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The Seasons of a Farmer's Life

Excerpts from *Life On Sawin Hill*

The Diaries of Elmer C. Henley summarized by Edward A. Holt

For the first century and more, every man on Sawin Hill Road was a farmer. He might have done other things for income, but farming was what everyone did, at least part-time. And farm work began in the spring.

May was too early to plant generally, but it was a good time to prune apple trees, move rocks from the fields, burn brush and stumps, spread manure and begin to harrow and plow the fields, getting the ground ready for planting. In a warm year, corn and potatoes might go in at the end of the month. In 1911, Walter Lord, Merritt Sawin and Ernest Brown each planted an acre of corn May 27, and Elmer Henley had an acre planted the next day (sweet corn for the Harrison factory.)

In 1889 when Elmer was 12, he wrote on May 6 that in the morning he "drove the stags (young steers or oxen) to plow and helped get off rocks. After dinner I burned some brush then we went down in the woods and twitched out wood, then we plowed"...

June was definitely the month for planting... In 1817, one of his more ambitious years for farming, he planted, with the help of two of his sons, an acre of yellow corn, an acre of sweet corn, "good acre" of clear beans and beans planted in the acre of sweet corn... Within a week he had also planted 13 bushels of potato seed on one-and-a-quarter acres, 165 hills of pumpkins and squash, and two gardens, suggesting that the acreage was for cash crops and the gardens for his family's use...

One year he set out two thousand little pine trees over about two acres down in what he called the "Perley" field, and put manure around his apple trees. As if that were not enough effort, he wrote, "I am not planting anything but a garden and potatoes." But, he added, "We set out 50 asparagus plants this spring."

By the end of June or early July, as the plants started to come up, he was hoeing the rows of corn and potatoes, usually twice. In 1916 he sowed buckwheat and got five "big loads" of clover. He often sowed oats, and he was not the only one to do so. John Horr and Charles York also raised oats because Elmer mentioned helping them mow and get in their oats.

By early July Elmer had also turned to haying, weather permitting. Sometimes haying was not done until near the end of August, though this could have been a second crop of the season... In 1916 he noted, "I finished haying yesterday. It is the latest I have ever hayed. The barn is full clear up above the high beams 2 to 3 feet. Hay shed full and silo, we got in about 41 loads and two good loads

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Photo above: North Waterford from Sawin Hill

President's Corner

It's been a memorable year of programs and events. A sincere THANK YOU to all the presenters and audience participants who shared memories, photos, provided historical research and contributed their good humor.

Programs began in June with author Don Perkins. He shared excerpts of his book, "The Barns of Maine, Our History, Our Stories," where he details the structures, origins and evolution of Maine's barns, and their importance to people's lives. Don has toured several of Waterford's barns.

For the 4th of July parade, Ralph MacKinnon was responsible for the float. Ralph drove Henry Plate's tractor, which pulled a wagon carrying the Backroom Brass Band. Also in July, members of the Bell family joined in conversation about the history of the Blackguard Neighborhood, including "Alice the friendly ghost." Helene Decker held up a painting of her farm, which she painted. We learned about farm life and about young Helene's daring sled ride down Blackguard Road to go to school. There was "so much snow, it was a tunnel." The landscape was so open back then that one "could see all the way to Keoka Lake."

In August, author Lou Ureneck talked about his book, "CABIN, Two Brothers, A Dream, and Five Acres in Maine." You could learn how to build a cabin reading his book, which is also a personal story about family and some local history. Lou enjoys eating at Melby's in North Waterford. A big thank you to Erica Jed of Books N' Things for being there to provide copies of Lou's books for purchase and signing.

In October, Nancy Marcotte and David Sanderson helped present the "1938 Hurricane" and its long term effect on woods

and ponds. Personal stories were shared with the help of the Gammons of East Waterford, Phil Chaplin of South Waterford and many others.

Programs in September and November were both held in North Waterford. Scott Andrews from the Ski Museum of Maine gave an interesting talk on "The History of Skiing." He knew all about Reverend Bull, a Norwegian who came down from Aroostook County and organized Winter Carnivals in North Waterford in the 1920s and 30s. The last program of the year in November was enthusiastically presented by Rick and Linda Woodward, who grow organically certified cranberries near the Sawin Hill Road, across the Waterford line in Albany. They brought cranberry taste treats and recipes and talked about the history and work involved to grow cranberries. Their cranberries were ready for picking in October and November, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Since June we have welcomed two new trustees: Bob Spencer and Ted Gerber. Both have experience with historical preservation. They filled vacancies left by Carol Waldeier and Joanne MacKinnon. Joanne volunteered to still maintain our membership list, an important task which we appreciate. Thank you Carol for your time with us.

An update on the missing Lake House artifacts: the old hotel register has been returned. We thank the persons responsible for its return. We've not received back the framed historical photographs, missing from the Lake House when it was sold two summers ago. They belong to the Society and we still look for their return, perhaps next year.



Helene Decker spoke July 11 and read from her "Reminiscences."

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Membership renewals are due June 1. Membership dues help to fund our newsletter and its mailing cost.

We have the following publications for sale: "History of Waterford 1775-1875" and "History of Waterford 1875-1976" for \$10 each. "This is Waterford 1803-2003" for \$10 inventory reduction. Add \$8 to ship one book or \$12 to ship two or three books. Paid-up dues members qualify for a 50% discount.

Cranberry History

The Cranberry, a member of the heather family, has been documented quite thoroughly by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. It grows from polar regions to the tropics in both hemispheres but it is native to the swamps and bogs of northeastern North America.

One of only three fruits native to North America (the others are the blueberry and the Concord grape), the wild cranberry was first used by the Native Americans for food, dyes and medicine in the 1500s. In the 1620s they taught the Pilgrims how to use it and by the 1680s settlers were making cranberry juice. Seamen used it to help prevent scurvy at sea.

Captain Henry Hall is documented as cultivating cranberries in Cape Cod in 1816 and within a few years cranberries were being shipped to Europe for sale. In the 1860s there were over 600 acres of producing cranberry bogs in Maine, just in time for Abraham Lincoln's first proclamation of a national Thanksgiving.

The Maine Cranberry Growers' Association was formed in 1989 (Massachusetts had formed in 1871) and in 1995 there was a crop of 4200 barrels harvested in Maine. The Cooperative Extension added a Maine cranberry position. 26,000 barrels (each barrel 100 lbs.) were harvested in 2009.

Rick and Linda Woodward have two acres under cultivation in our area—dry acres, not bog—and they sell by the pound in October and November. You may pick your own or buy them already picked in Albany Township. These are MOFGA-certified organic berries. Check their website at www.woodwardcranberryfarm.net.

We learn something interesting about our area and the people in it at every WHS meeting. Come and join us!



1938

by Nancy Chute Marcotte

Seventy-five years ago one of the most destructive storms ever to hit New England came barreling up the coast. It was called “Yankee Clipper” and “Long Island Express.” (Hurricanes weren't named until 1950.) The strongest wind gusts ever (186 mph) were recorded in Massachusetts. Hundreds of people died and thousands of buildings, boats and vehicles were destroyed before it continued on to Quebec.

Waterford was at the edge of the storm. In Maine no one died, but the devastation to the timber industry was large-scale and on-going for years.

To mitigate fire danger and bug damage, many ponds were filled with logs. It used to be said that one could walk across Bear Pond on the logs. At WHS, we have one fuzzy snapshot to prove it (see below).

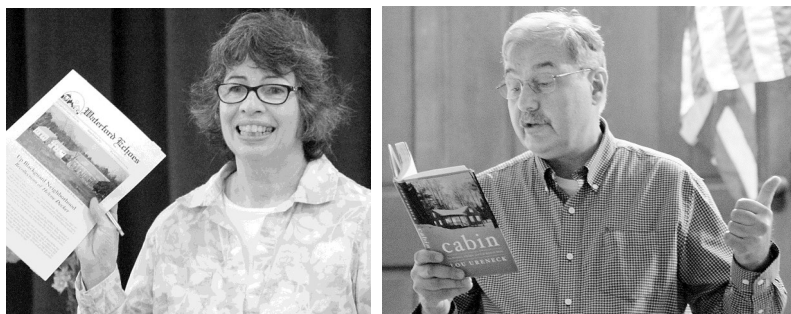
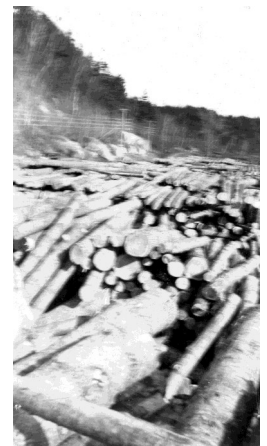
Walter Brown, who today resides at Fryeburg Health Care Center, was an 11-year-old boy living in South Waterford with his grandparents at the time. He has a phenomenal memory for details; everyone should go visit him and listen to his stories. (I will share more of them later on.)

In an interview with the **Sun Journal**, he said, “I remember [the storm] coming up. I could hear the wind blowing by my bedroom window... I pulled the shade for the night but it let go and rolled up and woke me.”

Our October meeting featured recollections about the hurricane. It was delightful to hear about the Gammon family tying down their metal roofing with tractor chains and about Phil Chaplin telling his father Freeman's stories about dealing with the timber aftermath. Some of our best meetings involve people's memories.

David Sanderson shared with us the response of the U. S. Forest Service, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the WPA to this timber economy and fire hazard crisis. Establishing the North East Timber Salvage Administration (NETSA) immediately set into place efforts which continued into the 1940s. When the war took men away, women ran some of the sawmills.

In our family, the Chute cottage in Harrison was built in 1946 with hurricane lumber reclaimed from the water. The long-term make-up of the New England forest landscape was forever influenced by this single storm. [Some information came from “Peeling Back the Bark,” the Forest History Society.]



A YEAR OF HISTORY—The historical society had a busy 2013. Above, President Bonnie Parsons opened the well-attended meeting on the history of Blackguard in July. At right, author Lou Ureneck read from his book “Cabin...” at the August meeting and author Don Perkins gave a presentation on his book “The Barns of Maine...” at the June meeting held at the Old Town House.

The Seasons of a Farmer's Life...

of second crop." In 1917 he built another barn to store the overflow and in 1919 he harvested 70 loads. "Hay is \$50 a ton they say in Berlin, N.H." he wrote. Hay was becoming a cash crop... But just as he reached his maximum productivity, the hay market dried up. Cars became more prevalent and fewer people needed horses, and they kept fewer cattle too as farming gradually declined... By 1928 he was haying only for his own use.

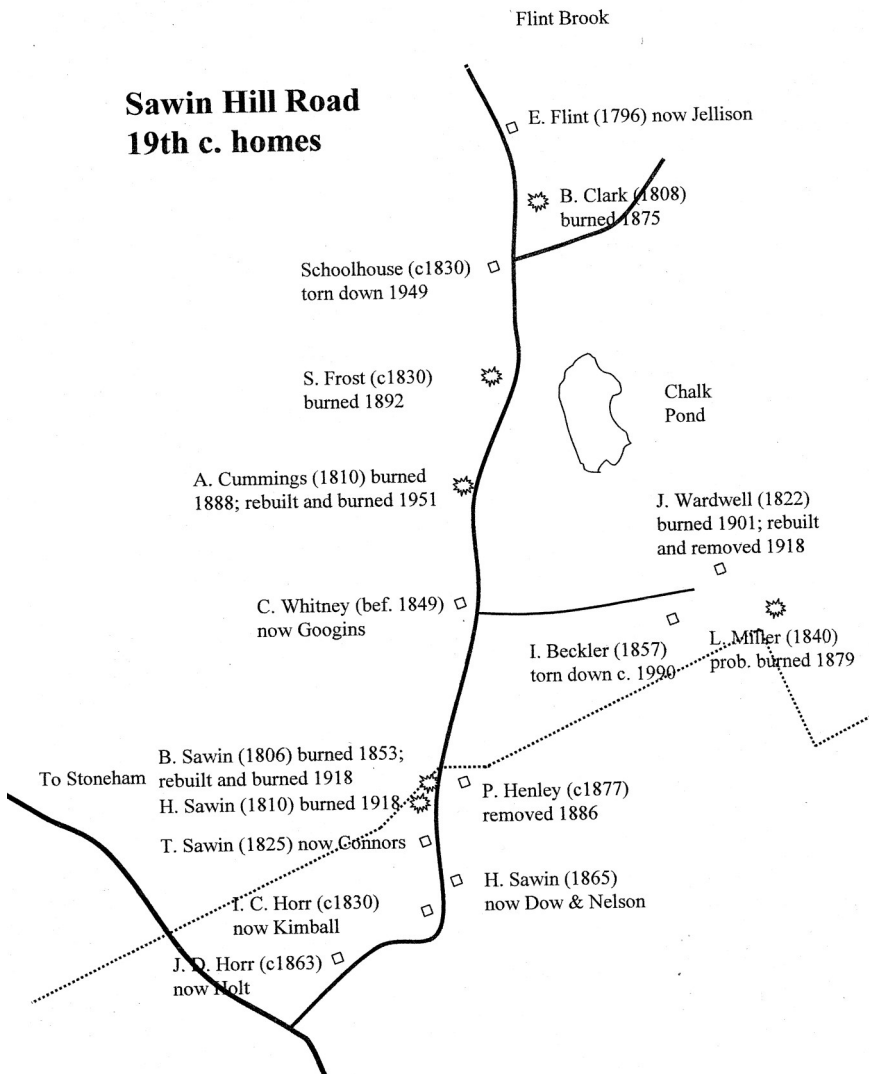
September and October were harvest time, and seemingly the busiest months, judging from Elmer's diaries. Corn, potatoes, beans and oats all came first, followed by apples. In 1909 he mentioned that he got in 22 horse-loads of corn; in 1919 he had 90 bushels of oats after threshing. As to beans, he tried for several years but in 1917 wrote, "We got done threshing bean, could not make anything at it"... But he saw an income in apples, and in 1916 bought some more producing land. "I have bought the orchard field that went with the Littlefield place, of Walter Lord. Gave \$300 for it. There are 40 very nice grafted apple trees on it and some pear trees and quite a lot of apple trees that are not quite as good, old ones, etc. "... His investment paid off. Although he had "not many" apples in 1918, the next year he had three men picking for two weeks and harvested 301 barrels which he sold for \$4 a barrel, plus 50 barrels of cider apples...

With all the plowing, planting, hoeing, haying and harvesting--not to mention making barrels for his apples--he might have wanted a rest, but there is no rest for the weary, especially if he is a farmer. Maine farmers always had a crop of rocks to be harvested in their spare time.

Another sort of crop for many with wooded land -- and that included many on Sawin Hill Road -- was the March ritual of making maple syrup... When Elmer had the farm, and especially after he expanded his land holdings, making syrup became a major activity. In 1918 he went at it with renewed vigor. He cut and sawed the logs to build a sap house, ordered a new evaporator from Vermont... and over a couple of weeks tapped about 150 trees... He made about 50 gallons of maple syrup...

Barrel making or cooperage was another of Elmer Henley's skills. He began making barrels in 1904 and in 1907 trained his 8-year-old son Berkeley. The demand was so great he took time off his part-time job delivering mail to make barrels; he also hired Roland Little-

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Henry Sawin's house where he lived at the time of his death. This is the only information on the back of this photo from our collection.

Edward A. Holt of Harpswell has compiled this information about life on Sawin Hill, which can be found in our archives. He also gave to the society a table, which was owned by the first girl born in Waterford. Pictures of Sawin properties can be seen on the back page of this issue.

field to help. He made just over 3,000 barrels by mid-December and he never again approached as many as he made in 1907. One result was that "Roll" Littlefield opened a cooper shop on the Sawin Hill Road near the Herman Holt farm. The town history states, "He produced shook and barrel staves."

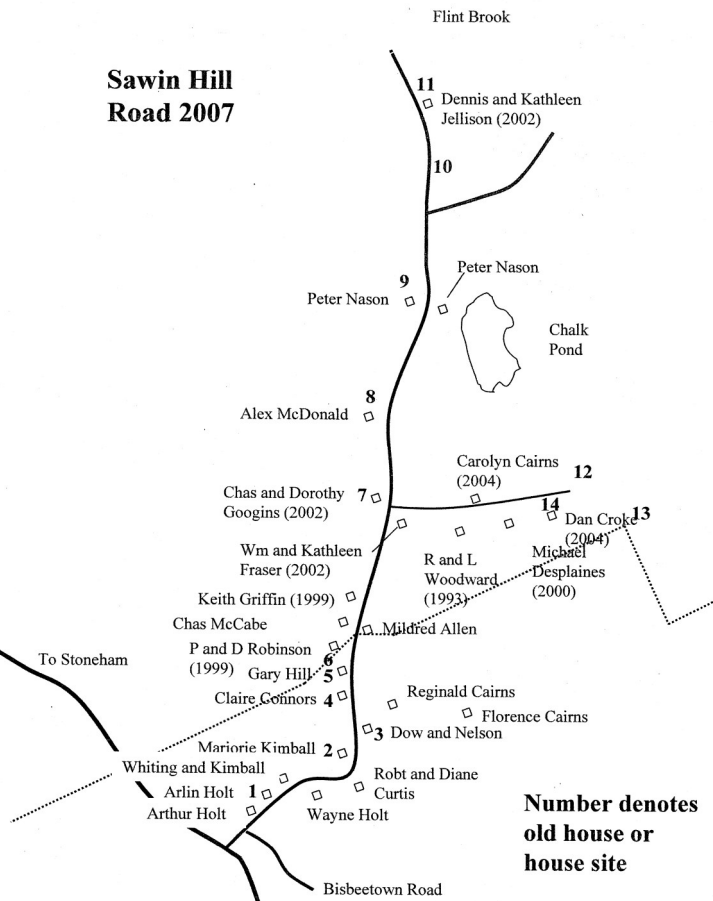
Timber harvesting, cutting ice and harvesting chalk out of Chalk Pond were other methods Sawin Hill farmers used to create income. Timber harvesting had its own place in the annual cycle of work. It fit in between the end of the field harvest and ended when the ground got too soft to work in the woods and the sap began to run for maple syrup. Cutting ice was a community effort and sometimes was sold to neighbors, such as Henry and Merritt Sawin, Flints, Yorks and Lords.

The chalk harvest was an unusual one – the mud at the bottom of the pond was mined for mica and feldspar which could be ground into a fine chalk-powder used for polishing glass and metal. Someone even tried to change the name of the pond to "Crystal Polish" pond but it was usually called Chalk or French pond (because the brothers James, Washington and Perley French lived there in the 19th century). Elmer also fished there for pickerel and trout.

For all the long hours and hard work of a farmer or mill worker in the late 1800s and early 1900s, life was by no means continuous drudgery. Visiting neighbors and relatives and other forms of socialization were often available, including hunting, swimming, skating, concerts, dances and even occasional movies.

Next issue we will tell you about entertainment for the residents of North Waterford.

More next issue



Obituaries

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Ruth H. Chute, 88, of South Paris died on Jan. 4, 2014. She was born on Nov. 9, 1925, in South Waterford, the daughter of Harry and Carrie Hamlin Haynes. She graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1943 and from the University of Maine in 1947 with a degree in home economics. During the wildfires of 1947, she married her high school sweetheart Glenn Chute of Harrison. Together with her family, they built a campground at Keoka Beach in South Waterford. Ruth also assisted her husband in managing Fryeburg Fair camping for many years. They wintered in Apache Junction, Ariz. Ruth was pianist at Bear Mt. Grange 62, where she had been a member for more than 70 years. She also belonged to Pomona, State and National Grange, North American Family Campers Association, Pine Tree Chapter and White Mt. SAMs. Ruth is survived by her husband; three children, Nancy Marcotte of South Paris, Linda Davis of Sylmar, CA and Alan Chute of Gilbert, AZ and Ayr, Scotland. She leaves six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nephews, nieces and cousins. Ruth was predeceased by siblings William W. Haynes and Mildred H. Noyes. She will be buried in the spring in Maple Ridge Cemetery in Harrison.



Lillian "Dora" M. Gardner, 97, of Waterford died Jan. 12. She was born March 13, 1916 the daughter of Camille and Florida Provencher Baker; one of 13 children (number eight). For more than 50 years, she and husband Edwin enjoyed an active life together; Edwin died seven years ago. They met at Conant's Barn, a local dance hall, where he asked her for a dance. The song was "The Tennessee Waltz," and from that moment on, they waltzed through life together. Lillian was known for her apple pies, 3-inch-high biscuits, raised rolls, cookies and lots of comfort foods.. She sold pies to local restaurants while in her 80s. Making 30 pies was not a daunting task to her or Edwin; in fact, they would come home from a dance at midnight or so, check their answering machine to find an order for seven to 15 pies to be delivered the next day, change their clothes and get to it before going to bed. One Thanksgiving, they made 150 pies. Lillian picked apples every fall, running a crew well into her 70s. She by survived by sister Margaret Buck of Florida; daughter, Ann Grove, of Benicia, CA.; three granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.



In Memoriam

Elizabeth A. Maxfield, 100, of Norway died June 18, 2013 at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center. She was born in Waterford on May 18, 1913, the daughter of Arthur Rice and Grace Sawin Millett. She attended grade school on Plummer Hill in Waterford and graduated from Bridgton Academy in the class of 1930. She studied beauty culture in Norway after graduation. She worked for short periods of time at J. J. Newberry's, Camp Ha-Wa-Ya, Camp Pinecliffe and Carl Day's Blanket business. Most of all she was a dedicated homemaker. She married Harold N. Maxfield of Harrison and they had 63 years together. They lived in Harrison for over 50 years until their move to Waterford in 1985. Mrs. Maxfield was a former member of the Woodland Rebekah Lodge in Harrison. She was a member of the Ronald G. St. John V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 9328 and a member of the Norway Baptist Church. Mrs. Maxfield is survived by her four children, Durward of Harrison, John of Conway, NH, Joan Wright of Harrison and Nicholas of Florida; sister Barbara Maxfield of Waterford; a brother, A. Robert Millett of Stoneham; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband in 1995; a grandson, Kenneth in 1986; brothers, Howard and Dwight Millett and sister, Sylvia Libby Smith. She is buried in Edes Falls Cemetery in Naples.



Brian J. Starbird, 67, of Waterford died at home on July 27, 2013. He was born in Lynn, Mass., the son of John A. Starbird and June (Howe) Starbird. He lived in the Oxford Hills area most of his life. He married his childhood sweetheart, Toni Millett, on Sept. 24, 1965 and together they raised three sons. Mr. Starbird worked in local mills, was a woodsman and retired from New Page Paper Mill after 23 years. Mr. Starbird leaves behind his wife; sons Mark and Eric of Waterford and Joseph of Buckfield; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; siblings Sonia Wilson of South Paris, Mary Anne Wilcox of Gorham, Diane McKeen of Gorham and Richard Starbird of Norway; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Richard Fitzpatrick, 83, of Dixon, CA died July 27. Born April 18, 1930 in Walton Mass, he is survived by his wife, Marylee, and sons Tim and Dan. Dick served as a fighter-bomber pilot in the US Air Force, where he was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal and the Air Medal for heroism in aerial combat and outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight. Dick served his country for 22 years, including the Vietnam War, before retiring in 1974. He joined First Northern Bank where he served as branch manager for the duration of his career. He and Marylee traveled back and forth between Dixon and their home in Waterford Flat. He is buried in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

Charles A. Fillebrown Jr., 69, of Waterford died at his home on July 30, 2013. Charles was born June 22, 1944 to Charles and Mary Fillebrown. He attended Waterford schools and graduated in the first class of Oxford Hills in 1962. He attended the University of Maine studying agriculture, but he spent most of his career working as a Trooper for the Maine State Police, retiring after 30 years. After retirement, he worked various jobs including 15 years at Oxford County Dispatch. Charlie dedicated most of his life to public service. In addition to public safety, Charlie worked along at his family apple orchards and helped run the cider mill for many years. He served for 12 years as a selectman for the Town of Waterford. He was a longtime volunteer for Stoneham Rescue. Charlie leaves behind one brother, Thomas of Waterford; his former wife, Gloria Fillebrown of Naples; four children: Charles "Gus" Fillebrown III of Stoneham; Beth Ann Simmons of Lisbon Falls; Doug and Adam Fillebrown of Waterford; and six grandchildren. He is buried at Elm Vale Cemetery



Betty Jean E. Millett, 74, of Waterford died at home Aug. 27, 2013. She was born in Boston, Mass. on March 39, 1939, the daughter of Fredrick and Georgia Ann Eaton. She graduated from Norway High School in the Class of 1957. She married Ralph L. Millett on June 15, 1957. She was a homemaker for many years, taking care of her youngest son and making crafts which she enjoyed. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, daughter, Donna M. Scribner of Waterford; sons, Russell of Waterford and Ray of Naples; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; a sister, Paula A. Strohl of Kentucky. She was predeceased by her son Rick and a brother, David Eaton. She is buried in Pulpit Rock Cemetery.

James L. Tabor, 93, died at The Cedars in Portland on Sept. 16, 2013. The son of Ralph Sanborn Tabor and Ouillma Davidson Tabor, he was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y. on Oct. 15, 1919. He had three sisters, Helen T. Bement, born in 1915, Dorothy T. Merrill, born in 1918, and Virginia T. Daniels, born in 1926. He grew up in Lewiston Heights, a suburb of Niagara Falls and graduated from the Niagara Falls High School in 1937. He graduated from the Wharton School of Finance & Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania in June, 1941 with a BS in Economics. Tabor accepted a position with the Charles P. Cochrane Co., a manufacturer of rugs and carpets in Bridgeport, Penn. The week after completion of the company's sales and orientation/training program, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. In January, 1942, he enlisted in the Army. Tabor spent 26 months in the South Pacific and Japan. Before returning to the States in December of 1945 he was promoted to Company Commander with the rank of Captain and had assignments in

Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. His last overseas job was as a liaison officer with Far East Air Force in Tokyo. Upon discharge in March 1946 he joined the Richard A. Foley Advertising Agency in Philadelphia as an account executive and became the organization's Radio & Television Director. Moving to Portland in November of 1950, he joined Simonds, Payson Advertising as an account executive, a position he held until 1956 when he resigned to become Assistant to the President of Oakhurst Dairy in Portland. He retired in June 1981 as V.P. of Sales & Marketing and a Director of the company. During his business career, Jim Tabor was a trustee of the Mercy Hospital, Westbrook College, The Maine Audubon Society and many others. In October of 1951, he married Rachel Andrew. They had three children, Andrew Davidson who was born in 1956, Gretchen in 1960 and Thomas Sanborn in 1961. From 1953 to retirement the Tabors made their home in South Portland, and built the family cottage on Keoka Lake in Waterford in 1966. They moved to Naples in 1983 where they bought and renovated an 1830 farm house. Jim is survived by his wife Rachel, his sisters Dorothy Merrill of Yarmouth and Virginia Daniels of Lynnfield, Mass.; children Andrew of Cape Elizabeth, Gretchen Heath of Chamblee, GA and Thomas of Surry; and three grandchildren.

Ruth B. O'Brien, 86, of South Paris, died Sept. 20 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. She was born in Waterford to Clayton and Grace Skinner Pike on Oct. 8, 1926. She attended Waterford public schools and graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1945. At 14, Ruth and her twin, Reta, loaded truckloads of timber and brought it out of the woods with oxen while their brothers served in World War II. She lived and worked locally with the ethic she learned growing up on the farm. She was a 35-year active member of the Ronald G. St. John VFW Post in Harrison, named for her beloved nephew. She was a longtime member of the Grace Baptist Church in South Paris, until she became housebound. She is survived by children, Cindy Moxcey and Randy Bonney; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lelia Hill, Laura Richardson, Betty Adams and Eva Thurlow. She was predeceased by her husband, Jim; son, Rocky Bonney; grandson, Jamie Bonney; brothers, John, Wendall, Robert, Fred and Herbert Pike; and sisters, Edith Monk and Reta St. John. She is buried at Elm Vale Cemetery.



Brenda C. McAllister, 61, of Waterford died Oct. 8, 2013 at her home. She was born in Lewiston on June 28, 1952, the daughter of Charles J. and Joanne LaBay Whittemore Jr. She graduated from Oxford Hills High School in 1970 and worked for Norway National Bank from 1970-78, Maine Savings Bank from 1979-80, Canal National Bank from 1980-81, Bethel Savings from 1981-94 and Norway Savings Bank from 1994 until her retirement earlier this year. She married Dennis C. McAllister on April 14, 1973; he died Feb. 6, 1999. She is survived by her son, Dustin; one grandson, Dennis; a brother, Bradley G. Whittemore; and two nieces. She is buried in Pulpit Rock Cemetery.



Michael S. Grover, 49, of North Waterford died Oct. 8, at his home. He was born in Norway on Jan. 21, 1964, the son of Reid and Sylvia Johnson Grover. He graduated from Oxford Hills High School and realized his lifelong dream of owning and operating Grover's Garage. He married Karen Osgood on Sept. 25, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Karen, of North Waterford; his mother, Sylvia of Norway; a daughter, Ann-Marie Adams of North Waterford; a brother, Bradley of North Waterford; four grandchildren; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rev. Earl H. Bell, 83, of Medina, NY died Oct. 10, 2013. Born on Nov. 7, 1929 in Niagara Falls, N.Y. the son of Ira and Edna (Brown) Bell, Earl was called into the ministry during high school while attending the St. James Methodist Church of Niagara Falls and began his secondary education at Houghton College, graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Three months later he married his college sweetheart, Marilyn Anne Engstrom. They began their married life while he attended Asbury Theological Seminary earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1955. After seminary they returned to New York State and he was ordained by the Methodist Church. He first served at the Friendship Methodist Church followed by the Cuba and Hinsdale Methodist Churches. In 1963, Rev. Bell was called to Trinity Methodist Church in Olean, ministering for six years, followed by three years in Albion Methodist Church and six years in Faith United Methodist Church in Barker. In 1978 he started his six-year ministry in the Medina United Methodist Church until transferring to the Maine United Methodist Conference. In Maine, they converted their summer cottage in Waterford into a year-round residence and served at Deering Memorial United Methodist Church in South Paris, until retiring in 1991. In 1997, Rev. Bell returned for one year as an interim pastor at the West Baldwin United Methodist Church. In 2000, he began seven years of pastoring at the Sweden Community Church (UCC). During his ministry in Sweden, he also ministered at the West Bethel Union Church (UCC) in West Bethel. The Bells returned to Medina in 2007. He active in Rotary, Lions, Boy Scouts and several ecumenical church associations. Rev. Bell is survived by his wife, of 61 years; their three children, David of Greenland, NH, Lois of Medina, NY and Paul of Lewiston; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister Lyn Leary Stark of Manitowoc, WI. He was predeceased by his twin brother, Alan. He is buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Shelby, NY.

Leslie E. Rogers, 81, of Waterford died Nov. 17, 2013 at his home. He was born in Waterford on Aug. 22, 1932, the son of Mahlon and Lillian F. Millett Rogers. He worked at Morse Orchards and Stearns Orchards. He owned his own school bus, which he drove from 1957 to 1967. He later drove a year for SAD 17 and worked part time on the Portland Pipeline and at Sanborn Machine in Waterford. He owned and operated his own construction company, driving a dump truck and digging septic systems and foundations. He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Waterford, whom he married on April 4, 1958; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Margaret. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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FROM OUR FILES



Thomas H. Sawin is standing on the platform in front of his store in North Waterford; Henry Sawin is standing by the horse at right. Mrs. T. H. Sawin is standing on the balcony. The woman in the rocking chair is probably Emily Knight, a seamstress who lived in the house at left of the store.



The home of Thomas Sawin (1799-1870), the son of Benjamin Sawin (1748-1817) and the father of Thomas Hubbard Sawin (1835-1903). Thomas married Sally Johnson in 1825. Chloe Colby wrote on this photo: "The house is used as a...vacation home by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors of Rhode Island." (1994)

All North Waterford photos ca. 1910

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