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"Half to forget the wandering and the pain,
"Half to remember days that have gone by,
"And dream and dream that I am home again."
–James Elroy Flecker, 1884-1915.

INTRODUCTION

by David A. Crouse

Throughout most of her married life my grandmother, Mattie J. Crouse, kept a daily journal of the activities and events of her household and, to a lesser extent, the Cold River community of Stow, Maine, and Chatham, New Hampshire. I have ten annual volumes of these journals which she kept between 1914 and 1925 (1922 and 1923 are missing). The first of these, however, was kept by my grandfather, Guy M. Crouse, until November 23, 1914, when my grandmother took over the writing and continued for the years thereafter. The daily entries are for the most part quite brief and repetitious, especially those that document the daily work of my grandfather. However, if one scans a few months of these journals and summarizes the routine events, a more interesting picture begins to appear, –a glimpse of a fairly typical family living in the Cold River valley in the early part of the 20th Century.

Guy Merrill Crouse was born July 29, 1882, in Friendship, ME, son of Mark Bradford Crouse and Eldora (Marshall) Crouse. His mother died when he was 10 years old and shortly thereafter he was sent to live with Gus and Lottie (Spencer) Andrews at the stone house in North Stow. In 1905, he married Mattie Jennette McKeen, who was born in Chatham, NH, on September 16, 1887, the second child of Walter Pillsbury McKeen and Sarah (Eastman) McKeen.

Guy and Mattie lived most of their lives in Stow and Chatham, residing in four houses in Stow (first at the Asa Brickett brick house at Shell Pond, North Stow, from 1905 until about 1910; then at three places at Stow Corner) before settling finally on the farm in Chatham in 1921. They had two children: (1) Rodney Marshall Crouse, 1908-1993; married Alice Curtis in 1936 and had two children: David and June; and (2) Harry Guy Crouse, 1923-2003, married Gloria Clara Jean Wiggin in 1964 and had one child, Laurie.

Guy died on April 21, 1961, and Mattie died October 28, 1963. They are buried in the McKeen lot at Chatham Center Cemetery.

Siblings, Half-Siblings, etc.

Guy's Family:

Guy Crouse's mother, Eldora Marshall, 1861-1892, was the daughter of Jesse & Sophronia (Martin) Marshall. She married (1st), about 1875, Samuel S. Stone of Cushing, ME, who died about 1880. Eldora and Samuel had two children:

(1) Fred R. Stone, born 1877. Fred worked in a shipyard and as a teamster in Thomaston, ME, for many years, boarding with Victoria (Mank) Upham, a widow whose husband was a fisherman who died off Cape Cod in 1891. In 1915, Fred married Victoria, and in 1916, they came to live in Stow and Chatham. They apparently returned to Thomaston in December that year.

(2) Eva M, Stone, born 1878; died 1896.

After the death of her first husband, Eldora married Mark Bradford Crouse in 1881, and they had six children:

(1) Guy Merrill Crouse, 1882-1961; married Mattie McKeen.

(2) Ernest Chester Crouse, 1883-1958; married Bessie Andrews of Stow in 1904, lived in Stow, North Fryeburg, and finally in North Waterford, ME. Children: Eva, b. 1905; Edith, b. 1909; Helen, b. 1915; and Charlotte, b. 1920.

(3) Sophronia Jessie Crouse, 1886-1975; married Walter Sampson of Waldoboro, ME, in 1907, and lived in Stow. Children: Nellie, b. 1908; Mary, b. 1909; Emily, b. 1911; Alfred, b. 1913; Cleveland, b. 1915; Julia, b. 1916; Thelma, b. 1920; and Toni, b. 1927.

(4) Mark Leroy Crouse, 1887-1948; settled in Chicago. In 1909, he married (1st), Catherine McGuire (1883-1916); and had no children. In 1919, he married (2nd) Rose Zapp (1881-1967) and had two children: Robert, b. 1920; and Mary Jane, b. 1921.

(5) Celia, 1890-1890.
(6) Mildred, 1892-1973; married in 1909 Leon Ames (1879-1953) of Cushing, ME, and after his death married Peter Mellick. After Peter Mellick died, Mildred lived for a while in Stow keeping house for Merton Eastman. Mildred and Leon had seven children: Oakley, b. 1910; Edna, b. 1911; Lilah, b. 1913; Reginald "Ned," b. 1915; Robert, b. 1916; Gladys, b. 1920; and John "Jack," b, 1927.

After the death of Guy's mother, his father, Mark Crouse, married in 1896, Bessie Jones of Thomaston, and they had one child:

(1) Hazel, 1896-1972; married Frank Ridlon of Fryeburg in 1923, and Leslie Drew of Conway, NH, in 1966. Bessie is buried with Hazel and Frank Ridlon at Pine Grove Cemetery in Fryeburg. Hazel had no children.

Bessie Jones had been married twice previously, both marriages ending in divorce: She married (1st), in 1880, Lorenzo Strout and had no children; then married (2nd), in 1884, John Powers and had three children:

(1) Walter C. Powers, born 1885.
(2) Jennie Powers, born 1887; married Ralph Robbins in 1914, and lived in South Framingham, MA.
(3) Martha E. Powers, born 1890; married Albert A. Rice in 1910, and lived in South Framingham, MA.

Mattie's Family:

Mattie Crouse's mother, Sarah Jeanette Eastman, was the daughter of Lorenzo and Mary (Harriman) Eastman.

Lorenzo Eastman, 1808-1892, married (1st) in 1831, Esther Holt (1806-1847), and they had four children:

(1) Ezra R. Eastman, 1832-1918, married in 1864, Clara A. Seavey (1825-1909) and lived in North Conway, NH. They had no children.
(2) Ann Augusta Eastman, 1837-1838.
(3) Ann Augusta Eastman, 1839-____.
(4) Chauncy Holt Eastman, 1843-1863. Died in Missouri in the Civil War (Co. D, 9th NH Volunteers).

Lorenzo married (2nd) in 1848, Sarah Abbott, who died giving birth to her first child, who also died.

Lorenzo married (3rd) in 1849, Mary Harriman (1825-1903), daughter of Edmund & Patricia (Woods) Harriman of Jackson, NH. They had eight children:

(1) Esther Mary Eastman, 1850-after 1910, married in 1868, Orrin Harvey Watson (1845-1910) and had children: Susan, Adelbert, Herbert, Riley Everett, Fannie, Daniel, Dorothy, Carrie, and Dora.
(2) Hannah Eastman, 1852-1852.
(3) Sarah Jeanette Eastman, 1853-1925 (See further, below).
(4) Loren Herbert Eastman, 1855-1932, married in 1879, Eliza J. Rollins (1854-1937), lived on Butter Hill Road in Chatham and had six children: Ashley, Merton, Irvin, Elmer, Everett, and Clara.
(5) Frank Leland Eastman, 1858-1921, married in 1889, Frances A. Clark (1859-after 1930). No children.
(6) Martha Frances "Fannie" Eastman, 1860-1883.
(7) Lilla May Eastman, 1862-1929, married in 1882 as his second wife, Ira Heald (1849-1927) of Lovell, ME, and had five children: (1) Lorenzo; (2) Clara Alice, m. Arthur Fox; (3) Bessie E., m. Stillman Barker; (4) Benjamin, m. Marjorie Woodrow; and (5) Ivan R..
(8) Alice Orena Eastman, 1865-1939, married in 1883, Frank Harriman (1861-1936), lived at Chatham and had two children: (1) Fred N.,1884-1955, m. Cora Emerson of Stow; and (2) Nellie E., 1891-1954, m. Louville Emerson of Chatham.

Sarah Jeanette Eastman, 1853-1925, first married in 1871, Dana Jewett (1843-1878; buried at Kearsarge Cemetery, North Conway, NH). Sarah and Dana had four children:

(1) Abbie Jewett, 1872-1936, married Frank Bickford and had two children: Elizabeth (1907-1994, m. Erville, son of Lester & Lucinda Fernald); and Harriet (1909-1993, m. Alfred Locke).
(2) Ernest Jewett, 1874-1940, married Flora Hammond and had three children: Arolin (1895- 1978, m. Percy Kenerson); Norman (1896-1921); and Harry (1901-1974, m. Bertha Sanborn).
(3) William H. (Jewett) Farrington, 1875-1954, was adopted by Otis Farrington of Stow. William married Myrtle Dawson and had four children: Lena (1895-1973, m. Harold Pitman); Dana (1896-1967,

never married); Leland (1899-1974, m. Sadie Thurston); and Lois (1908-1997, m. first to Ralph Winsor and second to Erwyne Seabury).

(4) Marion Jewett, born 1877, married George Bickford (brother to Frank, who married her sister Abbie). They lived in Nashua, NH, and had three children: Hazel (b. 1896); Blanche (b. 1899); and Mabel (b. 1900).

After the death of Dana Jewett, Sarah married in 1879 to Walter P. McKeen (1857-1935), and they had five children:

(1) Edwin Lorenzo McKeen, 1884-1937, married in 1918, Rebekah Charles (1898-1965) of North Chatham. They had no children. Rebekah married (2nd) Clyde Whitehouse in 1940.

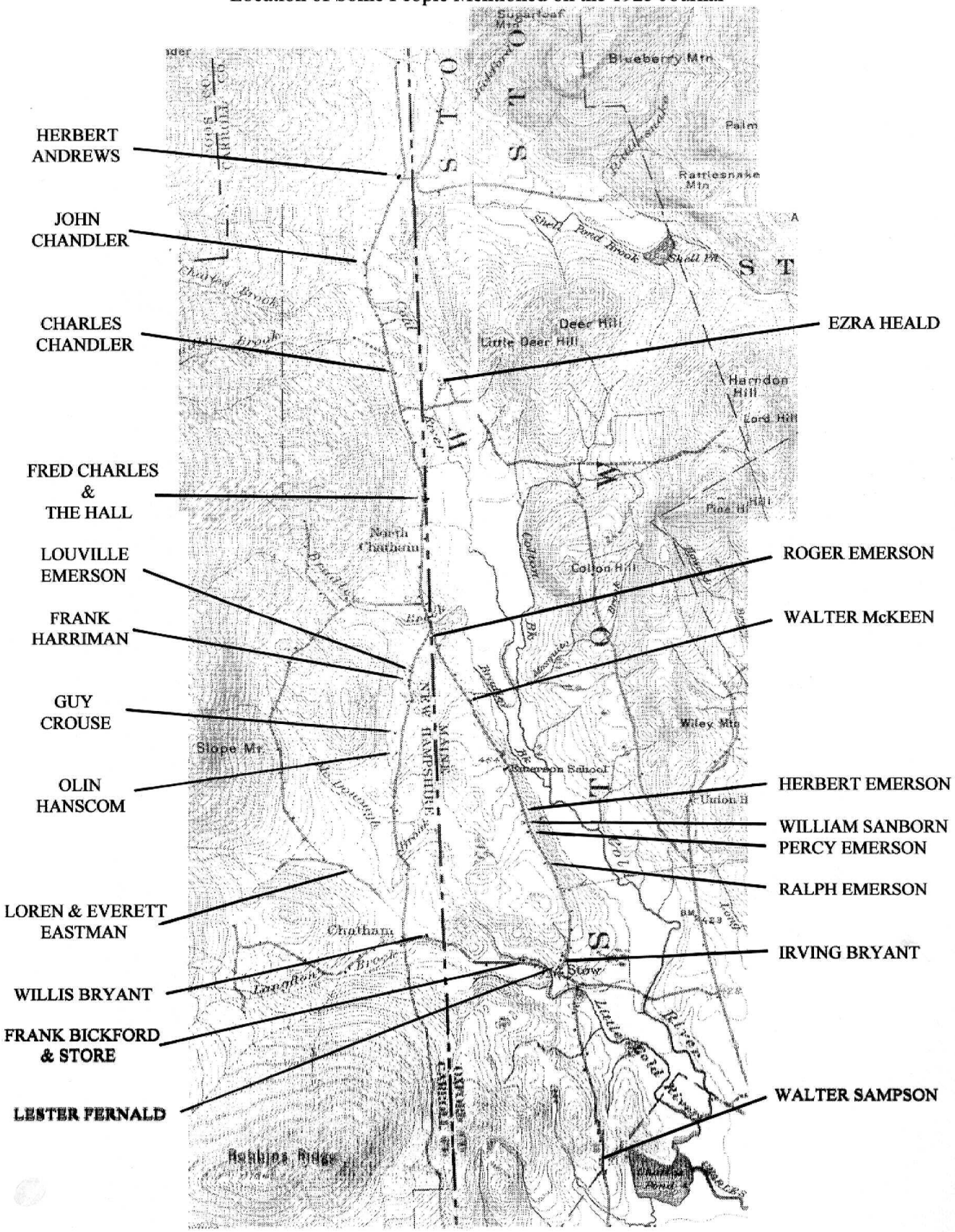
(2) Mattie Jennette McKeen, 1887-1963, the compiler of this 1916 Journal.

(3) Glenora McKeen, 1889-1979, married in 1914, Olin R. Hanscom (1891-1963), and they had three children: Hilda (1915-2003, m. Fred Lusky); Ruth (1917-1973, m. Gordon Gilman); and Edna (b. 1924, m. Holman Pray).

(4) Edna May McKeen, 1892-1918, never married.

(5) Sadie Evelyn McKeen, 1894-1918, never married.

Chatham, New Hampshire & Stow, Maine
Location of Some People Mentioned on the 1925 Journal



The Crouse Farm in Chatham, NH, soon after Guy & Mattie moved there in 1921.

Rear view of the farm, probably in the 1930s.
Sugar House at far left.

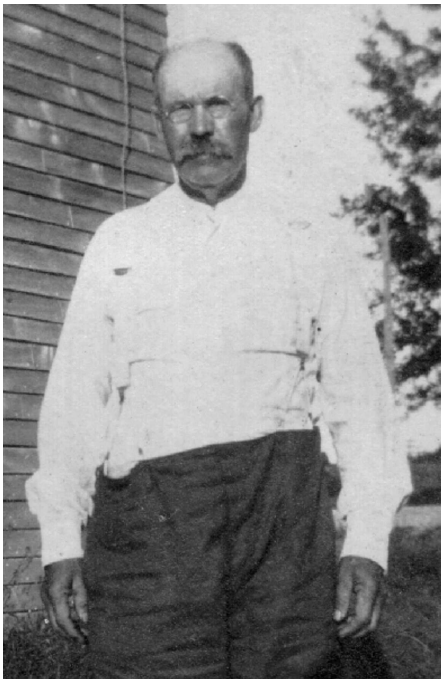
Guy and his team logging.

Guy in the early 1920s.

The McKeen sisters:
Front, l-r, Ora and Mattie. Rear, l-r, Edna and Sadie.

Rodney Crouse, about 1925 or so,
with Sugar House in background.

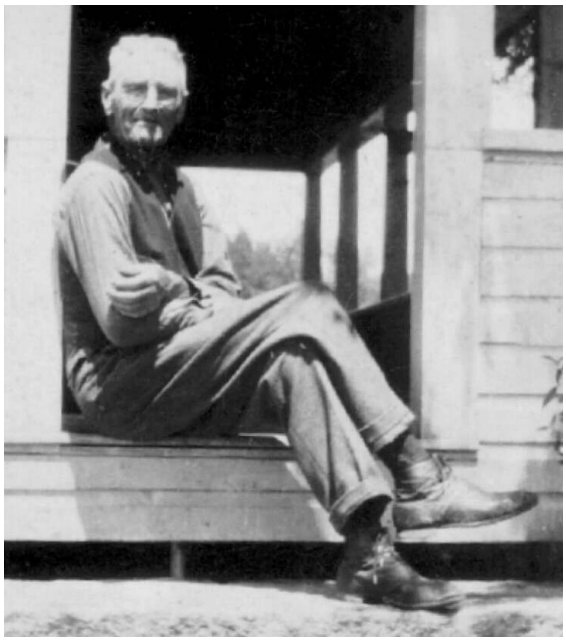
Harry Crouse, 1924.



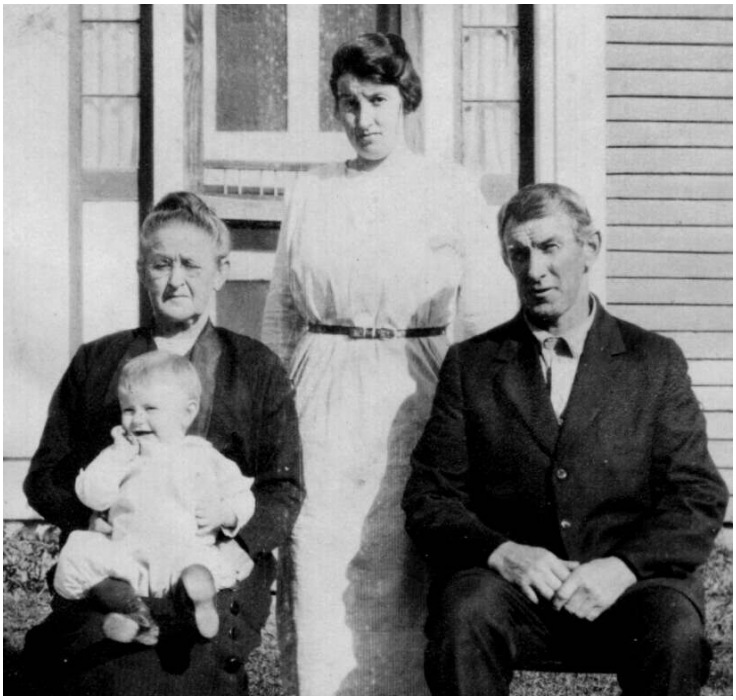
Mark Bradford Crouse, Guy's father.

Hazel Crouse, Guy's half sister

Edwin McKeen,
Mattie's brother



Walter Pillsbury McKeen, Mattie's father.



Sarah J. (Eastman) McKeen, Mattie's mother, holding her great-granddaughter, Pauline Pitman; Pauline's mother, Lena (Farrington) Pitman; and Lena's father, William Farrington, son of Sarah.

Guy's brother, Ernest Crouse and Ernest's wife, Bessie Andrews, 1954.

Guy's sister, Jessie and her husband Walter Sampson

Guy and his Model-T Ford Snowmobile, referred to by Mattie as the Snow-car.

Mattie's nieces, Elizabeth & Harriet, daughters of Frank & Abbie (Jewett) Bickford, with Guy and Rodney at the Crouse farm.

Elizabeth Bickford, her husband Erville Fernald and their daughter Barbara, born April 4, 1925.

Maggie (Irvine) Andrews and her children:
Loren and Angus, in back,
Erma, Urban, and Harold in front.

Etta (Brickett) Chandler

Home of Mattie's parents and brother in Stow.

Home of Mattie's sister Ora in Chatham.

Sugaring

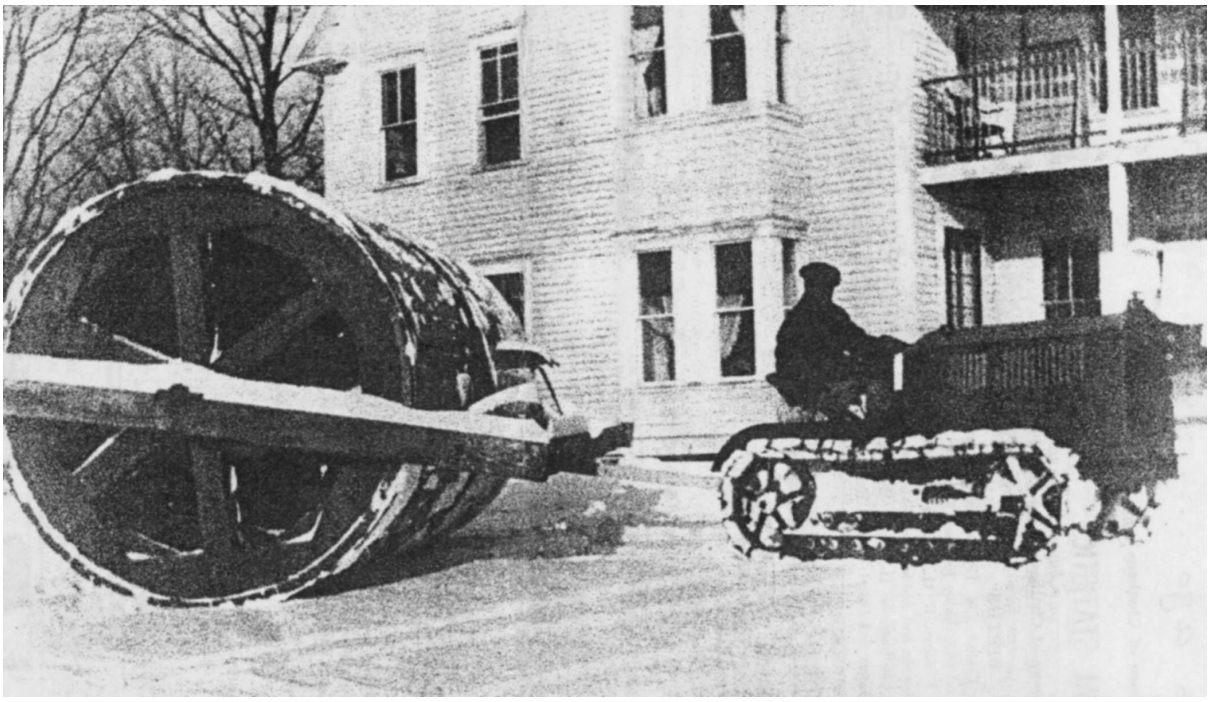
The Sugar House

Gathering Sap

Riding on the sap tank: Guy Crouse, and Elizabeth & Harriet Bickford. Rodney Crouse, with bucket.

Frank Ridlon; Guy; Bessie (Jones) Crouse;
Harry Crouse; Mattie; Mark B. Crouse.

Hazel (Crouse) Ridlon; Frank Ridlon;
Bessie (Jones) Crouse; with syrup cans.



The North Chatham Snow Roller at the Fred Charles place.
When Guy Crouse was running the roller in 1924 and 1925, it was pulled by horse teams.

The Crouse farm in Chatham, 1952.
On June 8, 1971, when Harry's family was living there, the barn was struck by lightning, and it and the house burned completely. All that was left were the shed, garage and sugar house.

1925 Journal of Mattie J. (McKeen) Crouse

JANUARY 1925

Date	Mattie's Journal Entries	Notes by David Crouse
Thur., Jan. 1	Guy and Rodney got out some timber to have sawed into boards at Wentworth's mill.	–__?__ Wentworth's mill at Chatham Center.
Fri., Jan. 2	Guy and Rodney hauled some lumber out to Wentworth's mill at the Center.	–Chatham Center.
Sat., Jan. 3	It stormed all day. Guy went up and helped Uncle Frank saw wood a little while. Rodney went over to Father's.	–Frank Harriman, husband of Mattie's aunt, Alice Eastman. –Walter McKeen, Mattie's father.
Sun., Jan. 4	Guy and I were home in the forenoon. We went over to Olin's in the afternoon. Rodney went down to the store and over to Father McKeen's.	–Olin Hanscom, husband of Mattie's sister Ora.
Mon., Jan. 5	Guy started to work in the woods for Edwin. Rodney went up to Shell Pond after a load of sugar wood.	–Edwin McKeen, Mattie's brother.
Tues., Jan. 6	Guy cut timber for Edwin. I went over to Mother's in the afternoon.	–Sarah (Eastman) McKeen, Mattie's mother.
Wed., Jan. 7	Guy worked in the woods for Edwin. Ora was over here in the afternoon.	
Thur., Jan. 8	Guy and Rodney got two loads of saw dust for the ice.	
Fri., Jan. 9	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Rebekah was over and spent the day. Rodney went down to Hutchins' Store.	–Rebekah Charles, wife of Mattie's brother, Edwin McKeen. –Harry Hutchins' store in North Fryeburg, Maine.
Sat., Jan. 10	Guy cut timber for Edwin.	
Sun., Jan. 11	Rodney and I went down to the Library. Guy was home all day.	–The Stow Library at the Fernald home, Stow Corner.
Mon., Jan. 12	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Rodney cut some wood and hauled it down to the house.	
Tues., Jan. 13	It stormed and Guy was home.	
Wed., Jan. 14	Guy cut timber for Edwin.	
Thur., Jan. 15	Guy cut timber for Edwin. I went over to Ora's in the afternoon.	–Ora lived just south of Mattie & Guy.
Fri., Jan. 16	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Alfred came up. It stormed in the afternoon.	–Alfred Sampson, son of Guy's sister, Jessie.

Sat., Jan. 17	Guy went on the roller. Edwin paid Guy $36.00.	–The North Chatham snow roller that was used to pack snow on roads before snow plows. Guy served as Road Commissioner in Chatham from March 1924 until March 1925, and was paid $7 for each day rolling snow. –Pay for cutting timber for Edwin McKeen.
Sun., Jan. 18	Guy and Rodney took a load of lumber out to the mill and got a load of boards and plank,	
Mon., Jan. 19	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Rodney and I went up to John's and got a pig.	–John Chandler, who lived at the Royce House in North Chatham.
Tues., Jan 20	Guy worked ½ day in the woods for Edwin. It stormed hard all day.	
Wed., Jan. 21	Guy went with the roller. Rodney went down to Bickford's Store.	–The North Chatham snow roller. –Frank Bickford's store in Stow. Frank's wife, Abbie Jewett, was a half sister to Mattie.
Thur., Jan. 22	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Ora came over a few minutes in the afternoon.	
Fri., Jan. 23	Guy cut timber for Edwin in the woods.	
Sat., Jan. 24	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Rodney went up to Millard's.	–Millard, son of John & Etta Chandler of North Chatham.
Sun., Jan. 25	Guy went up to Roger's in the afternoon. Rodney came home from Millard's.	–Roger Emerson.
Mon., Jan. 26	Guy cut timber for Edwin.	
Tues., Jan. 27	Guy cut timber for Edwin. I went over to Ora's in the afternoon.	
Wed., Jan 28	Guy cut timber for Edwin. I went up to Aunt Alice's in the afternoon.	–Alice Eastman, wife of Frank Harriman and sister to Mattie's mother, Sarah. The Harrimans lived two houses north of Guy & Mattie.
Thur., Jan. 29	Guy and Rodney took a load of lumber out to the mill in the forenoon. In the afternoon Guy went over where Fred Charles is to work.	–Fred Charles of North Chatham.
Fri., Jan 30	The wind blew and it was stormy. Guy was home. The stage didn't go, as the roads were so bad.	–The mail stage from Fryeburg to North Chatham.
Sat., Jan. 31	Guy went on the roller. Rodney went too. Millard came down and stayed with Rodney all night.	–The North Chatham snow roller.

FEBRUARY 1925

Sun., Feb. 1	We were home all day. Millard went home at night.	
Mon., Feb. 2	Guy cut timber ½ day for Edwin. It stormed hard all day.	
Tues., Feb. 3	Guy went on the roller.	–The North Chatham snow roller.
Wed., Feb. 4	It stormed in the morning so Guy didn't go in the woods. Rodney went down to the store.	
Thur., Feb. 5	Guy cut timber for Edwin. I went over to Ora's Edwin paid Guy $26.00.	
Fri., Feb. 6	Guy cut timber for Edwin.	
Sat., Feb. 7	Guy cut timber for Edwin. Ora and girls were over in the afternoon. Rodney and I went over to Uncle Loren's and to the store.	–Ora's girls: Hilda, Ruth, & Edna Hanscom. –Loren Eastman, brother to Mattie's mother, lived on Butter Hill Road at Chatham Center. The store was Bickford's store in Stow.
Sun., Feb. 8	We went up to John's and spent the day. John and Guy fixed the roller.	–The snow roller.
Mon., Feb. 9	Guy and Rodney went over where Fred Charles is to work.	
Tues., Feb. 10	It rained and Guy was home. Rodney went down to Sanborn's and got his hair cut.	–William Sanborn, cousin of Mattie, who lived in Stow.
Wed., Feb. 11	It rained. Guy went up to Uncle Frank's.	–Frank Harriman.
Thur., Feb. 12	It rained all day. The mail didn't go.	
Fri., Feb. 13	It was warm all day and we went over home in the afternoon. Rodney was sick with a cold.	
Sat., Feb. 14	Guy was around home. We went up to John's to a whist party. Rodney stayed up to John's.	–John Chandler, North Chatham.
Sun., Feb. 15	Guy went up to Louville's in the morning. We were home the rest of the day.	–Louville Emerson lived three houses north of Guy& mattie.
Mon., Feb. 16	Guy and Rodney went over into the woods and worked on the road. I went over to Ora's.	
Tues., Feb. 17	Guy and Rodney hauled timber for Fred Charles.	

Wed., Feb. 18	Guy and Rodney hauled timber for Fred Charles. Ora and Mrs. Hanscom were over. Guy heard he had gotten the Stage Route.	–Estella (Cobb) Hanscom, mother-in-law of Ora. –The U. S. Mail stage route #2123, from Fryeburg, Maine, to North Chatham. Guy had submitted a bid for the route on December 28, 1924.
Thur., Feb. 19	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. I went over to Ora's.	
Fri., Feb. 20	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. Jessie came up and spent the day.	–Jessie, sister of Guy and wife of Walter Sampson of Stow.
Sat., Feb. 21	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles.	
Sun., Feb. 22	Ora and girls were over in the forenoon. It was awful warm all day.	–Ora's girls: Hilda, Ruth, & Edna Hanscom.
Mon., Feb. 23	Guy and Rodney went one trip for Fred Charles. It rained all day. Guy sent for his auto license.	
Tues., Feb. 24	Guy went to Fryeburg to fill out some papers for the stage. Rodney and I went up to John Chandler's.	–The mail stage job for which he had been hired.
Wed., Feb. 25	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles.	
Thur., Feb. 26	It stormed all day and Guy was home. Father McKeen came over.	–Mattie's father, Walter P. McKeen.
Fri., Feb. 27	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. John Chandler called and left some turnips.	
Sat., Feb. 28	Guy and Rodney went into the woods. Rodney and I went up to Charles Chandler's to a whist party.	–Charles Chandler, at the so-called Chandler Farm or Deer Hill Farm in North Chatham.

MARCH 1925

Sun., Mar. 1	We were home all day. It stormed hard all day.	
Mon., Mar. 2	Guy went on the roller. The stage didn't go.	–The North Chatham snow roller. –The U. S. Mail stage.
Tues., Mar. 3	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. Ora came over in the afternoon.	
Wed., Mar. 4	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. Ora and I went up to Aunt Alice's. John Chandler left Guy's batteries.	
Thur., Mar. 5	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. Father came over and got me and brought me home at night.	

Fri., Mar. 6	It rained and Guy was home all day. Rodney went down to Bickford's store.	
Sat., Mar. 7	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. Ora and girls came over in the afternoon.	
Sun., Mar. 8	Guy and Rodney hauled lumber for Fred Charles. It rained.	
Mon., Mar. 9	Guy fixed up the sugar things to begin to sugar. Uncle Frank came down. John Chandler called in. I went over to Ora's.	
Tues., Mar. 10	Guy went to Town Meeting. John and Etta Chandler came here from Town Meeting and stayed to supper.	–Etta Brickett, wife of John Chandler.
Wed., Mar. 11	We had a thunder shower early in the morning. Guy tapped a few trees. Rodney and I went down to Jessie's and to Hutchins' store.	–Jessie, sister of Guy. Hutchins Store in North Fryeburg.
Thur., Mar. 12	Guy tapped the sugar orchard. Father came over and helped him. John Chandler came and got some seed oats.	
Fri., Mar. 13	Guy cut a load of lumber and took it out to the mill and had it sawed.	
Sat., Mar. 14	It stormed. Guy was sick with a cold. Fred Charles paid Guy for logging. Rodney, Ora and I went to a whist party up to the Hall.	–The Hall at the Fred Charles place in North Chatham.
Sun., Mar. 15	Guy was sick with a cold. Millard and Rodney went down to Stow. Millard went home.	
Mon., Mar. 16	Guy was better of his cold, but Rodney was sick with one.	
Tues., Mar. 17	It stormed most all day. I went over to Ora's.	
Wed., Mar. 18	Rodney went over to his grandfather's. Guy and Rodney gathered one tank of sap. John Chandler brought Guy's oats down. Uncle Frank came down.	
Thur., Mar 19	It rained all day. Guy and Rodney hauled sap a little while.	
Fri., Mar. 20	Guy tapped some more trees. They boiled sap a little. I went over to Ora's a little while.	
Sat., Mar. 21	Guy turned off in the morning. Aunt Alice came down. Will Sanborn and wife came after some buckets.	–Turned (poured) off a batch of maple syrup. –Mattie's cousin, William Sanborn and his wife Etta Wiggin of Stow.

Sun., Mar. 22	Guy and Rodney sugared. I walked over to Mother's across, and Father brought me home.	–"Across" the fields and woods rather than by road.
Mon., Mar. 23	Guy boiled all day. I went over to Ora's in the afternoon.	–Boiled sap.
Tues., Mar. 24	Guy turned off in the morning. Ora came over in the afternoon.	–Poured off a batch of maple syrup.
Wed., Mar. 25	It rained a little. Guy sugared. Alfred came up in the morning.	–Alfred Sampson, Guy's nephew.
Thur., Mar. 26	Guy and Rodney sugared all day. Lottie Wiley called on a _?_ order. Fred Charles called to hire Guy to get out bridge plank.	–Albert & Lottie (Bemis) Wiley were living in North Chatham.
Fri., Mar. 27	Guy sugared all day. Rodney and I went down to Hutchins' store with the car. Alfred went home.	
Sat., Mar. 28	It rained. Guy boiled sap. Rodney went up to Millard's. We went up to Charles' Hall to a whist party.	
Sun., Mar. 29	It rained. Guy boiled sap. Rodney came home from Millard's.	
Mon., Mar. 30	Millard and Evelyn came down to a turn off. I papered up stairs in the front chamber.	–.Pour-off of a batch of maple syrup. Evelyn Chandler, sister to Millard.
Tues., Mar. 31	Guy and Rodney split wood. Evelyn came down to play with Harry while I papered upstairs.	–Evelyn Chandler

APRIL 1925

Wed., Apr. 1	Guy and Rodney split wood. I papered Rodney's room.	
Thur., Apr. 2	Guy and Rodney split wood. I started to paper the hall way.	
Fri., Apr. 3	Guy and Rodney worked on the river. I finished papering the hall.	–Probably something to do with the annual log drive on Cold River in Stow.
Sat., Apr. 4	Guy and Rodney worked on the river. Evelyn went home.	–Evelyn Chandler.
Sun., Apr. 5	Guy worked on the river. Rodney went down to Bickford's. I walked across to see Mother. Rodney stayed with Harry.	–Mattie's mother, Sarah McKeen.
Mon., Apr. 6	Guy and Rodney picked up buckets.	–Buckets used in maple sugaring.

Tues., Apr. 7	Rodney went over to Lovell with syrup. Guy split wood. I started to paper my sitting room.	
Wed., Apr. 8	Guy worked on the river for Fred Charles. I papered the sitting room. I went over to Ora's.	
Thur., Apr. 9	Guy worked on the river for Fred Charles. I cleaned the kitchen.	
Fri., Apr. 10	Guy worked on the river for Fred Charles. I went over to Ora's.	
Sat., Apr. 11	Guy worked on the river. Ora and girls were over. Rodney went up to Millard's.	
Sun., Apr. 12	Guy worked on the river ½ day for Fred Charles. Rodney came home. I went over to Ora's.	
Mon., Apr. 13	We washed the buckets and cleaned up the sugar house.	
Tues., Apr. 14	Guy took Brindle's calf down to Irving Bryant's. Rodney helped saw wood for Father.	–Irving Bryant at Stow Corner. –Mattie's father, Walter Mckeen.
Wed., Apr. 15	Guy started to build his garage. Uncle Frank came down.	–Either the garage near the main house or one that was across the Main Road at the end of their driveway. Note that beginning May 1, Mattie mentions the "old garage," separate from the new one. –Frank Harriman.
Thur., Apr. 16	Guy worked on his garage.	
Fri., Apr. 17	Guy worked on his garage. We went up to see John, and Evelyn went to the dance at Stow with us.	–John Chandler and his daughter Evelyn. Dances were held at the Stow Townhouse.
Sat., Apr. 18	Guy worked on his garage. We took Evelyn home and stopped a little while.	
Sun., Apr. 19	It snowed hard all day. There came 13 inches. I went over to Uncle Loren's with Guy.	–Loren Eastman, on Butter Hill Road.
Mon., Apr. 20	Guy was around the house all day.	
Tues., Apr. 21	Guy and Rodney went to Fryeburg after grain. I went over to see Mother after dinner.	–When Mattie mentions "Fryeburg" she usually means Fryeburg Village.
Wed., Apr. 22	Guy worked on his garage. Edwin came over. I went over to Ora's We went up to see John at night.	–Edwin McKeen, Mattie's brother. –John Chandler at North Chatham.
Thur., Apr. 23	Guy worked on his garage. We went down to Bickford's at night.	–Frank and Abbie Bickford in Stow.

Fri., Apr. 24	Guy worked on his garage in the forenoon. We went to Fryeburg and up to John's to take up some things.	
Sat., Apr. 25	Guy worked on his garage. Uncle Frank and Aunt Alice were down in the afternoon.	
Sun., Apr. 26	Guy went up to Fred Charles' suckering in the forenoon. We went up to John's after Rodney at night.	
Mon., Apr. 27	Guy worked on his garage. Rodney took some plank down to South Chatham for Fred Charles. We took 8 gallons of syrup down to Hutchins.	–Fred Charles was elected Chatham Road Commissioner in March 1925. –Hutchins' Store in North Fryeburg.
Tues., Apr. 28	Guy and Rodney put roofing on the garage.	
Wed., Apr. 29	Guy and Rodney went to Conway to get Rodney a license, and Guy bought a truck. I worked up to Etta's.	–Etta Chandler, who ran the Royce House.
Thur., Apr. 30	Guy and Rodney fenced all day. Aunt Alice and Nellie came down.	–Alice Harriman and daughter Nellie, who was the wife of Louville Emerson.

MAY 1925

Fri., May 1	Guy worked on the old garage.	
Sat., May 2	Guy worked on the old garage. We went to the pictures in the evening.	–The moving pictures, probably at Red Men's Hall in North Fryeburg.
Sun., May 3	I took Rodney up to Millards. Frank, Hazel, Mother, and Mr. Ridlon came up to dinner.	–Hazel Crouse, half sister to Guy, married Frank Ridlon. "Mother" is Bessie Jones, second wife of Guy's father and mother of Hazel. "Mr. Ridlon" is Frank's father, Lewis Ridlon.
Mon., May 4	Guy worked on the old garage and Rodney hauled gravel for the floor in the new one. We had a thunder shower.	
Tues., May 5	Guy worked on his old garage. Rodney and I went to Fryeburg.	
Wed., May 6	I worked up to Etta's Guy worked on his garage.	
Thur., May 7	Guy and Rodney hauled out dressing. I went down around Stow and stopped to see Ma a little while.	–Dressing =cow manure. –She probably went around the so-called "Square," via Chatham Center, Stow Corner and back up the Stow-North Chatham Road.

Fri., May 8	Guy and Rodney worked on the water shed.	–The water shed was attached to the south side of the barn and contained a large trough supplied by water which came by gravity from a spring on the hill behind the barn.
Sat., May 9	Guy and Rodney worked on the water shed. I cleaned house for Etta. Evelyn came home with me and we went to the pictures.	
Sun., May 10	Evelyn was here and we went down to Thurston's. We took Evelyn home at night.	–Probably Harold Thurston of North Fryeburg, who in 1924 married Ida Charles, daughter of Fred Charles of North Chatham.
Mon., May 11	Guy put wood in the shed. Rodney went to Fryeburg after cement.	
Tues., May 12	Guy cemented the water shed. I worked up to Etta's.	
Wed., May 13	Guy fenced and Rodney plowed in the forenoon. We went up to Conway in the afternoon and Rodney drove the truck home.	–The new truck Guy bought on April 29th.
Thur., May 14	Rodney plowed and Guy hauled lime in the forenoon. Rodney got some lime in the afternoon and Guy plowed. I went over to Ora's	
Fri., May 15	It rained. I went up to Maggie's and Angus came home with me, and we all went to a dance at Stow.	–Maggie, wife of Herbert Andrews of North Chatham, and their son Angus, who was two years younger than Rodney.
Sat., May 16	Guy hauled out dressing. We went to the pictures in the evening.	–The movies, probably in North Fryeburg.
Sun., May 17	We went up to Herbert's and then we all went out to Hall's mill at Shell Pond.	–Herbert Andrews, North Chatham, and Arthur Hall's mill near the stone house at North Stow.
Mon., May 18	Guy and Rodney got out dressing.	
Tues., May 19	Guy and Rodney sowed lime in the forenoon and harrowed in the afternoon.	
Wed., May 20	Rodney harrowed all day. Guy went to North Fryeburg to see when they would plant his peas.	
Thur., May 21	They came and planted Guy's peas. Guy and Rodney got out dressing in the afternoon.	
Fri., May 22	Guy and Rodney got out dressing. We went to Stow to a dance.	
Sat., May 23	Rodney harrowed and Guy painted the garage. We went up to see how John was. We went to the pictures in the evening.	–John Chandler was apparently ill.

Sun., May 24	John passed away in the morning. We went over to Ernest's.	–John Chandler of North Chatham. –Ernest, brother to Guy, was living in North Waterford, Maine.
Mon., May 25	Guy fixed a cushion for the truck. It was raining. We went over to see Mother in the afternoon.	–Sarah, Mattie's mother, in Stow.
Tues., May 26	Guy and Rodney planted potatoes and sowed oats.	
Wed., May 27	Guy rolled his oat piece. We went to John's funeral in the afternoon.	–John Chandler was buried at the Chandler Cemetery in North Chatham.
Thur., May 28	Guy planted corn for Al Wiley. Rodney got out dressing on the garden and millet piece.	–Albert Wiley of North Chatham.
Fri., May 29	Guy and Rodney plowed the garden and millet piece. We went up to Etta's. Rodney went to Stow to a dance.	–Etta Chandler, North Chatham.
Sat., May 30	Guy and Rodney were around home. Harry was sick, and we had the Doctor for him. Rodney went to the pictures.	–Probably Dr. Irving Mabry of North Fryeburg.
Sun., May 31	We were home all day. Harry was sick. Rodney went up to Millard's.	

JUNE 1925

Mon., June 1	Guy made a seat for the truck. I went up to Etta's and got Rodney.	
Tues., June 2	Guy worked on a seat for the truck.	
Wed., June 3	Guy worked on the road for Fred Charles. Millard came down at night.	–Fred Charles, Chatham Road Commissioner.
Thur., June 4	Guy sowed his millet and got the garden ready to plant Rodney worked for Erville.	–Erville Fernald at Stow Corner, who in 1924 married Elizabeth Bickford, daughter of Frank & Abbie, and niece of Mattie.
Fri., June 5	We planted the garden in the forenoon. Rodney worked down to Erville's.	
Sat., June 6	Guy and Rodney painted on the new garage.	
Sun., June 7	I took Rodney up to Millard's. In the afternoon I went down to Jessie's and went up and got Rodney.	–Jessie Sampson of Stow, sister to Guy.
Mon., June 8	Guy went over to Uncle Loren's and got some wheels set. Rodney and I went to Fryeburg.	–Loren Eastman.
Tues., June 9	Guy and Rodney hauled a load of sugar wood to the Center. They shingled the ice house in the afternoon.	

Wed., June 10	Guy and Rodney hauled a load of sugar wood.	
Thur., June 11	Guy and Rodney went out to Knox's after some iron. Ora and I went over and took Mother for a ride.	–Probably Wendell Knox, a blacksmith at West Fryeburg.
Fri., June 12	Guy worked on his truck. We went to some pictures at North Fryeburg, and Rodney stayed home with Harry.	
Sat., June 13	Guy worked around home. Rodney got a load of sugar wood. We went to the pictures at North Fryeburg.	
Sun., June 14	Rodney went up to see Mr. Weeks about a job. Guy and I went up into the White Mountains.	
Mon., June 15	Rodney worked for Mr. Weeks on the government trail.	–A trail in the White Mountain National Forest.
Tues., June 16	Guy worked around home. Rodney and Millard came down in the afternoon. We went down to Bickford's and called over home.	–Bickford's store in Stow and Mattie's parents in Stow.
Wed., June 17	Guy worked his team on the road. Rodney worked for Millard. Ora and Mrs. Hanscom came over.	–On the town road for Road Commissioner, Fred Charles. –Ora and her mother-in-law, Estella.
Thur., June 18	Guy worked on the road in the forenoon. Harry was sick and Guy got the doctor for him. Rodney came home at night.	
Fri., June 19	Guy worked on the road. Rodney got the doctor for Harry. Harry had an abscess in his throat.	
Sat., June 20	Guy worked on the road. Harry's abscess broke in the night, and the doctor came to see him. Rodney went to the pictures.	
Sun., June 21	We were home all day. Rodney went up to Millard's.	
Mon., June 22	Guy worked on the road and Rodney worked up to Millard's.	
Tues., June 23	Guy and Rodney cultivated the potatoes. Millard came down at night.	
Wed., June 24	Guy worked on his truck. Guy and I went to a show at Lovell.	
Thur., June 25	Guy worked on the truck. It rained. Rodney went up to Millard's.	
Fri., June 26	Guy and Rodney put my clothesline up. I went over to Ora's.	

Sat., June 27	Guy went to East Fryeburg for Percy Emerson. Rodney worked on Royce Mountain.	–William Percy Emerson, son of Leonard Emerson of Stow. –Probably on the trail being made by the Chatham Trails Association.
Sun., June 28	Rodney went up to Millard's. We went down to Jessie's, and Julia came home with us.	–Julia Sampson, age 9, daughter of Walter & Jessie, and Guy's niece.
Mon., June 29	I began to do washing for Etta. Guy went to Fryeburg with Roger.	–Probably washing for Etta's boarding house and possibly for the AMC Camp. –Roger Emerson of Chatham.
Tues., June 30	Guy and Rodney cultivated the potatoes.	

JULY 1925

Wed., July 1	Guy took the stage to drive. Rodney went to Fryeburg with Guy.	–Beginning his job driving the U.S. Mail from Fryeburg to North Chatham.
Thur., July 2	Guy went on the stage. I went to Lena Pitman's baby's funeral.	–This may be William Farrington Pitman, son of Harold & Lena (Farrington) Pitman; however, his gravestone at Riverside Cemetery in North Fryeburg indicates he was born Oct. 8, 1925, and died June 30, 1926. Lena was Mattie's niece.
Fri., July 3	Guy went on the stage. Rodney went to Stow to a dance.	
Sat., July 4	Guy went on the stage. Rodney and I went up to Etta's. Albert and Mattie and girl came at night.	–Albert __?__.
Sun., July 5	Albert's folks went home. Ernest's folks and Jessie and children came up.	–Guy's brother Ernest of North Waterford, Maine, and Guy's sister Jessie Sampson of Stow.
Mon., July 6	Rodney went on the stage with Guy.	
Tues., July 7	Rodney went on the stage with Guy.	
Wed., July 8	Rodney stayed home. Ora and I went over to see Mother.	
Thur., July 9	Rodney went to Fryeburg with Guy and they came in at noon. I went out to Fryeburg with Guy. Alfred came up.	–Alfred Sampson, Guy's nephew.
Fri., July 10	Rodney was home. Alfred went home.	
Sat., July 11	Rodney went with Guy on the stage. Rodney stayed up to Millard's.	

Sun., July 12	Gus Ward came in. Ernest Merrill came in the evening. Rodney came home.	–Probably Augustus H. Ward, a millman in Fryeburg Village. –Probably Ernest Merrill, age 21, of Lovell, Maine.
Mon., July 13	Donald Kimball came to help hay. He and Rodney mowed some.	–Probably Donald Kimball, age 16, of Waterford, Maine.
Tues., July 14	Guy was home and Rodney went on the stage.	
Wed., July 15	Rodney went on the stage. We went down to Hutchins' Store.	
Thur., July 16	It was cloudy and Guy went on the stage.	
Fri., July 17	Guy went on the stage. Rodney and I did some haying. I was taken sick in the night.	
Sat., July 18	It rained. Donald went home. The doctor came to see me.	–Donald Kimball. –Probably Dr. Irving Mabry of North Fryeburg.
Sun., July 19	Rodney went with a load of camp girls for Stearns. Mary S. Came up to help me a few days.	–__?__ Stearns, probably of Lovell, ME. –Mary Sampson, Guy's niece.
Mon., July 20	Guy began to get his peas.	
Tues., July 21	They worked on the peas. The doctor came to see me again. Hazel and Jessie came up.	–Hazel (Crouse) Ridlon, Guy's half sister and his sister Jessie Sampson.
Wed., July 22	It rained and they worked on the peas. Rodney came in at noon and Guy went back.	–Driving the mail stage.
Thur., July 23	They hayed in the forenoon. Guy got some peas for me to can.	
Fri., July 24	Guy hayed all day. Donald and Rodney went to Lovell to pictures, and Guy and Mary went to Stow to a dance.	
Sat., July 25	They hayed all day. Donald went home and Mary went home.	
Sun., July 26	We went over to see Mother. Donald came at night.	
Mon., July 27	It rained. Guy got some peas to shell out to eat. We went up to Charles' after his __?__.	
Tues., July 28	It rained. Guy went on the stage. Alfred and Cleve came up.	–Guy's nephews, the Sampson boys.
Wed., July 29	They hayed all day.	
Thur., July 30	They hayed all day. I went down to the doctor.	

Fri., July 31	They hayed all day, began down on the Entervale.	–The Cold River intervale.

AUGUST 1925

Sat., Aug. 1	It rained.	
Sun., Aug. 2	They mowed down on the Entervale in the forenoon. We went up to Etta's. Maggie and Esther came down, and we went up there in the evening.	–Etta Chandler's in North Chatham. –Maggie (Irvine) Andrews of North Chatham and her sister, Esther, wife of James McCracken
Mon., Aug. 3	They got part of a load of hay. Rodney went with a load of camp girls for Stearns. Guy went after the mail in the Ford.	–__?__ Stearns, probably of Lovell, ME.
Tues., Aug. 4	They worked on the hat. Got one load.	
Wed., Aug. 5	They got two loads of hay. It showered in the afternoon.	
Thur., Aug. 6	It rained. Guy went with the stage.	
Fri., Aug. 7	Guy went with the stage. Donald went home. He got stungh.	–He got stung??
Sat., Aug. 8	Guy went with the stage. We all went up to Maggie's.	–Maggie & Herbert Andrews, North Chatham.
Sun., Aug. 9	I went to Conway with Jim and Esther to meet some people up there.	–Edward James McCracken & wife Esther Irvine of Brookline, MA. Esther, sister to Maggie Andrews.
Mon., Aug. 10	Rodney went with the stage. Marion and girls called.	–Marion Jewett , wife of George Bickford of Nashua, NH. Marion was a half sister to Mattie. The Bickfords daughters: Hazel, Blanche, and Mabel.
Tues., Aug. 11	Rodney went with the stage. Esther stayed here to supper, and they all came down in the evening.	–Probably Esther McCracken.
Wed., Aug. 12	Rodney went with the stage. I went to Jackson with Jim's folks. Blanche and Mabel came.	–Jim McCracken & wife Esther. Blanche & Mabel Bickford.
Thur., Aug. 13	Rodney went on the stage.	
Fri. Aug. 14	Rodney went with the stage.	
Sat., Aug. 15	We went over home with Blanche and Mabel. I went down to see the doctor.	–To Mattie's parents in Stow. Mattie's mother was grandmother to Blanche & Mabel.

Sun., Aug. 16	Eva and Cecil came and stayed to dinner.	–Eva, daughter of Guy's brother Ernest and wife of Cecil Barker of Stoneham, ME.
Mon., Aug. 17	Louville helped Guy get his oats.	–Louville Emerson, a neighbor.
Tues., Aug. 18	Guy helped Olin get some oats. Ora and girls came over. We went down and heard the band play.	–Olin Hanscom, husband of Mattie's sister Ora..
Wed., Aug. 19	Guy mowed his oats. We went up on Ernest A. (_?_ block-burning)??	–Ernest Andrews.
Thur., Aug. 20	Guy went with the stage. Rodney worked on the oats. Walter took me to ride in his new car.	–Walter Sampson, husband of Guy's sister, Jessie.
Fri., Aug, 21	Olin helped Gut get in oats. Rodney went on the stage and went to a dance at Stow.	
Sat., Aug. 22	Guy worked on the fountain. We went to the pictures.	
Sun., Aug. 23	Rodney went blueberrying. I went over and called to see Mother and we rode up to Maggie's.	
Mon., Aug. 24	Guy worked on the fountain.	
Tues., Aug. 25	I went to Fryeburg with Guy. Rodney thrashed for Will Bryant.	–Willis Bryant of Chatham Center.
Wed., Aug. 26	Guy went on the stage. Rodney helped Will Bryant in the forenoon. We went up to Maggie's in the afternoon.	
Thur., Aug. 27	Guy went to Fryeburg. I went up to Nellie's in the afternoon.	–Mattie's cousin, Nellie Harriman, wife of Louville Emerson.
Fri., Aug. 28	Guy went to Fryeburg.	
Sat., Aug. 29	Rodney went to Fryeburg. Walter came up and helped Guy get in second-crop hay.	–Walter Sampson, husband of Guy's sister, Jessie.
Sun., Aug. 30	Rodney went up and helped Millard thrash. We went over to see Mother. Walter and Jessie were up in the evening.	
Mon., Aug. 31	Rodney went on the stage. Guy dug potatoes.	

SEPTEMBER 1925

Tues., Sept. 1	Rodney went on the stage. Guy dug potatoes.	
Wed., Sept. 2	Rodney went on the stage. Guy finished digging his potatoes.	
Thur., Sept. 3	Rodney went on the stage. Guy cemented down in the cellar.	
Fri., Sept. 4	Rodney went on the stage. Guy cemented down in the cellar. We went to Stow to a dance.	
Sat., Sept. 5	Guy finished down in the cellar. We went to the pictures.	
Sun., Sept. 6	Guy went fishing with Fred Burke. Rodney, Ora and girls, and I went for a ride.	
Mon., Sept. 7	Guy drove stage. Rodney began to work in the corn shop.	–Probably the corn cannery at North Fryeburg.
Tues., Sept. 8	Guy drove stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop. I went over to see Mother.	
Wed., Sept. 9	Guy went to Fryeburg. Rodney worked in the corn shop. Ora came over. Walter's folks were up in the evening.	–Walter Sampson, husband of Guy's sister, Jessie.
Thur., Sept. 10	Guy went on the stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Fri., Sept. 11	Guy went on the stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop. Walter's folks were up in the evening.	
Sat., Sept. 12	Guy went on the stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Sun., Sept. 13	Guy fixed the potato bin and fixed me a cupboard to put my canned stuff in. Rodney worked part of the day in the corn shop.	
Mon., Sept. 14	Guy went on the stage. The trains changed. Rodney worked late in the corn shop.	
Tues., Sept. 15	Guy went on the stage. Harry and I went to Fryeburg. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Wed., Sept. 16	Guy went on the stage. Rodney came home early. It rained. I went up to Rose Chandler's and got some plants.	–Rose Wiley, wife of Hazen Chandler of North Chatham.

Thur., Sept. 17	Guy went on the stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Fri., Sept. 18	Guy went on the stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop. We went to Stow to a dance.	
Sat., Sept. 19	Guy went on the stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop. We went to the pictures. Fred Burke called.	
Sun., Sept. 20	Guy fenced the field. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Mon., Sept. 21	Guy went drove stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Tues., Sept. 22	Guy went drove stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop.	
Wed., Sept. 23	Guy went drove stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop. I went over and helped Rebekah.	–Rebekah Charles, wife of Mattie's brother, Edwin Mckeen, who lived with his parents in Stow.
Thur., Sept. 24	Guy went drove stage. Rodney worked in the corn shop. I went to Fryeburg.	
Fri., Sept. 25	Rodney drove stage. Guy and I went to Conway to see about a snow-car.	–Probably a Model-T Ford converted by White's Garage in Ossipee, NH. into what was also known as a snowmobile.
Sat., Sept. 26	Rodney drove stage. Guy worked at home. We went to the pictures.	
Sun., Sept. 27	We went over to Ernest's.	–Guy's brother, Ernest Crouse, in North Waterford, Maine.
Mon., Sept. 28	Guy drove stage. Rodney went to Framingham, Mass.	–Apparently Rodney was visiting Ralph & Jennie Robbins and/or Albert & Martha Rice (See Addresses and notes at the end of these journal entries).
Tues., Sept. 29	Guy drove stage.	
Wed., Sept. 30	Guy drove stage. Ora and I went over and stayed with Ma while Rebekah went to Fryeburg Fair.	

OCTOBER 1925

Thur., Oct. 1	We went to the fair. Father went with us.	–Fryeburg Fair, with Mattie's father.
Fri., Oct. 2	Guy drove stage. We went to Stow to a dance.	
Sat., Oct. 3	Father Crouse came home with Guy. Walter's folks came up in the evening.	–Mark Bradford Crouse of Thomaston, Maine, Guy's father. –Walter Sampson & wife Jessie, Guy's sister, of Stow.
Sun., Oct. 4	Frank's folks came in from Fryeburg and we went over to Lovell for apples.	–Frank Ridlon and his wife Hazel, who was a half sister to Guy.
Mon., Oct. 5	Guy drove the stage.	
Tues., Oct. 6	Guy drove the stage.	
Wed., Oct. 7	I went to Fryeburg with Guy. Father Crouse came home with us.	–Mark Crouse had probably been visiting his daughter, Hazel, in Fryeburg.
Thur., Oct. 8	Father Crouse went down to Jessie's.	–To his daughter, Jessie Sampson's, in Stow.
Fri., Oct. 9	I went over and helped Rebekah.	
Sat., Oct. 10	It snowed and the wind blew terribly all day.	
Sun., Oct. 11	Guy went to Harrison to see a snow-car. I went up to Maggie's in the afternoon.	See note for Sept. 25.
Mon., Oct. 12	Ora and I went over to Lena Emerson's in the afternoon and called to see Mother. Rodney came to Fryeburg.	–Lena Hanscom of Stow, wife of Herbert Emerson, and sister to Ora's husband, Olin Hanscom. –Rodney came back from his 2-week visit to Framingham, MA, probably on the train.
Tues., Oct. 13	Rodney came home and Father Crouse came.	–Both had probably been staying with Hazel (Crouse) Ridlon in Fryeburg.
Wed., Oct. 14	Guy and his father started to build a chimney in the garage. Uncle Loren came over in the afternoon. Maggie came down.	–Loren Eastman. –Maggie Andrews.
Thur., Oct. 15	They finished building the chimney. Ora and girls were over.	
Fri., Oct. 16	Father Crouse went out to Hazel's. Guy went to Fryeburg after some roofing.	
Sat., Oct. 17	It stormed part of the day.	
Sun., Oct. 18	We all went over to Ernest's after some apples.	–Guy's brother in North Waterford, ME.
Mon., Oct. 19	Guy put on some roofing on the back side of the house.	
Tues., Oct. 20	Guy finished putting on roofing. Rodney took the cider barrel over to the mill.	

Wed., Oct. 21	Guy went down and got his horses shoed. Rodney went and got the cider.	
Thur., Oct. 22	Guy worked on the road. I went over and helped Rebekah in the forenoon.	
Fri., Oct. 23	Guy worked on the road.	
Sat., Oct. 24	Guy worked on the State road. We all went to the pictures.	
Sun., Oct. 25	It snowed in the night. We were home all day.	
Mon., Oct. 26	Rodney went on the stage. Guy worked around home. The wind blew awful hard in the night.	
Tues., Oct. 27	Guy worked on the State road. Mr. Heald brought his horse down here for the winter.	–Ezra Heald of North Stow.
Wed., Oct. 28	Guy worked on the State road. Aunt Alice and Nellie came down.	
Thur., Oct. 29	Guy went to Fryeburg after some lumber. I played to a dance at Charles' Hall with Steve Kimball.	–The hall at the Fred Charles place in North Chatham. Mattie played the piano. Stephen Kimball of Lovell, probably played violin.
Fri., Oct. 30	Guy worked on the doors for his garage. I went over to see Mother.	
Sat., Oct. 31	Guy worked on the doors for his garage. I went over to see Ma. Rodney and I went to the pictures.	

NOVEMBER 1925

Sun., Nov. 1	Guy worked on the doors for his garage. Rodney and Ted Stiles went hunting.	
Mon., Nov. 2	Guy worked on the doors for his garage. I went over to see Mother.	
Tues., Nov. 3	Mother passed away in the evening.	Sarah (Eastman) McKeen was age 70.
Wed., Nov. 4	I went over and helped Rebekah all day.	
Thur., Nov. 5	Mother's funeral was at 10 o'clock. All the children were there.	Sarah McKeen was buried at the Chatham Center Cemetery.
Fri., Nov. 6	Guy worked around home.	
Sat., Nov. 7	Guy went with the stage. Rodney was home with a lame back.	
Sun., Nov. 8	It rained hard all day. Rodney went up to Millard's.	–Millard Chardler.
Mon., Nov. 9	Guy took the stage.	

Tues., Nov. 10	I went to Fryeburg with Guy. Rodney went up to Millard's to work.	
Wed., Nov. 11	Guy drove stage.	
Thur., Nov. 12	Guy went with the mail.	
Fri., Nov. 13	Guy went with the mail. It rained hard all day. Rodney came home.	
Sat., Nov. 14	Rodney went with the mail. Alfred came up.	
Sun., Nov. 15	Rodney went hunting. Guy thrashed beans.	
Mon., Nov. 16	Guy went to Fryeburg. Rodney took me over to Rebekah's in the afternoon.	
Tues., Nov. 17	Guy painted the new garage doors.	
Wed., Nov. 18	Guy sawed up some wood for the garage. I went up to Nellie's in the afternoon.	–Nellie (Harriman) Emerson.
Thur., Nov. 19	Guy and I went down to the store.	–Bickford's Store in Stow.
Fri., Nov. 20	Guy went with the stage. Rodney got a load of sawdust.	
Sat., Nov. 21	Guy went with the stage. Rodney went hunting.	
Sun., Nov. 22	Rodney and I went up to Maggie's.	–Maggie Andrews, North Chatham.
Mon., Nov. 23	Rodney went with the stage. Guy made a woodbox.	
Tues., Nov. 24	Rodney went with the stage. I went up to Etta's a little while in the afternoon.	–Etta Chandler, North Chatham.
Wed., Nov. 25	Guy went to Fryeburg with the Ford. Rodney went on the stage.	
Thur., Nov. 26	Guy went with the stage. Rodney went hunting. Fred Burke called.	
Fri., Nov. 27	Maggie and I went to Fryeburg on the stage and I had my hair cut.	
Sat., Nov. 28	Rodney went with the stage. Guy went down and towed Fred Burke's car up to Edwin's. Rodney went up to Millard's.	–Mattie's brother, Edwin McKeen.
Sun., Nov. 29	Everett Eastman came over and helped Guy kill the bull.	–Everett, son of Loren and cousin to Mattie.
Mon., Nov. 30	Guy went on the stage. Edwin came over and got a quarter of beef.	

DECEMBER 1925

Tues., Dec. 1	Guy and Rodney both went to Fryeburg. They took Walter down a quarter of beef.	–Walter Sampson.
Wed., Dec. 2	Guy and Rodney went to Fryeburg.	
Thur., Dec. 3	Guy went with the stage. I went down to Lena Pitman's.	Lena Farrington, Mattie's niece and wife of Harold Pitman of North Fryeburg.
Fri., Dec. 4	Rodney went on the stage. Guy got his snow-car.	–See note Sept. 25th.
Sat., Dec. 5	Rodney went with the stage.	
Sun., Dec. 6	Uncle Loren came over to see about fixing the snow-car.	–Loren Eastman.
Mon., Dec. 7	Uncle Loren came over to work.	
Tues., Dec. 8	Uncle Loren came over to work and stayed all night. Maggie came down and Herbert and Angus came to supper.	–Maggie Andrews, her husband Herbert, and their son Angus of North Chatham.
Wed., Dec. 9	Uncle Loren worked here all day.	
Thur., Dec. 10	Uncle Loren worked here all day.	
Fri., Dec. 11	Uncle Loren worked here all day. I went over to Ora's.	
Sat., Dec. 12	Uncle Loren finished up work and Guy took him home.	
Sun., Dec. 13	We made curtains for the snow-car. Uncle Frank and Aunt Alice came down.	The Harrimans.
Mon., Dec. 14	We finished the curtains for the snow-car.	
Tues., Dec. 15	Guy painted the snow-car. Ora and I went up to Aunt Alice's.	
Wed., Dec. 16	Guy went over to Uncle Loren's to see about his trailer. I went down to Jessie's. She and Emily had their hair cut.	–Guy's sister, Jessie Sampson and her daughter Emily.
Thur., Dec. 17	Guy worked on his trailer.	
Fri., Dec. 18	Guy worked on his trailer. Aunt Alice and Nellie came down. Ora was over.	
Sat., Dec. 19	Guy worked on his trailer. I went up to Etta's with Rodney.	
Sun., Dec. 20	We went down to Bickford's. Rodney went up to Millard's.	
Mon., Dec. 21	Rodney went on the stage. Guy worked on his trailer.	
Tues., Dec. 22	Guy went with the mail. Rodney painted the trailer.	
Wed., Dec. 23	Guy went with the mail.	

Thur., Dec. 24	Guy went with the mail. Millard came down. We went up to Charles' Hall to a Christmas tree.	–The hall at the Fred Charles place in North Chatham
Fri., Dec. 25	Guy went with the mail. Rodney and I went up to Etta's a little while.	
Sat., Dec. 26	Rodney went with the mail. Everett helped Guy kill his hog.	–Everett Eastman, Mattie's cousin.
Sun., Dec. 27	We went up to Etta's after Rodney in the snow-car.	
Mon., Dec. 28	Guy cut up the hog and fixed around the barn.	
Tues., Dec. 29	Fred Charles came down and got Prince and Dolly to work.	–Prince & Dolly, Guy's horses.
Wed., Dec. 30	Guy went to Fryeburg and fixed up his Maine licenses. Rodney took me over to Rebekah's.	
Thur., Dec. 31	Guy began to cut wood.	

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[*Italic notes in brackets added by David Crouse*]

–R. S. Robbins; Lakeside Drive; Framingham, Mass. & 10 Summit St; Framingham, Mass.

[*Ralph S. Robbins married Jennie Powers, daughter of John & Bessie (Jones) Powers. Bessie Jones later married Mark B. Crouse, Guy's father. Bessie was Guy Crouse's step-mother, so Jennie could perhaps be called Rodney Crouse's step-cousin.*]

–M. L. Crouse; 4555 Pleasant Avenue; Minneapolis, Minn.

[*Mark Leroy Crouse, brother to Guy Crouse.*]

–Mrs. V. W. Emerson; 427 Niagara Street; Tonawanda, N.Y.

–Mary Emerson; 420 Linwood Ave.; Tonawanda, N.Y.

[*Mary A. Nason, wife of Virgil W. Emerson, neighbors of Guy and Mattie when they lived in Stow*.]

–Nellie J. Sampson; Box 163; Warren, Me.

[*Daughter of Walter & Jessie (Crouse) Sampson and niece of Guy Crouse. She was living with her aunt Nellie (Sampson) Vinal at the time.*]

–Mary Sampson; R.F.D #7; Auburn, Me.

[*Daughter of Walter & Jessie (Crouse) Sampson and niece of Guy Crouse. She was living with her aunt Ella (Sampson) Gowell in Poland, Maine, at the time*.]

–Mary Sampson; Box 447; Melbourne, Fla.

[*Daughter of Walter & Jessie (Crouse) Sampson and niece of Guy Crouse. She was working for Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Williams, who had a summer home in North Chatham*.]

–A. A. Rice; 62 Hartford St.; So. Framingham, Mass.

[*Albert A. Rice married Martha E. Powers daughter of John & Bessie (Jones) Powers. Bessie Jones later married Mark B. Crouse, Guy's father. Bessie was Guy Crouse's step-mother, so Martha could perhaps be called Rodney Crouse's step-cousin.*]

–Mrs. Zach Chandler; A 17 4th South St.; St. Petersburg, Fla.

[*Lelia A. Chandler, sister to John Chandler of North Chatham. Lelia & Zach lived in North Fryeburg, but were probably in Florida in the winter of 1924 or 1925* .]

The Crouse’s Telephone Number: 112-31

The Cold River Telephone Company served North Chatham, Chatham Center, and Stow from 1907 until 1947. For many years only one telephone line ran through the area (line #112). The Crouses were #39 on the line, and to get them, one cranked three long rings followed by one short one. The operator, called “Central,” was located in Lovell Village.

Cream Sales

Mattie noted that they sent a can of cream on the following dates:

June 15
June 18
June24
July 1
July 11
July 27
August 11
August 19
August 31
September 8
September 19
October 2
October 8