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Butter Point Farm Inn, Dutch Neck, Waldoboro, Maine circa 1930-1945

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Hello again dear friends! I hope that you are all well and enjoying the first days of spring. Another winter has passed by here in New England and Mother Nature let us off lightly. We had an average amount of snow and cold, but we all know that it could have been *much* worse. The ice is gone from our rivers and lakes. We now live in hope of warm temperatures and blooming gardens, while keeping a weather eye out for every New Englander's springtime dread, the April blizzard!

As I promised in the winter edition of this newsletter, the board of directors have been busy planning for the annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, August 6th, in Waldoboro. Our featured speaker will be **Nathan Lipfert, Curator Emeritus, of the Maine Maritime Museum**. Nathan will present a program on the history of shipbuilding in Maine, with special emphasis on Waldoboro. Nathan has recently released a new book titled, **"Two Centuries of Maine Shipbuilding, A Visual History,"** which covers not only the 19th and 20th centuries, but also the colonial period and Native American canoe building. As always, lunch, snacks and beverages will be served. There will be time after lunch for conversation and information exchange. A five-dollar donation will be accepted at the door. After the meeting, Jean Lawrence will open the Waldoboro Historical Society Museum for anyone who wishes to tour the museum.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the German Protestant Society will hold their annual service at the Old German Meeting House on Sunday, August 7th, beginning at 3:00 PM. The service will be followed by an outdoor reception under the trees. If you have not had an opportunity to tour the meeting house, the service and reception will be an opportunity to spend some time exploring the meeting house and the adjacent Old German Burial Ground.

Good Reads: I recently have had the pleasure of discovering a Maine author who had slipped somewhat into obscurity. Ruth Moore was born in 1903 on Gotts Island, Maine. After graduating from Albany State Teacher's College, she worked for several years with the NAACP. In 1941 she returned to Maine to pursue her writing career. Her first novel, **The Weir**, was published in 1942. Her second novel, **Spoonhandle**, was published in 1946. I have read both of these novels and I strongly recommend them. The author portrays life on a Maine

island in the 1930's with a subtle style that deftly reveals her characters' inner and outer lives. These characters are not one dimensional, stock characters spouting quaint aphorisms while wearing yellow raincoats or gingham aprons. They all embody in varying degrees, all the complexities of human nature, good and bad. Their lives, loves, hatreds and conflicts are played out against the backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean, and the economic and social forces changing their world. For those of you looking for a good "Maine" read, I think you will enjoy Ruth Moore's fine writing. You can purchase Ms. Moore's novels and poetry through Islandport Press of Yarmouth, Maine. www.islandportpress.com.

Research Tip: The Maine Newspaper Project is a collaborative effort of the Maine State Library, Maine State Archives, and local institutions to digitize and make available online newspapers published throughout Maine in the 19th and 20th centuries. The project has recently announced that four newspapers from Rockland's past (The Courier Gazette, The Limerock Gazette, The Rockland Gazette, and the Free Press) have been added to their collection. You can access this valuable collection at digitalmaine.com.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has given so generously of their time and money to compile and distribute this newsletter. **Remember to be kind to each other and keep on searching and sharing!**

Direct Ancestral Line from our Original German Settlers

Ancestors of Daniel Sides



Laurentius Seitz

1696-1757

BIRTH 20 OCT 1696 • Lörch, Emmendingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany

DEATH 27 MAY 1757 • Waldoboro, Lincoln, Maine, USA
5th great-grandfather

Laurentius Seitz 1696-1757 m. Anna Margaretha Wunderer 1713-1757

- Franz Wunderer 1650-1706
- Peter Wunderer 1680-1744 m. Anna Elisabetha Seitter -1737 Her father Martin Seitter

John Michael Seitz 1736-1817 m. Philippina Elisabeth Rominger 1743-1820

- Hans Jerg Rominger 1680-1742 m. Elizabeth Odelin 1685-1741
- Philip Rominger 1721-1762 m. Anna Margaretha Groz 1721-1769 Her father Ludwig Groz

Johann Phillipp Christoph Seitz 1767-1844 m. Eva Rothrock

- Johannes Rothrock m. Anna M. Krackel 1690-1731
- Philip J. Rothrock 1713-1803 m. Catharina Kuntz 1720-1777
- Philip Rothrock 1746-1825 m. Eva E. Weller 1749-1839

John Seitz 1799-1827 m. Matilda Hedgecock 1801-1852

- William Hedgecock m. Elizabeth White 1769-1828

William Riley Sides m. Eliza Jane Whitmire 1852-1901

- John L. Whitmire 1813-1872 m. Harriet Hannah R. Miles 1816-1880

Lemon Dee Sides 1876-1966 m. Martha Ann Crossland 1883-1942

- Thomas R. Crossland m. Elizabeth D. Callaway 1846-1930
- William H. Callaway 1827-1859 m. Minerva E. Sanders 1823-1875

William Franklyn Sides 1914-2004 m. Barbara Joy Elston

- Frank J. Elston 1910-1975 m. Mary Alice Duncan 1911-2010
- William D. Elston m. Rosetta Elizabeth 'Rosie' Kelly 1876-1961
- Elias Elston 1843-1893 & Sarah Peel 1846-1902

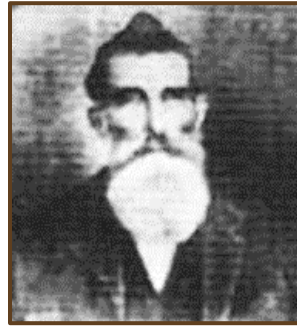
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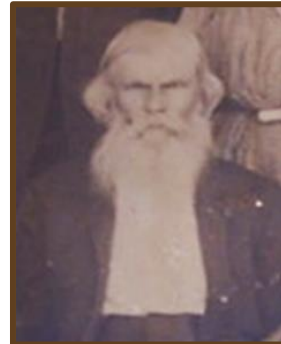
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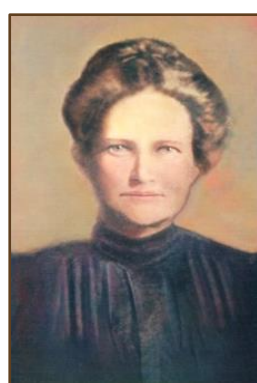
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Mary Alice Duncan



William D. Elston



Rosetta Elizabeth 'Rosie' Kelly



Elias Elston



Sarah Peel



The Waldoboro Origins Project: Finding Broad Bay, Massachusetts



Greetings to all those reading this article - members, Broad Bay descendants, and interested followers of OBBFHA doings.

Last summer I met the OBBFHA President, David Putnam. We had a great chat and spent quite a while discussing a number of things Broad Bay. Recently, David asked me if I would write an article about what I'm doing in Waldoboro, and I was happy to oblige.

My name is Harbour Mitchell, and I am an archaeologist. I have worked in the field of archaeology for nearly 30 years, and almost entirely in Maine. I study the things people leave behind (essentially; their trash).

While most folk may not know it, there is archaeological testing done all the time in Maine. Most of it is "contract archaeology." For example, when the State of Maine-wants to build a new bridge, the potential for archaeology is considered. Individuals like myself go out and do the work to investigate, define, and recover a sample of any archaeology present, before the bridge development destroys it. Then the bridge can be built.

Maine currently has thousands of known archaeological sites, some dating back 10,000 years. Yet thousands more we do not know about exist in front yards, playgrounds, farm fields, downtowns, forests, along lakes and stream, and on shorelines along the coast.

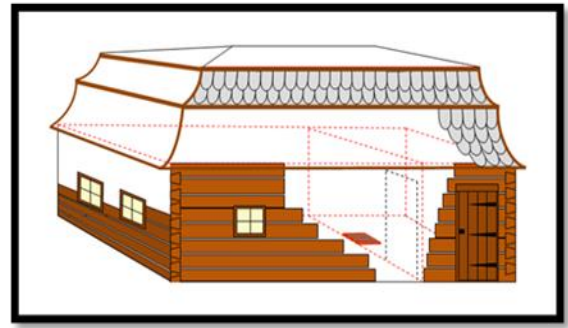
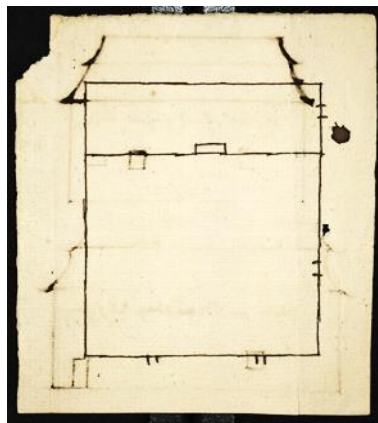
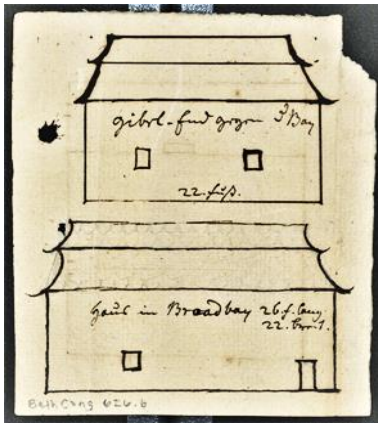
There are two general archaeological contexts in Maine; prehistoric and historic. The former is the period prior to the introduction of writing in a region. The latter is the period after the introduction of writing in a region. For many years, my work involved the prehistoric context (the pre-European, Native American period). But, around 2014 I became interested in the historic period, and specifically, the 18th century. While everyone knows mid-coast Maine saw European settlement in the 17th and 18th centuries, most historic archaeological efforts in Maine involve the "biggies", like forts, and other high-profile sites. The "common" woman and man, whose lives reflect how we as a broad, diverse community came to be, are often overlooked. Yet the things they left behind can reveal so much about their struggles, grief, joys, and successes. It can tell the story of hearth, home, and industry in a way written history often does not.

I began doing historic archaeological research in Ducktrap, an area of Lincolnville, a few miles north of Waldoboro along the coast. I sampled the site of Philip and Christiana Ulmers' last home. Philip's family arrived in Broad Bay, Massachusetts, from Germany, in 1742. Philip was born in Broad Bay December 25, 1751, and died in Ducktrap, October 1816.

My archaeological testing effort at the Ulmer home site began a journey I continue to this day, which brings me to the reason for this article, my archaeological research into Broad Bay.

Ever since I tested the Ulmers' home site in Ducktrap, I keep encountering the influence of Broad Bay's Germans on Maine and beyond. Did you know, for example that Philip Ulmer was George Washington's German translator during the Revolutionary War? Did you know that General Lafayette came to Broad Bay after the war, specifically to visit his comrade-in-arms, Philip? Did you know that the Fogler Library at the University of Maine, Orono, is named after a descendant of Philip Vogler (anglicized as Fogler), circa 1742-1770? Did you know that Broad Bay County in North Carolina was named after Broad Bay, Massachusetts by the Broad Bay German Moravian Christians who moved there in 1770?

Broad Bay was one of the earliest, and largest communities established on the Maine coast, and the only effort in northern New England to colonize an entire area with Germans. Broad Bay also included the only organized community of Moravian Christians in Maine (and probably north of Boston). The Moravians actually built a church in Broad Bay in 1762!



Artist's rendition of the Moravian Church
(Based on Ettwein sketch)

Sketch of Moravian Church, Broad Bay, Mass. by Moravian
Bishop John Ettwein, circa 1767 18th or 19th c.

In the 18th century, Broad Bay was centered well downstream on the Medomak, in an area known as the Slaigo District, after the brook of the same name. Today, Waldoboro is centered at the head-of-tide. That's because by the 1800's the larger, more economically profitable mills, boatyards, and other centralized realities upstream made Broad Bay obsolete as a community center. And by the 20th century Broad Bay was just open fields with a graveyard here or there. Broad Bay, and all of its churches, farms, fortifications, mills, and industries, was a distant memory. Homes no longer sat near the river, but high up on the valley wall, along the Bremen and Friendship roads. Yet, where buildings once stood, and people worked and worshiped, and the dead were buried, and water was drawn from wells, and conflicts were fought, something remained!

As the community grew, and moved upstream as Waldoboro, it left something behind; home sites, church sites, cemeteries, wells, cellars, dams, and mills, and so much more! And almost all of that still exists as archaeological sites, untouched by anything but the plow and farm animals for centuries. Imagine, the first tannery in Broad Bay; still there! Imagine, the first church and cemetery in Broad Bay (a Lutheran Church); still there! Imagine, the Voglers, Ulmers, Hahns, Sietzs, and all the other Germans' homes and farms; still there! Their pottery! Their glass ware! Their shoe buckles, nails, foundations, food bone, buttons, and more; all still there, within a foot of the surface!

A couple of years ago, I began thinking about what I could do regarding Waldoboro's extraordinary archaeological potential. What lies in Waldoboro's fields and forests along the Medomak is a near unique opportunity; virtually an entire community is still present archaeologically. Two years ago, I began to develop what I refer to as *The Waldoboro Origins Project*, an unfunded, personal research effort aimed at understanding Waldoboro's (Broad Bay's) 18th century archaeology. I began with a 1776 map by Joseph Frederick Wallet Des Barres, a Canadian cartographer and surveyor. Here is the web address for the map if you are interested:

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3732c.ar084800/?r=0.047,0.116,0.754,0.294,0>

My project's initial goal (Phase I) is to establish whether Des Barres map is accurate, whether the structures indicated on his map were actually there. It is a big job because there are hundreds of structures indicated on his map, and virtually all of them on private land. As of last summer, I have tested one, now heavily forested property on the river's east side, Samuel Waldo's colonial Lot 9. I did find three areas with pottery and other materials relating to 18th and 19th century occupations on the parcel: an 18th century agricultural field infused with bits and pieces (sherds) of pottery (ca. 1750-1780's); a possible War of 1812 era artillery position, perhaps similar to, but smaller than the one located on the St. George River near Thomaston (ca. 1809-1814); and a possible tenant's or farm hand's home site with food bone, broken ceramics, nails, glass, and other household refuse (ca. 1840-1850's).



Sherds of redware food storage jar/crock, either 18th or 19th c.

Over time, as Waldoboro has grown, its footprint has expanded. And, like so many coastal towns, its growth naturally impacts its (and Maine's) earliest archaeological history. Lots get subdivided, and new businesses and homes, critical to our future, all impact the shallow archaeology. But we can remove samples of it before it is gone. And we can learn so much! And you can help!



Cobble pavement with pottery sherds – a possible 19th c. cannon platform.

If you, or someone you know, has a lot along the river and you have found gun flints or musket balls, broken pottery, white clay tobacco pipes, hand forged nails, shoe buckles, or any other items in a garden, in construction backdirt, while landscaping, or along the river shore, and you think it might relate to Broad Bay, send me an email, and add a photo of the item if you have one. Or, if you have encountered an old well or cellar hole on your property, and want to know more about it, I'd be more than willing to come out, have a look, and give you my thoughts.

So, if you happen to be driving around Waldoboro this summer, and see a guy in the middle of a field, sweating over a little square hole with a shovel and screen, and you're wondering what the heck he is doing... it is probably just me, digging into our past ☺

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Sara "Sally" C. Hilton

Our member Sally Hilton was born November 24, 1919, and died peacefully on November 13, 2021, she was almost 102. Daughter of Prescott W. and Hazel F. (Thurston) Hilton. She was the family historian, artist, and antique collector, an avid genealogist; her ancestors were on the Mayflower. Sally and her sister Mary were the founders and early members of the North Kingstown Genealogical Society, she was president for 25 years.

Submitted by niece Mary Beth Burnham.

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Butter Point Farm Inn, and Tennis Court, Dutch Neck, Waldoboro, Maine Circa 1930-1945 Postcards
Automobile based motel-like type getaway.

Our Waldoboro Ancestors

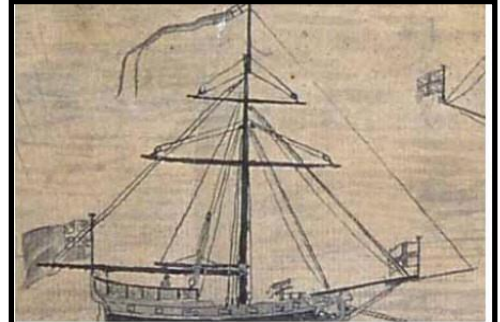
Becky Boyd, Patricia Kriso and Carol Thompson

Becky and Patricia live in California. Carol lives in North Carolina. We beginning we only knew our grandmother was a Creamer whose ancestor had immigrated from Germany. We didn't take into consideration **Peter Crammer** 1726-1822 had a wife, **Katharina Kaler** 1726-1801, or the many other families that we are also related to. Peter and Katharina lived in Boston until 1761. Due to problems aboard the Priscilla his brother George went ahead to Waldoboro, and he had to stay behind to pay off their debt.

Their son **Charles Creamer** 1761-1851 married **Polly Mary Schmouse** 1767-1846 whose father was **George Schmaus** 1733-1810 from Germany. Her mother was **Maria Christina Jane Demuth** 1728-1808 who had come over on the Priscilla with her father **Johan Henrich Demuth** 1693-1757, her mother **Sybilla Marie Becker** 1697-? and siblings and niece. Johan Henrich Demuth died at Storer's Point during the French and Indian War.

Charles and Polly had a son **Charles Creamer** 1798-1857 who married **Eliza Achorn** 1811-1877. Her father was **George Achorn** 1790-1865 whose parents were **Daniel Eichorn** 1752-1836 and **Rebecca Vannah** 1753-1802. Daniel's parents were **Jacob Eichorn** 1733-1827 and **Jane Werner** 1734-1826. His grandparents were **Matthias Eichorn** 1709-1764 and **Anna Maria Dorsch** 1708-1742 who died at sea aboard the Lydia. Rebecca Vannah's parents were **George Balthasar Werner** 1721-1794 and **Sadonia Ulmer** 1723-1794. Eliza's mother was **Sarah Pease** 1794-1859 whose parents were **Zebediah Pease** 1767-1842 and **Sarah Meservey** 1768-1868.

The ship carrying the father of Charles Creamer and the mother of Polly Mary Schmouse.



Ship Priscilla dep Rotterdam Jun 1751 Johann Heinrich Demuth, 58 w. Sybilla Marie (Becker), 54 d. Anna Catharina Francisca, 25 d. Maria Christina, 22 s. Johann Georg, 16 ?d. Anna Timothea, 28 (her d.) Maria Catharina Roder, 1 Birkenbeul, Bayern-Unte

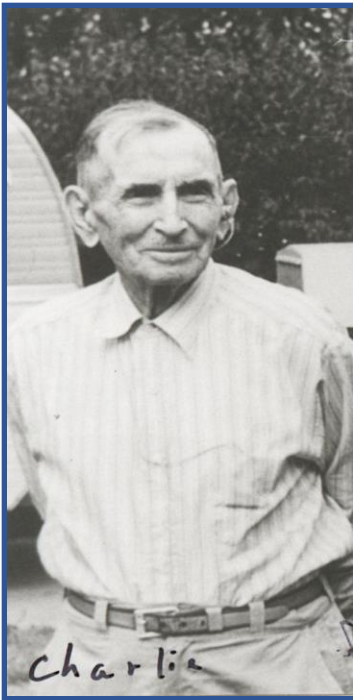


Charles and Eliza had a son, our Great Great Grandfather **Ancil Leuellen Creamer** 1844-1925. He enlisted 13 October 1862 with the Maine 21st Infantry at the age of eighteen. His muster out date was 25 August 1863. He was the first of our Waldoboro ancestors to leave. He went to Iowa and farmed for 50 years until his doctor recommended, he move to California for his health. His father had died when he was eleven and his mother lived until he was thirty-one.

Ancil and his wife Francis had a son **Charles Bertice Creamer** 1874-1958. He had a very large ranch with cattle and also turkeys South Dakota.

Charles and his wife Viola had a daughter, **Gertrude Creamer** 1900-1990. She was the last of our Creamer name when she married Isaac and they had our mother **Alta Belle** 1920-1995.

Ancil and Francis with their five children. Charles B top left.



Charles B. Creamer
1874-1958



Gertrude Creamer
1900-1990



Alta Belle Himes
1920-1995



Becky, Patricia
and Carol

I am working on two projects: This one shows the various Waldoboro families we actually have a direct line from. Do you see any of your ancestors here?

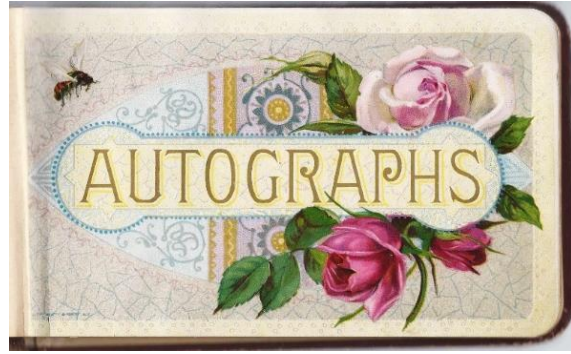
The next project lists a wide variety of Aunts, Uncles and Cousins through marriages with the children of our direct lines. I'm shocked at the amount of names found in the next project. Hopefully it will be completed for the next newsletter. It's so large that it will have to be submitted in sections. You will see many of your ancestors there.

Submitted by Becky Boyd



The Membership year begins on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2023
Now is a good time to pay your dues

1886-1905 Autograph album of Edith M. Benner of Waldoboro, Maine



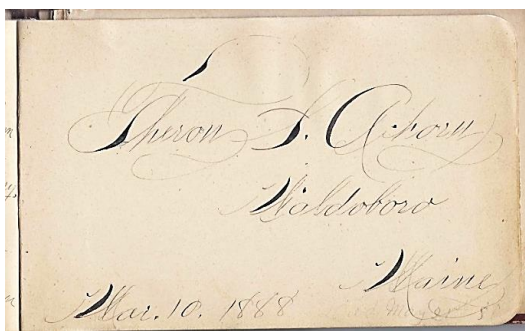
The Album is approximately 7" x 4 1/4" and contains the sentiments of 35 of Edith's relatives and friends. An alphabetical list of signers appears at the end of this post. The family history of many of the signers reflects their heritage in the Broad Bay settlement, founded in 1750's by German immigrants to Maine.

I believe that the album owner Edith was the Edith M. Benner who was born about 1871, the daughter of Alden Thomas Benner and Margaret Mary (Hoffses) Benner. If so, she was likely the Edith M. Benner who lived with her brother Joseph Benner, as shown in the 1920-1940 Censuses of Waldoboro, Maine.

However, there was another Edith M. Benner in the area and a woman named Ethel M. who married a Benner. There's a marriage intention for an Edith M. Benner and Herbert J. Parsons, filed 13 December 1887; they did not marry.



Presented to
Edith M. Benner
By her friend
Mellvin E. Wallace
Dec 25th 1886

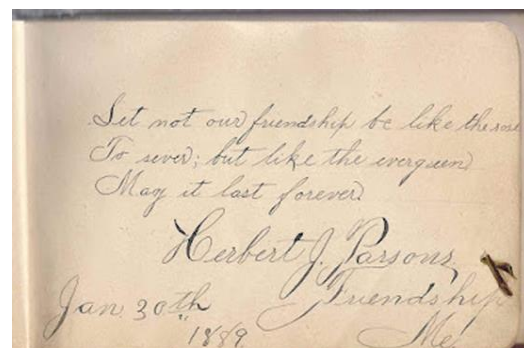


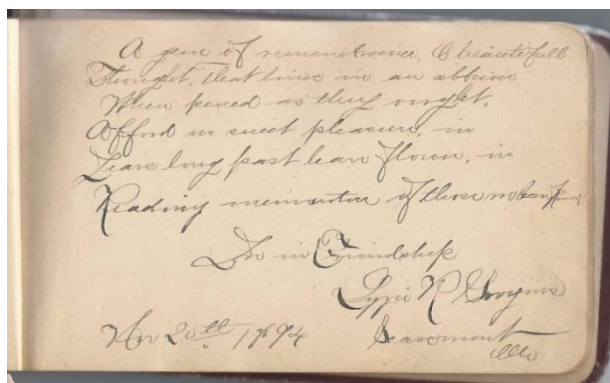
Most of the autographs are signed by people living at or visiting Waldoboro, Maine, in the 1880's and 1890's. For instance, Theron S. Achorn of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on March 10, 1888. Sadly, Theron would die a couple of months later on May 21, 1888.

Let not our friendship be like the rose
To sever; but like the evergreen
May it last forever.

Herbert J. Parsons,
Friendship, Me.

Jan 30th 1889





A year of reminiscence. A beautiful thought that lives in our ...
When .. they sought,
Afford us sweet pleasure, in
.. long past .. flower, in
Reading mementos of those

Love in Friendship

Lizzie R. Googins
Searsmont, Me. Nov. 20th 1894

When I was trying to tease out the identity of album owner Edith M. Benner, I found a woman by that name in the 1900 Census of Rockland working as a cook. In the same household/establishment was another woman by the name of Lizzie R. Googins. Interestingly, a Lizzie R. Googins of Searsmont, Maine, signed a page in the album on November 20, 1894.

.. not to live long, but to live well.

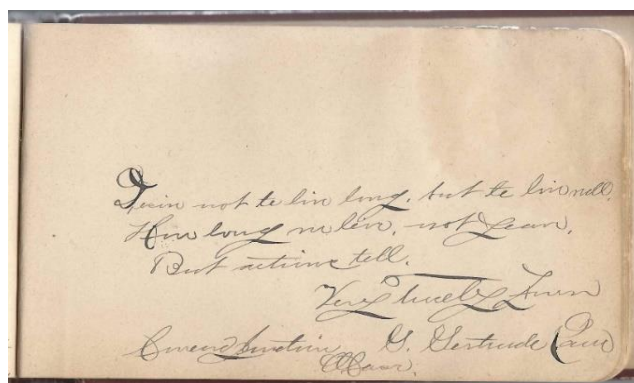
How long we live, not years.

But actions tell.

Very truly yours

G. Gertrude

Concord, Mass.

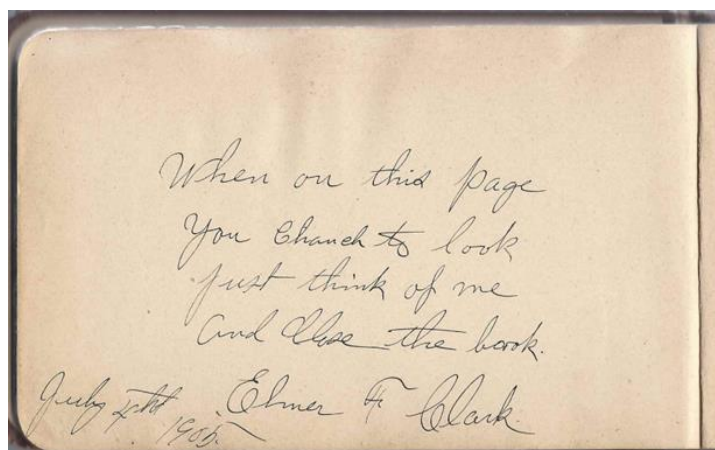
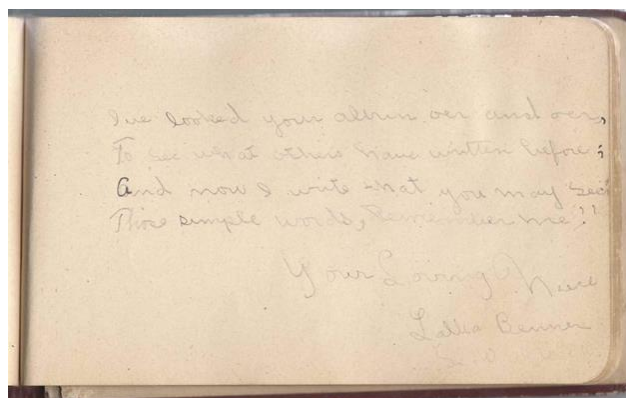


This page is signed by a person whose name and address are not clear to me. She is G. Gertrude ?, from, possibly, Concord Junction, Massachusetts. Perhaps a reader will recognize enough to be able to identify her for us.

I've looked your album o'er and o'er,
To see what others have written before;
And now I write that you may see
These simple words, Remember me!!

Your loving niece

Lallia Benner



When on this page
You chance to look
Just think of me
And .. the book

Elmer F. Clark
July 4, 1905

The latest dated page was signed by Elmer R. Clark on July 4, 1905



June 19

Sir names of signers:

- G. Gertrude ? of [possibly] Concord Junction, Massachusetts
- Edith Achorn of Waldoboro, Maine, signed at Middleboro or Middlebury], on March 22, 1891
- Marion L. Achorn, signed on March 10, 1888
- Theron S. Achorn of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on March 10, 1888; Theron died on May 21, 1888.
- Catherine Allen, signed at Waldoboro, Maine, on June 16, 1888; middle initial could be R or B.
- Edith M. Benner of Waldoboro, Maine; album owner; it was presented to her by Mellvin E. Wallace at Christmas in 1886
- Eliza E. Benner of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on December 23, 1886
- Mr. Damon Benner of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on April 30, 1887
- Lallia Benner; Edith's niece.
- C. W. Besse of East Jefferson, Maine, signed at South Waldoboro, Maine, on February 14, 1888
- Susie E. Carter of Cutler, Maine, signed on August 18, 1894. She's shown in the 1880 Census of Cutler, Maine, living with A. P. Gilson and wife Sarah M. (Sevey/Seavey) Gilson. Was Sarah Susie's mother?
- Elmer F. Clark, signed on July 4, 1905
- Edith M. Creamer of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on "6-8-87"
- Meda Eugley of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on September 5, 1888
- Carrie A. Geyer, signed on December 11, 1888
- Lizzie R. Googins of Searsmont, Maine, signed on November 20, 1894
- Mary F. Hall of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on September 3, 1888. She was Mary F. (Hoffses) Hall, whose husband James Warren Hall signed the right facing page. They married 1 January 1856
- J. W. Hall of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on September 3, 1888. He was James Warren Hall, whose wife Mary F. (Hoffses) Hall signed the left facing page. Married 1 January 1856 at Waldoboro, Maine.
- H. L. Hastings, signed on July 6, 1890; alternatively, could be K. L. Hastings
- Isabel M. Hoffses of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on January 15, 1887.
- George C. King of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, signed on Lewiston, Maine, on January 10, 1899
- Herbert J. Parsons of Friendship, Maine, signed on January 30, 1889
- Hattie M. Parsons of Friendship, Maine, signed on January 29, 1889
- Genie O. Pitcher of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on January 23, 1887
- Nellie B. Pitcher of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on December 23, 1886
- Martha C. Potter of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on September 1, 1888. She was Martha J. (Currier) Potter, whose husband David Woodbury Potter signed the right facing page.
- Kate L. Redman of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on September 7, 1888
- Linda C. Stahl, signed at Waldoboro, Maine, signed on June 8, 1887
- Hattie E. Standish of Waldoboro, Maine, signed on August 28, 1888
- Susie B. Thompson of Friendship, Maine, signed on June 29, 1890
- N. W. Thompson of Friendship, Maine, signed on June 29, 1890
- Mellvin E. Wallace; he presented the album to Edith M. Benner at Christmas in 1886
- Addie M. Wallace, signed at South Waldoboro, Maine, on February 1, 1890
- Alice J. Wallace, signed at Waldoboro, Maine, on September 6, 1888
- Etta C. Winchenbach of South Waldoboro, Maine, signed on December 28, 1886
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The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in discovering and preserving the genealogy and history of the founding families of Broad Bay, now known as Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine. The Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter is available either by email or USPS mail. **Please attach a list of your Broad Bay Ancestors or write on the back of this form.**

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☐ **Renewal**

Date _____

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