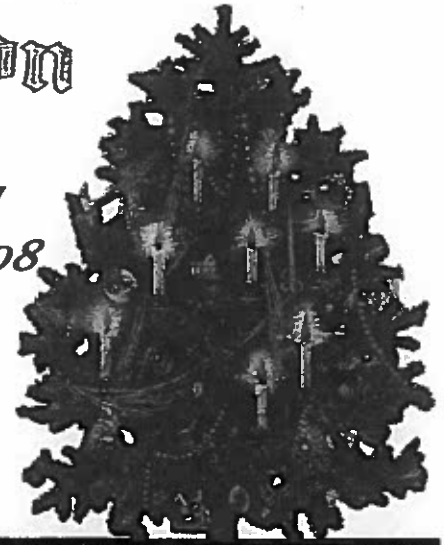


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# From the Writings of Lena (Libby) Grover

By Charles Clarence Grover



Lena was born in Woodville, Maine Feb 2, 1902, the first child of George and Alma Libby. Then came her brother, Amasa. A little girl came next, and she was named Alma for her mother. When the baby came, the mother died leaving three young children, Lena (Len-ah), Amasa (Am-ah-sey) and Alma (Al-mi). Alma's sister, Jesse came to help George with the young children, and after a while they married. George and Jesse then had Clara and Wilbur.

George and Jesse moved the family to Bangor from Woodville. They moved to Eddington in 1911, because they did not like city living. Lena was nine years old. The Libby's purchased the *Mary Calef Farm* on Route 9 and went back to farming again. George started a junk yard and it is still an active junk yard today. Often times, someone would go there and get a part for their vehicle. Many times George would help with the installation and getting the vehicle going again.

Down the road was the *Albion and Eliza Page Farm*. They had a young girl named Esther and she and Lena became acquainted and stayed friendly for the remainder of their lives. Over the years, both ladies took active roles in The North Brewer Eddington Methodist Church, The Adams Unit, and the Riverside Grange. They played bridge with other ladies in town, swapped many a recipe and shared many stories about their families. Locals loved to socialize and dance at Ralph Boynton's dance hall which was across the road from the *Clarence Grover Farm*. Ralph played the fiddle and his wife Millie played the piano.

There were less than 20 families living between Eddington Bend and Meadow Brook. Everyone knew each other on a first name basis. If anyone needed help because of an illness, or for getting the crops in, barn raising, etc., neighbors were there to lend a hand. (See map on page on page 4, the families Lena identified are in bold print).

There was no high school in Eddington. Lena had to go to Bangor to get her high school education. She lived with different families and worked her way by being a nanny and/or by doing house work. One of the families she worked for were the Strickland's, a very prominent family in Bangor. She attended Bangor High School where she was a Cadet. She graduated from Bangor High School in the class of 1920. She went to Normal School to become a teacher. After Normal School she went to work for the New England Telephone Company.



*Lena, Bangor HS Cadet*



*Lena Libby, Graduation*

In 1920, Lena married John McDonald a veteran of WWI. They lived in Brewer, where John was the owner and operator of a garage (now known as Whitcomb's located by the old Brewer Bridge). John Wellington McDonald was born November 29, 1927. When he was about a year old, his father, John, went to Connecticut in hopes of a better paying job. He had been wounded in World War I. He became ill and died as a result of shrapnel complications, leaving Lena and baby John.

She married Clarence Grover 03/26/1930. Clarence and Lena were caretakers at the Mountainy Pond Club for a while, worked for Percy Grover, caring for his two young sons, Myron and Cleon, after their mother passed away. They also worked and lived on the Merrill Farm for about a year.

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Lena, Clarence and John moved into a little two room house on June 20, 1937, which they had purchased from George Witham. Lena wrote, "How things have changed, two rooms, no water, no lights, no paved road." She also wrote, "George set out some raspberry plants. We had raspberries ever since."

They had a cook stove and a wood heater in the kitchen for heat. She wrote, "1937 was a rainy year, had to plant beans over the second time. Charles was born December 27, 1937." The single bedroom was separated by a curtain, one-half for the parents and one-half for the children. Clarence raised the roof in about 1944, making extra room for the family. (The original house was replaced several years ago by a log home which is located across from the town store).



*Clarence Grover - A Potato Plowing Time*

Farming was big in those days. The family sold garden stuff. They put a table out on the side of the road and stocked it with cukes, potatoes, strawberries, raspberries, and other farm grown foods. Charlie said, "In 1949, I went across the road and picked beans for Fred Seymour. I can really boast that I have the first dollar I ever made. I have it in a safe place and only I know where it is."

Lena was home alone with the boys many times. Clarence worked for the telephone company setting poles all over the state. He also worked for the State of Maine painting bridges.

In the summer of 1944, things became easier for Lena and her family. Clarence got a job at Eastern Fine Paper and now could be with his family at night.

Charlie bragged, "She was an awful good cook. She made biscuits that were light as a feather. My dad shared them with the other fellows at the Eastern. They put it in what they called the first microwave. They put the biscuits in a jar over the steam pipe and steamed it up. Then added some butter to it and called it mighty tasty."

"Every year for Thanksgiving and Christmas she made a Steamed Pudding. She made an egg sauce which we poured over the top. Um, so good!" Lena Agnes (Libby) Grover passed away at age 85, March 17, 1987,

### Lena's Christmas Pudding

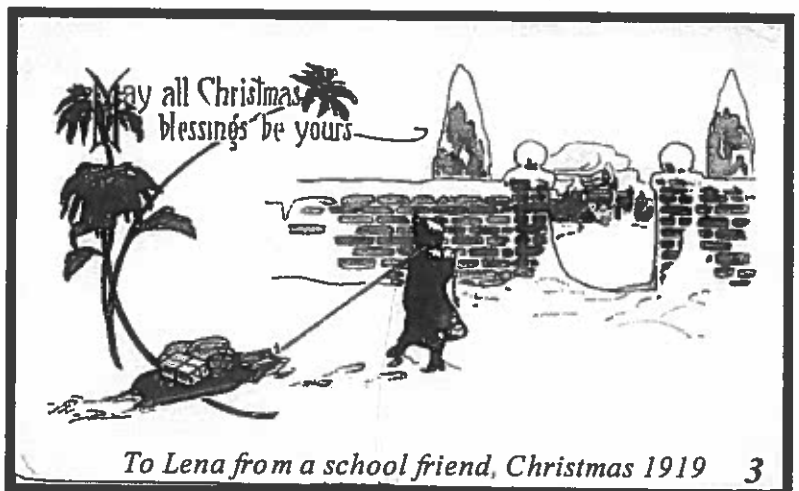
<i>½ c. shortening</i>	<i>½ c. flour</i>
<i>1 c. milk</i>	<i>1 tsp. soda</i>
<i>1 c. molasses</i>	<i>½ tsp. cloves</i>
<i>½ c. seedless raisins</i>	<i>1 tsp. salt</i>
<i>½ c. seeded raisins</i>	<i>1 tsp. nutmeg</i>

*Melt shortening; add milk, molasses and raisins. Beat in dry ingredients mixed and sifted. Pour into well-greased mold and cook in steamer 3 hours.*

### Lena's Sweet Sauce

<i>6 eggs</i>	<i>1 lb. conf. sugar</i>
<i>1 tbs. vanilla</i>	<i>1 pint of heavy cream (whipped)</i>

*Beat egg whites until stiff. Beat in sugar gradually and when smoothed and light, add vanilla and well beaten yolks. Then stir in the whipped cream.*



*To Lena from a school friend, Christmas 1919 3*



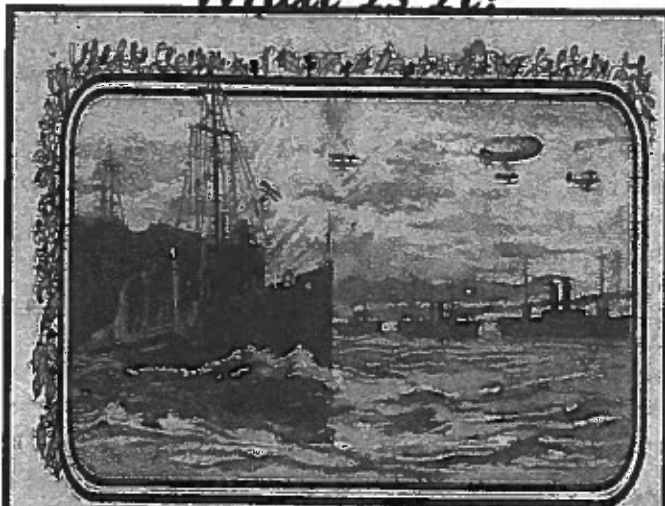
## Eddington Bend to Meadow Brook by Lena & Charles Grover

*The houses that existed in the early 1900 are shown as a dot (.) on the map on page 4. The people that lived in the houses then are identified in bold type and are underlined.*

*Is your house one of the houses that was there in the 1930? Can you find the three Old Indian Camps? Where are the two cemeteries? About what year was Route 9 rebuilt?*

1. Abbott, Frances & Ann (Haskell) Abbott - Abbott, Ann - Abbott, Eliza - Page, Albion & Eliza (house demolished) - Adams, Roland & Esther - Adams, Phil
2. **McKeever, Ned & Cora** - Greenacre, Charles & Anne - Hooper, Jim - Gerald, Paul & Peggy
3. Page, Albion - **Adams (Page), Esther** - Adams, Roland - Phil & Hilma - Rimm, Michael & Diane
4. **Page, Bryon & Carrie** - Carmalt, Clarence F - St Pierre, Lewis and Josephine - Duthie, Leo & Evelyn - DeRoche, Peter & Jessie - Mullins, Henry J. - Leonard, Charles & Barbara - McLeod, Ralph & Mary - Veilleux, Norman & Tillie - Jamharian, Jan & Sara J. - Reynolds, Cynthia H. - Jones, Crystal
5. Calif, Mary - **Libby, George & Jesse** - Libby, Wilbur & Jean - Libby, Wilbur JR. (original structure replaced with new ranch home) - Soucy, Ryan
6. Morris - **The Poor Farm** (two of the families that lived there were: Bickmore and Rolfe), Greenacre, Charles, Crowell, Tilley - Robbins, Randy & Jeanie. (Original house replaced with ranch)
- 7 **Clapp, Ora** - Glidden (renters), Fox, Allison - Fox, Glen & Audrey - Arisimeek, Frank (House and buildings demolished)
8. McMullen, Angus - **Kenney, Charles** - Lance, Allison - Gray, Richard - Cota, Brian - Cadott, Ben & Dawn
9. Carpenter, Ed - Reed, Don - Stanley, Alvah - Cyr, Robert & Sylvia - Tenhagen - Durfee, Barbara
10. **Dyer** - Grover, Roscoe - Bull, Leroy (Roscoe Grover and Leroy Bull did a house swap—Eddington for Brewer) - Bull, Leon - Faulkner, John (House demolished and MH set there for Mrs. Bull, land is now Eddy Heights)
11. **Haycock, Bill** - Rankin, Nellie - Doherty, Charles & Virginia (Original house replaced with new cape by Doherty) - Lufkin, Dan
12. **Haycock, Mel** - Knox, George & Evangeline (**Knox Store**) - Smith, Sara Jane - Todd, Albert & Lettellier, Donna - Heldman, Gretchen

### What Is It?



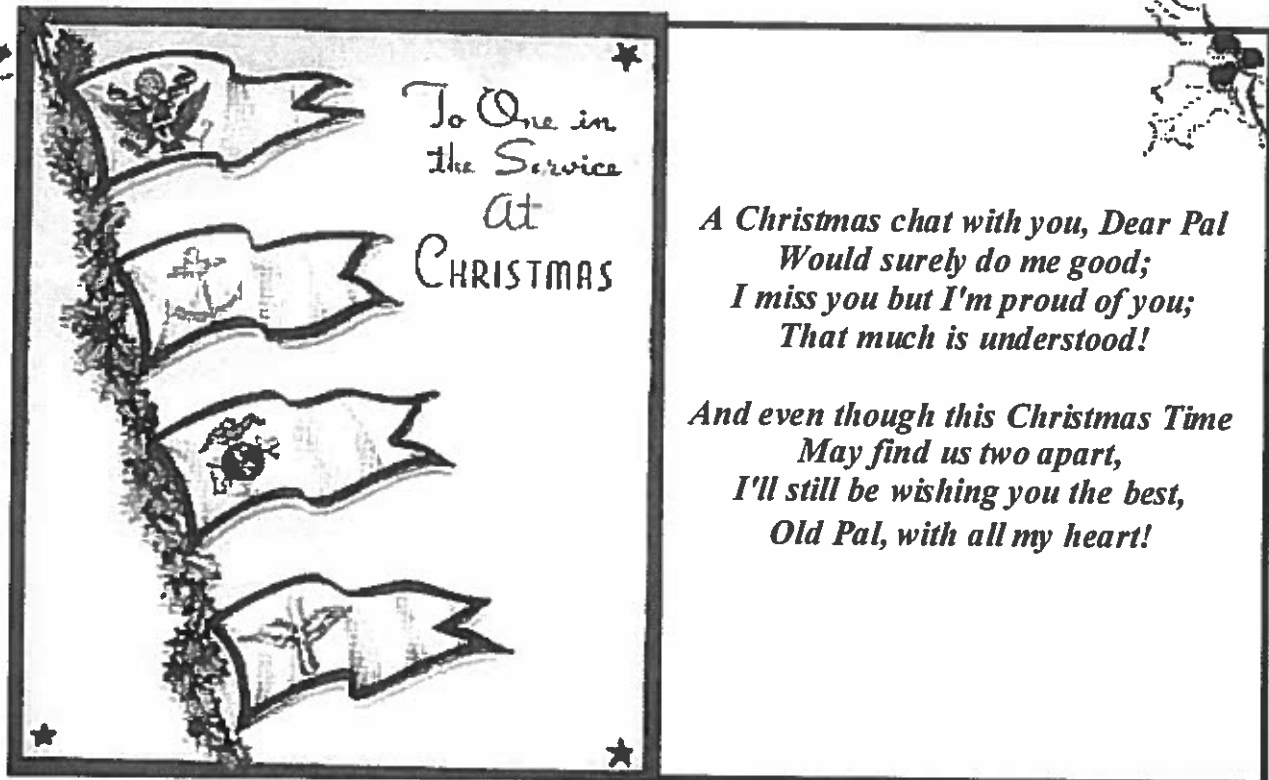
*Distance is nothing but miles  
Oceans are only waves and spray  
Trifles like that cannot divide  
Friends like us on Christmas Day*

*Go to Page 7 for answer*

13. No 5 School - Smith, Vernon & Sara Jane - Smith, Greg - Adams, Phil & Hilma - Michaud, Ron & Sonja
14. Boynton, Gilbert - Ames - Goodwin - Libby, Phil - Had Ice Cream Shop, burned
15. **Burpee** - MacDonald, George - MacDonald, Leroy - White, Stephen & Catherine - Guay, Wilfred & Lucile (White)
16. **Robbins** - McLeod (House no longer there. Amos was standing in the doorway when lightning struck him and killed him. House burned down) - Singer, Morris - Hall, William & Ruby - Buswell, Rodney & Debbie, (original buildings no longer there. Now is Buswell residence and Peavey Mfg)
17. Dyer - Blacksmith Shop - no longer there
18. Dyer - house with granite foundation and granite steps - no longer there
19. Boynton, Chester - Witham, Chester - **Grover, Clarence & Lena** - McDonald, John. (Original house replaced with Log Cabin)
20. Boynton - **Higgins, Charles & Hepsbeth** - Hare, Charles - Fox, Rellan - sold the house to Davis, Larry - Harmon, Dale. Then Fox sold land to Lunn & Associates - Now Imperial Homes owned by Tasker, Brian & Gamble, John
21. **Shorey**, Elmer - Maloon, Harold & Adella (Shorey) - Bigney, Charles - White, James & Joan

*(not guaranteed to be 100% true)*

# World War II Christmas Card



*A Christmas Memoriam: With a deep and abiding debt of gratitude, let us forever remember the brave men and women who have fought and died to keep us free from tyranny. We are indebted to all who have served our country valiantly in the various branches of our military. They fought to ensure our safety, so we may enjoy good times, like our town picnic. Now, we honor our service men and women this Christmas Season 2008. May God Bless and keep them out of harms way.*


*By Joyce Hodgdon, EHS Publisher*

*By Popular Demand, We Are Pleased To Include Additional Photos Of Our Eddington Town Picnic!*


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## Answer to "What Is It?"



*Although I'm many miles away  
My hearts at home this Christmas Day.  
Roland Adams*

**"What Is It?"** The WW I Christmas Cards seen on pages 1, 5 and 7 were sent from France by Roland Adams on November 26, 1918 to his Sweetheart, Esther Page. They arrived at her home in Eddington, Maine 28 days later on December 23, 1918.

**See you at the next town picnic held the 3rd Sunday in August, 2009.**



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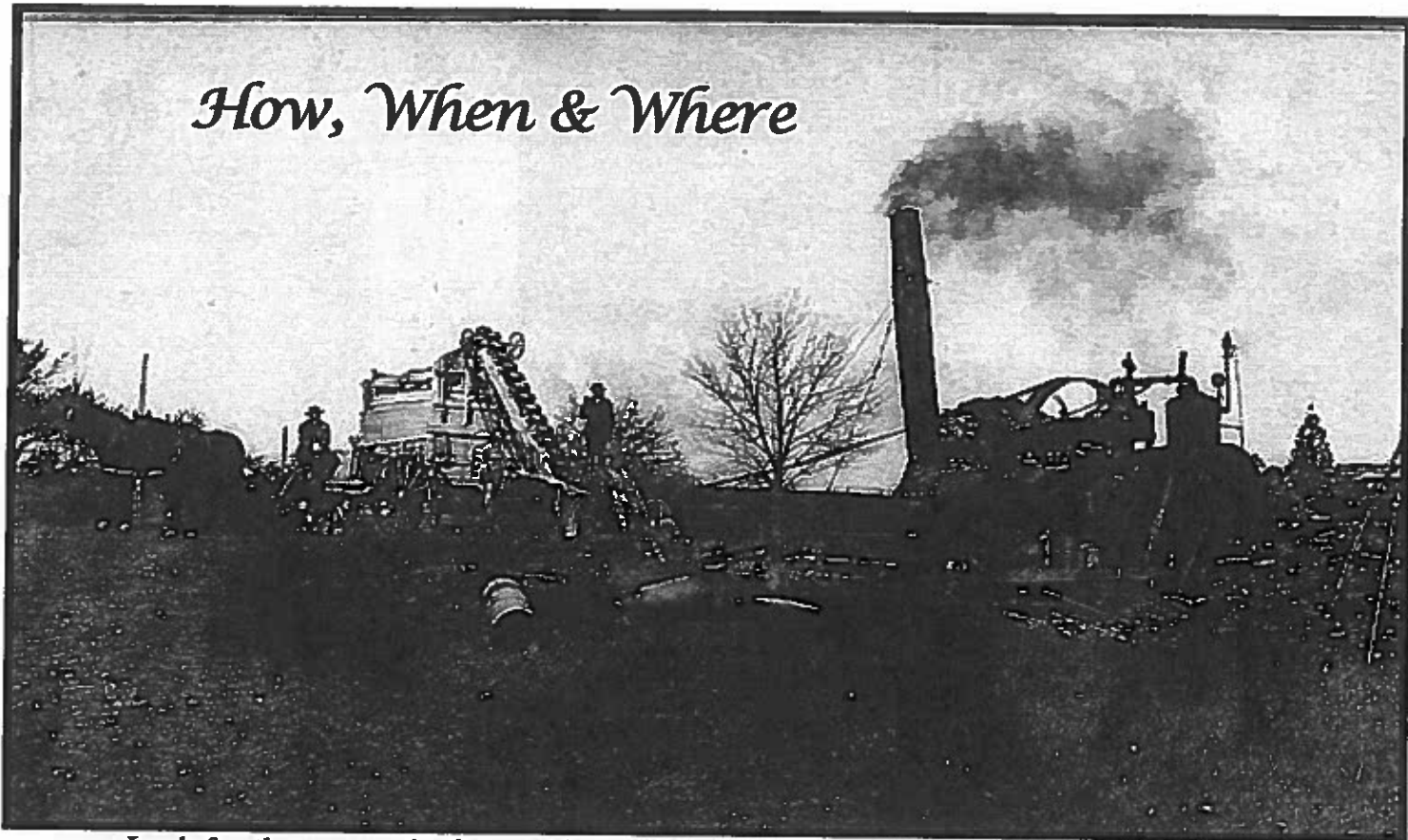
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- 2009 Hunting and/or Fishing Licenses
- Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- 2009 Dog Registrations
- 2009 Eddington Historical Society Calendars
- "Reflections from Eddington"
- East Eddington Community Church Cookbooks
- 911 Street Number Signs and Posts
- "Eddington Edibles" from the Eddington School PTF

*How, When & Where*



*Look for the answer in the next issue of the Eddington Historical Society Newsletter!*

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