fine Durham cattle. After their death it was vacant for some time. Then David L. McAllister and sons Fred & David A. moved there with a housekeeper, Stella McKeen who was there several years when David A. was married to Laura Davis and lived on the knoll below the barn for a time. They later moved to Harrison where they are still. A fire destroyed the buildings and David L., Fred, and Mrs. McKeen moved into the place vacated by David A. for a time. They soon moved to Harrison where David L. and Stella died. This large farm and the David Jordan place was sold to the grandson of David L. - Leslie Fleck who owns the property at this time. Mr. Fleck has been a warden at Thomaston State Prison for many years. He has built a beautiful home in Thomaston.

Continuing down the hill to the four corners is what is known as the Frank Abbott turn. Abner Abbott lived straight ahead in a home which could be seen from the turn and which was the home of his grandson and great grandson, Frank Abbott. It is the only place on this road which leads to the Clark Schoolhouse turn on the H.C. (Hunts Corner?) road. The Abbotts were the parents of a daughter, LiDian who married a Hazelton, a daughter Edith who married a Greenleaf of Norway and Frank who moved to Norway late in life and married \_\_\_\_\_(14)\_\_\_\_\_ young neighbor drove up to the Abbott place one evening with a nice horse and carriage. He asked one of the daughters to go to the dance with him. She said "yes and my sister would like to go too." To which the young man replied "perhaps your father and mother would like to go too"; turned his horse and drove off. This place was later occupied by Leon Kimball who bought either part or all of the property. The house was destroyed by fire, but the barn stood for years before taken down. Two bear were shot last fall where the barn stood.

Back to the turn and four corners as one is headed down the road to the left, called the Old County road where the stagecoach once traveled to Hunts Corner and beyond. The right hand turn led to the home of L. Kimball who lived in the log cabin until his death last year, later the original buildings were burned. He and his family lived many years first wife was Ruth Clifford to whom was born a daughter Vema, a son Ivan and a daughter Lucy. After Ruth's death Mr. Kimball married Viola who was a daughter of Wiley and Abbie Cummings.

A road to the right past the buildings leads to the home where Mr. James and Edwina Cross Kimball lived until their death. Since then it was occupied by a daughter Hazel who married Roy Wardwell. Their son Arthur and wife Alice Andrews had twin daughters: Jane & Jean. All of this family lived in the upper rent at least part of the year. This is at the end of the road near the Wardwell mine which has been operated by Lester Wiley of Norway for some time.

Back at the turn and down to the sharp turn is a woods road leading right to what is called the Stone place. Many, many years ago the \_\_\_\_\_(15)\_\_\_\_\_ Stone family had a home. Only the cellar hole full of grown timber remained there when I was there last. At that time Evelyn McKeen was the owner. From the turn and on the right back in the field is proof of a set of buildings being there long ago.

A little way down the road on the right is a house once the home of a Mr. Marston, a wife and large family of children. Charles the youngest lived on the farm many years after the death of his parents. He married Marilla Page Lebroke who had two daughters; Bernice who married J. Littlefield & Pearl Lebroke who married Sidney Hatch. This was sater the home of Robert Hill (or Hul) and family, Geo. Wentworth and family when the barn burned; Roy Gammon and family. The 175 acre farm is now owned by Ernest Wentworth except about 4 acres & buildings which were conveyed to Lester C. & Beatrice C. Horton of Carolina in August 1960.

Our next place on the left was the home of Austin Hutchinson shoes wife was Lucy Carter & whose daughters Edna married Harry Brown of Waterford, and Evelyn who married Fred McAllister. After Fred's death Evelyn married Willis McKeen and always lived with her parents. The family moved to the James Brown place, N. Waterford where Fred McKeen & Mr. & Mrs. Hutchinson died.

Harry Brown bought the timber and the farm was the home for many namely: John Jones, Roy Lord, Calvert Fullerton (maybe others). Then it was destroyed by fire and the Fullertons bought a place in So. Bridgton moving there. The farm was later bought by Carl Nason who planned to build but sold before building. I believe part is now owned by R.K. Brown and the big flat by H.W. Stearns who uses it as a pasture.

Down the grade we are at four corners the right hand side leads down to the Albany/Waterford town line just above the pumping station. The woods road straight ahead leads on to Bisbee Hill where some Bisbees once lived. The left road leads to a camp on or near the bank of the brook and where a road turns right leading to the cellar hole (of which there are too many for the good of Albany). Many have lived here. It was occupied at one time by George Morey & family, Leland Waterhouse & family (where one of Mrs. Waterhouse's daughters went to get the mail and the box, fell and was found drowned in a ditch where there was but little water), Oneal Mills, Irving Morey, Albert Churchill, Ray Langway, a Britton family, Ernest Stone and was owned at times by E.H. Shedd, Lydia Shedd, & Lillian Brown who sold to Ethel Fullerton. She sold to Ella Fullerton, the present owner & it burned.

Back to the main road by the bridge we follow to the Clark Schoolhouse. A few roads over was the Clark Schoolhouse.

Along up the grade a little further is what is called the Morey's turn where as you turn left , a road now discontinued is the site where the Isac Wardwell's buildings were destroyed by fire. Just beyond on the right is the well kept home & farm of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Stearns and his mother Lilla Stearns. Mr. Stearns has purchased several adjoining farms which make one of the best dairy farms in this section. With a large herd of Holsteins maybe nearly a hundred head (I'm not sure about this), many acres of timberland, an excellent garden & crops I doubt the Stearns family will go looking for work elsewhere. They have no hired help at present and didn't know if they would find time to sleep if the herd still grows. This was known in the 1800's and early 1900's as the Wallace B. Cummings: farm. He was town treasurer where many carried the nose & feet of porcupine to collect the \$.25 bounty paid by the state. Mr. Cummings for a time gathered cream from the farmers and hauled it to the W.K. Hamlin Creamery at S. Waterford where it was made into butter and shipped away. Two daughters were born to this couple - Wallace & Ella J. French Cummings, Daisy who married a Philbrook then A.B. Kimball and who is a widow with a nice home at Songo Pond beach. Lilla married Robert Stearns who were the parents of Hugh who married Edith Cummings., Leo who married a teacher\_\_\_\_\_ (16) \_\_\_\_\_. Hulda who married a Stevens, Kenneth a young boy died about the same time as his father did.

Following the road past this place brings you to the Hunts Corner road where it is called Hugh Stearns turn.

Back to the Morey turn on the right were some camps at one time as on the left there was a mill and more camps. Mill help and their families lived in these camps. Several mills stood on this sight: Jones McAllister mill and the last was operated by James Stone. This is up stream just above the next cement bridge. Over the bridge on the left is a hunting camp owned by out-of-towners.

Just above on the same side was the Morey Home occupied by Evelyn (Adams) Morey and son. Her son Charles occupied the premises for a long period. Evelyn was the mother of Charles, George, Melvin and Calvin. Years before this place was lived on by the families of Charles Stone & Freeman Stanley, also many others. Not far on the left is Hutchinson Pond where there are many cottages and not too long ago there were none. On the right, a cottage, a large field with farm buildings where Elmer Cordwell when employed at the mill before mentioned. The only other family I remember living there was Bill (Chase?) family where a daughter was murdered.

Then around the pond was beautiful home which was built by Ebenezer Sumner who went there in 1868 with wife Betsey Hutchinson. The house had granite underpinnings. They were parents of four children: three daughters and one son. Sumner was the son of a Maine pioneer. Sumner was born in 1822 in a log cabin which his father built in Albany near their buildings. He lived to be 88 and Betsy 84. The youngest of 12 children, he inherited the family farm, married Betsey Pingree. The place burned in 1902. Will (Hattic or Habbick?) & family lived here. He was a selectman from 1898 to \_\_\_\_\_(17)\_\_\_\_\_, moved to Paris (couldn't make out the word). Chas. McKeen and Lesley (married Sarah Stearns), and their five children: Bessie, Allie, Ethel, Bernice and Arthur? lived on this place. Ernest Wentworth lived there in 1932 when the buildings were destroyed by fire. He built a camp there and at present is a camp near where the log cabin stood owned, I believe by a Mr. Inman from W. Paris.

Now back to the Clark schoolhouse turn. I believe there are about as many different cross (couldn't make out the word) there were cellar holes. Just a few feet beyond is where Olive, the widow of John L. Spinney lives alone. She was a daughter of Isaac and Frances Brown Wardwell who moved to this place after their home near the Hugh Stearns was burned. This couple had 3 daughters: Nellie, Olive and Annie. Mr. Wardwell had a son by a former wife. It was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lord & Will Newcomb and family.

A little further on the same side is the trailer home of Janice, a daughter of Hugh Stearns.

The next place is just beyond is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harlen Bumpas and family. Mr. Bumpus moved there from near the Bumpus mine on the river road. Across the road on the right is a home where Ernest Stone once lived, later destroyed by fire.

On the left is a road leading to the Phoebe Cummings place and where Hiram French and his son Scott where they produced some nice maple syrup which they readily found a market. This was later owned by Robert Hill and H.A. Trask. The latter conveyed it to Ernest Wentworth, who later conveyed it to Elmer Stearns in Sept. 1959. This is a 150 acre parcel and cellar hole.

As you are going up to this place there is a cross road to the left which leads to what was the home of Nalurn M. Scribner and wife Melissa J. Tyler and 3 children: Fred E., Cora M. and Charles N. Fred E. who married Nancy Stone a daughter of Chas Stone was the last to have a home here where a grand view if the country is found., The buildings were destroyed by fire and the Scribners settled in S. Paris. Both passed on leaving a son Frederic who lives with his family in Dixfield, and a daughter Beth who married a Bessey and lives with her family at the Scribner home in S. Paris. The farm now is the property of Fred Stearns who has set out trees and has a wonderful apple orchard there. (Margie's note 2006 it is now owned by Fred's son Mark who lives where the orchard has declined)

Back to the turn and main road leading to Harold Canwells after leaving the Bumpus home you cross the bridge and up the hill on the left is a camp owned by Sherman Allen who has employment in Freeport. On the right is the Hugh Stearns turn which we came to from another direction.

Just above on the left is a cellar hole which was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Merrill, sold it and is now burned. Just above on the left is the cellar hole of a home where George Lowe and family lived. Owned by Lowe, but conveyed when it was burned. Before this it was known as the Howard Allen home. Mr. Allen married Lavaure Flint (Ed Holt, have you the correct sp. of her name in your records??) She was the daughter of James Flint who previously occupied the premises, the Allens had 5 children: Bernard, Sherman, Lester, Nona, and John.

Continuing toward Hunts Corner on the left was a road which led to the Rose Anna Cundall summer home which was high up but could be seen from the main road at one time. It was previously the \_\_\_\_\_ (18) \_\_\_\_\_ .

A little further up the road on the right was the Harry & Edna Spring home. They died at the Allen's Nursing Home at N. Waterford not long ago. This place was where Herbert I. Bean and family resided, also where he had a store until they moved to Bethel. There he dealt in guns and ammunition, also buying furs and deer skins. His widow Maud is still a resident of Bethel. A woods road to the right leads to Camp Laycock toward Round Mountain and owned by Mr. Bean I believe. At the top of the ledge behind what is still called the Spring place they have just completed a house owned by \_\_\_\_\_ (19) \_\_\_\_\_. On the left of the road opposite Springs are two camps owned by \_\_\_\_\_ (20) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Just below on the right where the Earle McAllisters live was once the home of Mr. & Mrs. Coll Flint, summer residents and earlier by Dexter A. Cummings whose wife was Lizzie Lawrence. They were parents of 5 sons: Albion, Leslie, Alliston, Guy and Raymond.

On the same side and just below is the church and Grange Hall.

It seems a meeting house was erected about 1831 on a height of land toward N. Waterford from Hunts Corner. The meeting house was later removed to Hunts Corner to the present site, rebuilt and greatly improved at a cost of about \$2000. Round Mountain grange was organized in 1875 with 27 charter members. A store was conducted at the Grange Hall under the care of different ones for some time. This was on the right near the turn as you go toward the town house.

Across the road on the right corner was the home of Amos G. Bean, whose wife was Angeline Cummings and who were the parents of 5 children: Frank E., Herbert I, known by his many friends as Hi, Amos L, Nina F and Perry A. Sold recently to a family from Kennebunk.

Across the road on the right corner as you turn toward N. Waterford was the old Hunts Corner Tavern which was opened about 1805 to accommodate travelers over the new stage route from Portland to Bethel. It was built by a Mr. Holt who was succeeded in 1818 by Timothy Hutchinson. About 1820 Reuben Beard was the owner for four years when he sold to John Hunt for whom the place was named. He continued as the esteemed & genial proprietor until 1870 when he sold to A.S. Cole who owned it until about 1906 or 07. Just beyond the tavern on the same side was a small house.

The next place on the left is the Bachelder place which was the summer home of the Skeels family of Texas for several years and before that was the home of Wallace E. Cummings, long before a Dr. Lovejoy. It has been sold recently to a Mass. Family (McBeth) who comes occasionally and is highly esteemed.

The place across the road on the right now the home of Walter Clark was formerly the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Meserve and Mr. & Mrs Abel Andrews.

Going down the grade and across the brook one comes to Picnic Hill which is very steep and where much trouble has been encountered by many when weather conditions were unfavorable.

At the top of the hill on the right is a home now owned by Eddie Blake which was built by Russell Robertson and family who were highly esteemed people in the community. Mrs. Robertson made me several visits which I thoroughly enjoyed. It is with regret that I read of her passing.

A little way down the grade are the four corners today known as the Churchill turn and where Forrest Churchill with his brother Arthur and his family lived until the buildings were burned. This was the home of Frank E. Bean whose wife was Ineze C. Johnson. It earlier was known as the Stephen Cummings farm. Where earlier Abner Holt with others came from Andover, Mass. to settle and it was he who was accorded the felling of trees for a settlement and cut a spruce to get the boughs for a bed. They returned to Mass. In the fall and the following spring returned with their families & other settlers. Abner Holt's lot line ran but a few rods from where he cut the first tree where he settled on the farm. Later this was the home of Wallace W. Bird whose wife was Caroline Jordan and to whom were born children: Jennie, Maitland, Eldridge, William & \_\_\_\_\_ (21) \_\_\_\_\_. The house was located on the left below the last 4 corners and the barn on the right. This was later occupied after the death of Mr.& Mrs. Bird by Eldridge Bird & his brother Maitland who married Alta Cummings and lived there with their family until after his death when Mrs. Bird married John Meserve and lived there for a time before moving to Bethel. Mr. Meserve built a new home on Mason St., Bethel where his widow resides. The place was later the home of an Eldridge family who built a cottage on Lake Kezar and moved there. The buildings have been torn down so we find another cellar hole.

On the left down the road was a nice cottage built by Lewis Paine now burned.

A few rods below are the 4 corners and Preston Flint's of which I have before mentioned.

Now back to the 4 corners or the Churchill. I should have mentioned a camp high up above the Churchill home which was once owned by Merle Rounds but is now the property of Phillip Day of Bethel and the only bldg on this road at this time (1962).

And at the 4 corners a road to the right as one travels from Hunts Corner and makes the turn, on the left in the corner is the attractive Campwelikeit, a purchase of Irene (Briggs)Hutchinson which is well-kept.

Down over the ledge on the right was a camp once occupied by Woodsum Scribner and later the site of a camp owned by Wesley Ring who owned some fine oxen and whose son Linwood and family occupied it sometimes during the summer season from their Bryant Pond home.

Just below on the left a road to the left led to the Wellington Bird place along since grown to timberland.

And down through the valley upon a rise on the right is Hunts Corner Cemetery where many pioneers and descendants lay at rest.

A bit further up the hill and at the end of the road is the vacant home of Alfred Leighton who has recently built a home nearer the Albany Town House.



Back to Hunts Corner and going down the grade toward the Town House on the right was the Hunts Corner Schoolhouse - a building later sold and moved to Locke Mills and now the home of the (Jamison Silver Post).

It is near this site that Harland Kimball has built him a home where one will usually find some excellent durhams (in quality-not quantity).

The next farm down on both sides of the road with the buildings on the right was the farm settled by Asa Cummings and wife about 1778 who came from Andover, Mass. They were the parents of 14 children. This farm was later occupied by a grandson - George C., later by Fred Gorman and by a Buck family.

A little further down on the right is where a saw mill was located.

Continuing down the hill and past a meadow on the left is a road which leads to the Pine Hill farm for many years owned by Abner Kimball, who pastured sheep and hogs there when he lived near Songo Pond.

A little further on the road is a road to the right which leads to the home of Ray Lapham & where John Wheeler and his wife who was Olive Johnson and a son Herbert lived. Herbert married Florence Haselton and after his death she mar. Arthur Bean and later moved near Norway Lake. After Mr. Bean's death she lived with a brother John in the Yagger neighborhood. After the brother's death she moved to Bethel.

A little further up the road to the right are the homes of Ray Andrews who married Sarah Hersey and 3 children - Shirley who married a Corbett & lives in Paris; Linwood married a Rugg, living in Norway where in has employment at the Diamond Gardner Corp., Wayne the youngest son a student at Gould Academy. Right beside the nice home which Ray built (he built a carpenter and jack of all trades) is the home which was his parents until their death in 19??

Bach to where we turned to these homes, bearing left is the home of Albert McAllister whose wife was Elna Ring and who had 4 children: Rodney, Elna, Earl & Alberta. (I believe were their names) This was once the home of E.J. Judkins whose wife was Alma Johnson - a home at the end of the road.

Back to the main road and just beyond on the right is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Leighton who built the place. They have a family of three daughters: Lorraine, Lucy, Alfreda and a son Alfred Jr.

On the left of the road is a cellar hole which was where the home of was.

Going down the winding hill we come to the Albany Town House on the right Sept. 11, 1848 - voted that the T.H. (town house?) be set up at auction by the Mod. Jeremiah Grover and struck off to the highest bidder.

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