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Birch Harbor 1904-1936

Tradition says the village of Birch Harbor derived its name from the birch growth that flourished there.

Among the early settlers recalled is Elisha Clark a brother of Stephen, who settled at Prospect Harbor. They came from Sippican, Mass. which is ~~known~~ divided and their section is known as Marion, made famous by Pres. Cleveland's summer residence, "Gray Gables".

Thither also come Jonas Rice from Rochester, Joseph Bickford from Portsmouth and Oliver Pettie. The former residents of the latter is unknown but Mr. Pettie served in the Revolutionary War.

Of Elisha Clark's family now living is his granddaughter, Mrs. Choebe Temple, who lives in her father's (John Clark) home at Birch Harbor, with her two sons Lewis and Ralph. The other two sons, Frank and Fred have homes nearby, of the two daughters Eliza Noonan is at Prospect Harbor and Mrs. Frank ^{HELEN} Miller in Mass. Elisha Clark's daughter

Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Dickford, had a son Justus, who used to live in Birch Harbor, a veteran whaler. Fred Crane, the great grand-son of Elisha Clark, after passing ^{several} years in California, has returned to the Old Pine Tree State and taken his abode with his family on the Gilbert Simpson farm in East Sullivan. Thankful, the wife of Henry Hamilton, is living in Prospect Harbor. Alfred, who now resides in the Old Clark house near the factory, Mrs. Coombs and Mrs. Johns, and the children John Henry Hamilton, the other daughter Verdana, wife of Robert Perry, had six children, Thankful Gay, Mary (unmarried) Elia Dickford, Samuel, Thomas, and Robert who went away and was never heard from.

As many years as can be recalled by the oldest resident the first schoolhouse was built about a hundred years ^{about 1830} ago on the northern side of the brook and western side of the road about sixty yards to the north of Mrs. Frank Tomlin's. It burned about thirty years ago. ¹⁹⁰⁶ The present building was built ¹⁹⁰⁷ twenty-nine years ago. The pupils numbered fifty-five.

The postoffice was established in 1880, March twenty sixth. The first postmistress was Flora W. Coombs.

October first, 1901, a Christian Endeavor was organized. The present number of members is eighteen, April twenty-sixth 1902, a church was completed, present Baptist Church.

The sea captains of the village are Nahum Fitzgerald, David Rice, Joseph Rice, Nahum Stevens, James Higgins, James Rice & Freeman Davis.

Fred Crane lived a few years in East Sullivan and then returned to California in the spring of 1911 where he & family have lived since until February 1936, when he died, but his 2 remaining boys Gilbert & Will and his wife are still living at Pasadena.

Of the old sea captains still living are James Rice 87 years, now living with his son Herbert O. Rice in the house where Melvin & Flora Coombs lived. He has another son Chester who married the widow of his brother Arthur Rice and a daughter Minnie who married Robert McKay of San Harbor and they have one daughter Zelma.

Arthur and Etta Colson Rice had a son

Clinton Rice and a daughter Ruth now married to John Hooper at South Gouldsboro and they have a son Robert.

Herbert Rice has two sons and one daughter. Emerson married to Rosalie Bickford daughter of Herbert Bickford and they have two sons Errol and Emerson Jr. and one girl Blanche they are now living in Sarrento, Me. the other son James is married to Bernice Tracy of Winter Harbor and now live at Wonsqueak. Herbert's daughter Winifred married now to Anna Hodgkins at South Hancock they have two boys Edward and Herbert.

Mathew Fitzgerald died leaving a son Alphonzo who had two sons and two daughters. One daughter died in childhood and Ethel married Henry Teal of Rockland. One son Leslie is living in Bangor, Me. and the other son Jesse is now living in Winter Harbor, married Gladys (~~unknown~~) Rice daughter of

David Rice have five children Will, Laura, Lula, Helen and Gladys. Laura married Byron Hancock of Winter Harbor now living there, they have three girls, Lola who married Harvey Myrick they have three children Arland Ruth, and Alta

Blanche married Chester ~~Hamilton~~ Wentworth they have four children, Arthur, Byron, Leroy and Nancy. Flossie (unmarried) is living with her parents at Winter Harbor. Lula married Roy Sargent of Winter Harbor they have a girl Edwina. Helen married in Stonington is now dead. Gladys married Jesse Fitzgerald. William is now living in the old house, married Nellie Petter. Joseph Rice had seven children, Aaron, William, Joseph Jr. Sarah Jane, Lydia Ann, John, ^{David} and Nathan. All are now dead.

Mrs. Phoebe Temple died in 1919 and her sons ^{were} Lewis and Ralph, Fred, Frank, and William, daughters Adella and Celia.

Lewis married Mary Couperthwaite and had three children Adella, Olga and Lewis Jr. He died in May, 1921.

Adella married J. Colon Church of Jonasport, Me. They had eight children Colon F., Estelle, Edison, Violine, Janice, ^{2 mo.} Allen, ^{13 mo.} Alenton, Richard. Janice and Allen died before one and half years old.

Ralph married Carrie Couperthwaite they

are both dead but had no children.
Fred. married but wife unknown children
died young. Frank married Nellie Winslow
they had a daughter, Avis, and she married
Frederick Nash son of Stillman Nash in Hixton
Harbor they remodelled the old John Clark
house where they now live with three
daughters Faye, Mildred, and Elva. Nellie
died in Dec. 1947.

William married Lena Moore. one daughter
survived, Leitha, married Lawrence Joy
of Westbay where they now live. They had
two daughters Leola and Erma.

Adella married Frank Miller of this
place they had a daughter Gida who died in
her early thirties, and her parents are now
dead.

Celia married John Noonan and lived in
Prospect Harbor. they had three girls Melia
Amy and Gelma and a son Walter who
died at the age of 21. Melia married Irving
Farley lived in Prospect and had one girl
Celia. Amy married Harry Coffin had no
children. Gelma married Justice Ray and
had one daughter Fern now married to
Roger Tibbitts, they have two boys. Rodney and

Leslie.

Olga daughter of Lewis Temple married Russell Robinson of Stoughton they have three girls, Irene Marine and Betty and one son Russell Jr. Irene married Alvah Sprague and has six children. Marine married Albert Morse and has two children. Betty is married to George Bartley no children. (2 boys Brian + Barry)

Lewis Jr. married Alice Marshall of Bangor they live in Bunkers Harbor and have seven children Marshall, Shirley, Elizabeth, Bernice, Marylyn, Eleanor, and Frederick.

Billy (Crane) Shirley is married and lives in ^{New Mexico} ~~Arizona~~ Elizabeth is married to Richard Bradstreet and have one daughter Donna May ^(Lisa, Danny, Mark, Anna)

Fred Crane nephew of Fred of California and son of Abel and Patience Crane lives in the house that was the first store built by Abail Clark.

The house where Albert Winslow lived is where his granddaughter Alda now lives with her husband Arthur Cole. They had two children Alden and Elbira. Alda's mother Grace Shappee of Cherryfield married Joe Winslow a brother of Nellie Temple.

they also had a brother George.

^{active,} The Justice Bickford place owned by a
1 Jerod Crane is torn down and he has built
a new house; Mrs Crane is now dead and
two of the girls Vera + Nettie are dead, the
others Shirley, Emma, Lottie are now married.
Shirley married William Robinson lives at
Slinnysville and has one son. ^{William Jr.} Lottie married
Harry Cunningham first and now and is
married to John McNeil ^{but} of Bar Harbor. Emma
married Carleton Joy of Winter Harbor they
have a son Maxwell who married Venita Argent
of Sorrento, they live in Connecticut and
have two daughters Anita and Mary Ann and
two sons Murray + David.

Mathew Stevens and wife ^{Celia} are dead and
their two daughters Mabel and Geneva
live in the old home. Geneva married
Alton Bunker of South Gouldboro and
had no children. Mabel married Roy Stanley
of Islip and they have a son Gordon
married to Irene ^{of Mass.} they have
a daughter Joyce.

Freeman Davis and wife Lila ^{Joy} lived
in the Menis Joy house, her old home.

They are both dead, he died first and she died about 10 years later around 1940 Clinton Rice son of Arthur and Etta has bought the house, he married Eva from Kennebunk, Maine. She had two sons by a previous marriage, Richard and Arvide Bradstreet.

Jonas Rice the father of James Rice, ^{Herbert's father.} Stephen Rice, Jonas brother, and Joseph's brother, had four children of which two boys are living Frank and Elmer. Frank lived in the Fred Temple house married ^{died 1930's} Anne from Canada and had two children Nora and Stephen. Nora married Ezra Myrick of South Gouldston and lives in her father's house they have four boys Elliott, Francis, Laddie, Langdon. Elliott married Pauline Crane ^{daughter of Fred.} and has two daughters Helen and Stephanie. Francis married ^{of Melbridge} Ilda Burke and has four children Methe, Mary Jane, Peggy and one son Michael. Laddie is unmarried. Langdon married Harotta Strait (Pep) from Stoughton and they have two girls Anne and Alice Jane. Stephen married Eva from Bar Harbor lives in Stonington and has no children.

below → Eva, Bernard, Asiel, Abiel, Carolyn.

Elmer Rice married Bess Bickford of Lower Harbor a part of Schoodic Point they had seven children Cecile, Mildred, Edgar, Myra, Hazel, Raymond, and Unabelle who died when young.

Cecil married a Smith from Steuben and had two sons Duinell and Lonnie. Since has remarried Fosset from Augusta where she now lives and has three more children, Norman, Dickie and Athleen. Lonnie is married lives Steuben. Duinell married Lillian Norton from Steuben and they had two children Irene + Wayne. Irene married William Follett of Steuben where she now lives, Wayne married Patricia Parkin of Steuben. Norman, Dickie and Athleen are all married and live in or around Augusta, near their mother. Mildred married Thurlow Young and she had three children Margaret, Cobb, Stillman, Then she married Abrahm Dyer and had Lena (Tootie) Scott Paul + Peter.

Raymond + Edgar (Dink) married and live in Stonington. Hazel married Shafter Dyer of Gouldsboro, has one child Corinne (Lussie).

Myra married a Marston - had Bessie, married a Duane - had Kathleen, Agnes, + Rena, then was married to Briggs from South Gouldsboro, had Carl. ↑ ABOVE