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This little greeting
Hoping somehow to
How very often these
Warm good wishes go
to you!

is sent
show
days



A beautiful poem is like a violin bow
drawn across the fibers of our soul,
setting not only the thoughts of
the poet but our own souls singing.



Kindness

1 Kindness isn't sacrifice
Or giving alms, my lad,
It's simply sharing happiness
With some one who is sad.



2 Kindness is a soothing light,
That seeks out darkened hearts,
And makes them flame with new
found hope,
New joy - And then departs.





A little dog barked at the big round
moon,

That smiled in the evening sky;
And the neighbors smote him with rocks
And shoon,

But still he continued his ragful tune,
And he barked till his throat was dry.

But soon 'neath a hill that
obstructed the west,

The moon sank out of sight;
And it smiled as it slowly dropped
under the crest,

But the little dog said, as he lay
down to rest—

"Well! I scared it away, all right"



What One May, And May Not Call a
Woman.

You may call a woman a kitten,
But you must never call her a cat.

You may call her a mouse,
But you must not call her a rat.

You may call her a chicken,
But you must not call her a hen.

You may call her a duck,
But you must not call her a goose.

You may call her a vision,
But you must not call her a sight.



BARGAIN TRANSPORTATION

A tired Brewer doctor, sound asleep one night, it seems,
Was wakened by his doorbell, in the middle of his dreams.
With slippers and pajamas on, the doctor softly swore
As down the stairs he trudged, to find a farmer at the door.
"What's wanted?" snapped the doctor, in a manner quite perturbed,
Exhibiting annoyance that his sleep had been disturbed.
"I'm wond'rin', Doc," the farmer said, "would you git out yer car
An' go right out ter my house—you won't find it awful far?"
The doctor growled a curt "All right," and in a little while
The two were riding country-ward, and speeding mile on mile.
The doctor's car skimmed right along, he had a good smooth road,
And 'twasn't long before they reached the farmer's snug abode.
The engine stopped. The farmer asked: "Say, Doc, what is yer fee?"
"Three dollars," said the doctor, as surprised as he could be.
"Wal, here's yer money," said the farmer, "that ain't awful dear;
A taxi feller wanted five ter drive me way out here!"

—Funny World, Ain't It?—

NOT A NOSEGAY

In one of our upriver schools there was a country lad
Whose face and hands and clothes were always soiled up pretty bad.
The teacher stood it for awhile, but finally she wrote,
Complaining to the mother in a kindly-worded note.
She stated that the little chap was far from clean and sweet,
And would she bathe him oftener and keep him fairly neat.
The mother scorned the message, and with fire in her eye,
She promptly sent the teacher this epistle in reply:
"Deer Teecher, my boy Horace ain't no rose beneath his tan,
And so I say don't smell him; you just learn him, if you can."

MOTHER'S ORDERS

The morning after Stella Primley's beau had made a call,
Stern Mrs. Primley met her daughter coming through the hall.
"Young lady," snapped the mother, "you're a forward miss, all right;
Did I not see you sitting on that young man's lap last night?"
"Yes," curtly answered Stella, "'twas an awful thing to do;
I wish to goodness, mother, that you hadn't told me to."
"Good heavens!" burst out mother, "you're the limit with such chat!
I surely never told you to do anything like that!"
"Yes, mother; if he acted like a sentimental kid,
You told me to just sit on him, and that is what I did!"

Orrington, Oct 28-1914.
Report of delegate to Rebekah Assembly
Noble Grand, Brothers & Sisters
I will try and give you a report of the
21st Session of the Rebekah Assembly
held in Portland, Maine. Oct 19 to 21st
We left Bangor at 12-20 P.M. arrived in
Portland at 5 o'clock, taking a car to our
room in the Y. W. C. A. building. There
were three sisters besides myself in the
party. After supper which we had in
the same building, in fact we had all
our meals there. We went to Baxter
Block in which are the Odd Fellow
and Rebekah rooms of three lodges
At about 8 o'clock a fine orchestra
arrived and gave a short concert, before
the Grand Officers came in for the
reception. At 8-30 the following
Grand Officers entered the hall,
each with an escort.
Vesta C. Whitten, President

Ellery Bowden, Grand Master
of Maine L.O.O.F. Virginia Holbrook
Vice President, Harry Reid
Deputy Grand Master
Grace E. Walton, Sec'y of Assembly
Sherman L. Berry Grand Patriarch
of Patriarchs Militant
Spratt E. Waymouth, Treasurer.
They stood in line as I have named
them. After everyone had been
received, a fine program was given
consisting of Orchestral numbers, a Vocal
Solo by Mathew Morgan of Westbrook
Some very excellent readings by Miss
Viola Buck. after which everyone was
invited to the banquet hall, where
refreshments of fancy crackers and punch
were served. This reception new, in as
much as it was open to all Rebekahs
where years before it had only been
for the Grand Officers. It was through
the personal work of Mrs Marion G.

Reed of Columbia lodge, that it was such
a success. That ended my first evening in
Portland. At 9-30 A.M. Tuesday
Assembly opened with greeting by the Pres.
There were present delegates and members
from nearly every lodge in the State of Maine.
It was announced that the gain in
member-ship was over 400, an ^{unusual} ~~unusual~~
gain, considering the obstacles with which
the lodges have had to contend. Four
lodges were instituted during the year.
Three visiting members from other
jurisdictions were examined and welcomed
by the Pres. Committee on Credentials
reported, the Marshal & Conductors
were sent out to receive and introduce
the candidates. There were 114 in line
including three brothers. Later one more
received the degree making a class of 115.
Next the address of Welcome was given
by Mrs Marion W. Reed of Columbia
lodge and the response was by

Virginia Holbrook. It was partly
written by Sister Clara Towle
previous to her death and the Pres
thought best to have it finished and
read. After the various reports had
been read and accepted, came
nomination of Officers. For
President - Virginia Holbrook, Bangor
Vice-Pres Elizabeth Ricker, Lisbon Falls
Warden. Hattie S. Rollins, Auburn
Secy Grace C. Walton, Belfast
Treas. Sarah A. Waymouth, Biddisford
and she was also elected treasurer
of the Home Fund. It was voted that
the Marshall past the vote for the
officers, as there was but one candidate
for each office, vote taken and
each elected. It was voted that
those wishing transfer cards should
pay twenty-five cents for it.

At 11-30 Assembly adjourned
and opened again promptly

at 2 o'clock. The first thing in the P.m.
was the memorial service for Sister Towle
who was grand warden and whose death
occurred in April. Mrs. Frances Homer of
Bucksport read a very fine memorial
poem. The report of Committee on Odd
Fellows & Rebekahs Orphan Home Fund
was as follows. District collections last
year 294.60 Total with this years Collec-
tion \$1506.50. The Past Noble Grand's Assoc-
of Bangor gave \$10.00 this year. The installation
of officers came about 3 o'clock. They were
presented in a very pleasing manner, by
Mrs Hattie Rollins, Conductor.
On behalf of the Assembly, Miss
Whitten was presented with a jewel,
by Mrs Virginia Holbrook and her
District deputies made her a present
of a handsome ring set with a
Tourmaline, and Mrs Holbrook
received a beautiful bouquet of
American Beauty roses from her own

home lodge Excelsior, presented by
Mrs Edith Farnham.

Tuesday evening Naomi Lodge
conducted the meeting in City Hall
and Union Lodge degree team of Bar
Harbor conferred the Rebekah degree.
Some of the tableaux were very beautiful.
Their floor work and spacing were
excellent, showing lots of hard work
and practice. I enjoyed the whole
assembly more than I can tell
and sincerely thank the lodge for the
pleasure.

Bertha Kendall. delegate

Address of Welcome written for the
district meeting of Rebekah lodges at
Orriington, June 2-1915

Sister President, District Deputy Pres.
Sisters & Brothers.

One of the pleasantest duties, either in
private or public, is to speak words of
welcome to visiting friends. This pleasure
is mine today. And in behalf of Tashti
Rebekah lodge No 30- I extend to you
a most cordial and sincere welcome.
We are glad to meet those who are with
us today for the first time and those
whom we have had the pleasure of
entertaining before. This is the first
time we have had the district meeting
here, on account of the loss of our hall by
fire, but I am sure we are very
thankful to be able to greet you in
our new home. As we meet together
may we be inspired to nobler work,
increasing interest in the order, and a

Fuller knowledge of its principals
and achievements. And while we
are happy, in greeting each other
today, may we not forget those who
have gone before, but who by their
loving words and helpful deeds, must
live in our hearts always.

May we press on ward and upward,
live by the pure principals of
Odd Fellowship and be true Rebekah's
Sisters and brothers once again.
I bid you all Welcome
Bertha Kendall

Lovinia G Atwood, District Deputy Pres.
Bertha H. Kendall. Deputy Grand Marshal.

For the Years 1919-1920.

Schedule for 1920

Hampden Highlands, Jan 2, 1920

Successful installation public
Stopped at Penobscot Exchange over
night, had dinner and supper there.

Brewer, Jan 5- 1920

Very fine supper at 6:30 march led by
D. D. Pres. and Marshal.

Fine meeting, work very excellent, lots of
compliments on our manner of installing
the officers. Entertained at Mrs Duns
57 Washington St

BREWER ^{Muni.}
Jan 5-
1920

Esther Rebekah Lodge Installs
Officers—Local and Per-
sonal Mention.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

About 150 were present Monday
night in Odd Fellows Hall when the
installation of officers of Esther Re-
bekah lodge was held. Supper was
served at 6:30 and was of the usual
order of excellence. Mrs. Lovinia At-
wood of South Orrington, D. D. P. and

her marshal, Mrs. Bertha Kendall,
were present and installed the of-
ficers. The ceremonies were witnessed
only by lodge members but were most
impressive. The officers were elected
a few weeks ago and were installed
as follows: Noble Grand, Mrs. Eliza-
beth Smith; Vice Grand, Mrs. Ella
Russell; Secretary, Mrs. Flora M.
Croxford; Treasurer, Mrs. Mildred
Washburn; Warden, Mrs. Bessie
Davis; Conductor, Mrs. Hattie Locke;
Inside Guardian, Mrs. Hattie Dodge;
Outside Guardian, Hollis Kingsbury.
E. I. Freeman of Medford, Mass. a

Installed Riverview Lodge No 49
Jan 12 - 1920. Private installation
50 present, beautiful Supper
cordial Welcome, were entertained
by Sister Elizabeth Hinds Harriman
in her new home. Were given
flowers by past noble Grand
Mattie Stubbs

Installed Vashti 35. Jan 15 - 1920
Joint installation, with Bro Fred
Lindsey. D. D. Grand Master,
Bro Samuel J. William. D. D. G. Marshal
Splendid Supper, we were escorted
to the table by sisters who had
given us, a gate pie plates to eat
from, cups without handles
iron knives & forks and tin spoons
also place cards made from
card boards

Installed Mizpah Lodge No 62
Winterport. Jan 21 - 1920.
Were entertained at the hotel, which was
built in 1833. Broiled steak for supper
Mizpah greeted us in their ever cordial
manner, making us feel very much at home
after the officers were installed we were
given a vote of Thanks for our efforts in
getting there, as there was much ice in
the river and we crossed at Winterport ferry.
We were each presented with a beautiful
cup glass dish, after the lodge closed we
were escorted to the dining hall below,
where a grand supper was served. We voted it
one of our pleasantest installations

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Vashti. Jan 14 - 1920

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WINTERPORT.

Local Items of General Interest—Personal Mention.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

WINTERPORT, Jan. 27.—Mizpah Rebekah lodge held its annual installation of officers at its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 21. The work was impressively and gracefully performed by the District Deputy President Mrs. Levinia Atwood of Vashti Rebekah lodge, assisted by Mrs. Bertha Kendall as district deputy grand marshal, and the following past noble grands en suite: Mrs. Annie B. Hill, grand warden; Mrs. Blanche P. Nealley, grand secretary; Mrs. Florence P. Belches, grand treasurer; Mrs. Annie B. Clements, grand chaplain; Mrs. Mattie A. Carleton, grand herald. The following were the officers installed for the present term: Noble grand, Mrs. Clara Cole; vice grand, Mrs. Laura Clark; secretary, Mrs. Estella A. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. Maud E. Young; warden, Mrs. Katharine Philbrook; conductor, Mrs. Alice T. Arey; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Annie R. Fernald; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Ellen Eaton; R. S. V. G., Mrs. Ruby Lane; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Myra Wadleigh; inside guardian, Mrs. Flora Strout; outside guardian, Reuben A. Snow; chaplain, Miss Marion Clark. After the noble grand assumed charge of the lodge she appointed the several standing committees for 1920, after which the past noble grand, Mrs. Stella Foley, was presented with a past noble grand's jewel, to which presentation she made graceful response, thanking the lodge, its officers and members for their loyal support during her pleasant years of official work. Then came appropriate, pleasing and interesting remarks by the D. D. P. Mrs. Levinia Atwood, the D. D. G. M. Mrs. Bertha Kendall, Judge Elery Bowden, past grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Maine, Frank W. Carleton, P. D. G. M., C. C. Moody, C. R. Hill, Dr. E. P. Goodrich and several others. Votes of thanks were extended to Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Kendall for the impressive and graceful manner in which they performed the installation ceremony, to Mrs. Stella Foley and the officers and degree staff of 1919, for their efficient work during the past year; also a vote of appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Goodrich for their helpfulness in the lodge in music and otherwise, and of regret at their departure from the lodge and the community. Gifts of cut glass were pleasingly presented in behalf of the lodge by Mrs. Annie R. Fernald to Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Kendall. A brief program was given as follows: Piano solo, Miss Juanita A. Hill; poem, Carroll L. Young; reading, Mrs. C. R. Hill. Fine music for the installation and regular work of the lodge was rendered by Mrs. Orrie E. Moody and C. L. Barrows. After the closing ceremonies all adjourned to the prettily decorated banquet hall, where an appetizing and abundant supper was served by Mrs. Mary Downes, Mrs. Effie A. Barrows, Mrs. Margaret Carew and an efficient corps of waitresses. Over one hundred members were present with visitors from Mountain lodge, Bluehill; Centre Harbor, Brooklin, and Loyal lodge, Monroe.

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Vashti 14-1920

Installed Bayview Rebekah lodge

No 141 Feb 5-1920

The biggest snow storm of the winter started the day we went to Stockton but we were met at the station by a good sister with a team, so did not mind the snow much. were most cordially greeted and entertained at the home of the Misses Coleord. The hall was across the road from their home so we got along fine, without getting very wet. Very small attendance about 20 on account of the severe storm. Got into Bangor 9-30 the next morning, had dinner at the Y. M. C. A. went to the movies in P. M. Stockton lodge is new, having been instituted in June 1919. So they are struggling as yet in the dark on a good many questions. Hope we gave them some encouragement.

1902-

1927

Feb 23rd

1927

Celebrated the 25th

Anniversary of Vashti
Rebekah lodge

Also Past Noble Grands and Charter
Members Night. Fine Program
Beulah Smith. N. G.

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Celebrates

25th Anniversary

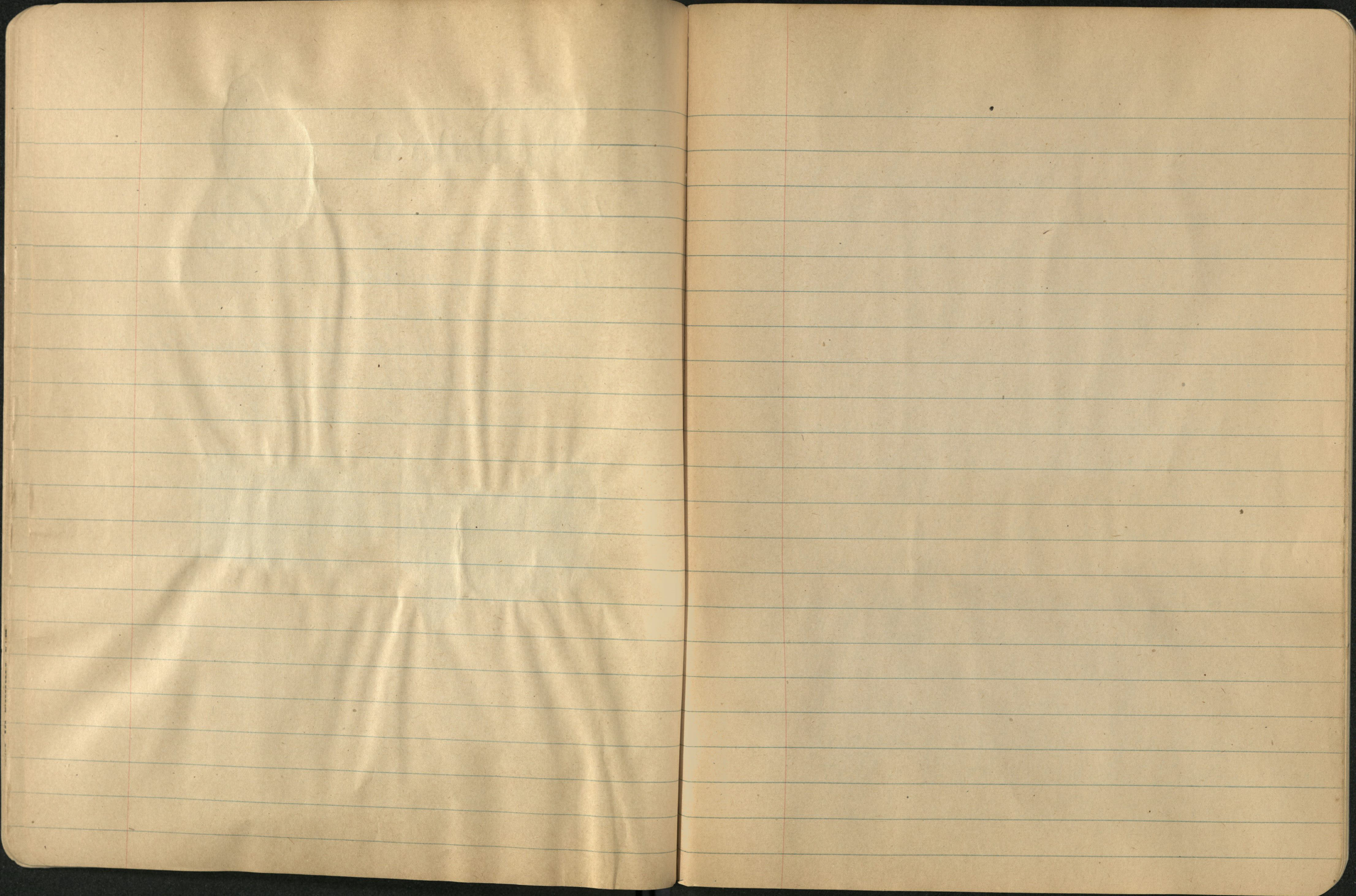
1927

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 22nd, Vashti Rebekah Lodge of Orrington celebrated its 25th anniversary in a most pleasing manner. At 6.30 o'clock the members were summoned to the banquet hall to partake of a supper, the quantity and quality of which Orrington cannot be surpassed. The tables were decorated with symbols of the holiday on which it was held and when all were assembled the lights were turned out, leaving a glow of red candles, and all joined in singing America. After the banquet all adjourned to the lodge room where a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent. During the evening a memorial service was held in honor of the deceased charter members and past noble grands. The deceased past noble grands were: Blanche K. Blake, Sadie E. Kendall, Lois E. Sugden, Sarah A. Nickerson and Mary E. Drinkwater.

Then followed remarks by Sister Curtis of Esther Lodge, who was present at and took part in the institution of Vashti lodge, Feb. 19, 1902, given in Sister Curtis usual and most interesting manner.

There were four charter members present, C. William George, Mrs. Isabel Lambert, Bertha Kendal and Adelbert K. Kendal, each of whom related memories of the event twenty-five years ago.

Letters were read from absent charter members interspersed with a piano solo by Sister Marjorie Kendall and vocal duets by Sisters Petrie and Wentworth. As this was a combination of charter members and past noble grands night, many past noble grands were present and gave interesting talks on Rebekah Oddfellowship. And when all left for their homes at a late hour, each felt well paid for the effort of coming and more resolved to prosper the work of Oddfellowship. The Rebekahs will hold a dance in their hall Saturday evening, March 5th, for the benefit of the Home Fund, and it is hoped many will avail themselves of the pleasure of attending.



Vashti Rebekah Lodge No 35 I. O. O. F.
Orrington, Maine Feb 19-1902

A certain number of Odd Fellows
together with their wives, daughters, sisters
and mothers, and the daughters, sisters
and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows,
having petitioned the board of Grand
Officers, for a Rebekah Lodge in
the town of Orrington, and the Charter
having been granted, the following
Grand Officers appeared this evening
for the purpose of instituting the lodge.
William W. Cutter, Grand Master
Russell G. Slyer, Grand Secretary
and Mary E. Burr, Vice Pres of the
Rebekah Assembly of Maine.
After examinations the Grand Master
declared a lodge opened in the
degree of Rebekah. The degree
Staff of Esther Rebekah Lodge No 54
of Brewer, assumed the chairs and
conferred the Rebekah degree.

upon the following candidates,
 Mrs B. Tibbets, Clara N Tibbett
 Josiah D. Hinds, Elizabeth Hinds and
 60 others.

The Grand Master then instituted Vashti
 Rebekah Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F.

Following is the list of Charter Officers
 Noble Grand - Elizabeth E. Hinds

Vice " Sadie E. Kendall

Recording Secy - Olive E. Snow

Financial " " Grace E. Kendall

Treasurer - Abbie S. Nickerson

Warden Sue C. Tibbett

Conductor + Mattie E. Kendall

P. S. ~~Noble~~ ^{Noble} Grand - Carrie E. Cone

L. S. ~~Vice~~ ^{Noble} Julia A. Means

Inside Guardian Tinnie J. Linnell

Outside " " Ida B. Kendall

Chaplain - Flora E. George

P. S. Vice Grand - Abbie M. Halbrook

L. S. " " Rose E. Rogers

Some of these names will be recognized

by our older members.

The name Vashti was chosen from the Bible, In the book of Esther is the story of Vashti, which is interesting reading.

She was King Ahasuerus Queen, he was very proud of her beauty, and ordered his seven chamberlains to bring Vashti before the King, with the royal crown, to show her beauty to the people and princes, But Vashti refused to come at the King's command. He was exceedingly wroth, and ordered that she come no more before King Ahasuerus. The King therefore chose Esther to be his Queen.

It seems very fitting that Esther Rebekah lodge should be the one to confer the Rebekah degree upon Vashti. Vashti may have been a disobedient Queen, but as a lodge she has faithfully followed the mandates and

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requestion of the Sovereign Grand
Lodge.

When the lodge was young it was the
custom for the Noble Grand to appoint
an investigating Committee, for each
application for membership received.

The district Deputies served 2 years -
The installations were in January. Sometimes

~~in~~ The homes entertaining the District
Deputies, were not heated throughout
and the guest room was usually a cold
proposition, Well I know from
experience. We have had 5 district
deputies from this lodge. Sister
Blanch Blake was the first one, her
marshal was Sister Emily Merrill of
Esther Rebekah Lodge.

Sister Lovinia Atwood was next
then Sister Alice Stubbs, Sister Ellen
Stewart and Sister Margaret Harriman.
For many year our Sisters felt
they were not competent to be deputies

but they were well able, only lacking a little courage, I am glad our younger sisters will take offices of responsibility it means a lot to them, and credit to the lodge.

Our first Hall was destroyed by fire May 25th 1911. We obtained a dispensation from the Grand Master, Frank B. Miller to hold the meetings of Vashti lodge in any suitable building. The N. G. Grace Kendall decided the Corner School house was the most desirable place, being off the main road - but very soon we decided to hold meetings in the Town Hall, as the Subordinate lodge did. We continued to hold meetings there until Jan. 24 - 1912. When we met in the new Hall, first floor.

For nine years the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs worked

After the close of the lodge an entertainment was given, a Short history of the subordinate lodge by P. G. H. B. Tibbets. Remarks by Grand Master Leslie Jacobs. P. G. Master Ashley Smith P. Grand Representative Leon F. Higgins, Past Presidents Martin and Halbrook of the Rebekah Assembly. The Lyric male Quartett furnished a fine program. All of which was greatly enjoyed.

Following this a fine supper was served, to which full justice was done by about 2 hundred. This celebrated the clearing of our Hall from debt.

The notes and Mortgage being burned, making a very impressive ceremony.

(6) to pay of the mortgage we had to put on the new Hall. Finally the evening of Nov 3rd 1920. We had one Grand celebration and burned the mortgage. Officers from the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly were present. (next Page)

On Wed. evening Feb 22, 1927. We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of this lodge, Will mention a few of the high lights of this occasion. A banquet, of course. The tables were decorated with symbols of the 22nd Feb. The lights were turned out leaving a glow of red candles, and all

joined in singing "America". After the banquet all adjourned to the lodge room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

During the meeting a memorial Service was held in honor of deceased charter members and

(7) Past noble grands. at that time the deceased noble grands were Blanch K Blake. Sadie Kendall Lois Sugden, Sarah A Nickerson and Mary Drinkwater. Remarks by Sister Mertie Curtis, living in town, but a member of Esther Rebekah lodge, who took part in the institution of this lodge.

Letters were read from absent members, a program of vocal and instrumental music given. Sister Beulah Smith was the noble grand.

And now we are celebrating our 50th anniversary, with 7 Charter members left.

Maggie Baker Hayie

Marcy C Johnson

Sue, C. T. Pierce

Ora Nye - Florence Kendall

Kimball A Kendall

Bertha Kendall.

April 9, 1952
Written by D.K.

"There is a gift called friendship
That weaves some magic spell
And binds our hearts together
In ways no words can tell
And like a beam of sunshine
That comes from skies of blue
I have found God's gift of friendship
Deep in the hearts of you."

Noble Grand, Sister Josie, Sister Lattie
Sister Margaret, The Supper Com.
who gave us such a lovely banquet
Sister Ruth, for the fine program
and all who have made this occasion so
memorable, the honor and courtesies you
have shown us as charter members for
all of this I sincerely thank you.

My response to the Noble Grands
Welcome of Charter members, April 9
'Golden Anniversary'
1952.



ORRINGTON REBEKAHS MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY—When Vashti Rebekah lodge of Orrington celebrated its 50th anniversary Wednesday night with a banquet and program, these officers took part. Front row, left to right, Chrystal Carter, past noble grand, right supporter to the noble grand; Hazel Kingsbury, past noble grand, right supporter to vice grand; Bertha Kendall, past noble grand and charter member; Kimball Kendall, past grand, charter member; Mercie Johnson, charter member; Josie Brown, noble grand; Lottie Johnson, vice grand; Theresa McLean, past noble grand, secretary. Back row, Ellen Stuart, past noble grand, chaplain; Gertrude Bragdon, past noble grand, left supporter vice grand; Ione Thornton, past noble grand, treasurer; Irene West, flag bearer; Hazel Sawyer, past noble grand, junior past noble grand; Ruth Mitchell, conductor; Ruth Grant, outside guardian; Lillian Smith, inside guardian; Margaret Harriman, past noble grand, general chairman. (Staff Photo by Mahesh)

Vashti Rebekahs In Observance Of 50th Anniversary

ORRINGTON, April 9—Vashti Rebekah Lodge of Orrington celebrated its 50th anniversary tonight at the IOOF hall, Orrington, with a banquet and special ceremonies. The hall was decorated with spring flowers.

An anniversary cake made by Nellie Bowden was served. A reception followed the banquet with the following distinguished guests in the receiving line: Jackalena Pearce, warden, Rebekah assembly; Augusta Jenkins, past president Rebekah assembly; Susie Baker, past president of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant; Past President Frances Haver.

Also in the receiving line were Maude Getchell, district deputy president, District 22; Arline Fos-

ter, district deputy marshal, District 22; Fannie Greeley, district deputy president, District 21.

Other lodges represented were from Bangor, Brewer, Bucksport and Hampden.

A program under the direction of Ruth Mitchell was presented. Taking part were Ellen Stewart, Augusta Jenkins, Rev. Elwood Poore, who sang, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Clark; Bertha Kendall, a charter member who gave the history of the lodge; Ellen Stewart and Patricia, who sang a duet accompanied by Harold Johnson; Ivie Mann, who presented a violin selection accompanied by Johnson.

Fifty-year veterans' jewels were presented by the noble grand, Josephine Brown, to charter members.

The noble grand directed a lodge meeting following the program. General chairman of the celebration was Margaret Harriman. Supper committee included Stella Goss, Pauline Gray and Alice Brown. Pauline Bennett led the decoration committee.

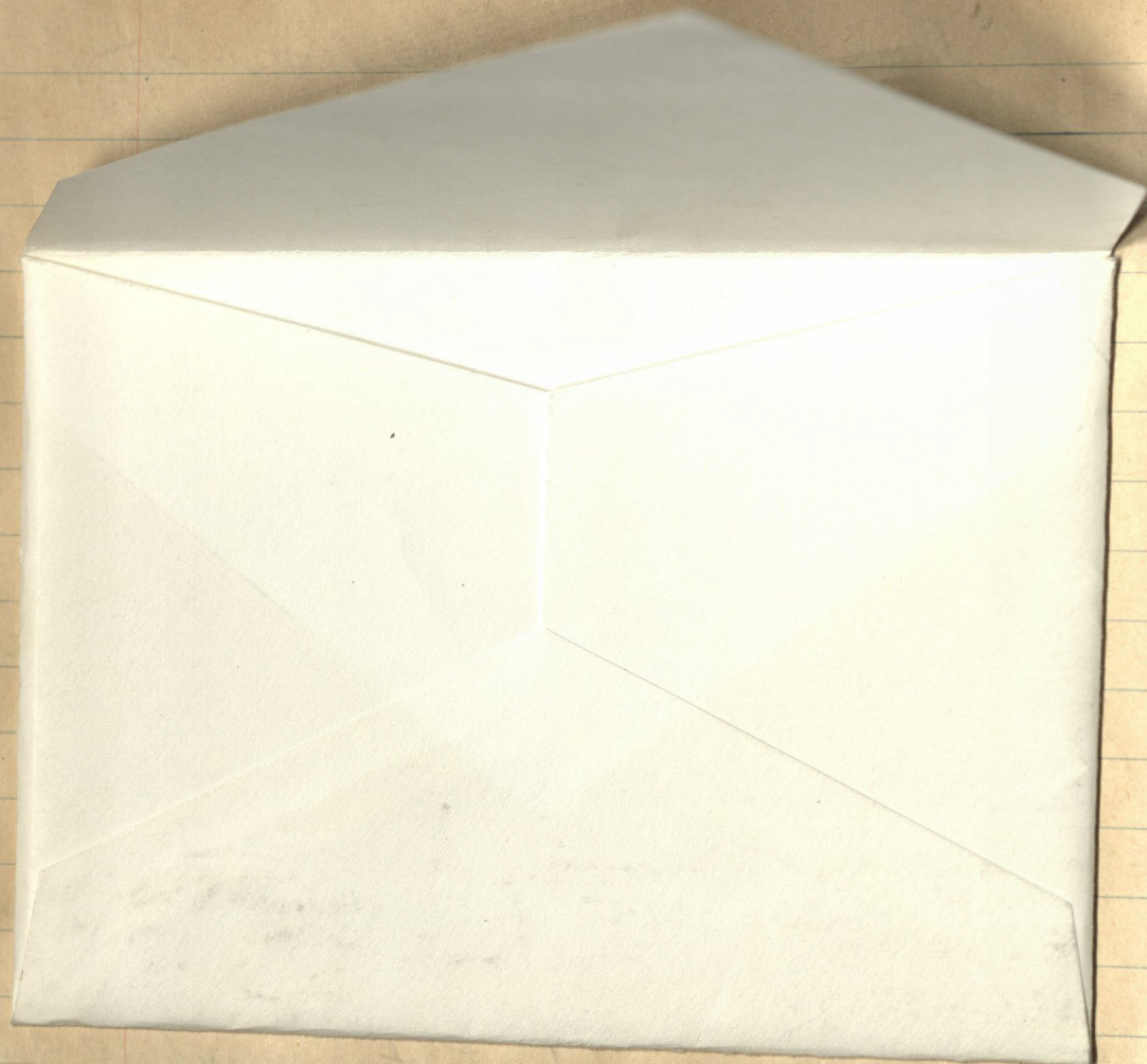
Orrington Rebekahs To Celebrate Anniversary

ORRINGTON, April 7 — The Vashti Rebekah lodge will observe the 50th anniversary of the order Wednesday at the IOOF hall. Supper will be served at 6 p.m. with a meeting to follow.

Committee heads are: Marguerite Harriman, chairman, Pauline Bennett, decorations, Josephine Brown, Hazel Kingsbury and Lottie Johnson, hospitality.

All members of the IOOF and the Rebekahs are invited.

APR. 9. 1952



1902 - 1952

Golden Anniversary

Vashti Rebekah Lodge
No. 35

ORRINGTON, MAINE

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Also in the receiving line were Maude Getchell, district deputy president, District 22; Arline Fos-

grand directed a lodge meeting following the program. General chairman of the celebration was Margaret Harriman. Supper committee included Stella Goss, Pauline Gray and Alice Brown. Pauline Bennett led the decoration committee.



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- *1906 Abbie Nickerson
- *1907 Bessie Perkins
- *1908 Blanche Blake
- *1909 Lizzie Dillingham
- *1910 Lois Sugden
- *1911 Grace Kendall
- *1912 Lavina Atwood
- 1913 Bertha Kendall
- *1914 Lizzie Dillingham
- 1915 Helen Williams
- 1916 Sylvia Baker
- *1917 Alice Stubbs
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- 1920 Helen Williams
- *1921 Alice Stubbs
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- 1924 Ellen Blake

- 1925 Alice Comins
- 1926 Beulah Smith
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- 1928 Sylvia Baker
- *1929 Leola Young
- 1930 Myrtle Stubbs
- 1931 Elizabeth Johnson
- 1932 Marion Clark
- *1933 Minnie Pearson
- 1934 Hazel Simpson
- 1935 Augusta Prahm
- 1936 Elizabeth Johnson
- 1937 Doris Gallant
- 1938 Theresa McLean
- 1939 Ellen Stewart
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- 1941 Gertrude Lobley
- 1942 Frona Thornton
- *1943 Mabel Harriman
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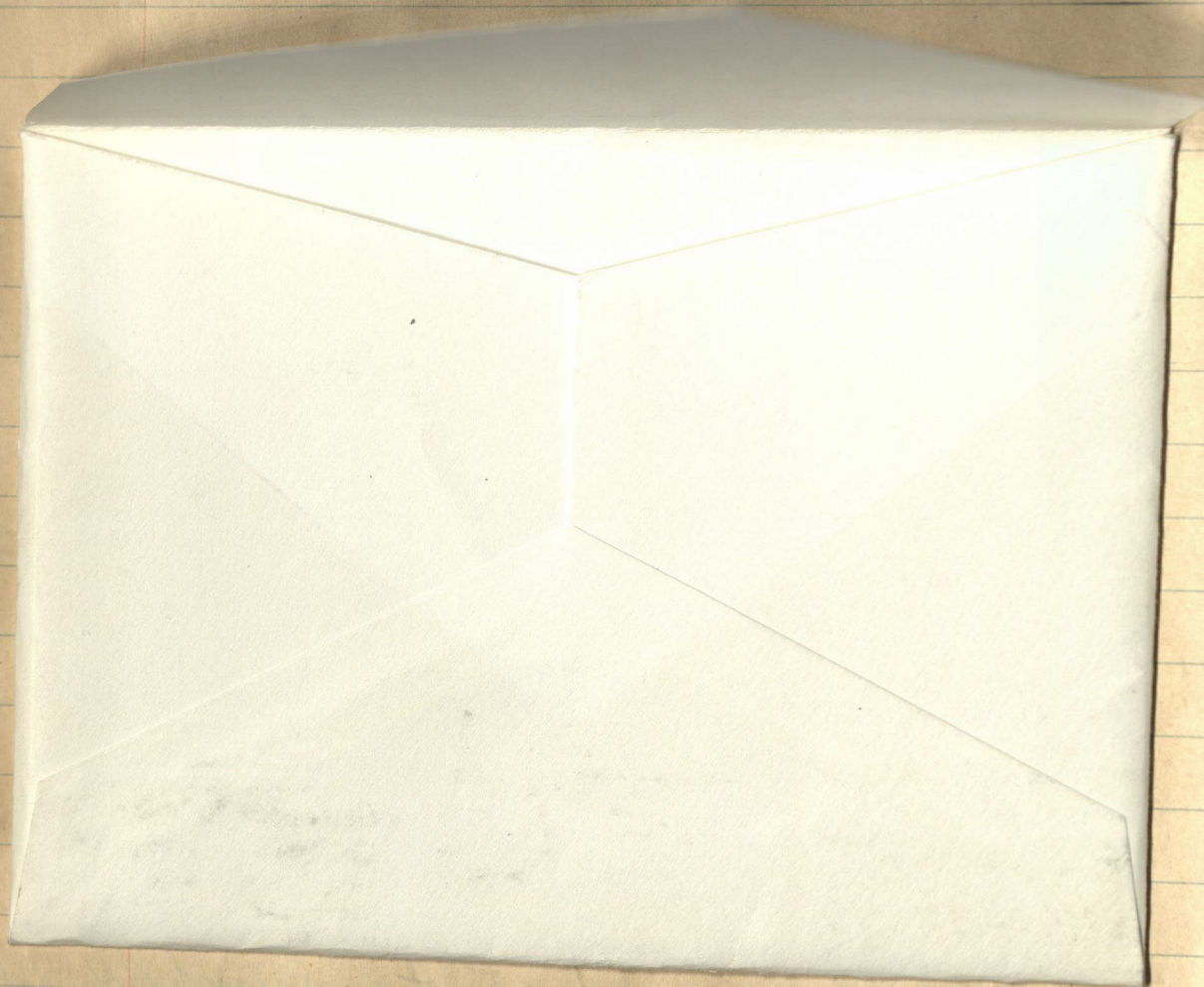
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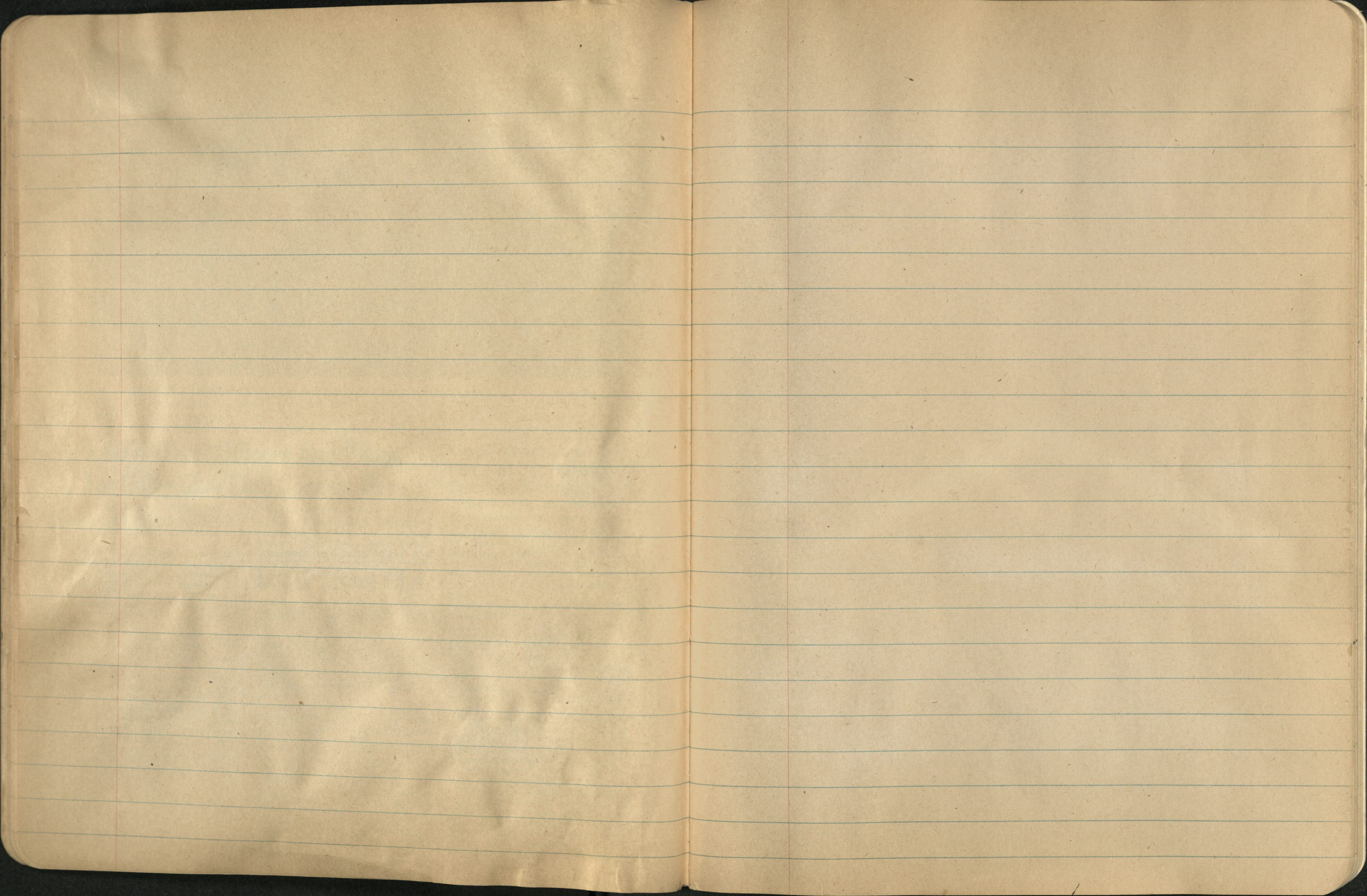
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Early History of the Methodist Church.

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The first introduction of Methodism into towns along the Penobscot Valley was by the Rev. Jesse Lee, a man who figures largely in the early history of Methodism in this country. It appears that in 1793 He came to Penobscot river preaching in various places and according to the custom of those pioneers gathered the fruits of his labors into classes, and placed over each class a leader and gave them rules for conducting their meetings and regulating their religious life.

A class was formed of 7 members, four of whom belonged in Orrington and three in Hampden; The O - members were

Simeon Fowler and wife and Paul Nickerson and wife. The Hampden members were Mr. Murch & wife and probably Mr. May's. Elder Lee was earnestly requested either to remain and preach to the people here in the East or to send a man of his own denomination.

Accordingly Rev. Joshua Hall was sent, a young man of great promise, who had just recently entered the itinerant ranks, who labored with them several months, and under whom there was some awakening. He was succeeded by Rev. Phillip Wager, and he after nine months was followed by Rev. Enock Mudge who organized a church in Orrington according to the Methodist discipline and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Nov 27-1796

and about 3 years after Jesse Lee's first visit to the Penobscot. Orrington was then the most important town in this section of the state. Territorially it was extensive, including what is now O-, Brewer Holden and a part of Eddington. Its river front was about 15 miles long, and it extended far enough into the interior to include a tract of 37,304 acres or about 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ square miles. Territory enough it would seem to fully occupy the time and

attention of one preacher. This, however was by no means the limit of the field that the preachers of that time had to work. The great Penobscot circuit of which O- was apart, included the towns of Bangor, Hampden & Frankfort on the west of the river, and on the east side, all the towns from Penobscot and Castine on the south to Eddington and Sunbaise on the north. There were usually two preachers from Conference who followed each other in regular succession around the circuit, preaching at least once every week day and two or three times each Sunday. It took the preacher two or three weeks to get around the circuit, and what with preaching every day; traveling long distances, and making, daily, several pastoral visits we may well suppose that their time was fully occupied. They had hard work, and by no means extravagant pay. In illustration of this last remark let me quote from an old record book the Steward's report of receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending Feb 2-1800

"Collections"

Buckstown	2.50
Eddington	3.00
Jordan Brook	2.50
Frankfort	3.66
East river	1.33
Colburnton	2.50
Presents ^{clothing} for	10.00

And this is more than an average of the quarterly receipts for the thirteen years that the circuit remained intact, first draft made at a quarterly meeting held in Orrington August 1798, and this by the way was the last quarter for that year.

Collections for the quarter.

Hampden	4.04	Buckstown	4.86
Buckstown	3.94	Penobscot	5.00
Penobscot	6.00	Presents to Bro Merritt	22.80
Bangor	2.10	" " Mudge	2.62
Frankfort	3.56		
Cashen	.87		
Orrington	3.88		

The next quarterly report gave the receipts \$17.89 and this is fully an average of the quarterly receipts for the 18 years that the circuit remained intact.

At an annual conference held in Canaan N. H. June 12. 1806 this circuit was divided into two. The western side of the river taking the name of Hampden circuit, and the Eastern with a part of Union River circuit annexed taking the name of Orrington circuit.

The places which this circuit embraced are Bucksport, O — Surry, Penobscot, Southern Bay Castine, Orland and Mariaville. This continued till 1819 or 1820 when Orrington, Bucksport and Orland, constituted the O — circuit.

This arrangement continued until, at the annual conference 1827, O — and Bucksport were made two circuits, but at the next annual conference they were reunited as Orrington circuit and remained so until 1831. when O — and Brewer Village became a separate station, supplied by one preacher.

The Rev. Benjamin Jones was appointed the first preacher on the new charge. Our Sunday School was organized in 1830 the first year of Benjamin Jones' administration.

There were 140 received on trial while he was on the charge. He was especially strong as a pastor. I seem to see him now as he used to come down the stairs from his high pulpit in the old meeting house. Shouting

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I was baptized by him and received into full connection. There were 43 baptisms while he was here and 140 received on trial. He was a man endued with power from on high and God honored and blessed his labors with much fruit. As a preacher he was excelled by none. I seem to see him now as he used to come down the stairs from that high pulpit in the old

meeting house shouting Glory to God. his face all aglow with emotion and shining as did the face of Moses when he came down from Mount Horah. This meeting house was begun during his term of service. He was followed by

Sullivan Bray who served the church in 32+33. There was a revival during his last year but how many were received into the church is not recorded. We had no parsonage then and Bro Bray, with a family of 8 I think, occupied the North part of the upper story of Simeon Fowler's house. Although this in some sense was high living, they most certainly had scant room to enjoy it. The next two years Rev. Caleb Fuller served the church and with his family occupying chambers in Oliver Doan's house. The house was owned by Otis P. Smith. Rev. A. P. Hilman served the charge in 1836 and 1837, and received 110 persons on probation. In 38-39 Rev. John Young received 70 on probation. Rev. M. D. George 1842 he had received 70 on trial and the whole number in society was 423.

Rev Gershom F. Cox a man of great powers of persuasion and a very able and eloquent preacher was sent from conference next. He had adopted Wm Miller's theory that the end of the world and Christ's second coming would be in the Jewish year of 1843. which theory the conference did not approve. But as he could not be persuaded to desist from preaching the doctrine, he was sent to the, old, stable and well grounded church at Crington because it was supposed he could do less harm here than otherwise. at the end of ^{his} year he left the following note on the church record -

"Received a hundred and thirty one on trial. A season of great trial but of prosperity. The trial arose from preaching Christ's coming at the close or within the Jewish year of 1843 which some of the church opposed and with which they were greatly afflicted nevertheless God

greatly blessed the doctrine and many of the church were sanctified through it."

At the close of the next year Aug 1844 Wm W Pillsbury who had served the church that year wrote as follows, "Great discussion in the church on account of the doctrine of 1843. about one hundred probationers discontinued and some of the most forward members withdrew from the church and set up separate meetings" Rev. Chas Daper who filled the place in 44-45 writes at the close of his term "About fifty more withdrew from the church, separate meetings continued, very great extravagance prevailed among the Adventists as they call themselves, otherwise Hilleites" It has been said that it is no matter what a man believes if his life is right. Bro Cox's life was without reproach but fearfully sad are the consequences of his belief and the end is not yet. Bro Cox did not advise his converts to leave the church but after he left the Advent leaders through their prayers and preachers started the cry that the

Churches were all dead and vile, that
They were daughter of the mystical Babylon,
The Great Whore of the apocalypse, that sat
upon rainy waters and God's awful mandate
was come out of her, O! My people that
those only could be saved who believed the
43 doctrine and if their names were on the
church record when Christ came they would
be lost forever. This so frightened the
adherents to that faith that there was a perfect
stampede from the church and I think there
was more than one instance where the minister
was called up in the night to erase a name
from the church record, lest the Lord come
before morning, and their name should be
found among those who were condemned already.
Well, it was pitiful; Some of those poor
frightened souls after being often deceived
by the new times that were set for the
Lord's coming gave up their religion, made
shipwreck of their faith, and either went
over into infidelity or lapsed into absolute

indifference. Some held on to their religion
and giving up their belief in a definite time
rested upon the safer faith that it will be very
soon, and they are the Adventists of today.
To say some thing more about the men and the
conditions of the earlier church I must not tax your
patience with details of the last fifty years. My
earliest recollection of church going are of
shivering in a cold winter day, with aching feet
and ears tingling, in the old meeting house that
stood on the hill opposite where Warren Nickerson's
house now stands. There was no fire in the house
save that which some of the elder ladies
carried in their foot stoves to keep their feet
from freezing during those long sermons that
stretched on through fourthly, fifthly, and
sometimes sixthly, and were finally closed with
a few words by way of improvement and
application which with the Scripture reading,
prayers and singing used up nearly or quite
two tedious hours. There were two such
meetings every Sunday, with an intermission

of half an hour in winter and an hour in
summer. Many of the people had to go three,
four and even five miles to meeting. There
were very few horses kept in those times and
no riding carriages. Farmers did their farm
work with oxen, and sometimes in winter
when the roads were too bad for womenfolk
to wade through the snow, they would load
their families on to the ox sled and wrapping
up the women and children in bedgowns
would drive to meeting in state. The spirit
of the times seemed to be supplied by the
motto "Where there's a will there is a way".
There were some local preachers who had
homes but those sent from conference are
significantly called traveling preachers.
They had no fixed abode, but with their
wardrobe, books and other worldly effects
if they had any, stuffed into a pair of ample
saddle bags, they sometimes on foot
sometimes on horseback, traveled around
their big circuits living with and among

the brethren and those who were friendly to the
cause of religion. Sometimes they would stop but a
day at one place and sometimes two or three days,
making that their home and going out from there to
the country roundabout to make pastoral visits.
Those pastoral visits were seasons long to be
remembered. Some of them are fresh in my mind today
after a lapse of events - five years. The men were
called in from their work, and the whole family were
collected in the parlour and after reading the Bible
and singing a hymn each one was talked with
or talked to, from the father and mother to the child
in arms. Each one was remembered appropriately in
the heart searching prayer that followed, a few
words of encouragement and a hearty hand shaking
all round closed the interview. Those visits
were not made to Methodist families alone,
their Congregational friends were not neglected,
and families of that denomination received them
with open arms and worked with them
harmoniously until a church of their own was
organized. I recollect Deacon George

The father of the present Deacon George, telling me about the first visit of the Methodist preacher at their house. They had but recently come here from some town I think in Mass; knew nothing of the ways of the place; returning at night after a day's absence his wife said to him I think we have a very peculiar visitor in the guest chamber. He came on horseback and taking his saddle bags on his arm came to the door, and introduced himself as Phillip Munger, the traveling preacher on this circuit. Said he was to hold a meeting in the neighborhood this evening and he wanted to make this his home for a few days, while he visited among the people, and he gave orders as though he thought this was a tavern, he would have his horse treated so and so and he wanted a room with a fire in it, where he could be alone and quiet. - The deacon told his wife that he thought it was alright, he had learned that it was the custom here for the ministers to live

around among the people, a few days in a place and said he, I suppose it is our turn.

I fear I have already taxed your patience too severely yet I must beg your indulgence a moment longer while I say a word about the noble man who organized the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Orrington, and lived in this town as traveling and local preacher about twenty years.

(Probably the church at East Orrington is referred to. R. J. P.)

There were three brothers James, Enoch, and Cyra Mudge natives of Lynn, Mass; men of high moral character, of cultivated intellect and marked ability. I do not know whether Cyra came to this town as a permanent resident, or not. Enoch came here as we have seen in 1796 and James about the beginning of this century. James lived where J. E. Smith now lives and carried on the shoemaking business. He was a class leader, a man forward in every good work whose name appears on almost every page of the church record of the time. Enoch Mudge's house has since

turned, it stood on the east of the road nearly opposite the house of Dr Tibbitts. He was a man whose versatility of talent, purity of life, energetic and persistent efforts to benefit his fellowmen made him deservedly popular, and enabled him to mold to a considerable extent the character of his people. How much his influence transmitted through intervening generations has to do in shaping our character and our destiny, The day of eternity alone will reveal.

No one ever made himself a warmer place in the hearts of a people than did the Rev Enoch Mudge in the hearts of the people of Orrington. He represented the town at the General Court of Massachusetts in 1811, again in 1814. and again in 1816 which shows how the people delighted to honor him. Stephens in his History of American Methodism says of him "He was one of the chief and most admirable characters in New England Methodist history. In stature he was below the ordinary height, stoutly formed with a full round

face healthfully colored and expressive of the perfect benignity of his spirit. In manner he would have been a fitting companion for St John. He was distinguished by excellent pulpit qualifications, fertility of thought, warmth of feeling without extravagance, peculiar richness of illustration and a manner always self-possessed and marked by the constitutional amenity of his temper. None ever wearied under his discourses. He published later in life some works of considerable merit - It was truly a God send that this town in its infancy, while its character was forming should be blessed with the molding influence of such a man for nearly twenty years. He married during his residence here Jerusha (Halbrook) Hinkley widow of Salmon Hinkley whose remains lie here in our cemetery. The fruits of their marriage were two sons and one daughter born in Orrington all of whom later in life made for themselves a history and filled honorably eminent positions. On the fourteenth of August 1816 Mr Mudge tore himself away from an affectionate and

grateful people to return to his native state and to what he deemed more responsible duties. When he left almost the entire community went with him to the shore, they gave him a benediction, the scene as I have heard it described by those who were present, was truly pathetic, and when at parting he took each one by the hand and pronounced over them his last benediction there was not a dry eye in the whole assembly.

(This paper was prepared for the Centennial of the Methodist Church in O.
By George Brooks of Orrington
Copied and slightly revised by
Mrs Rhoda J. Porter)

The Following Records are the 1st
of what is now Orrington, Brewer, Halden.
The Original Record Book is at present
in the Brewer city safe.

The Following records have to do with
choosing a preacher ^{or not} and votes on building
a meeting house or not - Town meetings were
called as often as needed to settle any
question arising

March 20 - 1789.

Moderator John Brewer Clerk Salomon Sweett
Voted to not build a Meeting House.

April 6 - 1789

Voted not to join the other side in having
Mr Nable preach the Gospel.

April 4 - 1791

Voted not to raise any money for support
of the Gospel

March 4 - 1793

Voted no money for the hire of a minister

April 1 - 1793.

Voted the votes for building school house be reconsidered so far that the same money be appropriated for hiring a minister.

March 3 - 1794.

Voted no money for support of the Gospel.

Voted the 15 pounds voted towards payment of Minister to be appropriated to building Meeting Houses.

Voted to raise 60 pounds towards building the meeting Houses.

Moderator Col. John Brewer - Clerk Saff. Sweet

Jan 27 - 1795

Voted to build 2 meeting Houses

Voted the meeting House be in upper part of town. on or near the line between Capt John Rydels lot and Mr John Thombs lot, near the Pound. (There must have been a Pound near or on the John Rydel place. probably made of wood or logs.)

(The location of the Upper Church was on the upper side of the farm road leading to the "Oak Grove Spring" so called and very near the bank of the river. It is unlikely they elect two pound keepers for any one Pound) H. N. Brooks remarks.

Voted the meeting House in lower part of town be set on a little hill near Mr Moses Rogers home.

Voted each of Meeting Houses be build. 42 x 40 feet on the ground.

Voted Capt Campbell, Emerson Orcutt Chas. Burr be on Committee on the upper Meeting House.

Voted Simeon Fowler, Esq. Jeremiah Holmes and George Brooks be on Committee on Lower Meeting House.

March 9 - 1795

Voted Capt Campbell, Chas Burr & Josiah Brewer Committee to carry on building of Upper Meeting House.

Voted Simeon Fowler, Dan Nickerson & Jos. Baker for Lower Meeting Houses.

March 6 - 1797.

Voted no money for support of Gospel
John Rider - Thomas Campbell. Com. to Justice
Upper Meeting House lot.

S. Fowler, Jos Rocks, Dan Nickerson - Com. to
Justice. Div. Lower Meeting House Lot deed.
Bryant Bradley, Capt Campbell + E. Orcutt
Com. Upper Meeting House. Old Com. for Lower
Meeting House

March 5 - 1798.

No money for support of Gospel.

April 2 - 1798

Bryant Bradley bid of finishing Upper Meeting
House - - - - - 500 pounds
Elisha Doane " " Lower One 320 "

Voted Mr Mudge not to preach as
Town Minister

March 4 - 1799 -

No money for support of Gospel.

1801

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 10 - 1801 called
19 Sept to see if the town will any longer admit
Mr Doyd to the Upper Meeting House as Teacher
of Religion and Morality. (At this date the
people had not separated church and state.
The town voted to build the churches - to hire
or not to hire the minister, and to put him out
if they did not agree with what he preached.)
H. H. Brooks

Sept 19 - 1801

Voted that Capt John Rider take the key of the
Upper Meeting House and the charge of Lower
House.

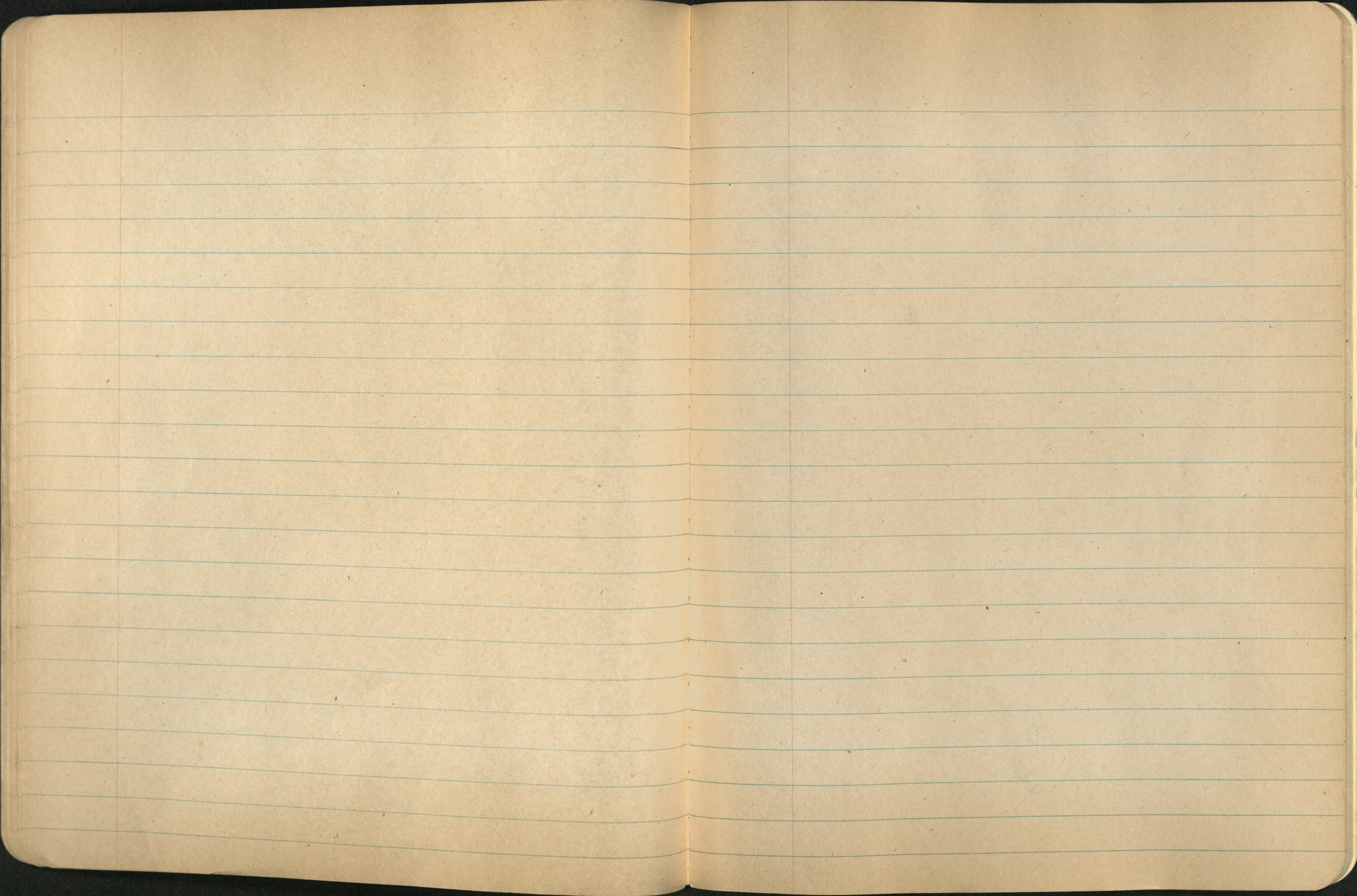
March 1 - 1802

Voted to raise 200 lbs for support of the
Gospel and for each man to pay the minister
and to take receipt. (Could be an error - 200 lbs
or \$1,000. If a minister were paid that amount,
instead of preaching 3 hours on Sunday, he
would try to preach all day and every day in
the week in order to earn it) H. H. Brooks remarks

April 1-1811.

Voted to have a division of the town -
Committee of 9 from different parts of the town
to inquire into it. Voted Joshua Chamberlain
to take care of South Meeting House
John Rider North Meeting House

Brewer Incorporated Feb 22 - 1812.



Margrie Claire Kendall

Born April 15-1908

At 15 minutes of 8 A.M. Weight $11\frac{1}{2}^{\text{oz}}$
when dressed.

At 4 mo. Weighed 20^{oz}

At 5 mo. " $21\frac{3}{4}^{\text{oz}}$

Had no teeth when 5 mo. old.

At 6 Mo. weighed 24^{oz}

Margrie's hair at $6\frac{1}{2}$ Mo.

Said Dada, cat and daughter when $7\frac{1}{2}$
mo. old. Weighed 30^{oz} 10 ounces at 9 mo.

with outside clothing on. Talked some
at 9 Mo. said "Kitty gone" and other words.

Brooks Genealogy.

George Brooks was born in
Bradford, England in 1754 in 1771
he came to Newfoundland and
afterwards settled in Wellfleet, Mass.
where he married March 4 - 1776
Widow Mary Atwood Thompson
daughter of Richard & Mary Atwood
She had 3 daughters. They moved
to Orrington in 1776.

Great Grand-mother Brooks
born Mary Atwood in Mass.
married first John Thompson.
3 daughters - he died. She married
~~2nd~~ George Brooks of England
came to this country soon after the
Revolutionary War. Settled in
Orrington. Had nine children
one was named Abigail Brooks
One of the Thompson girls married a
Cobb, & her daughter, Sabina Cobb
married Nathaniel Bartlett who was a
second cousin of hers.

Mr Brooks bought out the possessions
of Simeon Gorton and was a petitioner
to the General Court for grant of land
1783 and a grantee in 1786. His
lot being the one north of the
Ferry in Orrington. A Part of which
is now owned by his grandson
George Brooks -

(now sold to)
Arring MacDonell 1946

He built the first grist mill in
Orrington.

He was a town officer from 1789 to
1803. He died Dec 3. 1807.

His widow married third husband.

Deacon Mark Hatch of Castine

July 1814. During the war of 1812 -

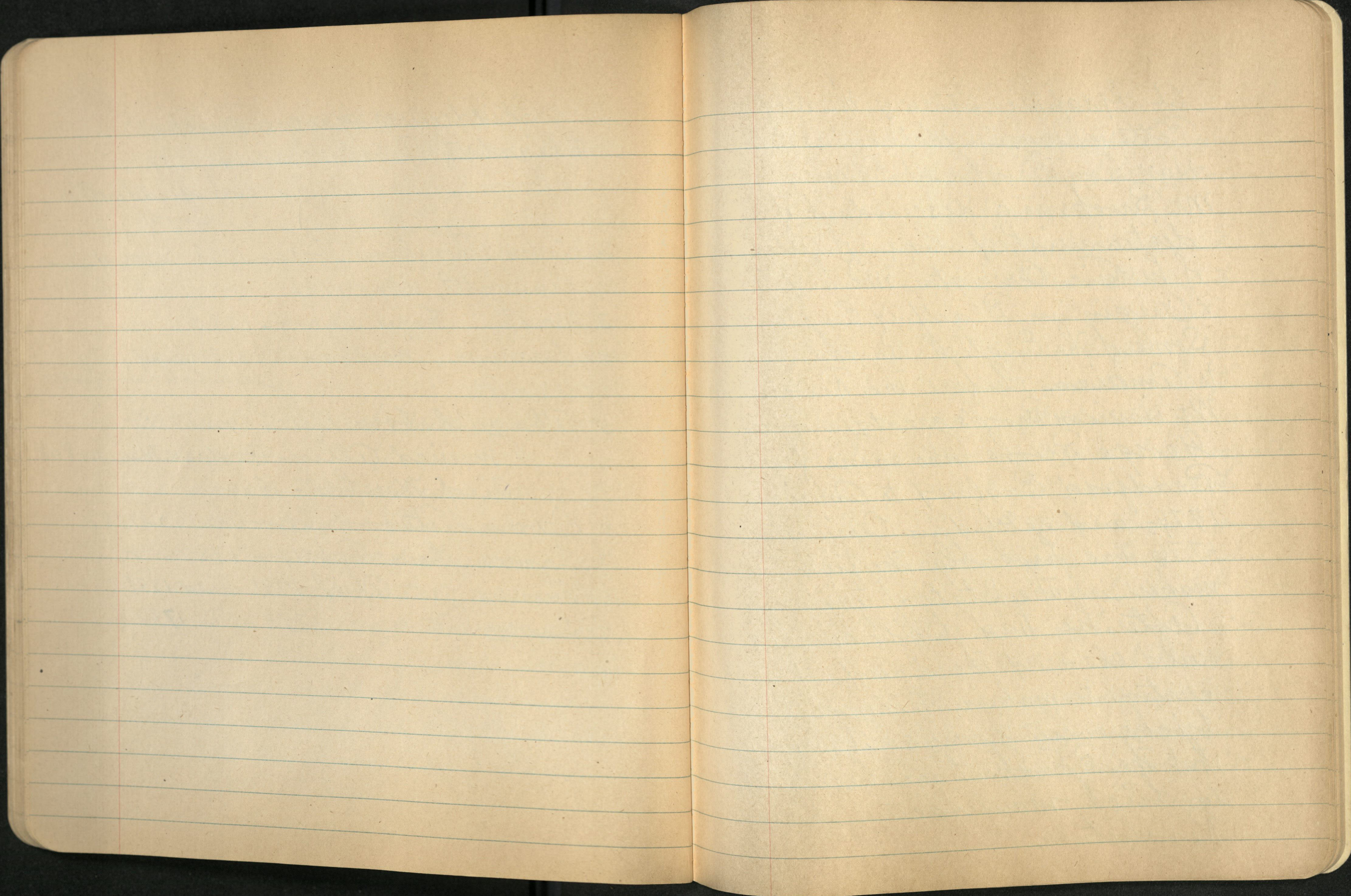
1814 the British officers occupied
her house and one of them an

Artist painted her portrait which
is still in possession of the family.

She died in Sept 18. 1817 aged 68
and is buried in Castine Cemetery

Children of George Brooks

- 1 Elizabeth born Dec 14. 1777
 { Great Grandmother
 Snow
- 2 John Thompson born 1778. Settled in
 Cinnatti, Died 1822.
- 3 Martha. born Dec 4 - 1780
- 4 Joanna. March 3 - 1783. Married
 Jeremiah Simpson
- 5 Abigail. born March 14 - 1785
 Married Allen Hodges. Mar 10. 1805
 Died. March 21 - 1864
- 6 Deborah Atwood, born April 10 - 1787
- 7 James. born Feb. 14 - 1789
- 8 Thomas. " April 1791 Died 1798
- 9 Lucy " " 1793 " 1794



A Graphic Story of the Old
Pottery Days in Maine, as told by
Harrison Brooks of Brewer.
Mr Brooks is a descendant of a
distinguished line of artisans
of historic Orrington, who had their
origin in Bradford, England.
Some of the English Brooks migrated
to America before the Revolution.
Mr Harrison Brooks' great-grandfather
George Brooks who came from
Bradford, England to America in
1774, and settled in Orrington in
1776 was probably the first brick-
maker in the State of Maine.

After he had built his log cabin
and cleared the land, it was his
custom to make a kiln or two of
bricks every year, so it is not unusual
that the Brooks have been interested
in brick manufacture since the
Revolution.

"Pointing to the hearth bricks in his
living-room" he said, "they were dug
out of the cellar hole of his great-grand
mother's home at Castine."

British Officers were quartered in this house
during the war of 1812, and one of them an
artist became so intrigued by the beauty
of Mr H. Brooks' great-grandmother, that
he spent weeks painting her picture.
This portrait is still in the possession of
the Brooks family. "My Great-Grandfather
George Brooks left England at the age of
seventeen for Newfoundland to engage
in the fishing trade". The following
summer he went whaling with a certain
Captain Orane of Cape Cod and there on
the Cape in 1775, he met Mrs Mary
Atwood Thompson, widowed sister of
Capt Orane. They were married and
the following year migrated with a
party of Cape Codders to Orrington.
My grandfather took up a wooded

Grant of 2 hundred acres, built a log cabin and cleared 30 acres. He built the first grist mill in Orrington. After his death in 1807 - his widow married for the third time - marrying Deacon Mark Hatch of Castine. My father George Brooks, when a young man taught school. In 1840 he opened a pottery business. When I was nineteen years old, I bought the Pottery business from my father and conducted it until the business was shelved by the introduction of tin and Aluminum ware."

Harrison N. Brooks.

Great Grandfather Tisdale Hodges
Born 1753 Dec 7. in Norton, Mass.
Died 1811 or 1812 in Petersham, Mass
Married 1774 Oct 6. at Norton Mass
Naomi Hodges, daughter of Joseph
and Miriam Bishop Hodges - Born
Oct 8 - 1754. Died 1805

There were 8 Children, all boys.
Allen, Guildford, Lemuel.
William (who died in infancy), Tisdale
Samuel, Jerry, and Thomas. Three of
them were doctors Guildford, Jerry &
Tisdale, Jerry was quite noted, as a Dr.
Dr Tisdale went to the Coast of Africa
to go on board the ship "Seminamis"
as surgeon, but died at the Gallinas
Africa on, or shortly after his
arrival

Captain Tisdale Hodges
was a man of wealth and influence
in Norton. He served in the
Revolutionary War, being one of those
who volunteered when the news of the
battle of Lexington brought out the
"embattled farmers" and performed
other military duty. After the war
he was Captain of a mounted
Militia Company. He moved to
Petersham in 1805

Great-Grandfather Allen Hodges
Born Sept 29 - 1775 in Norton Mass
died Jan 24 - 1826 in Brewer, Maine
(now Holden) He married, March 10 - 1805
in Orrington, Me. (Mary (Gtwood) Brooks +
Abigail Brooks daughter of Geo Brooks
She was born March 14 - 1787 Orrington
died March 21 - 1864 in Brewer.
They had 7 Children

- 1 Emily Hodges born Dec 10 - 1805 Brewer Maine
(now Holden then a part of Brewer)
Married 1832 - Feb 7. in Brewer, Me.
Daniel Shedd of Brewer, son of Daniel + Mary
(Quails) Shedd - She died Sept 6 - 1904
Daniel died Aug 28 - 1896.
- 2 Thomas Hodges born April 13 - 1808. (died)
- 3 Daniel Hodges born April 4 - 1810
- 4 Maria Antonette Hodges born June 10 - 1812
in Brewer. Died June 28 - 1882 in Hampden
Maine. Married 1st Sept 1835 in Brewer
Daniel Snow, son of Daniel and Petsy
(Brooks) Snow. Daniel was born Jan 26
1811 in Orrington. died at Sea Feb 1849
Maria married 2nd 1855 Joshua Hopkins
son of John + Ruth (Gross) Hopkins
born Sept 6 - 1806 in Bucksport, Maine
died in Hampden July 17 - 1886.
No Children
- 5 Joanna Hodges born Dec 23 - 1814
Brewer, Me. died Mar. 5 - 1848 in Brewer
Not Married

6 Mary Elizabeth Hodges, born 1817
May 27. in Brewer, Me. married
Samuel Bartlett of Orrington. son of
Samuel & Mary (Snow) Bartlett, born Feb
1817. Samuel died 1886 - Oct 21 in 1886
Hong Kong, China. Mary died Feb 2
1884 in Orrington, Maine.

Children

1 Mary Abbie Bartlett. born May 30
died June 12 - 1840

2 Annie Maria Bartlett. born May 20 -
1841 in Orrington. Annie married Oct 26
1868 in Brewer Joshua Weston Hopkins
of Hampden. Son of Joshua and Lydia
(Nickerson) Hopkins. Weston, so called,
died in Bangor Mar 20 - 1917.

Annie also died in Bangor.

14 Samuel Edward Bartlett. born Jan 28 -
1852 died Aug 16 - 1854. Brewer.

3 Samuel Allen Bartlett. born in O -
Jan 29 - 1846 died Mar 17 - 1846.

5 Fred Theodore Bartlett. born in Brewer, Me
Jan 5 - 1858 - married Sept 14 - 1884
Annie Selma Harding, daughter of Jacob
and Anna (Pyda) Harding. They both died in
Bangor, Me.

Allen Hodges. Moved from Norton,
Mass. into a part of Orrington which was
set off as Brewer 1852 and as Halden 1852.
Besides having a farm, he kept a
store. It was his custom to go, with his
own team to Mass, when his goods
needed replenishing. On his last trip
he contracted a cold, which resulted
in a fever and proved fatal in a
few days.

Great Grandfather Hodges.
had 8 children born in Norton, Mass

Great Grandfather Hodges Son
Daniel was born in Brewer
Maine April 4 - 1810, died in Orrington
Nov 25 - 1883.

Daniel married Sarah Nickerson Bartlett
born July 19 - 1817 - died 1891. They had
9 children born in Orrington.

- 1 Laura Augusta Hodges. born Aug 11 - 1838
died Feb 15 - 1886
- 2 Judah Bartlett Hodges. born Jan 24 - 1841
died Dec 22 - 1890
- 3 Lydia White Hodges. born Aug 16 - 1843
died in Brewer June 8 - 1847.
- 4 Mary Abigail Hodges. born Sept 21. 1845
died in Hampden at the home of
her son, Russell. July 1st 1923
aged 76 yrs - 9 Mos. & 8 days
- 5 Lydia Sophia Hodges. born 1849
July 8.
- 6 Sarah Louisa Hodges. born Aug 27
1851. died Dec 10 - 1854.

- 7 Annie Barton Hodges. born April 15 - 1854
died Oct 24 - 1885. married Fred Arey.
- 8 George Allen Hodges born Jan 1 - 1857
died in Brewer.
- 9 Sarah Elizabeth Hodges. born May 10 - 1859
died May 26 - 1923. married Charles
Kimball Kendall. of Orrington.

Mary Abigail Hodges. married William
Thomas Holbrook. of Wellfleet, Mass
Sept 5 - 1870. he was the son of
William Allen and Eliza (Surr) Harding
Holbrook. he was born in Charlestown
Mass. Oct 19 - 1848. died in Orrington
July 13 - 1905. they had four children

- 1 Albert Allen Holbrook. born in
Charlestown, Mass. Mar 2. 1872.
- 2 Russell William Holbrook. born in
Orrington. Aug 22 - 1874
- 3 Bertha Fifield Holbrook. born in
Orrington. Aug 27 - 1878.
- 4 Guy Franklin Holbrook. born in Orrington
Feb 15 - 1882. died in infancy

Albert Allen Holbrook. born
Mar 2 - 1872 in Charlestown, Mass, married
Mary Louise Genn - daughter of
Leimont & Ella ^{Brown} Genn of Orrington, Me
They were married Oct 14 - 1893. 3 Children

- 1 Leimont Russell Holbrook. born in
Orrington. Nov 5 - 1894
- 2 Edna Marguerite Holbrook. born in
Orrington July 18 - 1897.
- 3 Helen Albertine Holbrook. born
Nov 13 - 1903

Russell William Holbrook.
married Gereldine Holmes of
Providence, R. I. in Providence Sept 5 -
1899 - Baby born Sept 2 - 1910 still born.

Bertha Fifield Holbrook. married Mar 17 -
1897 to Kimball Adelbert Kendall
3 Children

- 1 Raymond Holbrook Kendall born Apr 21
1899. died of measles & Pneumonia
1 yr - 17 week old

- 2 Dorothy Gereldine Kendall - born Nov 6. 1902
died June 8 - 1904 - 1 yr. 5 months
- 3 Mayorie Clair Kendall - born April 15 - 1908

Mayorie Clair Kendall - married
Paul Lauder Lee - June 30 - 1934
Of Halloworth Me. 2 Children

- 1 Douglas Earle Lee - born March 13. 1935
in ^{Stoughton} ~~Lowell~~ Private Hospital, Bangor Maine
- 2 Diana Constance Lee - born Aug 1 - 1942
Community Hospital - Castine Maine

The Adjutant General's Office
Boston, Mass April 30

The name of William Allen Halbrook
of Charlestown, Mass. Aged 41

Occupation, "Wharfinger" is borne upon
the Muster Out Roll of 4th Battery. Mass
Volunteers Light Artillery

Enlisted on the 30th day of August 1862,
and mustered into service of United States
on the 9th day of Sept. 1862 for 3 years.

Re-enlisted Jan 3 - 1864.

Died on the 29th day of Jan 1864.

At Franklin, Louisiana. Disease
(Copy of Original Paper)

New England Family Coat-of-Arms.
Halbrook.

The Halbrook family is Anglo-Saxon in origin and in England some of the members spell the name Holbroke.

The earliest of the family in New England was John, who was made a free man in Dorchester in 1640. He went from there to Rehoboth, where he lived for a short time. In 1643 he appeared on the town records of Weymouth.

Thomas of Weymouth, England, came to Weymouth, Mass., before 1643.

Richard was made a free man in Dorchester in 1648. He became a resident of Milford, Conn., in 1658. Afterwards he was one of the first settlers of Huntington, Long Island, New York, where he died in 1670.

Dr. John Edwards Halbrook, born in 1794, was a noted American naturalist. He received a medical degree in Penn. in 1818.

He aided in the founding of the medical college of South Carolina at Charleston in 1824. He was professor of anatomy at the college and was the author of North American Herpetology, a work in five volumes. He also wrote other medical books. The works of Joseph Halbrook, born in 1878, as a composer are well known in the music world. Among his orchestral works are, "The Raven" "The Bells" and Queen Mab.

Reunion Of Bartlett Family Of Orrington
On Thursday last, September 16 there
assembled at one of the oldest homesteads on
the Penobscot River, a large party
consisting of many of the descendants of
Captain Samuel Bartlett, one of the original
settlers of Orrington. Capt Bartlett and his
wife were both natives of Plymouth Mass.
from which place they removed to Orrington
about 1790. buying a tract of land
near what is now So. Orrington. on a part
of the original estate, the family
gathering occurred, at the homestead
of his eldest son, Capt Samuel Bartlett
and now occupied by his youngest
daughter.

Bartlett Family

Robert Bartlett came in the Ann
July 1623 and settled at ~~P~~ Plymouth
Mass. He died 1676 aged 73
He married Mary Warren 1628.

daughter of Richard Warren who
came over in the Mayflower in
1620. She married, 2nd, Thomas
Welans Benjamin Bartlett, born
about 1629. Lived in Duxbury
Mass, died there in 1691. He
married for his first wife, Sarah
daughter of Lon. Brewster 1656
She died 1677.

Samuel Bartlett born 1663. Lived
in Duxbury, Mass. died there 1714
He married Hannah Peabody
Aug. 1683. She was daughter of
William Peabody & Elizabeth
Peabody. Alden
grand-daughter of John & Priscilla
Alden Mullins

Samuel Bartlett, Jr. born 1691. Lived in
Duxbury, Mass. he died 1750 aged 59.
He married Hannah Churchill, Aug 29-1725

William Bartlett, born Dec 14-1728
Lived in Plymouth, Mass. died there
April 19-1807. Aged 79. married Mary
Bartlett July 28-1751. She died July 16-
1789 Aged 56.

Captain Samuel Bartlett born July 24-1707
came to Orrington in 1789. Merchant,
Ship builder, and Ship master. died Mar 24
1836 aged 79. He married Joanna,
daughter of Jacob Taylor of Plymouth
Mass. Nov 10-1783. She died Oct 4-1844
aged 83. From Capt Samuel Bartlett and
wife Joanna, came all of that name
now in Orrington, Maine.

