

THE CONANT FAMILY HISTORY

In 1921 Alphonso L. Conant and Thirza Young were married. This event was what started the Conant Heritage in Etna. They lived on the Old County Road until 1930, when they sold their home and built a new home on U.S. Route #2, currently owned by Scott McAlpine.

Alphonso was a man of many talents. He was in the wood business for many years, delivering fire wood to many families in surrounding towns. In 1945 he purchased the Etna General store from Dudley Carter. He owned and operated it until 1947, when he sold it to George Curtis. It is currently called Country Corner Variety. At the time Alphonso owned the store, the United States Post Office was operated out of the store, postmastered by Leighton Slyvester, also the Etna telephone office was in the store. For many years Alphonso bought and sold apples at a little stand in front of his house on U.S. Route #2. Finally in 1945 he started his own apple orchard, called--Conant Orchards, located at his residence on U.S. Route #2, where it is still located to this day, and owned by his son Vincent. Alphonso served two terms in the Maine State Legislature, he served several terms as a selectman of Etna, and also as a Tax Collector. He also was one of the very first school board members to serve on the town's school district--S.A.D. 38. He was also very instrumental in getting the Maine Central Bus Service through the Etna area. Alphonso passed away in 1971 and Thirza in 1978.

Alphonso and Thirza had five children. Dorothy, Elaine, Vincent, Gloria and Joyce. Dorothy was married and had 3 children: Tom, Nancy, and Ronnie. Dot resides in Etna. Elaine was married to Robert Hasey Sr. and had 6 Children: Virginia, Bobby, Colleen, David, Laurie and Pamela. Elaine died in 1966. Gloria Wilson Cavanaugh married Wallace Wilson, who is now deceased, and they had 5 children: Glendon, Wade, Danny, Brent, and Donna. Two of which reside in Etna, Glendon and Donna. Glendon with his wife Karen and their 3 children: Glendon, Lee and Frank, and Donna with her husband John and children: Timothy, Christopher, and Erika. Gloria resides in Etna in the old McKinley School House located on U.S. Route #2. Joyce resides in Etna with her husband, Verne Bubar. They have 3 children, Gerry, Doreen and Reginald. Gerry lives in Frankfort with his wife, Julia and their 2 children Erika and Patrick. Doreen resides in Etna with her family, Stanley and his daughter Allison. Reginald, also resides in Etna with his fiancée, Tricia.

Joyce's husband, Verne has served many years in the Town of Etna's government. He served four years as a selectman and for the past 28 years has served as the first selectman, and still is to date. Verne also is well known as a school bus driver for the town's school district. He has delivered the town's children to school for 30 years, which entails two or

three generations of families, and he's still driving. Joyce is currently the clerk at the Etna Post Office and has held this position for 22 years.

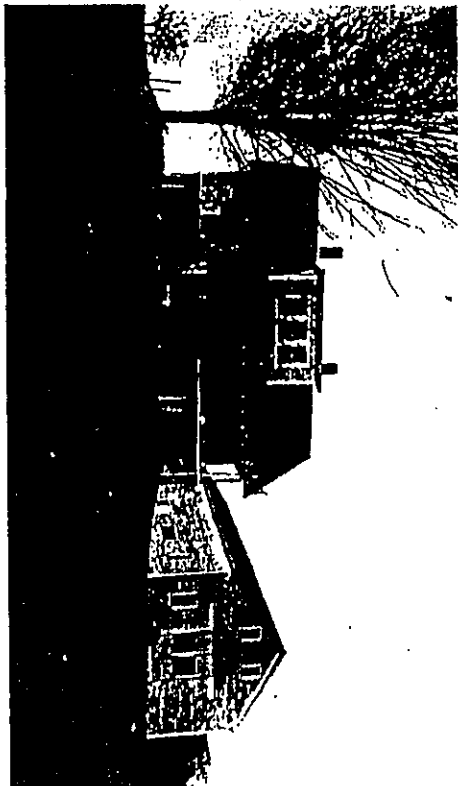
Vincent married Glornie (known as Peggy to many) Hitchcock in 1946. They reside in Etna at the family orchard, Conant's Orchard. They operated his father's store until it was sold. Vincent was in the poultry business for many years and also in 1947 started his own carpentry business. He built commercial buildings as well as residential homes, until he retired from the carpentry business in 1979. In 1960 Vincent and Peggy bought the family apple business from his father, and still currently own and operate it. They have 2 children, Larry and Janice. Larry resides in Etna with his wife Debi. Larry has one son from his first marriage, Christopher, he resides in Portland. Janice also resides in Etna with her husband, Michael Parsons. They have two children, Michael and Clinton. Michael lives in Connecticut with his wife Toni and Clinton still resides at home. Janice is currently a member of the S.A.D. 38 school board.

Conant's Orchard has always been a family owned and operated business. It started with Alphonso and Thirza and is currently owned and operated by their son Vincent and his wife Peggy. Upon Vincent and Peggy's retirement, their daughter Janice and her husband, Michael will own and operate it and eventually pass it on to their sons, Michael and Clinton, the grandsons of Vincent and Peggy and the great grandsons of Alphonso and Thirza.

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THE PROGRESS OF CONANTS



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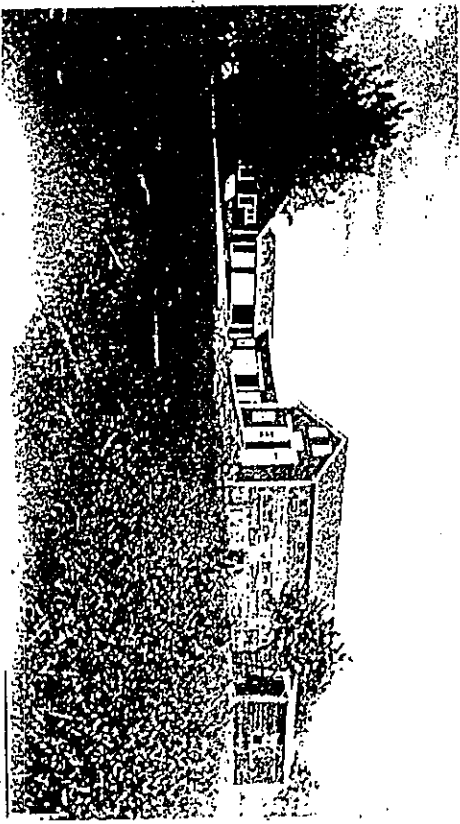
THE BEGINNING OF
ALPHONSO and
THIRZA'S

HOME ON ROUTE 2

1930

THE FINISHED HOME

(HOMESTEAD)
THE HOUSE STILL STANDS
TODAY, (BEHIND THE APPLE
HOUSE)



FIRST ROADSIDE,
STAND ACROSS THE
ROAD WITH BARNS
BEHIND IT

1940-1950S'



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DENNETT/DONALDSON

In the spring of 1808, Reuben, Dennis and John Dennett came to Enna, then called Crosbytown Plantation. Reuben Dennett built the first frame house for Ben Wakefield, also called the Wakefield Place, in 1809. It was the first frame house built in Enna and is still being lived in today. Reuben also built the first school, it was a log camp, 8 x 10 feet.

Dennis Dennett built the second frame house. It consisted of a main house and a barn which was completed in 1813. The barn burned in 1881 but the main house remains standing today and is still being lived in.

Most of the property has never been out of the possession of the Dennett's direct descendants and is still being occupied by his descendants today.

Dennis Dennett married Nancy Prescott. They had thirteen children. On April 3, 1820, Dennis Dennett was voted 3rd Selectman and one of the surveyors of highways for the east part of town.

Samuel P. Dennett, son of Dennis and Nancy Dennett, was the Enna Town Treasurer from 1894-1898. Samuel and his wife, Victoria, had one child, Florence Dennett. Florence Dennett was a very independent woman for her time. She married Roy Donaldson, who was a blacksmith. The only thing that Roy paid for was his poll tax, which was all of \$3.00. The property taxes remained in Florence's name, which was really unheard of for a married woman in the early 1900's. Florence (Dennett) Donaldson was the Enna Town Clerk from 1928 to 1957. Florence and Roy Donaldson had one child, Stanley P. Donaldson.

Stanley P. Donaldson and his wife Bernice (Cochran) had five children, Wayne, Warren, Donna, Richard and Pamela, three of which still live in Enna. Wayne and his wife Ruth had one child, Michael. Donna and her husband, William Moore, had two children, Karen and Todd. Richard and his wife, Shirley, had six children, Richard Jr., Warren, Mark, Johnathan, Victoria and Kimberly. Pamela and her husband, David Buck, had four children, Emily, David Jr., Danielle and Susan.

Stanley P. Donaldson bought the store near the railroad tracks in 1966. It used to belong to C. B. Friend and son. In 1967 Stanley opened Enna Snowmobile Sales and Service and "The Car House". He was well known throughout Maine for his Artic Cat Snowmobiles. He was one of the largest sellers of the Artic Cat in New England for many years. His son, Richard (Dicky) helped him in the business by working the "The Car House". Richard won many trophies in Snowmobile races around New England and even competed as far away as Nebraska.

The building of "The Cat House" used to be "The Creamery" which was where D. Whiting and son had a receiving station for farmers to bring their milk. The milk was taken by train to Boston.

Stanley P. Donaldson was the Etna Town Clerk from 1957 until his death in 1983. His wife, Bernice (Bunny), was Town Clerk from 1983 until her death in 1985.

Following in the footsteps of her father, Pamala (Donaldson) Buck and her husband, David, opened a business in Etna in 1988. Their daughter, Danielle, works at the family business, which is Buck's Nursery and Landscaping.

Descendants of Dennis Dennett still living in Etna are: Wayne Donaldson and his wife Barbara, Richard Donaldson, Victoria Donaldson, David and Pamala (Donaldson) Buck and their daughter Susan, Steven and Emily (Buck) Craig and their children Laura and William.

The information for this history was taken from the towns written history of 1820 to 1920, the family Bible and living descendants of Dennis Dennett.

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The Cole Family 1842-1995
(History from Family Tree by Dora May Cole)

The Cole Family Tree dates back to 1600, in England. It is believed that the Coles moved to Etna in the mid 1800's.

Orrison Cole was born in 1842. He married Amanda Jane Hartford, born in 1847. They both were born in Etna. Orrison died in 1915 and she died in 1916. They both are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. They had eight children; Winthrop Willis who was born in 1866, Emma Adell who was born in 1867, Amanda who was born in 1874, Ida May born in 1875, Morris born in 1876, Bird born in 1862, Eddie born 1870 and Lilla who was born in 1872.

Winthrop Willis married Effie May Bridgham from China, Maine. Their children were Leola Aurelia, Dora, May, Olan Howard, June Vera, and Archie. Roosevelt. Winthrop died in 1940 and Effie died in 1848. They are both buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Leola was born May 4, 1891, in Plymouth, Maine and died in 1907. Dora was born in 1893 in Plymouth and married Harold Clayton Pratt from Salem, Massachusetts in 1921.

June was born in 1898 in Etna and married Raymond Rollins from Milford, Maine in 1920. Archie Roosevelt Cole was born in 1899 in Etna. He married Ethel Harris of Carmel, in 1921. They had one son, Donald Winthrop and a daughter, Halice.

Olan Howard was born in 1895, in Etna. He was married to Helen Hewes (first wife). They had three children; Howard Morris Cole who was born in 1920 in Carmel. He was married to Barbara McKenny. He killed in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII in France in 1945. Howard also had a girl, Teresa Marie Cole born in 1963 and a son, Edward Morris Cole in 1942.

Olan Howard Cole married Evelyn Townsend in 1946. They had two sons, Richard Leslie Cole and Clifford Ray Cole. Olan Howard Cole died in 1946. Evelyn died in 1994. Richard still lives in Etna.

Blackden-Otis Family History 1840 - 1945

Golf M. Blackden was born in Carmel Act 7, 1840 the son of John and Rachel (Jones) Blackden. He had six brothers and one sister.

Napoleon Bonepart born March 5, 1823 in Madison, Died July 4, 1897. He was married to Lydia Cookson.

John Jr. born 1830 married Submit Cookson, died 1897. Corydon born February 16, 1820 married Charlotte

Kendall of Skowhegan. Enlisted in the First Maine Heavy Artillery, December 29, 1863 and served three years and nine months. He was wounded June 18, 1864 in the Battle of Gettysburg. Discharged February 6, 1893. Died in Etna January 16, 1899.

Owen was born in Etna, date of birth unknown. He married Ella ? - He was a railroad constructor, Died in St. Louis Missouri.

Amelia was born in Carmel. Married Austin Mills on Newport who died in California. Amelia died in Carmel.

Ethan Allen was born March 20, 1834 in Anson. Lived and died in Boston December 27, 1916. Retired from rubber goods business. Married Ella Whitney.

Allison Blackden, 18 promoted to Corporal Wounded May 19, 1864 in the Battle of Gettysburg. Discharged April 28, 1865. Died in Springfield Pennsylvania March 22, 1882.

Golf Blackden 21 enlisted in the First Maine Heavy Artillery. Wounded June 18, 1864 in the Battle of Gettysburg. Discharged May 1, 1865.

When he came home he bought a parcel of land from Susan Andrews on the South Etna Road and built a farm. On November 26, 1869 he married Annie McCauslin from Pittsfield. They had one daughter who married Benjamin Otis, March 29, 1902, And an adopted daughter Jenny who married Frank Otis.

His wife died in 1887.
Golf married Ella Morrison of Exeter In 1874. He moved the house from the previous site on the Buzzel Hill onto the land he bought on the South Etna Road.

He resided at this site all his life. Golf died May 29, 1927.

The house is presently occupied by his grand daughter Annie Otis Marcho.

The Rodney Page Family History 1913-1995

Rodney Page was born in 1913 to Wilbur and Emma (Rines) Page, who was the daughter of Joshua and Teresa Rines. They lived on the County Road in buildings later known as the Owen Connant residence.

Rodney and his wife Orilla still live in Etna on the Page Road.

They had eight children. Robert was born in 1940 and died in 1967. Rodrick was born in 1941. He married Laurie Shorey, they went to Saco, ME and have no children. Audri was born in 1945. She married a McAttee and had three children. She now lives in a mobile home near her parents. Wayne and Duane were born in 1949. Wayne died. Duane lives with his two children in a mobile home by the family. Dean Alan was born in 1953. He died thirteen days later. Rodera was born in 1956 and lives with her three children on the Page Road near her parents' home. Her children are home schooled. Richard (Ricky) lives with Laurie Shorey.

Almer and Polly Davis purchased the Jim Rines farm of land on the Old County Road in 1942. There was forty acres of land and farm buildings.

Two years later Almer and his brother, Kenneth, formed a partnership and purchased some cows. They bought the "Small" place for Kenneth, Barbara and family.

Later they purchased the, so called, Whittaker field and other land behind the farm, making a total of 130 acres. Ken and Barbara added 205 more acres.

In 1961, Almer and Polly sold the farm to Ken and Barbara. purchased a farm in Plymouth, known as "The Davis Egg Farm."

Etna will always have a place in our hearts. The one room schoolhouse gave our children a good basic education. They, Mrs. Coffin, their 4H leaders (Jean and Crawford Carter), their Sunday School and Bible Camp Directors (Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nute) we remember with love.

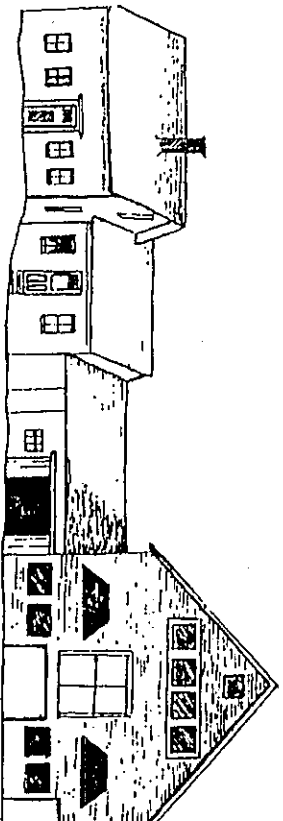
Our next door neighbor, Owen Conant was a very special friend in Etna. He was our babysitter, a teacher, and protector of our children.

Barbara and her children and grandchildren still reside on the farm. Her daughter, Vonnie, married Richard Hamlin and they built home near the farm. Her other daughter, Polly Jo, lives nearby. She married Dough Woodard. Dough, Richard and the girls continue to run the farm.

Barbara's two sons married and built their homes in nearby towns. Kendal married Diane Robinson and live in Palmyra.

Written By

Polly Davis
Barbara Davis



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The Whitten Family

1895-1995

Frances Whitten Gray moved to Etna in 1990. She was the daughter of Parker N. Whitten, granddaughter of Freeman C. and Harriet Whitten, great granddaughter of Jefferson and Frances Whitten.

Parker, son of Freeman C. Whitten was born December 14, 1895. He had a half brother, Walter and a half sister, Mary. He was a graduate of M.C.I., Pittsfield in 1915. On July 30, 1918, he married Hazel L. Larrabee of Pittsfield and was drafted from the Etna area on August 1, 1918, into World War I.

Parker owned and operated the Ride-No-More Cabins, on the Main Road Route 100-2 and ran a vegetable stand. He was an avid trapper and hunter.

Hazel taught at the West Etna School for many years. Frances attended the McKinley School on the Main Road.

Frances and husband, Richard Gray live on the Old County Road in Etna. Their son, Steven R.Gray, also lives in Etna on the Old County Road. Their daughter, Christine Burrill and family are Newport residents.

Written by

Frances Whitten Gray