

## THE PATRIOTIC RECORD

When in 1861, President Lincoln called for volunteers to put down the "Rebellion," Etna sent more than a hundred boys to the front and thirty of them made the supreme sacrifice. Sometime after the war was over, an imposing granite monument was purchased which today stands in front of the town hall. It lists the names of the soldiers of the Civil War.

In 1917, with the outbreak of World War One, Etna again sent its boys into conflict, this time in a foreign land. Our Etna boys returned safely, no service flag in Etna showing a "blue star turned to gold."

World War Two saw many Etna boys and women again in the uniforms of the armed forces. This time two boys gave their lives for their country—Howard Cole, Jr., and Kennard Galcomb. In 1947, Etna citizens voted to honor the veterans of both World War I and World War II by a permanent monument of granite with the names inscribed on bronze. This monument stands by the Community Hall in front of the Civil War monument.

In 1950, boys from Etna again answered the call of the nation as the Korean conflict raged. One boy, Richard Temple, lost his life while in the service.

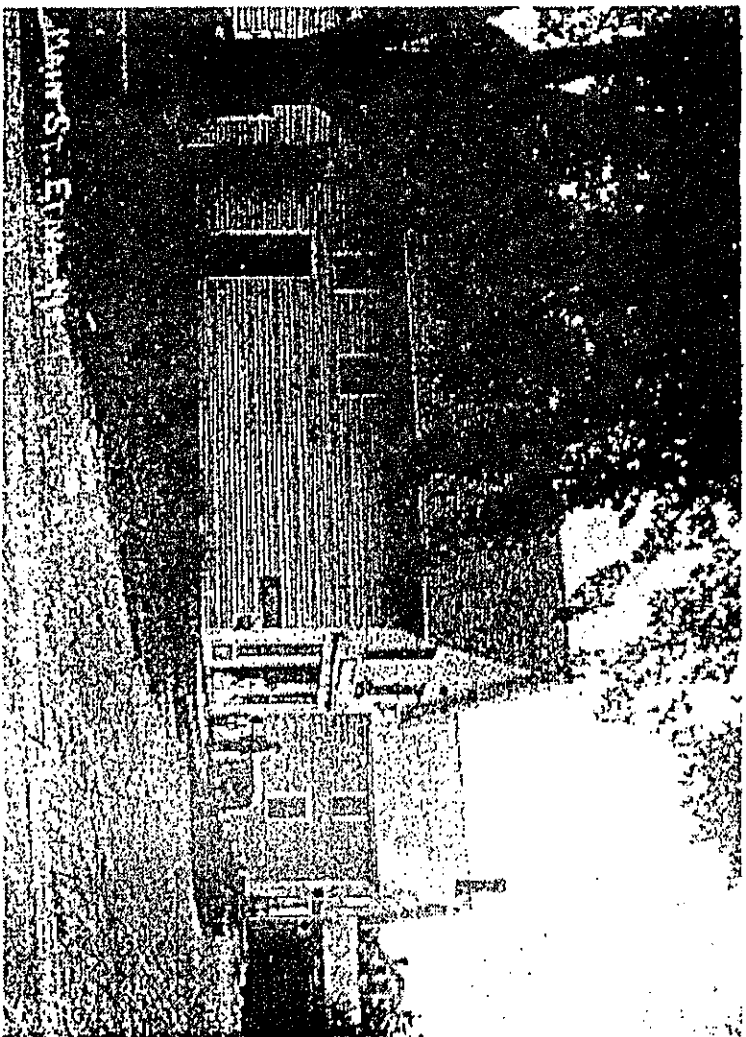
The outbreak of Vietnam saw Etna boys serving on foreign soil, and again a boy made the supreme sacrifice. Sheldon Hicks was killed while serving in Vietnam.

Etna remembers the sacrifices of the many who have served by holding traditional memorial services each year. This practice was started by the Civil War veterans, and is carried on by West Penobscot Post #107, American Legion, which encompasses the town of Carmel as well as Etna.

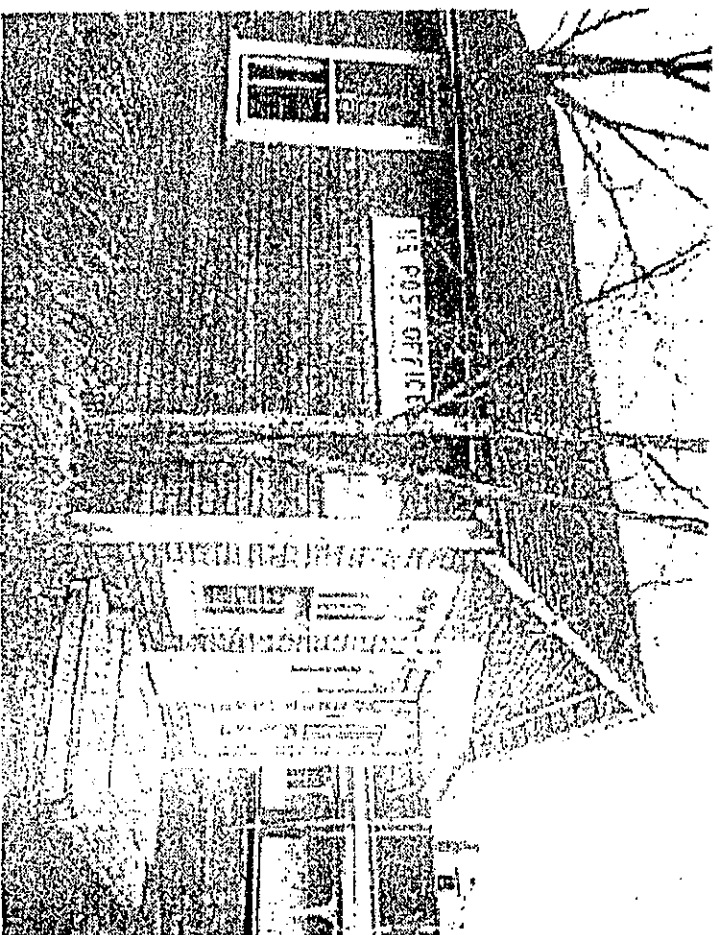
## THE FIRST TOWN MEETING AND FIRST OFFICERS OF THE TOWN

The first town meeting was held on April 3, 1820, at the home of Josiah Hopkins. The warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace for Penobscot County to Benjamin Friend, the first settler.

The first officers were: Solomon Harding, Moderator; George Hopkins, town clerk; selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, Samuel Abbott 1st, Nebit Dameron 2nd, Dennis Bennett 3rd; Asa Sylvester, town treasurer; Solomon Josselyn, constable; Solomon Josselyn, tax collector for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  percent.



1st Store, Wood's Grocery; 2nd Store, Alvah Sylvester's,



Both Destroyed by Fire in Early 1930's.

The first school committee consisted of eight men, one for each district: Samuel Abbott, Benjamin Friend, Asa Sylvester, Solomon Harding, Jesse Torry, Samuel Jesslyn, Nesbit Darnron, and William Allen.

First Representative to the Legislature (1824) was Robert Stuart.

The officers of the town in 1920 were Ivan Friend, first selectman; Willis Fickett, second selectman; Melvin Ireland, third selectman; Alva Sylvester, town clerk; George A. Friend, treasurer; John W. Friend, constable and tax collector; John W. Friend, Alfred Brown, and Elmer E. Carter, school committee.

Descendants of early settlers, now residents of the town, are Lillian Farr Graves, Winthrop Friend (who has a summer home here), Stanley P. Donaldson, Agnes Carter Sylvester, John E. Carter, Crawford W. Carter, Sr. and C. W. Carter, Jr., Bertha Wheeler Carter, Preston L. Carter, H. Dewey Carter, Pauline Cole Carter, Clair Carter, Laura Carter Graves, Ethel L. Friend, Grace Fickett, Clifford Cole, Louis Small, Gene Hubbard, Rodney Page, Muriel Walsh Pratt, Annie Orlis Marchio, Robert Tibbetts, Jennie Tibbetts, Orin Tibbetts, Oscar Young, Lester Young, Fred Elston, Anne Elston Philbrook, Carl Spaulding, Winfield Shaw, Florence Graves Stewart, Herbert Graves, Kenneth Graves, Charles Graves, Jr., Robert Graves, James Graves, Edward Graves, Maurice Graves, the Shaws (descendants of Charles and Leighton Shaw), Linwood Shaw, Quentin Shaw, Harold Shaw, Kenneth Shaw, Arlene Shaw Manning, Lela Shaw, and John G. Shaw.

#### SOME HAPPENINGS CLEANED OVER THE YEARS

- 1927 Camp Katahdin Boys' Camp opened by Douglas Crare on shores of Etna Pond.
- 1928 Double tenement at North Etna owned by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Friend destroyed by fire started by lightning.
- 1929 Three sets of farm buildings destroyed by fire in Labor Day fire. Elmer Carter homestead, "Gran" Bean home, and Leon Higgins farm, all located on Rte 69, Etna Center to Carmel.
- 1935 Church renovated by town WPA project for use as Community Hall.
- 1937 William Elston, Indian fighter.
- 1940 Etna school children visit Auto Rest Park in Carmel and enjoy merry-go-round as well as picnic.

- 1942 Hen thieves visit chicken farm. C. W. Carter, Sr., believes professional thieves frightened away; drop bag of four chickens.
- 1945 Etta NFD carrier, John E. Carter, retires after 38 years on the route.
- 1945 Etta boy liberated from German Prisoner of War Camp. Crawford W. Carter, Jr., rescued by General Patton's Army.
- 1953 Leighton Sylvester, Postmaster for many years, retires, and Richard Mills named successor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- 1963 Interstate #95 construction started through West Etta and Etta Center and completed in 1965.
- 1967 Dana landmark destroyed by fire. Old Hotel Echo burns.
- 1969 Camp Etta Temple collapses under weight of heavy snows of the winter.
- 1969 Elga Telephone Co. sold to Hampden Tel. Co. Mr. and Mrs. H. Dewey Carter retire as operators after many years' service, as Etta "goes dial".
- 1970 Preston L. Carter and his wife, Elizabeth, receive medical degrees from University of Vermont and will intern at Madigan Army Hospital at Tacoma, Washington.

#### STATISTICS

Population	1820	194	Polls 42
			Valuation
			\$ 15,094
Population	1880	895	Polls 216
			Valuation
			\$162,209
Population	1920	385	Polls 131
			Valuation
			\$187,902
Population	1950	458	Polls 103
			Valuation
			\$143,525
Population	1960	486	Polls 120
			Valuation
			\$326,523
Population	1969	496	Polls 108
			Valuation
			\$367,671

The writer acknowledges the assistance of "The History of Penobscot County", interviews with citizens, "The Bangor Daily News", and personal knowledge in compiling this history. I have tried to include the major events from 1920, and trust any omissions will be forgiven.



ETNA No. 28

Depot Hill Before Reconstruction



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View of North Etina as seen from railroad.

Maine Central Station, Etna, Maine.

